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THE FIELD IS SET

Qualifying is over in the Rosenblum Cup. Andresen (Martin Andresen, Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Thor Erok Hoftaniska, Adam Kaplan, Christian Lahrmann, Radu Nistor) topped the 137-team field on 116.33 VP, ahead of Julian Miglanc on 111.72 and Juls on 110.86. The knockout stage starts today.

One more day of qualifying remains in the Women's Teams Championship, where Castoldi lead on 103.60 VP from Jiangsu Runtai on 101.28 and GGEM on 100.98.



Jacek Pszczoła Swiss Cup

The Jacek Pszczoła Swiss Cup gets under way today. The event is dedicated to Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczoła, the great champion who passed away a few months ago, and this is the first World Championship without him. His memory will be further honoured during the prize-giving ceremony on 3 September.

BONUS AWARDS

Every day BONUS awards special prizes at the booth just outside the playing area. These are the latest winners.



Marek Pietraszek and Jacek Znamierowski



Andy Goodman and Mike Passell



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Rosenblum Cup ROUND OF 64

The draw for the first knockout stage

ANDRESEN v CETA

TEAM SWEDEN v ALLARD

ZIMMERMANN v GDANSK

SPS KIELCE POLAND v TEAM PHOENIX

PERICULO v BAKKEREN

ROSENTHAL v ARDENNES

ALTERIS NUCLEAR v HOBRA

KNOTTENBELT v LOSS

SIMSON v KUPCLUB

GROUP ONE v GUPTA

GOODMAN v TRICK OR TREAT

CHINA OPEN TEAM 1 v PATRICK SAADA

LEBOWITZ v GOVIT

DANGERS AND A HAZARD v MILANBRIDGE

PARKER v SEOUL

EASY STREET v AMANDA

JULS v BIANCHI

MCALLISTER v SCHONFELD FINESSE

NICKELL v GX2S

DINKIN v CERCOL ROM

WOLFSON v CHINA EVERTRUST

VENTIN v AGREMAN

SHOURIE v ROSENBERG

FLEISHER v CONTRA

TEAMNL OPEN v 1907

MORAN v ALTSHULER

SILVER SURFERS v PKB INTERNATIONAL

ZHAO v OMNIBUS

LIVIA v MAVERICKS

OVERDECK v SILESIA GLIWICE

DEEP FINESSE v GILLIS

JULIAN MIGLANC v PLITLI

Notes for players

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Seating rights

2.2. KO Stage

The seating rights for each stanza will be automatically assigned by the scoring system, using a random draw. The following restrictions will apply:

- a) Each team will have seating rights in two stanzas.
- b) The four stanzas are divided in portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4; when a team is assigned seating rights in one stanza of the portion, the other automatically gets the other.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in stanza four, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.
- d) If a team gets seating rights in stanza one, the other will get seating rights in stanza four.

Tie-breaking

If there is a tie at the end of any knockout stage no extra session of boards will be played and the higher-ranked team at the end of the qualification will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists the team that won the qualification match – if any – will be declared the winner. If the direct match in the qualification were a draw or if there were no direct match in the qualification, then the team with the best Swiss point ratio will be declared the winner.

Line Up Procedure

The deadline for submitting the line up for the first stanza is set at 9.00 for the teams without seating rights, and at 9.05 for the teams with seating rights.

From the second stanza onward, the deadline is set at 10 minutes after the official ending time of the previous stanza (e.g. 12.05 for the second stanza) for the teams without seating rights, and at 15 minutes after the official ending time of the previous stanza for the teams with seating rights (e.g. 12.10 for the second stanza).



The line-up might be made from remote. Scan the QR code to reach the line-up page:

<http://lineup.worldbridge.org:8222/scoringutil/LineUpSystem.asp>

Open Teams Championship

SWISS ROUND 3

by Jos Jacobs

The opening board of the set might or even should have been a routine 3NT all over Katowice but, as so often before, this did not quite materialise. I spotted one pair reaching an exaggerated 6NT and a few others that could not come to terms with the board and thus ended up in really weird contracts. There also were more than 10 cases of Crimes and Punishments. North opens 2NT or any pet convention with the same meaning and you hold as East: ♠952 ♥J4 ♦AJ87543 ♣Q. If you cannot resist temptation, you might well incur a nice number. The most frequent score was -800 but we even saw one four-digit penalty in the resulting 3♦x.

Back to the real world on the next board. This time, N/S's job is to avoid 4♠ and end up in 3NT. Here are two exemplary auctions to stress this point: one successful and one less successful.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

As long as E/W do not disturb the party by inserting a 3rd hand opening bid, N/S would get to 3NT most of the time. The question thus was: what happens if West speaks?

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Opposite West's 1♦, East's jump support was more than enough to get N/S away from the right track. South clearly has to bid something and North can hardly be blamed for not bidding 3NT now. The classic (and famous) Hamman Rule might have saved the day for N/S because 3NT indeed was an alternative, albeit a little far-fetched.

So full marks to E/W for joining in. West gave the assist and East converted in the best possible way.

East's role cannot be underestimated, as we saw at another table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Cyrkiel</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Michalski</i>	<i>Cohler</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At this table, West gave the same assist, like at in fact quite a lot of tables, but East did not make life really difficult for the opponents. Over the redouble, N/S still had more than enough room to correctly assess where they belonged.

It should be admitted that the success of this E/W story mainly hinges on the ♦J being in West and the ♦10 and ♦9 being present to block the diamond run.

A few boards later, sheer luck again was a decisive factor.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Instead of "luck," I might also have said : "system." If a Strong Club system would force you to open 1♣ and rebid in NT later, East would be happy to lead a club and defeat 3NT because you would rather attack spades first and not diamonds. In a natural system, North would be too strong for 1NT so South would reply 1NT on North's opening bid and West would probably lead a spade with disastrous effect for the defence.

There was more in the next board than the scorecard eventually suggested.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

The popular contracts, of course, were 4♠ and the sacrifice in 5♦. At about 1/3 of the tables in play, a big swing was recorded when the sacrifice was found and taken by one of the pairs involved only. Not surprising but still only a tiny little bit disappointing was the fact that at no table at all the magic defence to beat 4♠ was found. North leads a heart and regains the lead at trick 3 on a diamond underlead to give a heart ruff. We are never too old to learn....

The next board was another case, this set, of Crime and Punishment, albeit not such a flagrant case as above, though I am open for dissenting opinions here.

It mainly depends upon your range for 2NT overcalls after a weak two.

Here are two examples of what I mean.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Nowosadzki	Marcinowski	Nowak
—	—	—	2♠*
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	
2♠ 5+♠ and 5(4)♣/♦ 5-11			

Well, East's balancing 2NT was in the 15-17 range, maybe 18 but even then, should West with his flat 7-count produce a raise? "Computer says no" and so did Nowosadzki. His reward: +500 and fully deserved, too.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Sliwowicz	Kalita	Sabbah
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1NT	All Pass

At the other table, North opened the bidding and immediately, E/W were out of any possible trouble. Kalita made eight tricks and thus gained 12 IMPs for team Zimmermann.

In the Bakkeren v. Andresen match, Christian Lahrman bided his time to perfection.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Heiberg-Evenstad Vis</i>		<i>Lahrmann</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

He never bid anything and still collected 1100.

What is worse: if you bid as South, you might run into trouble yourself.

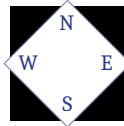
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nistor</i>	<i>T Bakkeren</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>F Bakkeren</i>
—	—	1NT	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Two Spades implied a minor here so the vastly different quality of South's suits caused the N/S downfall. One off and a swing of no less than 15 IMPs to Andresen, enough to eventually win the match by 5.

Time for a slam now. It is interesting to compare the two natural auctions from (again) the Andresen-Bakkeren match at table 1.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Heiberg-Evenstad Vis</i>		<i>Lahrmann</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nistor</i>	<i>T Bakkeren</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>F Bakkeren</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♣	All Pass

In both auctions, West had shown his ♠Q (I think) by bidding 2NT/3NT. Isn't that enough for East to know that West's possible heart loser can go on the spades? Apparently, the Americans knew and the Dutch were unsure. The costs were a 500 swing, good for 11 IMPs to **Andresen**.

The Dutch, however, were in good company when they missed the grand. The board was played the usual 136 times and at only 25 tables, they reached 7♣. Well done, all of them. At another 25 tables, E/W ended in game so there is quite a lot of room for improvement anyway. This definitely applies for the about 5 E/W pairs who managed to stay in a partscore.

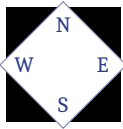
The most remarkable auction I saw at yet another table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaczorowski</i>	<i>Leszczak</i>	<i>Kowalczewski</i>	<i>Goralczyk</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	All Pass

As you can see, North saved his soul all by himself, going out of the frying pan directly into the fire. The Dutch have their own fully equivalent expression for a situation like this, in which they also take their ever-present, even now while I am writing, wet weather traditions into account: "Van de regen in de drup." No further translation needed, I assume. Oh yes: 2♦ went down six so the +1400 to E/W was as good as +1440 would have been for their 14-IMP swing against their team-mates' -490.

On the closing board of the set, the Scandinavians suffered a slight setback.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Heiberg-Evenstad</i>	<i>Vis</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>
—	—	1♣	4♥
Dble	Pass	5♣	Dble
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

In a sense, North was right in thinking that he was looking at a very fine hand opposite partner's jump overcall. How on earth could he suspect that West had been compelled to temporarily suppress some nice long diamonds? When East could overruff the 3rd diamond, the contract suddenly was no longer made but one down, which meant that the scorers had to swap one round number (1000) for another. One down was worth only 200 but to the other side, of course.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nistor</i>	<i>T Bakkeren</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>F Bakkeren</i>
—	—	1♣	1♥
Dble	3♣	Dble	4♥
All Pass			

Even over a 1♥ overcall, West's diamonds remained a secret and over 4♥ this situation did not change. The Dutch were thus allowed to make their ten tricks in peace for +420 and a 12-IMP gain.

Looking at the scores, it struck me that the profitable sacrifice in clubs had occurred exactly as often as the alternative of 5♦. The latter scored far more undertricks most of the time. Down three, doubled was the normal result in diamonds but I even spotted some Swedish juniors who managed to put declarer five down in his 5♦X for +1100. In clubs, several Easts escaped for just -50 or -100.





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Open Teams Swiss, Round 4

GOOD TIMING NEEDED

Bakkeren v Periculo · Knottenbelt v Trick or Treat

by Marjo Chorus

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In Knottenbelt vs Trick and Treat, it was Handley-Pritchard (team Knottenbelt), who decided to pass partners 5♣-bid:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Handley-Pritchard</i>	<i>D Chen</i>
—	2♥	3♦	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

North took his two heart tricks but that was all: Knottenbelt +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gonçalves</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
—	2♦*	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Gomez (Trick or Treat) did not like his bare ♣9, having a solid seven card in diamonds himself. So he went for it but South had the ♦9, enough to score a heart ruff in front of dummy. One down and 10 IMPs to **Knottenbelt**.

In the Bakkeren-Periculo match, East (Vis) went all the way to 6♦: two off. Andrew Robson (Periculo) bid 3NT and gained 11 IMPs.

5♣ was bid and made 10 times, 5♦ down 12 times and 3 or 4 NT made with overtricks 34 times. And then there were the about 45 pairs who bid all the way to slam. 6NT made four times on a spade lead when South for some reason decided to lead his own suit.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In the Bakkeren-Periculo match no score with both teams in 4♠.

Action, however, in Knottenbelt-Trick to Treat match::

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Handley-Pritchard</i>	<i>D Chen</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	4♣
4♥	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

With spades as they were no problems for Chen.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gonçalves</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

That meant 13 IMPs to **Trick or Treat**

And then suddenly a trip on memory lane. In 1980 the World Bridge Team Olympiad was hosted by the Netherlands in Valkenburg, near by my home town. We (a bunch of young bridge players) went to see our heroes although we slept badly in crooked tents...

There was joy for us (Netherlands ending in third place) but there was drama for Bob Hamman. Playing in the Finals against France, this board came along:

Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Lebel (France) bid only 1♠ after Rubin's 1♦. Soloway introduced his clubs and Perron went all the way to 4♠. Rubin passed and Lebel, at his turn, jumped to 6♠! Doubled and two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wolff</i>	<i>Mari</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
Pass	1♦	2♦*	2♥*
4♠	4NT*	5♠	6♣
Pass	6♦	6♠	7♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♦ Michaels

2♥ Cuebid for diamonds

Hamman on lead. If South's cuebid and North's 4NT were honest, ♠A would live. But he decided the ♥A lead was safer. It was not. France +2330 and 19 IMPs.

Eventually France won the final and Hamman had a long time of nightmares ahead.

Nightmares also a possibility for Mariusz Herwich (Mesco 2 Bytom) on board 18 of this set, in his match v. Schonfeld Finesse:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Halat</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Herwich</i>	<i>Brekka</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	7♠	Dble	All Pass

Your lead please? He chose ♣A instead of ♥A and like Hamman in 1980, he saw the opponents make their grand slam...

2470 v. 680 in the other room meant 18 IMPs to **Schonfeld Finesse**.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertens</i>	<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Vis</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

P. Lawrence could open when Bertens decided his hearts were not good enough to launch a vulnerable Multi in first seat. A quiet eight tricks to Periculo for +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>T Bakkeren</i>	<i>Alfrey</i>	<i>F Bakkeren</i>
2♦	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Robson decided otherwise and Frank Bakkeren took a shot at 3NT.

♠Q held the trick but ♣J was taken with the King. Spade to ♠K, heart to ♥A and a heart finesse. East had to discard and could not throw a spade or too many of his clubs. He let go a club and two diamonds. Now Ton Bakkeren exited with a club. These were the remaining cards:

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

♠ 7 5	♠ —	♠ —
♥ —	♥ —	♥ —
♦ J 10 5 2	♦ —	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —	♣ —

East could safely exit with a spade. Still not yet nine tricks.

Now Bakkeren hoped for ♦KQ in East, or ♦Kx, and forgetting to unblock the King. So he played ♦A and a diamond. And here we have the announced concentration lap: Robson did not overtake ♦K (at least that is what the BBO-record says) so East eventually had to give North two spade tricks. +600 to **Bakkeren** and 10 IMPs.

In the Knottenbelt-Trick or Treat match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Handley-Pritchard</i>	<i>D Chen</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

♠ A, ♠K, ♦A and a diamond to the ♦Q. Three off: Trick to Treat +300

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gonçalves</i>	<i>Norton</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	All Pass	
2♠ Clubs or range ask			

Here Norton ducked ♣Q and ♣J so Gomez took his clubs and N/S went one off. Knottenbelt -100 and 9 IMPs to Trick to Treat.

3NT played by North was made 21 times against a club lead, and went off against the same club lead 48 times.

On board 24 the question was: what to lead and how to defend against 4♠:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

West bid some high number of diamonds and in almost every match South was in 4♠.

Lead please?

On 15 occasions the West players began with ♦A and gave East his ruff. Down one.

Then there were the ones who led a club. 11 East players expected partner to get a club ruff and thus continued clubs. In those cases, as in the ones where West led a heart (four times) 4♠ was made, because

declarer now could throw a diamond on ♥Q before touching trumps.

Do you see what I meant in my opening lines?

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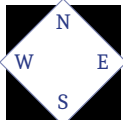
Open Teams, Round 6

LIVIA v TRICK OR TREAT

by Brian Senior

Having played in the first week of the championships. it's time for me to get back to the day job, and my selected match, LIVIA v TRICK OR TREAT, started with a bang, with double-figure swings on each of the first four deals, beginning with:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Dble	2♠*
3♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	4♥	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

Both Souths showed a hand just shy of a 2NT opener and both Norths transferred to spades, but at different levels.

For TRICK OR TREAT, Jiang Gu's four-level transfer caught a double from Guiseppe Delle cave but E/W were never going to compete to the five level, so 4♠ was left in peace. Matteo Montanari led the five of hearts in response to partner's double of that suit and Dawei Chen won the queen with the ace and played a spade. Montanari won and played the jack of hearts, Delle Cave overtaking to switch to the ace of

diamonds, but that was all for the defence; 10 tricks for +620.

For LIVIA, the two-level transfer was also doubled to show hearts but here Bernardo Biondo could only complete the transfer, and that left room for Alex Kolesnik to compete with 3♥. When Niccolo Fossi now jumped to 4♠, Ramon Gomez liked his red two-suiter enough to save in 5♥. Biondo made a forcing pass, and Fossi took the push to 5♠, ending the auction. Biondo won the heart lead and attempted to cash the ace and king of clubs. The king was ruffed, and there was still a trick to be lost in each of the other three suits, so down two for -200 and 13 IMPs to **TRICK OR TREAT**.

The deal was played 136 times. Twenty-one pairs took the push to 5♠ and went minus, while 17 judged correctly to settle for whatever penalty was available on defence to 5♦ or 5♥ doubled, usually just +100. Then there were a couple of extraordinary results:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	4♥*	Dble	5♣*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	7♣
Dble	7♠	Dble	All Pass

It rather looks as though N/S were both fluent, just in different languages. Anyway, that was -800, -16 IMPs, and you can understand why I don't include the names of the culprits.

At the other extreme:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	1♥	1NT
2♥	All Pass		

That came to 10 tricks for +170 and +13 IMPs. Presumably 1♣ was strong and 1♦ negative. Why North never mentioned spades???

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Chen</i>
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Kolesnik passed as dealer then responded 1NT to his partner's 1♥ opening. When Gomez repeated the hearts, Kolesnik saw no reason to bid on, but Gomez won the club lead in dummy, led a heart to the queen and, when that held, played two more rounds of hearts. The defence could only cash one diamond trick, so Gomez had 11 for +200.

By contrast, Montanari opened the West hand with 3♣ and that put momentum into the auction. When Delle cave responded 3♥, Montanari had to bid, and raised to 4♥. Chen led a spade round to declarer's queen, and Delle Cave cashed the ace and ruffed the third spade, then led a heart to the ace and continued with the queen, pinning the doubleton jack. He lost a heart and a diamond, so 11 tricks again, but this time for +650 and 10 IMPs to **LIVIA**.

A majority of pairs reached game, but that still left a lot in partscore. There were, however, three pairs who bid to 6♣!

West	North	East	South
<i>Marinowski</i>		<i>Zoric</i>	
3♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Four Diamonds was presumably keycard for clubs, given the jump to 6♣, with 4NT showing two without the trump queen. Plus 1370 was worth 12 IMPs to **ZIP**.

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>		<i>Berkowitz</i>	
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Plus 1370 and 13 IMPs to **GOODMAN**.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozdemir</i>		<i>Baskan</i>	
3♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Key-card, a two without the queen response, and +12 IMPs for **AVIXA**.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
—	1♠	2♦	4♠
4NT*	5♥	Pass*	5♠
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	1♠	2♦	4♠
6♦	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The first three bids were identical and pretty much automatic. Montanari now blasted 6♦ and that bullied Gu into saving in 6♠, which Montanari doubled on the way out. Delle Cave led the king of diamonds and switched to a heart. There were three club tricks to be lost so the contract was down three for -500. With 5♦ untouchable, that might have been a modest loss for

N/S. However, events in the other room led to the loss being rather more substantial.

Kolesnik preferred to take a less committal approach, bidding 4NT. Fossi took the opportunity to encourage a heart lead should his opponents bid on, and when Biondo bid 5♠ over that Kolesnik also ended up bidding the diamond slam. Gomez, however, was left to play there, doubled. The requested heart lead duly saw the defence claim the first two tricks for a quick one down and 12 IMPs to **LIVIA**.

Extremes:

West	North	East	South
<i>Modrzejewski</i>	<i>Klapper</i>	<i>Jaszczak</i>	<i>Skzczerczak</i>
—	2♦*	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Some fine Polish names there – glad I'm not commentating by speech. Two Diamonds must have been a multi, and most would play the 3♥ bid as forcing. It made 11 tricks for +200 but -3 IMPs when scored up with 5♠ doubled down two in the other room, so those IMPs went the way of **OMNIBUS**.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Laffineur</i>	<i>Moran</i>
—	1♠	2♦	4♠
6♦	6♥	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	7♦	Dble
All Pass			

John Carroll's intelligent 6♥ bid ensured there could be no disaster if his opponents bid on and, sur enough, they did so and were quickly beaten by two tricks by a heart lead: -300 and 6 IMPs to **MORAN**.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Identical Stayman auctions saw the respective Wests at the helm in a borderline heart game.

Chen led the four of spades against Delle Cave, who won the king with the ace and cashed the top diamonds for a spade discard, then ruffed his spade loser. A heart to the queen and ace saw Chen return a third spade, ruffed in dummy as a diamond was pitched from hand. Delle Cave cashed the ace of clubs, seeing the jack fall on his left, played dummy's last heart to the king, and here the play record comes to an end. However, declarer was down two, so must have played a third heart, ruffed the diamond return, and then got the club wrong, losing the rest of the tricks; -100.

The play followed exactly the same lines in the other room up to the point where Gomez gave up the third heart and Fossi cashed the ♦Q then continued with the ten, except that Gomez had not cashed a top club earlier in the play. Gomez ruffed the fourth diamond and could not be tempted into a losing club guess because both the jack and queen were still outstanding. He played them from the top and had 10 tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to **TRICK OR TREAT**.

Twenty-five pairs went down in 4♥, with around 90 making the game. The pair who got all the way to Six failed, of course.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ 7 ♥ AK2 ♦ J10 ♣ A976543	
♠ AJ1054 ♥ J103 ♦ 54 ♣ 1082		♠ Q9632 ♥ Q765 ♦ KQ9 ♣ K	
		♠ K8 ♥ 984 ♦ A87632 ♣ QJ	

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
—	1♣	1♠	2♣
3♠	4♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	1♣	1♠	2♦
4♠	5♦	All Pass	

Fossi opened a potentially short club, Gomez overcalled 1♠, and Biondo competed with 2♣, transfer to diamonds. When Kolesnik made a pre-emptive spade raise, Fossi felt that he had to repeat the long clubs, and he was left to play there.

Gomez led a spade to the king and ace and Kolesnik switched to the three of hearts. Fossi won the ace and led the jack of diamonds for the queen and ace, then ran the ♣J. That lost to the bare king and Gomez returned the queen of spades. Fossi could ruff that but had a trick to lose in each red suit so was down one for -100.

Gu also opened 1♣, but here Chen bid a natural 2♦ after the overcall. Montanari jumped all the way to 4♠, and Gu's 5♦ on jack-ten doubleton looks ill disciplined to me. He must have been grateful not to be doubled as he watched his partner drifting down three.

The good news for N/S was that West was on lead and Montanari kicked off with the ace of spades, establishing declarer's king. Montanari switched to the jack of hearts to dummy's ace, and Chen led the ten of diamonds to the queen and ace. He took the club finesse, losing to the king, and Delle Cave cashed the king of diamonds before switching to a low heart for the ten and king. There was a heart to come, plus the

nine of diamonds, so that was down three for -300 and 5 IMPs to **LIVIA**.

The boards turned quiet at this point, with the only major swing coming on the penultimate deal.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

		♠ 9632 ♥ 84 ♦ AKQ2 ♣ AQ10	
♠ Q1085 ♥ 1076 ♦ 96 ♣ J752		♠ KJ74 ♥ AQJ952 ♦ 83 ♣ 9	
		♠ A ♥ K3 ♦ J10754 ♣ K8643	

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Biondo</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♣
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Montanari</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Both Souths opened 1♦. Fossi responded with a GF 2♣, while Gu preferred a natural 1♠, and both Easts overcalled in hearts.

I'm not familiar with the Fossi/Biondo methods, but 6♦ is very good on the N/S cards despite Biondo's minimum, so surely Fossi, with a double fit, gave up too soon? After a heart lead and continuation, Biondo won the king, drew trumps, and ruffed out the clubs; +420.

Chen's 2NT was Lebensohl-style, enabling him to get his clubs into the game without showing more than he had got. Gu fished, found his partner with a heart stopper, and blasted the small slam. Play was as in the other room, but here that was worth +920 and 11 IMPs to **TRICK OR TREAT**, snatching the lead to run out winners by 38-32 IMPs, converting to 11.87-8.13 VPs.

WBS Katowice DZIEŃ 9

by Marek Wójcicki

W turnieju teamów open zakończyła się faza eliminacyjna na dochodzenie. Zwyciężył w niej ANDRESEN (Martin Andresen, Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Thor Erok Hoftaniska, Adam Kaplan, Christian Lahrmann i Radu Nistor – Norwegia/USA), a z teamów polskich i z Polakami najwyżej – na II miejscu znalazł się JULIAN MIGLANC – Maciej Dąbrowski, Piotr Ilczuk, Jarosław Stach, Paweł Wittenbeck, a na IV EASY STREET z Piotrem Zatorskim.

W turnieju teamów kobiecych w niedzielę jeszcze jeden dzień eliminacji, a na razie prowadzi CASTOLDI (Cathy Bałdysz, Sophia Bałdysz, Lynne Castoldi, Ann Karin Fuglestad, Danuta Kazmucha i Anna Sarniak), a w czołówce – na III miejscu jest jeszcze GGEM (Grażyna Brewiak, Grażyna Busse, Ewa Sobolewska i Maija Romanovska – Łotwa).

W sobotę zaczynają się eliminacje mistrzostw par open, a także turniej pamięcią Jacka Pszczoły – JACEK PSZCZOŁA SWISS CUP.

Stara – założona w 1952 roku – lubelska Fabryka Cukierków Pszczółka – nazwa zobowiązuje – ufundowała w tym turnieju nagrody dodatkowe – zestawy swoich produktów, w tym legendarne KUKUŁKI. W zestawach są jeszcze także i karmelki JOGUSIE, pralin czekoladowe INSPIRACJE i CHOCO BIS, a także galaretki HOP SIUP. Myślę, że ta słodka motywacja doda wiele smaku rywalizacji.

Proponuję zmierzenie się z dwoma problemami z teamów.

1. Obie przed, przeciwnik z lewej otwiera 1♥, partner licytuje 3BA. Z prawej pas, a my mamy:

♠ A 7
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4
♣ A K D W 10 8 2

Co licytujemy?

2. My po oni przed z lewej 1♠ partner pas z prawej 4♠ a my mamy

♠ K 9
♥ D 10 9 8 6 3
♦ K
♣ A K 10 6

Co licytujemy?

W pierwszym rozdaniu było trudno:

Rozd. 17/IV. Rozd. N, obie przed partią.

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

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

		
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Akcja gracza E bardzo zdynamizowała rozdanie. Przy moim stole padło 6BA i S zdyscyplinowanie wyszedł w kiery... Zawodniczka z kartą W musiała co nieco wysłuchać, moim zdaniem niesłusznie – ja bym przydzielił 100% winy graczowi E.

Ci, którzy ruszali 4♣ mogli zatrzymać się w 5♦ po licytacji:

West	North	East	South
–	1♥	3BA	pas
4♣	pas	4♦	pas
4♠*	pas	5♦	pas...

I po ataku w kiery także bez jednej...

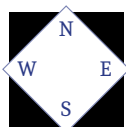
W drugim rozdaniu trzeba było sobie odpowiedzieć na co najmniej dwa pytania:

2. Jeżeli tak, to co? Do wyboru mamy kontrolę i 5♥.

Rozd. 28/IV. Rozd. W, NS po partii.

♠ 4
 ♥ W4
 ♦ D97543
 ♣ 8752

♠ A D 8 7 3
♥ A 7 5 2
♦ A 10 2
♣ W



♠ K 9
♥ D 10 9 8 6 3
♦ K
♣ A K 10 6

♠ W 10 6 5 2
♥ K
♦ W 8 6
♣ D 9 4 3

Trzecim pytaniem jest, co zrobić z kartą N po ewentualnej kontrze partner na 4♠. Układ i zasada „licytuj po wywoławczych kontrach partnera” przemawia za 4♦ (po których S przenosił na kiery), ale z karty N wygląda, że wzięcie zapisu z gry własnej jest mało prawdopodobne, a mamy dobry wist waletem kier, więc może „pas rozpaczy”?

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OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

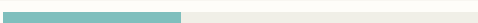
Qualification

RANKING AFTER QUALIFICATION

#	TEAM	VP
1	ANDRESEN	116.33
2	JULIAN MIGLANC	111.72
3	JULS	110.86
4	EASY STREET	110.81
5	SIMSON	107.90
6	FLEISHER	107.35
7	TEAMNL OPEN	107.00
8	KNOTTENBELT	106.58
9	PERICULO	104.42
10	ZHAO	103.44
11	WOLFSON	101.47
12	CHINA OPEN TEAM 1	100.74
13	LEBOWITZ	99.37
14	DINKIN	98.73
15	LIVIA	98.40
16	SPS KIELCE POLAND	98.34
17	SHOURIE	98.15
18	ALTSHULER	96.93
19	GOODMAN	96.37
19	TRICK OR TREAT	96.37
21	GUPTA	96.25
22	ROSENTHAL	96.03
23	MORAN	95.48
24	GDANSK	94.71
25	GILLIS	94.30
26	VENTIN	93.69
27	MILANBRIDGE	93.39
28	HOBRA	93.03
29	PKB INTERNATIONAL	92.39
30	SEOUL	92.34
31	SILESIA GLIWICE	91.84
32	OVERDECK	91.63
33	ALTERIS NUCLEAR	91.52
34	AGREMAN	91.51
35	GX2S	91.39
36	KUPCLUB	90.95
37	CONTRA	90.78
38	GOVIT	90.62
39	DEEP FINESSE	90.55
40	TEAM SWEDEN	90.28
41	1907	88.89
42	ZIMMERMANN	88.54
43	ROSENBERG	88.45
44	DANGERS AND A HAZARD	88.42
45	MAVERICKS	88.41
46	BAKKEREN	87.61

#	TEAM	VP
47	ARDENNES	87.12
48	CERCOL ROM	86.97
49	AMANDA	86.73
50	LOSS	85.99
51	PARKER	85.78
52	NICKELL	85.72
53	GROUP ONE	85.70
54	TEAM PHOENIX	85.67
55	ALLARD	85.50
56	SCHONFELD FINESSE	85.05
57	PATRICK SAADA	84.07
58	PLITLI	83.63
59	CETA	83.46
60	SILVER SURFERS	82.77
61	MCALLISTER	82.58
62	OMNIBUS	81.45
63	CHINA EVERTRUST	81.06
64	BIANCHI	80.64
65	BV WALDSOLMS	80.48
66	EMI	80.35
67	RUSZKIEWICZ	80.17
68	REASON	79.77
69	SZT MERITUM	79.56
70	MESCO 2 BYTOM	79.43
71	PIONEERS	79.15
72	SYNERGIA	78.25
73	KRAKOW AND RZESZOW	78.22
74	JUSTJUMP	77.91
75	NEW FRIENDS	77.79
76	PTGU PLOCKA NUTKA	77.62
77	PUZI	77.53
78	CAMBEROS	77.52
79	VISTULA TEAM	77.35
80	SAXENA VEDANTA	77.33
81	AGILERO	76.90
82	AZS UW	76.63
83	RILAKKUMA	75.48
84	OMEGA	75.11
85	JARA CIMRMAN	74.37
86	KBS LEGIONOWO	74.14
87	DUBOIN	73.68
88	SZCZECIN UNIVERSITY	73.42
89	GRANT THORNTON ICELAND	73.27
90	CZECHOSLOVAKIA V2	73.27
91	MALI	72.52
92	MESCO BYTOM	72.26

#	TEAM		VP
93	SARLA FIBERS		72.05
94	EQUIPO DELPRESIDENTE		71.42
95	AVIXA		70.97
96	ASHE		70.86
97	SHANGHAI BRIDGE		70.32
98	SV BRIDGE CLUB		70.03
99	ULI		69.74
100	PCTB		69.70
101	BONUS		69.22
102	AUGE		68.72
103	BLUE SKY THINKING BC		68.64
104	MSV		67.86
105	TELEDIAGNOSIS		67.78
106	KARTALITE		67.25
107	NO PTO		67.24
108	AS TECHNIK PL		67.03
109	ZIP		66.45
110	INON LIRAN		66.17
111	YOUTH		65.14
112	CHINA OPEN 2		64.86
113	FORMIDABLES		64.78
114	DESJARDINS		63.87
115	PIGOT		63.59
116	TUFF		63.43
117	SUPER COOPER		62.88
118	RATRUT		62.83
119	MAPLE BAGUETTES		61.99
120	FOURSQUIRE		61.85
121	OPOLSKI DUO TEAM		61.73
122	MORROCO		60.82
123	TURKON		60.53
124	RUWAYEH		59.21
125	TRESET		57.01
126	BRIDGESCANNER		56.59
127	OLBACI		56.42
128	FAZOKLUB EKO ROZANKA		54.40
129	COHLER		54.26
130	CARPATHIA		53.92
131	HEIMO		52.27
132	ONEGIRL		49.76
133	GWADALOGNE		47.90
134	MAGIC		47.80
135	TWOB		45.82
136	GONZO		44.61
137	WRATISLAVIA STUDENTS		42.03

#	TEAM		V P
1	CASTOLDI		103.60
2	JIANGSU RUNTAI		101.28
3	GGEM		100.98
4	BEIJING RUHAI		97.00
5	ACE		94.30
6	BAKER		94.00
7	COLE		93.48
8	YUNNAN		90.67
9	SWIMMING DRAGONS		90.23
10	HUANG		86.23
11	HONG KONG LADIES		84.10
12	NIC		82.31
13	FOCA		81.97
14	CHINA		79.63
15	ZHANG		75.66
16	4MNA		74.59
17	LEWIS		73.14
18	FIVE OF HEARTS		73.09
19	ITALY WOMEN		68.87
20	CANADA		67.33
21	AVENGERS		66.43
22	NORTHERN LIGHTS		65.71
23	NORDIC FOURS		64.77
24	TEAM GREEN		53.33
25	MEXICO LINDO		46.65