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The Baker team on the podium with the McConnell Cup.

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- There will be no carry-over.

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- There will be no carry-over.

Jacek Pszczoła Swiss Cup

- 17 qualify for the Final. They will be joined by 3 drop-ins.
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Host city of the World Bridge Series

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Our city is a modern urban center where sport plays a vital role. Katowice is renowned for hosting international sports competitions, which frequently take place in the legendary Spodek Arena or the adjacent International Congress Center. It is often said that the atmosphere created during these events is truly unique and unmatched anywhere else. Prestigious titles such as the “city of great events” or the “mecca of Polish volleyball,” which Katowice holds, further confirm the City’s sporting priorities.

Marcin Krupa

Mayor of the City of Katowice

The Art of Believing the Enemy

by Erke Suicmez

It was the first session of the Round of 64 at the World Bridge Series in Katowice, and the atmosphere in the playing hall was thick with tension, complex defense mechanisms, and the faint, pervasive scent of doom.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Suicmez</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I was sitting South, contemplating a hand of moderate promise, when the bidding proceeded with the frictionless ease of a executioner's axe:

My 2♠ continuation was born of pure optimism. Perchance partner holds (Qx in spades and a singleton somewhere useful?) Alas, partner's 3♣ response was the sort of bid partners make purely to signal acute discomfort - the bridge equivalent of clearing one's throat in a quiet room. Duly chastened, I retreated submissively to 4♥.

West led the ♦Q promising the Jack in any civilized circle.

I took a moment to inspect dummy. Apart from the ♠A, the diamond10 looked like a delightful second entry to the board, allowing me to discard a losing spade in due course. Ten tricks seemed reasonably elementary: four hearts, three diamonds, two spades, and a club. Child's play.

I won the opening trick with the ♦A as East dropped the ♦3. It was a small card, but it felt like a minor pinprick - nothing fatal, yet oddly unsettling.

Adhering to the blueprint, I cashed the ♥A and ♥K receiving the welcome news of a 3-2 trump break. To prevent East from ruffing my third diamond later, I immediately led a third trump. East won the ♥J as West discarded the ♣5.

Now came the moment where any sensible defender, having won a trump, returns his partner's opening lead to maintain harmony in



the partnership.

Instead, East paused, fixed the ceiling with a calm gaze, and shifted smoothly to the ♠6.

A cold shiver ran down my spine. Why shift to a spade through my bid suit? And why that lingering ♦3 on the first trick?

Great players rarely commit random acts of charity. If East refused to touch diamonds, it was not because he had forgotten what suit was led; it was because he couldn't afford to play one. The pieces of the puzzle began to rearrange themselves into a far darker picture: West's lead of the ♦Q was not from ♦QJxx, but from a doubleton queen.

If West held ♠10xxx♣ or ♠Qxxx ♥Q10 ♦Qx ♣Axxxx my plan to discard a spade on the ♠K was a trap. West would win the club, play a second diamond, and my precious ♦10 entry would vanish into thin air.

I ducked the spade lead to the ♠10 and won with dummy's ♠A. Now came the leap of faith.

This was the moment of truth. If East held the ♦J, my team would call me a visionary. If he did not, my teammates would politely suggest I stick to rubber bridge at the local club (apart from suggesting I learn backgammon which is something they are already telling me). Because if East has the ♣A, I have to ruff it and cash the

♦King before playing the right spade.

Discarding a spade on the ♠K was out. Instead, I played the ♠K from dummy and discarded a small diamond from hand.

West won the trick with the ♣A and, predictably, returned the ♦5.

I played the ♦10 from dummy. East produced the ♦J with a faint sigh, and the trick was mine.

The rest was a victory lap: I had to decide if West has ♠10xxx or ♠Q10xx. The former made more sense and I led the ♠J. West, helpless, if he won, as the ♠9 will be the missing entry so he ducked. I cashed the ♠K and promptly threw West back in with my fourth spade, forcing a return into dummy's remaining winners. 10 tricks made.

As the cards were slid back into the board, I couldn't help but offer a genuine nod of admiration to my opponents. There is a rare, refined pleasure in playing against defenders of such extraordinary calibre. They play the game with such clarity and precision that, if you pay close enough attention, their very excellence becomes the beacon that guides you home.

(In the other room South rebid 4♣ and West led the ♠3 so an IMP was lost! Editor)

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Open Teams Round of 16

Session 4

Alteris Nuclear v. Rosenthal

Seoul v. Milanbridge

Bianchi v. Cercol Rom

by Jos Jacobs

At the start of the 4th and final segment of the Round of 16, the situation in three matches was very close. The IMP difference between the two teams involved in these matches was 7 IMPs or even less: 4 or 3 IMPs. So it looked pretty obvious to me to watch mainly these three encounters. My choice had already been restricted in a certain respect anyway. Team Fleisher had earlier on qualified after the withdrawal of their opponents and teams Zimmermann and Deep Finesse both were leading their opponents by a big margin. In the other matches, team Open NL and team Group One were looking at a comfortable enough lead of about 35 IMPs – and so it proved: all these four teams easily qualified.

Over now to the boards!

The opening board produced a double partscore swing in the Bianchi-Cercol Rom match when the lat-ter scored +140 in hearts and +110 in spades at their. respective tables. The 6 IMPs thus gained imme-diately gave Cercol Rom the lead in the match, by 3.

On the next board, an even more substantial

swing occurred.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

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

		N		E			
	W				S		

♠	7 6 3
♥	A 10 9 8 7
♦	—
♣	A 10 8 7 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Roh</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Though hearts had not been bid, Kang duly found the killing lead of the ♥5. That was down two and +200 to Seoul.

STIAN EVENSTAD

SEONGSEOK KANG

SEUNGJIN ROH

KAARE BOGO

In the other room, the Koreans disclosed the poor quality of their heart stopper.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Macura</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦*	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	All Pass

In his partscore, Lee just lost three obvious tricks and thus added +130 to the +200, good for 8 IMPs to further extend their lead.

Another double partscore swing in two of our three featured matches on the next board.

Board:17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Bianchi v. Cercol Rom

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Coldea</i>	<i>Bianchi</i>	<i>Ghigheci</i>	<i>Retter</i>
—	1♣	1♦	3♣
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West was not too weak to double, as you can see. N/S, on the other hand, did not have the values they would want to go to the four-level. Three Diamonds was just made when South returned a heart in-stead of another club after his club lead and getting his spade ruff. Cercol Rom +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cima</i>	<i>Bacalu</i>	<i>Porta</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

When Cima could not intervene over South's transfer, it rested in 3♣ for another +130 and 6 IMPs to Cercol Rom.

In one of our other matches, we again saw two different auctions.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Roh</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

This type of auction we had seen before. Seoul +130

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Macura</i>
—	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

West here was given all the bidding space in the world and he made good use of it. With the spade ruff being from the defenders' natural trump trick, this contract was never in danger. Seoul thus scored another +140, good for 7 IMPs.

Two boards later, at first glance it looked as if 4♥ was on for N/S. But could it be reached? And, more important, could it be made at the table and not double dummy?

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

The Nuclear Poles produced an interesting show in their match v. Rosenthal..

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>D Kowalski</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Thanks to the relatively strong South hand, getting to game was not too difficult for them.. According to the records, East led the ♦J which ran to declarer's queen. The losing diamonds went on the spades and when West ruffed the 4th spade, declarer overruffed, cashed the ♥A (hurray) and lost only the ♥K and the ♥A later on for a fine +450. One wonders what would have happened on a low club lead from East...

When Gawrys put in a light overcall, the heart suit got completely lost at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bizon</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	3♣
All Pass			

On the diamond lead by West which ran to declarer's king, Brogeland could throw losing diamonds on the spades, ruff his own last diamond and play ♥A and another. Eventually he collected no less than 10 tricks but the damage had already been done: 8 IMPs to Alteris Nuclear.

In the other two matches, they all played in heart partscores. The only pair to get as high as 3♥ even went one down. So much for my naughty club lead suggestion: loud and clear!.

On the next deal, I really had to guess.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In two of our three matches, they played correctly (?) in a club partscore for a 0 or 1 IMP gain.

In the Seoul v. Milanbridge match, they were more ambitious.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Roh</i>
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Macura</i>
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At both tables, South led a low spade. Bogo made ten tricks and Kim only five. The swing thus was 14 IMPs to Milanbridge and I have to assume that North covered the ♠Q when he was given the chance to do so.

Then came a lesson in defence.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>D Kowalski</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

West hit upon the rather mediocre lead of the ♠7 but this did not affect the result on the board by any means. Declarer won the ♠9 in hand and took a losing club finesse. Martin Schaltz won his ♣K and...put the ♥Q on the table. The rest was technique. Heart to partner and the surrounding ♦J returned. Down three: eight red tricks and the ♣K. Rosenthal +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bizon</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>B Brogeland</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1NT	All Pass

At the other table, South led a club and declarer quickly took his seven tricks. That was +90 to the Poles but still 5 IMPs to Rosenthal.

In the Bianchi v. Cercol Rom match, we saw mainly the same. Cercol Rom went three down as N/S in 1NT for -300 and Bianchi registered a modest partscore in N/S, making nine tricks in 3♣. That was good for 9 IMPs to them, cutting their deficit to 11.

On the next board, 3NT was the normal contract. Only Gu (East for Trick or Treat) and Martin Schaltz (for team Rosenthal) found the killing heart lead for an 11-IMP swing in their favour.



Rosenthal now led by 20

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Board 23 was a dull small slam (please, don't tell me that slams are never dull...) but the next board was more interesting, certainly in the Bianchi v. Cercol Rom match.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

As you can see, the board should have been a push in 4♥ and this indeed was the case in two of our matches. One N/S pair in our third match lost track, it seemed, in defending against a 10-12 1NT open-ing bid. Here are the auctions from that match.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coldea	Bianchi	Ghigheci	Retter
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Dble	1♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

No problem, Bianchi +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cima	Bacalu	Porta	Gunev
1NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♦	All Pass

Does a penalty pass on 1NTx create a permanent forcing situation? Having played the 10-12 1NT my-self almost since time immemorial, I would say: No but on the Balkan peninsula, not everybody agrees. Two Diamonds thus went down three but undoubled, for +150 but a gain of 7 IMPs to Bianchi. At this point, Cercol Rom led by 4.

Next came a cold slam but only if played artistically from the right side of the table.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coldea	Bianchi	Ghigheci	Retter
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Their transfer helped the Romanians to right-side the contract for a fully deserved +1430 when South led a top diamond. The other top diamond was ruffed out and voilà, there was the parking place for declarer's losing club. If South does not lead a top diamond, he can be caught in an amusing (not for himself, though) strip-squeeze in the minors.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cima</i>	<i>Bacalu</i>	<i>Porta</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

No guts, no glory. Bianchi +680 but 13 IMPs lost. Cercol Rom led by 17 with three to play.

This board also caused the undoing of the Seoul team when their E/W pair had a tragic misunderstanding and reached the curious misunder-standing and reached the curious contract of 5♦ as E/W, down four for an 18-IMP loss when the other table reached the slam but played by West. Had Kang found the club lead this would have saved 11 IMPs (still not enough, as it turned out later -a losing tiebreak,)

Drama on the next board as well.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Roh</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Vozabal</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Macura</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2NT	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

From the outcome of the previous board, we know already that the Seoul team were out but they saved their faces very well on this one. Both declarers made nine tricks but the double netted 7 IMPs to the Koreans, just enough to get to their (losing) tie had the previous board not fully counted.

The real drama on this board occurred in another match.

Bianchi v. Cercol Rom

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Coldea</i>	<i>Bianchi</i>	<i>Ghigheci</i>	<i>Retter</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	



That was an unexpectedly peaceful +650 to Bianchi.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cima</i>	<i>Bacalu</i>	<i>Porta</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2NT	3♦	Dble	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

The Italian E/W were not left in peace and thus had to concede -200 in their phantom sacrifice. The 13 IMPs just gained thus went the other way again. The Cercol Com lead now back to the previous 4 IMPs.

And then came the penultimate deal a very cold slam, certainly if played in the proper denomination:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul

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

The proper contract of 6♣ was missed twice but in none of our three featured matches. They all reached slam there though at one table, there was a significant alternative.

Bianchi v. Cercol Rom

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cima</i>	<i>Bacalu</i>	<i>Porta</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♠	3♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The N/S bidding was not very disciplined, I think but West was apparently impressed to such an extent that he did not find the (albeit

extremely unlikely) killing lead of...the ♦A behind declarer's first suit. His vulnerable trump holding (Qx) certainly was not helpful in making this crucial decision correctly. On the actual ♣9 lead, declarer lost only one trump trick and thus scored +980. This brought the Cercol Rom team 2 IMPs to lead by 6 as their team-mates conceded a more normal 920.

Over now to the last board. It looked all over because this were the standings with one board to play.

Alteris Nuclear v. Rosenthal: 74-91

Seoul v. Milanbridge: 117-121

Bianchi v. Cercol Rom: 114-120

On this board, no. 28, only N/S are vulnerable – a decisive factor, believe it or not.

The hand itself is not worth publishing because it's a spade partscore, missing two outside top tricks and the AK of trumps. Still, 4♠ was bid (too high) and made (how come?) twice in or three matches. We know that in one of the matches, the defenders managed to play both the ♠K and the ♠A to the same trick. The late Hans Kreijns would say in such cases: "Don't push!" This led to the following final scores.

Alteris Nuclear v. Rosenthal: 74-101

Seoul v. Milanbridge: 117-128

Please note the eventual 11-IMP difference in the Seoul-Milanbridge match. To their comfort, as al-ready suggested: Seoul would have lost the tiebreak.

In the Bianchi v. Cercol Rom 4♠ duly went one off whereas 3♦ made at the other table, Due to the spade contracts being non-vulnerable, Cercol Rom only lost 5 IMPs on the deal to make the final score here: 119-120. Believe it or not (again!), the tiebreak would not have helped Bianchi but what really would have helped them was the previous deal. Had Cercol Rom bid the more normal 6♣ and made that contract, this board would have been push and the final score would have been 119-118 in favour of Bianchi. Have you ever seen that??

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Open Teams Quarterfinals

Session 1

Deep Finesse v. Team NL Open

Rosenthal v. Zimmermann

by Marjo Chorus

Few IMPs changed hands in the first three deals. Then the timing in the bidding made a difference in Deep Finesse v. Team NL Open.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Padon (Deep Finesse) got a chance to bid his spades at the three level so after 4♥ he bid no more.

Molenaar (Team NL) as South saw West open 2♥ and East bid 4♥. He had to decide at the four level and went for it: 4♠, doubled by Lee. He lost five tricks and won 5 IMPs as Nab-Kiljan made 4♥+2 in EW.

The same thing happened in all the other matches when West began with ♥A except

lancu Bacalu (Cercol Com) who chose ♦6! Lorenzini, for team Fleisher took ♦A and played a club to King and Ace. Back came a heart, a diamond ruff in East., a second heart and a second diamond ruff. The score of 1100 earned Cercol Com 9 IMPs against the normal +620.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

In Zimmermann v Rosenthal, Multon was in 4♥. The ♠K lead went to ♠A and the next spade was taken by ♠Q. Now Rosenthal returned a diamond, Multon took ♦A to play a heart to East's ♥A. Another diamond was ruffed by West and a heart came back.... Multon thought a long time, then played ♥10. One off.

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That meant 12 IMPs to Rosenthal when Schaltz in the other room made 4♥. No one in the other matches found the diamond ruff so every North made 10 tricks. Molenaar-Verbeek (Team Open NL) were only in 3♥ so 9 IMPs went to Deep Finesse when 11 tricks were made.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Nab</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Kiljan</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♠	2NT	All Pass

Padon lead ♠K and switched to a diamond so Kiljan made 2NT+1.

More at stake in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>R Lee</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♠	3NT	All Pass

Molenaar also led ♠K but then switched to clubs. Lee played three clubs, then a spade to ♠J and ♠A. Back came ♥J to ♥Q and !♥K and it looked as if Molenaar was endplayed. But he read the position correct, collected ♦A and played a diamond, patiently waiting for ♥10 to come in. And it did. Team Open NL 6 IMPs.

Zimmermann v. Rosenthal

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa Silverstein</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♠	3NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Club to ♣A and a diamond meant two off: Rosenthal +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♠	2NT	All Pass

Nine tricks made but 8 IMPs to Rosenthal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Nab</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Kiljan</i>	<i>Padon</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT!	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

N/S did not bid and Kiljan made 4♠ on a diamond lead to ♦A and a diamond return to ♦J. He played three rounds of trumps and finessed ♥K. Team Open NL +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>R Lee</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Dble	Rdbl	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Verbeek did bid and Molenaar had to show some skills in 3♠ doubled.

♠K and a spade to the ace, then a heart to ♥J and a club back. Molenaar simply played a small diamond and ruffed the next spade in North. Diamond Ace and a diamond ruffed, club to ♣K and a good diamond. East could ruff (South ♥10)

but had to give NS a ruff-and discard now.
Two down and well done by Molenaar. That meant 3 IMPs to Team NL..

In Zimmermann-Rosenthal a bigger swing:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa Silverstein</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Rosenthal got a diamond lead to ♦A and a diamond to ♦J. He did not touch trumps now but played a club. North won this, so South got his diamond ruff. He returned a spade and North did not put in ♠J. Well done, locking declarer in dummy. Not being able to reach his hand, declarer next tried ♥A and ♥Q, throwing a club on it. But South won his ♥K and that was one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	2NT	Dble	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Kalita also got a diamond lead to the ♦A and a diamond to his ♦J. He finessed ♥K and played a club. South got his diamond ruff but Kalita had ten tricks when spades were 2-2 now, throwing two clubs on ♥A and ♦9. Zimmermann 10 IMPs.

Who is playing 3NT? East or West? That was the issue on board 9:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



In Zimmermann v. Rosenthal, 3NT was played by East.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa Silverstein</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South's lead of the ♥J was taken with dummy's ♥A and immediately the ♠10 was run to ♣Q. Back came ♠J, also taken in dummy with the ♠A. Now, when a diamond was continued from dummy, there were big problems for declarer. South won declarer's ♦K with the ace and returned a club. From here, declarer did no longer have the communication to get to nine tricks. One off.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Klukowski could not manage ten tricks in 4♠ either, so no score.

In the other match Kiljan-Nab (Team Open NL) played 3NT in West.:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Nab</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Kiljan</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The spade lead didn't hurt declarer. At all. In fact, it gave him his 9th trick when he finessed ♠10.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>R Lee</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT!	All Pass

The lead was ♥J to ♥Q and ♥K. Now Verbeek immediately played a diamond and Molenaar continued diamonds. Lee held off ♦Q as long as he could. So Molenaar collected two diamonds, looked thrown in but found a good way out: ♠J. Declarer took ♠Q, cashed ♥A and finessed in clubs. Two off and 13 IMPs to Team Open NL.

On board 10 the question was: do you bid 3NT or don't you:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

In Zimmermann v. Rosenthal Klukowski-Kalita did and Silverstein Rosenthal did not. With the ♣K in South, there were nine tricks.11 IMPs to Zimmermann. In the other match Deep Finesse did and Team NL did not. 11 IMPs to Deep Finesse.



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MARTIN SCHALTZ

CHRIS WILLENKEN

JACEK KALITA

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa Silverstein</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*!
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Even the lead of ♣A could not hand over 12 tricks to Multon. One off and 13 IMPs to Rosenthal. Everyone else played in 4♠.

On board 13 again the question was: do you bid 3NT or don't you?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa Silverstein</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Spade lead, a club to ♣K and diamonds, the third round taken by ♦A. Now a spade back sinks the

ship, I think. But every South played a heart now which gave declarer the indispensable tempo to come to his nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	All Pass

No chance when South led ♥Q, one off and another 12 IMPs to Rosenthal, ending this first session with Rosenthal leading Zimmermann by 54-30 IMPs.

And in Team-Open NL v Deep Finesse:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Nab</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Kiljan</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>R Lee</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In 3NT, the line of play was the same as at the table where Rosenthal was declaring. Here too, a heart return by South when in with ♦A. Deep Finesse +600. But Nab made 3♣ after a spade lead, which meant a swing of "only" 10 IMPs to Deep Finesse. At the end of the set, Team Open NL led by the odd IMP: 31-30.

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Rosenblum Teams

Quarter-Final – Set Two

Milanbridge v Group One

by Brian Senior

Going into the second quarter of their quarter-final, GROUP ONE led MILANBRIDGE by 35-14 IMPs, a useful start, but there was a long way to go with three more 14-board sets yet to be played.

The second set began with a big swing.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Araskiewicz	Vozabal	Kotorowicz	Macura
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Evenstad	Stepinski	Bogo	Hutyra
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	3NT	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Both Souths opened a strong NT and were raised to game. Krzysztof Kotorowicz let that go, but Kaare Bogo took the favourable vulnerability save in 4♠, doubled by Maciej Hutyra.

Hutyra led the ace of hearts against 4♠ doubled then switched to a trump. Jeremi Stepinski won the ace and switched back to hearts for Hutyra's king. The heart continuation was ruffed with the ♠J and Stepinski cashed the ace of clubs. Bogo had the rest for down two and -300.

Konrad Araskiewicz led the seven of clubs against 3NT, Milan Macura winning the jack to play a diamond for the king and ace, Now Araskiewicz found the killing spade switch, Kotorowicz winning the queen and continuing the suit. Macura won the ace of spades and played a diamond to the queen. He continued by cashing the clubs before playing a third diamond. Araskiewicz won the ♦J, cashed the fifth club, and led a spade to his partner, who

KONRAD ARASZKIEWICZ

DAVID VOZABAL

MILAN MACURA

KRZYSZTOF KOTOROWICZ

KOTOROWICZ

had two of those, so down two for -200, and 11 IMPs to GROUP ONE.

Elsewhere, nobody played 3NT. Three pairs bid 5♦, two successfully, and four were either one or two down in 4♠ doubled.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Araskiewicz	Vozabal	Kotorowicz	Macura
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Evenstad	Stepinski	Bogo	Hutyra
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both E/Ws bid to the thin NT game, played by West.

David Vozabal led the jack of spades to dummy's bare ace, and Araskiewicz played a low diamond, Macura splitting his honours. Araskiewicz won the queen with the ace and led a club to the king, a diamond to the ten, and a heart to the queen and king. Back came a spade. Declarer won the king and played the jack of hearts to Macura's ace. Macura cashed the king of diamonds then led the jack of clubs to Vozabal's ace, and Vozabal played a spade. Araskiewicz had the ♠Q and ♥10, and a heart exit now put Vozabal on lead to concede the last trick to dummy's ♣Q. That was down one for -100.

Stepinski too led the jack of spades. Stian Evenstad won the ace and led a diamond to the ten and, when it held, continued with ace and a third diamond to Hutyra's king. Hutyra played back a spade and, when Evenstad won

that with the king and played a club, Stepinski rose with the ace to clear the spades. Evenstad, however, had nine tricks - three spades, four diamonds and two clubs - for +600 and 12 IMPs to MILANBRIDGE.

Altogether, 3NT was made three times and defeated twice. The rest played in diamond partscores.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Araskiewicz	Vozabal	Kotorowicz	Macura
—	—	2♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Evenstad	Stepinski	Bogo	Hutyra
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Bogo did not like to open a weak two when maximum but with a poor suit. He passed as dealer and watched his opponents bid uncontested to 3NT via an artificial 2♣ puppet to 2♦ and invitational 2NT follow-up.

Bogo led the jack of hearts to the bare ace. Stepinski played the queen of diamonds, ducked, followed by a second diamond to the king and ace. Bogo returned the nine of clubs to the queen and ace, and Stepinski crossed to the king of clubs then cashed the diamonds, pitching one card from each major. He cashed the jack of clubs then played the jack of spades. Bogo won the ace but now, down to nothing but hearts, was obliged to lead a heart to Evenstad's

king, and Evanstad had to concede a spade to dummy at trick 13, so the contract was just made for +600.

Kotorowicz opened the East hand with a multi 2♦ and Macura waited until his opponents had unwound, via a non-constructive pass or correct jump to 3♥, before doubling for take-out. Bidding 3NT or passing this out would have been the better options on the North cards on this lay-out than Vozabal's choice of 4♣, where he played.

Kotorowicz led the jack of hearts to the bare ace and Vozabal led a diamond to the king and ace. Back came the seven of spades, on which Vozabal played low from dummy, losing to the queen. A spade back to the ace was followed by a diamond exit to dummy. Vozabal took the club finesse, ruffed a heart, bringing down the king, and cashed the king of clubs. He pitched his losing heart on the king of spades, then played winning diamonds. When Araskiewicz ruffed he over-ruffed and had just the trump trick to lose, so down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to GROUP ONE.

Four Clubs failed at one other table, yet there was also 5♣ just making after the six of clubs lead! Three No Trump made four times, once doubled, and N/S collected +800 from 4♥ at the remaining table.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 5 3
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ Q 9
♣ 10 2

♠ A K 6
♥ 8 6
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 9 6 4 3

W
N
E
S

♠ J 9 2
♥ Q 9
♦ A K 10 6 4 3 2
♣ 5

♠ Q 4
♥ A J 5 3 2
♦ 8
♣ K Q J 8 7

West	North	East	South
Araskiewicz	Vozabal	Kotorowicz	Macura
1♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Evenstad	Stepinski	Bogo	Hutyra
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♠	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Kotorowicz responded with a natural preemptive 3♦ to the Polish club, and that silenced everyone. After a club lead the fall of the queen of spades meant 11 tricks for +150.



The opening lead was all important in 3NT. A heart would have enabled the defence to cash the first five tricks, but Stepinski led the eight of spades to the nine, queen and ace, and when diamonds came in for seven tricks Evenstad had 11 tricks for +660 and 11 IMPs to MILANBRIDGE. Three No Trump was made once more, while 5♦ was bid and made twice. There were two diamond partscores, while South declared 3♥ for +140 and 4♥ for -200.

♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ Q 10 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ J 7

♠ A Q J
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ Q 8
♣ 10 6 3

♠ 10 9
♥ 8 3
♦ A 10 6 4 3 2
♣ A 9 2

♠ K 5 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ K Q 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Stepinski</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Hutyra</i>
—	—	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Vozabal led the jack of clubs, which held the trick, and continued with his second club to dummy's ace. A spade to the jack was followed by the eight of diamonds to the ace and a second spade finesse. When that scored, declarer could pitch dummy's remaining club on the ace of spades and lead the ♣10. Vozabal ruffed in front

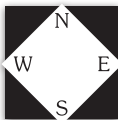
There were three successful E/W partscores, with the other five pairs all playing 3NT. That went off two by East on a low club lead, but made on the lead of the ♣K. East also made it on a low spade lead, and West made it twice on a heart lead.

♠ K 9 6 5
 ♥ K J 10 7 4 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 7

♠ Q 8 3
 ♥ A Q 8 6
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ 6 5 4 2

♠ A J 4 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ Q J 5 4 3
 ♣ K Q

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Stepinski</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Hutyra</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both E/Ws bid to the spade game, Evenstad/Bogo via an artificial GF 2♦ call.

Macura led his heart to the jack, queen and three. Vozabal switched to a club, which Kotorowicz won in hand to lead a spade to the king then back to the jack and, when spades proved to be three-two onside, drew a third round. He played the nine of hearts next, won by Vozabal, and that was 10 tricks for +620.

Hutyra also led his singleton heart, but Stepinski won the queen then continued with the ace and a third round – and declarer was caught, with no way to avoid a trump loser, either now or later. He ruffed with the jack, hoping for a miracle, then played ace and another spade, and had to lose one of those and one diamond: down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to GROUP ONE.

Four Spades by East made three times, always on a heart lead. It went down four times, three times on a heart lead, once on the jack of clubs. Four Hearts by West was down one on a club lead.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Araskiewicz	Vozabal	Kotorowicz	Macura
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Evenstad	Stepinski	Bogo	Hutyra
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Stepinski opened 1NT and was soon at the helm in 4♠ after a transfer sequence. Bogo led the four of hearts – not a good start for the defence, as dummy's ten won the trick. A spade to the jack held the trick, and Stepinski tried the jack of diamonds next, rising with the ace when there was no flicker on his left. He led a second low spade towards his hand and Evenstad won the king and returned the six of clubs. Stepinski ducked that to the king, and Bogo returned a low diamond. Having seen the four-one trump split, Stepinski decided that he needed the diamond finesse, so called for the ten and must have been relieved to see it hold the trick. Evenstad won the next spade play and returned a heart, but declarer won the ace and ruffed the queen to hand to draw the outstanding trump. He could then cash the king of diamonds and lead the jack of clubs to his ace and queen for 10 tricks and +620.

Vozabal's 1♣ opening left room for Kotorowicz to overcall 1♥, and Araskiewicz raised to 2♥ in competition. However, the five-three spade fit was found, just from the wrong side of the table from a N/S perspective.

Araskiewicz led the eight of hearts, Macura ducking to Kotorowicz's jack. Kotorowicz switched to a low diamond and Macura rose with the king and ran the jack of clubs, losing to the king. He rose with the ace on the diamond return and led a spade to the jack, cashed the ace of clubs, then played ace and ruffed the queen of hearts to ruff a diamond, pitch the last diamond on the queen of clubs, and play the ♠10, winning the ♠Q at trick 13. That all added up to down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to GROUP ONE. Four Spades made four times and failed twice, once on a heart lead from East. Three Spades and 3NT by North on a diamond lead were both made.

That last swing meant that GROUP ONE had won the set by 47-40 IMPs, making the overall score at the halfway point in the match 82-54 in favour of GROUP ONE.



Early one Morning

by Mark Horton

On Tuesday morning I visited the results page to see if there had been any dramatic finishes in the Rosenblum or McConnell. Bianchi 119 Cercol Rom 120 was an eye catching scoreline. This deal was the one that captured my attention:

Board 53. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

It is clearly possible that EW might bid to 6♠, South having overcalled in diamonds during the bidding phase.

If North leads a diamond against 6♠, it has to be the ♦10, otherwise declarer can play dummy's ♦4, subsequently taking a ruffing finesse to dispose of a club.

6♠ was reached at nine tables in the Rosenblum. In the match between Deep Finesse and Overdeck North started with a low diamond and both declarers emerged with 12 tricks. The same thing happened in the match between Group One and Trick or Treat.

Silver Surfers collected 15 IMPs when North led a low diamond against 6♠, the contract in the other room being 4♦ by South.

In Allard v Zimmermann 17 IMPs changed hands. Nowosadzki led a low diamond against 6♠, but the contract went one down so we can assume that declarer did not play dummy's ♦4. In the replay North led the ♥10. That sets up a third round finesse in the suit and Klukowski recorded +1430.

In Seoul v Milanbridge the contract in the Closed Room was 5♦, -400.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Evenstad</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Bogo</i>	<i>Roh</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♥ Transfer

Naturally, South led the ♦A and declarer had a route to 12 tricks and 18 IMPs.

Meanwhile, in the McConnell Jiangsu Runtai and Castoldi both bid 6♠ and North led a low diamond. The outcome was 17 IMPs to Castoldi.

That leaves Bianchi against Cercol Rom. In the Closed Room, the contract was 4♠ by East – again West had bid 2♥ to show spades, and the lead of the ♦A gave declarer 12 tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Coldea</i>	<i>Bianchi</i>	<i>Ghigheci</i>	<i>Retter</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Here too South led the ♦A and 13 IMPs changed hands.

Played by West, leading the ♦10 or a much less likely club should defeat 6♠. When East is declarer there is no winning lead. However, South can make life difficult by leading a spade. Declarer has eleven top tricks and a 3-3 heart break or the club finesse are the obvious chances. However, the winning line requires declarer to cash all the spades, arriving at this position...

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

♠ —	♠ —
♥ J 4	♥ —
♦ A K	♦ —
♣ K 9	♣ —



When declarer plays three rounds of hearts

ending in hand South must either blank the ♣K or discard a diamond honour allowing declarer to exit with the ♦9 and secure the last two tricks with the ♣AQ.

That is not the end of the story. Suppose South has the wit to discard a diamond honour at trick six (declarer having just come down to a singleton ♦Q). Declarer plays the last trump, but must now discard a heart from dummy. Then three rounds of hearts executes off the same squeeze against South. The trap is not to discard the ♦Q, as then South can pitch the remaining diamond honour when the squeeze no longer works thanks to North's ♦10.





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by Marek Wójcicki

Mamy kolejne złoto – w turnieju teamów kobiecych zwyciężył team BAKER, w którym grały Katarzyna Dufurat i Justyna Żmuda. Gratulujemy!

W turnieju teamów open do półfinału awansował zespół GROUP ONE (Hutyra-Stępiński, Gaweł-Jagniewski, Araszkievicz-Kotorowicz) i w walce o finał zmierzy się z ROSENTHALEM (Rosenthal-Silverstein, Bakke-Brogeland, Schaltz-Willenken – USA/Norwegia/Dania), który chyba raczej nieoczekiwanie pokonał ZIMMERMANN (Zimmermann-Multon, Kalita-Klukowski, Nowak-Nowosadzki).

Półfinał A turnieju par open wygrali obrońcy tytułu sprzed czterech lat – Krzysztof Buras i Piotr Lutostański, a mistrzostw par kobiecych Chinki Chen Yanqing – Wen Jing; z Polek najwyżej – na 11. miejscu uplasowały się Grażyna Brewiak i Grażyna Busse.

W turnieju pamięci Jacka Pszczoły przed finałem prowadzi LEBOWITZ (D.Bilde, A.Grossack, L.Lebowitz, A.Madala, M.Rimstedt, O.Rimstedt – USA/Dania/Szwecja), a w Second Week BAM amerykański zespół PARKER (Z.Grossack, J.Grue, B.Moss, Ch.Parker, S.Rubenstein, A.Tebha).

JAK NIE SIEDEM, TO MOŻE SZEŚĆ?

Wojtek Olański opowiedział anegdotę o studencie zdającym egzamin. Gdy egzaminujący profesor stwierdził, że wiedza studenta nie kwalifikuje go do zaliczającej „trójki”, to student nie poddał się: „może wobec tego czwórka?”.

Coś podobnego przydarzyło się parze Vainikonis – Olański w ostatniej rundzie trzeciej sesji półfinału par.

W pierwszym rozdaniu Vitas dostał rękę:

♠ A K 9 4
♥ W 8
♦ D W 2
♣ K D W 4

i z premedytacją doprowadził do końcówki na 7 atu:

West	North <i>Vainikonis</i>	East	South <i>Olański</i>
—	—	—	pas
2♥*	ktr.	pas	3♦*
pas	3♥	pas	3♠
pas	4♠	pas...	

2♥ – słabe dwa;

3♦ – naturalne, 9-11 PC (NS grają w tej pozycji Lebensohlem).

Oto całość rozdania:

Rozd. 15. Rozdaje S, NS po partii.

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

Po ataku trzy razy w kiery bez dwóch.

W następnym rozdaniu Vitas dostał:

♠ A K 4 3 2
♥ W
♦ 5 4 3
♣ D 7 4 3

Niezrażony poprzednim wypadkiem po pasie z prawej w korzystnych otworzył 1♠. Partner 2♥ i dalej potoczyło się:

West	North <i>Vainikonis</i>	East	South <i>Olański</i>
pas	1♠	pas	2♥
pas	2♠	pas	3♣
pas	4♣	pas	4♥
pas?			

Vitas zdecydował się spasować...

Popatrzmy na rozkład:

Rozd. 16. Rozdaje W, WE po partii.

♠ A K 4 3 2

♥ W

♦ 5 4 3

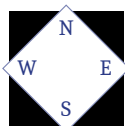
♣ D 7 4 3

♠ 7 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ K D W 8 6

♣ 10 8 2



♠ W 10 9 8 6

♥ 10 5 3 2

♦ A 10

♣ W 6

♠ D

♥ A K D 9 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ A K 9 5

Obrona zdjęła trzy kara i za chwilę – po stwierdzeniu podziału atutu 4-3 – rozgrywający pokazał karty. Ta „sześćoatutowka” dała 87%!

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QUARTERFINALS – RESULTS

Scores by stanza and match total

ZIMMERMANN	30	39	15	10	94	CERCOL ROM	49	22	26	1	98
ROSENTHAL	54	47	13	30	144	FLEISHER ⁺³	22	60	37	40	162
MILANBRIDGE	14	40	45	18	117	DEEP FINESSE ⁺¹	31	30	22	26	110
GROUP ONE	35	47	36	22	140	TEAMNL OPEN	30	29	38	4	101

Women’s Teams Championship

FINAL – RESULT

Scores by stanza and match total

BAKER	11	48	46	24	129
JIANGSU RUNTAI	41	15	48	3	107

#	PAIR		NAT	SCORE %
1	LUTOSTANSKI Piotr	BURAS Krzysztof	POL-POL	61.09
2	LAI Wai Kit	MAK Kwok-Fai	HKG-HKG	60.99
3	SANKOWSKI Pawel	KOWALCZYK Slawomir	POL-POL	57.35
4	BAKHSHI David	WEINSTEIN Steve	ENG-USA	57.32
5	FELMY Matthias	ALTER Florian	GER-GER	56.53
6	MUKHERJEE Sumit	MEHTA Vikrant Pradeep	IND-IND	55.63
7	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	LTU-LTU	55.55
8	ZIPOVSKI Dimitraki	RADISIC Goran	SER-SER	55.40
9	KAPLAN Adam	NISTOR Radu	USA-USA	55.25
10	XIAO Brent	DUFFIE Cornelius	USA-USA	55.22
11	BARTKOWSKI Mariusz	PAWLAK Andrzej	POL-POL	55.19
12	HENCLIK Slawek	WEJKNIS Wacław	POL-POL	54.84
13	CIECHOMSKI Jacek	ZAWADA Przemyslaw	POL-POL	54.79
14	CAMBEROS Hector	RIZZO Leonardo	ARG-ARG	54.35
15	KUJAWA Krzysztof	PILCH Tomasz	POL-POL	53.99
16	KACZOROWSKI Jaroslaw	KOWALCZEWSKI Tadeusz	POL-POL	53.94
17	SJOQVIST Mans	SAFSTEN Johan	SWE-SWE	53.91
18	ROBSON Andrew	ALLFREY Alexander	ENG-ENG	53.70
19	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	SPRINKHUIZEN Thibo	NED-NED	53.60
20	WEINSTEIN Howard	BRAMLEY Bart	USA-USA	53.54
21	SZELKA Waldemar	WOLCZAK Cezary	POL-POL	53.46
22	MIECHOWICZ Pawel	KOLUDA Piotr	POL-POL	53.44
23	GALEK Przemyslaw	SYNOWIEC Rafal	POL-POL	53.38
24	DABROWSKI Maciej	STACH Jaroslaw	POL-POL	53.35
25	FREDIN Peter	LIU Ethan	SWE-USA	53.29
26	BIANCHEDI Alejandro	CHAGAS Gabriel	ARG-BRA	52.91
27	LIN Amber	RATHI Anant	USA-USA	52.81
28	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	BARANKIEWICZ Robert	POL-POL	52.78
29	CYRKIEL Marek	MICHALSKI Marek	POL-POL	52.62
30	MARKS Rafal	LUTEK Piotr	POL-POL	52.49
31	KAPALA Szymon	MADRY Piotr	POL-POL	52.49
32	NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	GLASEK Grzegorz	POL-POL	52.40
33	WANIURSKI Piotr	KRAWCZYK Marcin	POL-POL	51.93
34	MIS Jerzy	JAROSZ Boguslaw	POL-POL	51.64
35	MATKOWSKI Piotr	SLIWON Krzysztof	POL-POL	51.61
36	CZECH Andrzej	CZAJER Tomasz	POL-POL	51.58
37	OHLSSON Bjorn	CLEMENTSSON Jan	SWE-SWE	51.54
38	MEIER Leon	ZHENG Lysandra	NZL-NZL	51.52
39	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	ANDRESEN Martin	NOR-NOR	51.50
40	GOMEZ Ramon	GONCALVES Pedro	ESP-ESP	51.06
41	BRENNER Diego	GONZALEZ Jose	BRA-ESP	51.02
42	MODRZEJEWSKI Tomasz	JASZCZAK Andrzej	POL-POL	50.96
43	BAKKEREN Ton	BAKKEREN Frank	NED-NED	50.94
44	CHAN Richard	KUZ Robert	CAN-CAN	50.90
45	GANTAR Metod	DRNOVSEK Tina	SLO-SLO	50.89
46	SUZER Ugurcan	SERDAR Ekrem	TUR-TUR	50.86
47	ZOBU Ahu	ARONOV Victor	TUR-BUL	50.86
48	SOFFER Ram	SHEFFY Ron	ISR-ISR	50.74
49	SABBAH Ofek	SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	ISR-ISR	50.56
50	ANDERSSON Lars	MANN Castor	SWE-SWE	50.55
51	SMILGAJS Andris	GESTE Andis Mikus	LAT-LAT	50.29
52	WALACH Ivo	KARLIK Petr	CZE-CZE	50.21
53	WITTENBECK Pawel	ILCZUK Piotr	POL-POL	50.15
54	HEIN Soren	COLE David	GER-GER	50.14
55	KULESZA Piotr	SZAREK Roger	POL-POL	50.13
56	SZEWczyk Piotr	DOMINIK Mateusz	POL-POL	50.10
57	KUD Aleksander	BIEL Robert	POL-POL	50.05

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58	JASINSKI Piotr	GROCHOWSKI Maksymilian	POL-POL	49.99
59	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	KLIS Maciej	POL-POL	49.94
60	ZORIC Vedran	MARINOVSKI Kiril	CRO-CRO	49.93
61	KUTYLOWSKI Jan	KOSTRZEWA Jaroslaw	POL-POL	49.89
62	SEKER Cengiz	AKAR Gokay	TUR-TUR	49.85
63	KOZLOWSKI Boguslaw	ANTOSZ Grzegorz	POL-POL	49.74
64	CIESLAK Sylwester	PIETRZAK Marek	POL-POL	49.71
65	PYSZKO Adam	RECICAROVA Karolina	CZE-CZE	49.71
66	ITALIANO Emilio	ZANASI Gabriele	ITA-ITA	49.65
67	JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	KOWALSKI Dariusz	POL-POL	49.64
68	HALAT Jacek	HERWICH Mariusz	POL-POL	49.56
69	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	YEKUTIELI Asaf	ISR-ISR	49.45
70	URBANSKI Marek	CHINDELEWICZ Pawel	POL-POL	49.30
71	RUBINS Karlis	OLLA Edgars	LAT-LAT	49.25
72	CHODOROWSKA Irena	CHODOROWSKI Jan	POL-POL	48.91
73	GORECKI Marian	PIECHOTA Robert	POL-POL	48.88
74	SALINSKI Przemyslaw	SYREK Andrzej	POL-POL	48.79
75	CIMR Alex	SZEMIK Maximilian	POL-POL	48.65
76	HINTERTAN Adam	KVALENKA Andrei	POL-LTU	48.60
77	WARZOCZA Krzysztof	WLAD Aleksander	POL-POL	48.59
78	BAHNIKOVA Eva	BAHNIK Petr	CZE-CZE	48.36
79	COVALIU Sergiu	ZIGELMAN Ronel	ISR-ISR	48.27
80	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	BLACH Michal	POL-POL	48.23
81	WISZNIEWSKI Jerzy	SZYMANIEC Leszek	POL-POL	47.89
82	KNAP Andrzej	CARRASCO Gabriel	ESP-ESP	47.72
83	BATOG Jacek	DZIEMBOR Marcin	POL-POL	47.57
84	OZGUR Hatice	KALKAVAN Nevzat	TUR-TUR	47.32
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87	ROMANOVSKA Maija	JANSONS Druvis	LAT-LAT	47.21
88	CHODACKI Maksymilian	STRYSZAWSKI Tomasz	POL-POL	47.18
89	GU Jiang	CHEN Dawei	USA-JPN	46.96
90	SENSARMA Joyjit	SOMANI Anantvikram	IND-IND	46.94
91	STEZALA Pawel	BONDAREWICZ Wojciech	POL-POL	46.86
92	BERTHEAU Peter	MCALLISTER John Grayson	SWE-USA	46.84
93	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	MARCINOWSKI Adam	POL-POL	46.62
94	SAFTA Florin	GUJA Alexandra	ROM-ROM	46.37
95	TAGARAS Nikos	PAPAGIANNIS Ioannis	GRE-GRE	46.29
96	GARNIER Charles	MATHIEU Philippe	GLP-GLP	45.98
97	GHOSN Rita	ELSELEHDAR Ahmed Nayer	EGY-EGY	45.95
98	COHLER Gary	POLLACK Bill	USA-USA	45.90
99	KULPINSKI Dariusz	SZCZERBA Jacek	POL-POL	45.83
100	ERICHSEN Espen	LEIBOWITZ Tony	NOR-AUS	45.66
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107	OZBAY Tolga	CASUR Orhan	TUR-TUR	44.23
108	LAWRENCE Oliver	LAWRENCE Patrick	ENG-ENG	43.61
109	CIMR Robert	ADAMCZYK Stanislaw	POL-POL	43.37
110	CAMMARATA Michele	VALSEGA Cristiano	ITA-ITA	41.89
111	SUPERSON Grzegorz	ZEDGINIDZE Giorgi	POL-POL	41.73
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113	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER-GER	39.96

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1	SKULIMOWSKI Marek	KUCZERA-DYGA Patryk	POL-POL	60.98
2	WILDAVSKY Adam	DOUB Doug	USA-USA	59.04
3	RAMARATNAM Krishnan	DE MEL Ashantha	IND-SRI	57.44
4	APPLETON David	MARKEY Philip	AUS-AUS	57.22
5	LOBRY Francis	DELESTRE Daniel	FRA-FRA	56.22
6	LUCZAK Rafal	LASIEWICKI Mariusz	POL-POL	55.84
7	GOTARD Thomas	GUENDEL Marius	GER-GER	55.64
8	SOBCZAK Mateusz	BAJEK Grzegorz	POL-POL	55.61
9	TWARDOWSKI Andrzej	BOGUCKI Darek	POL-POL	55.42
10	WOLINSKI Ryszard	RODZAJ Maciej	POL-POL	54.91
11	POMARANSKI Artur	KROLAK Adam	POL-POL	54.76
12	BUKAT Aleks	KRYSTECKI Jacek P	POL-POL	54.64
13	GUMPERZ Andrew	DESJARDINS David	USA-USA	54.41
14	OZBEY Tayfun	SAKIRLER Mehmet Remzi	TUR-TUR	54.25
15	GORSKI Michal	REDZIMSKI Artur	POL-POL	54.15
16	PACHNIEWSKI Marcin	SOLTYSIAK Wojciech	POL-POL	53.97
17	COSSYVAS Chrissy	VELONI Anastasia	GRE-GRE	53.92
18	CIESLAK Jaroslaw	OLCZYK Jerzy	POL-POL	53.80
19	WNETRZAK Wojciech	PRIJMA Jerzy	POL-POL	53.69
20	BAPAT Arun Madhav	GOKHALE Rajendra	IND-IND	53.52
21	TENN Marko	AASMAE Joel	EST-EST	53.51
22	SZCZERBOWSKI Jacek	ZWOLAK Ryszard	POL-POL	53.13
23	GAWRON Grzegorz	KOWAL Jakub	POL-POL	52.99
24	CHLIAPAS Ioannis	OIKONOMOPOULOS Giorgos	GRE-GRE	52.97
25	SZTYRAK Leszek	RUSSYAN Jerzy	POL-POL	52.95
26	WOLANSKI Rafal	ROZWADOWSKI Wojciech	POL-POL	52.94
27	LIRAN Inon	RASHTI Shaul	ISR-ISR	52.91
28	TOKARZ Jozef	PIETRUSZA Jerzy	POL-POL	52.91
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34	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	OLANSKI Wojtek	LTU-LTU	51.91
35	MALINOWSKI Artur	BLICHARZ Grzegorz	ENG-ENG	51.77
36	PASTERNAK Remigiusz	HUZAR Maria	POL-POL	51.35
37	WILCZYNSKI Marcin	TUSZYNSKI Michal	POL-POL	51.28
38	GRZELAK Roman	PIECZKA Marek	POL-POL	51.27
39	PIETRASZEK Marek	ZNAMIROWSKI Jacek	POL-POL	51.14
40	MCGUIRE Brian	ATISEN Sebastian	ENG-ENG	50.73
41	KLAPPER Pawel	SZCZERCZAK Maciej	POL-POL	50.71
42	VAN DEN BERGH Nic	VAN DEN BERGH Anke	BEL-BEL	50.46
43	LEKKI Janusz	RADZIKOWSKI Piotr	POL-POL	50.44
44	TREBSKI Piotr	SOKOL Sylwester	POL-POL	50.28
45	CEGIELSKI Piotr	BARSKI Jacek	POL-POL	50.14
46	EKERT Lech	OSINSKI Andrzej	POL-POL	50.13
47	JASKIEWICZ Stanislaw	JASKIEWICZ Ryszard	POL-POL	50.10
48	SOUDAN Luc	BAUMGARTNER Charles	GLP-FRA	50.01
49	MALYSZ Jozef	ZAJAC Jacek	POL-POL	49.70

#	PAIR		NAT	SCORE %
50	KOZLOWSKI Marek	SADOWSKI Wojciech	POL-POL	49.67
51	TARLECKI Andrzej	BOJANOWSKI Jakub	POL-POL	49.52
52	WINCIOREK Tomasz	KAPALA Magdalena	POL-POL	49.45
53	HYCNAR Andrzej	LESIECKI Bogusław	POL-POL	49.32
54	CZAJKOWSKI Lukasz	LEWANDOWSKI Patryk	POL-POL	49.25
55	KRUCZEK Bogusław	BUREK Wojciech	POL-POL	49.15
56	PATALAN Tomasz	CZARNECKI Robert	POL-POL	49.13
57	EDIS Timur	EDIS Elvan	UAE-UAE	49.08
58	CHADHA Gad	LEE Stephen	ENG-ENG	49.07
59	BACZEK Krystian	SZWEDA Emil	POL-POL	48.85
60	PLOSZAJ Dariusz	WOLFKE Tomasz	POL-POL	48.57
61	GOSZCZ Roman	CEBULSKI Jacek	POL-POL	48.33
62	POPIELARSKI Michal	OSTROWSKI Adam	POL-POL	48.32
63	LATOS Tomasz	GIZA Marek	POL-POL	48.30
64	JANICKI Paul	BURNS Shelley	CAN-CAN	48.28
65	ZUK Andrzej	BISKUP Tadeusz	POL-POL	48.26
66	GORALCZYK Jerzy	LESZCZAK Patryk	POL-POL	48.22
67	ZAWISLAK Piotr	SARZYNSKI Dariusz	POL-POL	48.15
68	LIPPIK Roland	CZERNIAWSKI Marek	POL-POL	47.88
69	JANECZEK Marta	BUNIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL-POL	47.64
70	WILKOSZEWSKI Maciej	NIEMIEC Leszek	POL-POL	47.62
71	STRUZIK Tomasz	STRZELCZYK Mateusz	POL-POL	47.23
72	GALUBINSKI Krzysztof	DLUGI Piotr	POL-POL	47.22
73	POENARU Ana-Maria	IACOB Bogdan Horia	ROM-ROM	47.13
74	LEBIECKI Mieczyslaw	GODLEWSKI Zdzisław	POL-POL	47.03
75	HEICHEL Marek	KUCIARA Piotr	POL-POL	46.77
76	KONIK Eugeniusz	HALACZKIEWICZ Zbigniew	POL-POL	46.76
77	BAJ Tomasz	JONCZYK Pawel	POL-POL	46.59
78	RUSZKIEWICZ Karol	ZIELINSKI Krzysztof	POL-POL	46.51
79	KASPRZAK Alan	BARTOSINSKI Jaroslaw	POL-POL	46.15
80	DUDZIK Piotr	KIEREPKA Antoni	POL-POL	46.11
81	JANECZKO Maciej	RADOMSKI Jacek	POL-POL	46.03
82	CIESLUK Andrzej	BEDNARSKI Przemyslaw	POL-POL	45.80
83	BERRINGTON Ian	WEN Fuxia	NZL-NZL	45.58
84	PRZYBYLSKI Kacper	KOLTKO Pawel	POL-POL	45.45
85	KALINOWSKI Tomasz	LEWANDOWSKI Krzysztof	POL-POL	45.23
86	PILECKI Mateusz	MAZUR Maksymilian	POL-POL	45.17
87	SASAK Marcin	GIEJLO Marcin	POL-POL	45.05
88	GREGOROWICZ Rafal	PALIWODA Janusz	POL-POL	44.96
89	HAROUNI Jerry	HASENSON Peter	ENG-ENG	44.96
90	CZEKALA Tomasz	GIELCZYNSKI Mirosław	POL-POL	44.93
91	HOMIK Krystyna	WOOD Kerry	AUS-AUS	44.59
92	KOPCZYNSKI Maciej	LISOWSKI Maciej	POL-POL	43.86
93	ROZMAN Radosław	MACZEWSKI Mariusz	POL-POL	43.67
94	WESOŁOWSKI Janusz	SKUBISZ Wiesław	POL-POL	43.50
95	JEDRZEJCZAK Leszek	MARKS Zofia	POL-POL	42.25
96	GORSKI Patryk	KAZUBSKI Stanisław	POL-POL	42.03
97	PNIOK Zuzanna	SZCZYPIORSKA Natalia	POL-POL	41.21

SEMIFINAL A

#	PAIR		NAT	SCORE %
1	CHEN Yanqing	WEN Jing	CHN-CHN	57.38
2	BOECKER Marie	SCHWALBACH Kathrin	GER-GER	56.28
3	SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	SHI Sylvia	USA-USA	55.83
4	OZBAY Irem	ATES Ebru	TUR-TUR	55.26
5	ACAR Asli	ERKAN Berrak	TUR-TUR	54.64
6	LI Ya	WANG Yan	CHN-CHN	54.19
7	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL-IRL	53.02
8	BRYANT Brenda	DECELLES-BRENTNALL Marielle	CAN-CAN	52.70
9	HEGEDUS Orsolya	ZALAI Agnes	HUN-HUN	52.16
10	CAO Yimei	GONG Jingyuan	CAN-CAN	51.26
11	BREWIAK Grazyna	BUSSE Grazyna	POL-POL	51.13
12	QUINN Shawn	ONSGARD Kristen	USA-USA	51.12
13	CZAJKA Iwona	WANIURSKA Elzbieta	POL-POL	50.75
14	O'KEEFFE-BROWN Rebecca	PENDER Gilda	IRL-IRL	50.55
15	WANG Wen Fei	ZHANG Susan	HKG-USA	50.40
16	BROCK Sally	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	ENG-FRA	48.89
17	DOWLING-LONG Hilary	HORAN Ann Marie	IRL-IRL	48.10
18	BEDFORD Charlotte	BHARGAVA Arti	ENG-USA	47.88
19	MISZEWSKA Ewa	SIKORA Marta	POL-POL	47.83
20	NISTOR Raluca Elena	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA-USA	47.51
21	ROZMAN Malgorzata	WIANKOWSKA Agnieszka	POL-POL	46.83
22	BLANK Sondra	ROJKO Silvana	CAN-SLO	46.78
23	YAVAS Dilek	HUANG Nina	TUR-USA	46.61
24	KASIMOPOULOU Ntina	KARATZA Elena	GRE-GRE	45.19
25	UZUN Ozge	BULBUL Ege	TUR-TUR	45.05
26	ZAREBA Anna	WOJCIK Marta	POL-POL	44.92
27	BRUSOTTI Cristina	DAVIDE Zaira	ITA-ITA	43.74
28	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	CASTOLDI Lynne	NOR-USA	43.32

SEMIFINAL B

#	PAIR		NAT	SCORE %
1	WANG Nan	REN Xingsi	CHN-CHN	56.89
2	NAB Judith	OISHI Cindy	NED-CAN	56.32
3	ZALEWSKA Joanna	STANISZEWSKA Adrianna	POL-POL	55.50
4	PELAGGI Maddalena	PELAGGI Annachiara	ITA-ITA	54.74
5	EYTHORSOTTIR Hjordis	LEWIS Linda	USA-USA	53.13
6	SAUTAUX Monika	PIETRZYK Agnieszka	POL-POL	53.04
7	TROJAN Zofia	PUCYK Martyna	POL-POL	52.50
8	TOMASZEWSKA Magdalena	KIDON Monika	POL-POL	50.44
9	GONG Wangying	ZHANG Hui	CHN-CHN	50.05
10	OSTROWSKA Marta	STANISZEWSKA Urszula	POL-POL	49.74
11	MONTALTI Irene	BASILE Desiree	ITA-ITA	49.72
12	EPSTEIN Linda	MADSEN Christina Lund	USA-DEN	49.50
13	MICHALEK Katarzyna	PRASZALOWICZ Malgorzata	POL-POL	49.45
14	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	DEN-DEN	49.13
15	OZBEY Funda	GORUN Gulgun	TUR-TUR	49.02
16	CHRAPEK Magdalena	LISZKA Marta	POL-GER	48.17
17	YAVUZ Simten	ORMAN Seher	TUR-TUR	47.29
18	WILK Aleksandra	CHMIELOWSKA Elzbieta	POL-POL	47.20
19	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL-IRL	46.84
20	SWIECH Halina	MADEJ Malgorzata	POL-POL	44.83
21	RADLO Aleksandra	ZURKOWSKA Izabella	POL-POL	40.93
22	ZYCHOWICZ Katarzyna	NIECKARZ Danuta	POL-POL	39.56

#	TEAM	V P
1	LEBOWITZ	115.00
2	SIMSON	108.08
3	ROSENBERG	99.54
4	SHOURIE	98.53
5	WOLFSON	96.92
6	PIONEERS	96.36
7	ASHE	95.36
8	HOBRA	94.58
9	SV BRIDGE CLUB	93.95
10	OVERDECK	93.18
11	SILVER SURFERS	92.96
12	CHINA OPEN TEAM 1	89.02
12	SEOUL	89.02
14	MAVERICKS	88.44
15	BIANCHI	88.36
16	EASY STREET	83.20
17	CHINA 2	82.22
18	SAXENA	82.08
19	PKB INTERNATIONAL	81.87
20	EMI	81.65
21	JULS	81.57
22	DANGERS AND A HAZARD	81.31
23	ZHAO	79.81
24	GOODMAN	79.07
25	TEAM PHOENIX	78.99
26	SCHONFELD FINESSE	78.49
27	ALLARD	77.68
28	SIMON GILLIS	77.51
29	AMANDA	75.55
30	SWIMMING DRAGONS	74.03
31	GX2S	74.00
32	FORMIDABLES	73.97
33	GUPTA	73.57
34	AVIXA	71.24
35	KNOTTENBELT	69.14
36	ALTSHULER	68.37
37	BEIJING RUHAI	67.49
38	POST PANDA	64.70
39	RILAKKUMA	64.03
40	JUSTJUMP	58.66
41	ULI	52.55
42	HONG KONG LADIES	40.29

#	TEAM		M P
1	PARKER		123.00
2	SZT MERITUM		120.00
3	DUBOIN		119.00
4	ARDENNES		117.00
5	CHINA EVERTRUST		116.00
	1907		116.00
7	AGREMAN		114.00
8	MVS		113.00
	LIVIA		113.00
10	BLUE SKY THINKING BC		109.00
11	LOS2		106.00
12	AUGE		105.00
13	PATRICK SAADA		104.00
14	HEIMO		103.00
15	GRANT THORNTON		102.00
16	GDANSK		98.00
	PTGU PLOCKA NUTKA		98.00
18	DINKIN		92.00
19	FAZOKLUB EKO ROZANKA		89.75
20	MEXICO LINDO		85.00
21	CONTRA		82.00