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GET IN ON THE OUTING



*The 3rd Pairs Session Winners
Morris and Andersson*

Everyone please take note. The tour-buses will leave at 2.00 - not a moment later. It would be a great pity if you turned up late for the buses and found you had missed out on a great day's entertainment.

This is the schedule; buses leave for Visegrad, a picturesque village which houses a castle, and the ruins of the palace of King Mathias. Then we take a boat to Szentendre which has numerous beautiful galleries as well as excellent opportunities for shopping - there are plenty of open markets there.

Then back on the boat to Budapest to allow us to eat dinner, followed by an hour of sightseeing in the city-centre. We pick up the buses from Budapest and will be back at approximately 11.30.

Camp Program

08.00	-	09.45 hrs	Breakfast
10.00	-	12.00 hrs	Sports
12.00	-	13.00 hrs	Lunch
		14.00 hrs	Outing
		23.30 hrs	Snack

OFFICIAL SPORTS

Friday: Teams of 6 (minimum 3 nationalities) Soccer, Volleybal, Pair run Rally

Register by 1:30 at the playing area on Friday (Kostas or Thomas)

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Youth European Championship

Antalya, Turkey - July 2000

Going back in out time machine to former championships and camps, we revisit Turkey.

The Junior European Championships of 2000 were held there, the first major Bridge event to be held in that country (although I understand that Istanbul is scheduled to be the site of a the olumpiadin 2004). The site was a splendid hotel in Antalya, a seaside resort that offered all conceivable comforts, including a conference centre to house the Open and Closed Rooms. As a result the playing rooms for the schools and junior events were roomy and comfortable. Of course some rain must fall into everyone's life, although on this occasion paradoxically the problem was the heat. We had come to Antalya in midsummer, and the temperature never dropped below 38 degrees centigrade in the daytime. The good news was that with a shady swimming pool and a splendid buffet table open virtually all hours, the players had plenty to do when they were not actually at the Bridge table.

Lior Zivan of the England team found an imaginative use of Blackwood, he used it to ask the opponents what their holding was in a critical suit.

Board 20 N/ E-W

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

West	North	East	South
Rachel		Lior	
Wade		Zivan	
INT	Pass	2NT(1)	Pass
3♦(2)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (1) Transfer to diamonds
(2) Denies diamond support

In response to his partner's INT opening bid Lior bid 2NT as a transfer to diamonds, got a 3♦ response denying good diamond support, then bid 3♠, his second suit. When his partner raised to 4♠ he started thinking about slam.

What did he need to know? Well, in all likelihood partner would have one ace, most likely the ace of hearts, and what he really wanted to know was which of his opponents had the diamonds, in particular the diamond ace. So rather than cuebid he decided to use Roman Key Card Blackwood, expecting a 5♦ response from partner.

Sure enough, his partner responded 5♦ and North, his screen-mate, started asking a lot of questions about the whole auction. Being fairly sure that the only reason North could be asking in mid-auction was that he was contemplating doubling - and that therefore the ace of diamonds was with North, he asked partner to bid the slam if she held the queen of spades and partner duly obliged. On paper this is a poorish slam but, once you know the ace of diamonds is with North, it becomes a very good one! Well bid Lior.

With a few matches to go, England took on Norway, the latter chasing Israel for the lead in the event. This swing to Norway owed a little to chance - but wait until you see the other developments on the deal until you talk about good fortune!

Board 17 N/-

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Green	Hakkebo	Hazel	Jorstad
	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Hillman	Kvangraven	Bennett
	2NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

In the closed room after partner's 2NT opening South chose to play in 4♥ which made 10 tricks for +420 to Nor-

way. In the closed room Keith Bennett for England chose to bid 5♣ -- which would have been my guess as to how to treat the South hand. But now Gunnar Harr found the killing lead of a low heart. Declarer played the queen, which held, and led a trump, which West won and gave his partner a heart ruff for down one, and 10 IMPs to Norway.

If you think that this swing is a little fortunate consider the Turkish Junior Sinan Tatlicioglu who is known as 'Rabbit'. We cannot say if that is in any way connected with Victor Mollo's immortal character from the Menagerie, but it is certainly something to do with his ability to turn his mistakes into gold. This was the auction where Sinan was North:

West	North	East	South
	2NT	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Four Hearts was a transfer to clubs, but North forgot! Of course, his luck was in, as Five Clubs can be beaten, as we have seen, by an initial heart lead, whereas Four Hearts could not be defeated thanks to the location of the king of hearts, and West's bare ace of clubs, which meant that he could not hold up and prevent the run of the clubs. Sunamak (Sinan's partner) ruffed the diamond lead and finessed in hearts then led the king of clubs. West won and tried to force declarer with a second diamond, but Sunamak simply won in dummy, cashed the ace of hearts, and ran the clubs, letting West take his two trump tricks when he wanted. Our Turkish hosts made a very decent showing, ending up sixth and always being in contention for qualifying.

On the final day of the tournament Norway played Israel, with the gold medal on the line; this deal turned out to be critical. Consider the following hand and decide whether as East you would bid on after the following auctions:

♠ 10 8 2
♥ A J 8 6 4 3
♦ Q
♣ 8 5 4


West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	2♣	2♥	2♠
3NT	Pass	?	

How about after the following sequence?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	INT
Dbl	2♣	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	?	

The Israeli East bid 4♥ after the first sequence while the Norwegian East passed on the second sequence. As you can see from the full deal, one of those actions was far more successful than the other, although I must say that I have sympathy with the unsuccessful player.

9 N/ E-W

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schneider	Charlsen	Roll	Ellestad
	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	2♣	2♥	2♠
3NT	Pass	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Vax	Kvangraven	Amit
	1♠	Pass	INT
Dbl	2♣	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Amit's INT response on the South hand might have worked better than Olav Ellestad's pass, as it created a slightly more difficult situation for Harr, although it is very much a question of style. But should not Schneider have

Overheard at the camp

One junior opens 1♥. His LHO overcalls 3♥, alerted.

"What is that?" asks the responder, a naive and gullible Englishman. "The bid shows a heart stop and asks me to bid 3NT if I have a solid suit" says fourth hand.

The Englishman looks puzzled. "Funny" he says, "In England we play it the other way round..."

foreseen the pressure he was putting his partner under by starting with a double, and simply have overcalled 3NT?

While that might work out badly sometimes, we can see in the Closed Room what can go wrong after a double. Actually, I think that, rather than criticise Roll too much for correcting to his six-card major, we should be congratulating Kvangraven for bidding only 2♥ and then sitting for 3NT in the Open Room.

After a spade lead, 3NT made exactly for +600 to Norway. Meanwhile, 4♥ got doubled and after a spade lead, ducked, and a spade back, Roll did well enough to get out for two down; 500 and 15 IMPs to Norway. The IMPs on this deal meant that Norway went into the final match with a comfortable lead over Israel rather than tied with them, and they held on to win comfortably, while a dispirited Israel team slipped to third place behind the Netherlands. Those three teams together with France represented Europe in the World Championships in Brazil next year.

In the schools event Poland and Norway met right at the end, with the tournament on the line. The Poles won out, despite this fine play by Espen Lindqvist.

5 N/ N-S

♠ A J 9 3
♥ -
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ Q 8 6 5 2

♠ 10 8 7 6
♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3
♦ K 9
♣ 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 4
♥ Q J 10 2
♦ J 10 8 6 5
♣ K 3

♠ Q 5 2
♥ A K 9
♦ Q 2
♣ A J 10 9 4

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eide	Jacob K	Aal	Krzysz Kotorowicz
	2♣	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kapala	Eide	E Buras	Lindqvist
	1♣	INT	DbI
2♥	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room Aal, East for Norway, reached Three Hearts against the Kotorowicz brothers. The bad trump break meant the contract was always doomed, and he did well to escape for one off and 50 to Poland.

In the Open Room there was excellent defence by Szymon Kapala and Krzysztof Buras of Poland and excellent

declarer play by Espen Lindqvist of Norway.

South, Lindqvist, took a flier to finish in Three No Trumps, which has considerable play despite the combined 21HCP. Declarer has four diamonds and three obvious black tricks, and if West leads a heart or a spade declarer can easily set up his extra tricks in the majors. So West did well to start with the king of diamonds, which actually turned out to be passive enough. Declarer won and cleared the suit, giving East a very difficult problem. He took a fair shot by exiting with the jack of clubs - though the ace of clubs is probably a better play. Declarer correctly won this in hand with the king and led the queen of hearts. East won this and was again in trouble, and found a reasonable shot once more by exiting with the ten of clubs. He now had two winning clubs to cash if declarer tried to set up a heart trick. However, South knew what was going on, and with eight top winners, and five losers, now played off his long suit, diamonds. East could not withstand the pressure of the last diamond. He had to keep three spades and the top heart, so had room for only one club.

Declarer could now safely set up a heart, but, knowing the ending, chose the more spectacular line of cashing his king of spades and exiting with a heart to leave poor East to lead up to dummy's ace-jack of spades at the end. Very well played all round!

Poland beat Norway into second place by just a couple of Victory Points, with France in third place.

Puzzle Corner

3) Who was Life Master #1 in the USA?

DAVID BRUCE/BURNSTINE. He started life as David Burnstine and changed his name in mid-life. Many other famous bridge players have done the same. Victor Mollo's partner (and Nicola's Smith's father) Nico Gardener appears as Nico Goldinger in some early bridge magazines, for example.

3. How should you play

K J 3 facing A 9 6 4 2

for five tricks? And how should you play it for four tricks?

ANSWER

3. You should play

K J 3 facing A 9 6 4 2

for five tricks by leading to the jack first (that lets you negotiate the singleton queen with West). For four tricks you have a 100% safety play, if the suit is not 5-0. Cash the king and cross back to the South hand to lead up to the jack.

your void if you can afford to, or jump to six of the trump suit if you can't. From Ben's perspective 6♥ showed the number of key-cards that 5♥ would, but with a void - hence the dodgy grand slam! On a trump lead I might have mis-guessed. On a diamond lead I won, cashed the ♥A to pitch a diamond, then ruffed a diamond to finesse in trumps, ruffed a diamond, crossed to a trump to ruff my last loser in dummy, and played ♣A and a club ruff to draw the last trump for 1510 - the first time I've ever bid and made two grand slams in a session. By the way, only 15 of the 37 N/S pairs made 13 tricks in spades, so simply collecting 1010 would have scored 58/74.

Another missed opportunity was the following:

Deal 11 S/-

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
1♦(!)	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		Pass

Werner Eglseer's opening bid was a simple mis-sorting of his hand - but it was the only way for Andrea Onea to keep the auction as low as just INT. Naturally I led a heart and played three rounds of the suit, and was not happy at the result. However when Werner won the third trick he quite reasonably led the ♣Q and continued the suit to Ben's ♣10. Back came a spade to dummy's king, and now declarer passed the ♦10 - and I was unable to duck the trick smoothly. Had I done so declarer might well have repeated the finesse, and ended up down two. As it was, I lamely took the ♦Q, and now declarer could come to seven tricks one way or another, for a 75% board.

Treasure Hunt

Is to your advantage to have a team with as many nationalities as possible and with both boys and girls.

Furthermore a team must have 6 or 7 members.

The han will be heldon Sunday - so start getting your teams organized.

Deal 12 W/N-S

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♥(1)	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♠(2)	All Pass		

(1) ♠-support with a maximum pass.

(2) Denies 1st round control.

West was Klaus Repts, who might have bid 4♦ after 3♥, which should show good diamonds and spade support because West is a passed hand. This would have been the obvious choice if the majors had been reversed i.e. the sequence (2♠)-3♥-3♠-? because the opponents are likely to sacrifice in 4♠ and you then have to decide whether to bid 5♥. The ♥A was led and South shifted to the ♦7. Declarer, Henrik Ron, won in hand with the ace and then had to consider (a) why South had rejected continuing hearts and (b) how to approach the spades. On the bidding it seemed that

Sport News

Cycling. Le Tour Stage 4. Colombian Pena takes yellow. Lance Armstrong's US Postal team won the team time trial on stage four of the Tour de France, clocking a time of one hour 18 minutes and 27 seconds. The American team finished 30 seconds ahead of last year's winners ONCE, with Jan Ullrich's Team Bianchi a further 13 seconds adrift in third. Armstrong is now second a yhe mountains are moving closer.

Soccer. Harry Kewell has completed his move from Leeds to Liverpool. The 24-year-old Australian forward is thought to have signed a five-year contract understood to be worth around £60,000-a-week.

Basketball. Nothing will speak louder. Karl Malone, barring a late change of heart, is expected to sign with the Lakers for \$1.5 million next season, and that will say everything.

South had length in spades, so declarer ran the spade ten immediately. The operation was successful, but the patient died as North had the bare ♠J.

Deal 22 saw a fine defence by Josh Donn and Simon Houlberg:

Deal 22 (rotated 180 degrees) W/E-W

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



SH	BG	JD	BR
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

My partner's decision to pass (and mine to overcall 2♠) smacks a bit of the fact that my bidding is closer to "Standard Junior" than Ben's. As a result our opponents felt entitled to double 4♠. Simon led a low heart and I won and ruffed a heart then passed the ♠J to Josh. He now made a fine play when he shifted to the ♣8, and when I covered with the ♣10 Simon did well to play the ♣Q not the ♣J. (Had he played the jack I might have tested him by leading a low club from my hand.) But now I saw a chance to make the contract, so I drew the last trump and ran the ♣7, and Simon took his ♣J and cashed out. +300 was worth 65/76 for our opponents. Note that if the defence cash off the ♦AK and play a third diamond to West, that player is endplayed and forced to open up the clubs, in which case I can get out for down one if I read the position.

Deal 24 W/-

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



West	North	East	South
INT(1)	Dbl(!)	Rdbl	2♣
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) 15-17			

Scott Waldron got the defense off to an unlucky start by leading a spade to the queen. Klaus Reys then played a heart to the queen, which Waldron erroneously ducked. He should realize that (a) declarer "knows" the position of the ace after the double and therefore might as well win the ace and (b) declarer has the required nine tricks if he ducks. Declarer then played all the diamonds followed by the ♠A and was rewarded as North as his last cards held ♠K ♥A ♣AQ. Klaus endplayed North and got a trick with the ♣K. For an impressive +430.

Speedball

In the bulletin we have before warned about carelessly doubling contracts. From the speedball we have the following tragic story, where a double helped declarer win a contract, which he probably wouldn't have made otherwise.

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

After having put the pedal to the metal Dennis Kramer and Gerben Dirksen found themselves in the ambitious contract of 6♥ redoubled. The defense got off to a good start by leading clubs to ten and ace. Declarer then played ♦AKQ discarding two clubs in hand and led a spade to the ace. Then a heart to the eight, ♠10 to the king, ♥ to the king. North now erred by playing the ♣8, which was ruffed. Now came the ♠Q, then the ♠7 ruffed with ♥J for a very satisfying +2070.

No water

Between 3AM and 7AM (3:00 and 7:00) there is almost no water due to low pressure. If you need a little water use the sink or toilet downstairs.

The Tuesday afternoon game

Playing against a former Junior World Champion is never easy, and certainly not when it is Klaus Reps, sitting North.

Deal 21 N/N-S

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

Playing in 3NT after a standard 15-17 NT Stayman auction, I received a club lead from South, ♣5 in dummy, low by North and ducked in hand. North's duck is wrong on the actual layout, but it does make declarer's life harder as he is uncertain of the layout. This was followed by a diamond from dummy to the ♦A and a diamond to the queen and king. North then shifted to a spade to the queen. This was followed by a heart to the ten again ducked by North. To win the contract declarer now has to play a small club from dummy to get nine tricks, otherwise communications are ruined. Although tempted declarer decided to go for down one by playing three rounds of hearts, ♠A, followed by a club to the king.

This hand actually gave rise to some of the best declarer play and defensive problems of the camp. For example Laszlo Hegedus, an Oldie helper at the camp, got quite a lot of assistance here. He got a heart lead and won dummy's ♥9, then led a club to the ♣9 and South's 10. At this point maybe the ♠Q exit might work, but South returned a club to North's ace. Back came a heart to Laszlo's ♥A, and he tried allow spade from his hand taken by South's ♠Q. Endplayed again, South tried the ♦10, covered by the ♦Q and ♦K, ducked by declarer. At this point in the hand a diamond back disrupts communications, but the defence played a heart again. Declarer cashed dummy's club and heart winners, then crossed to the ♦A to endplay South with the fourth club, to lead spades into East's tenace.

Alon Birman did even better, is that defence gave him less help. The defence led a club to the ♣A, and shifted to a spade, ducked to the queen. Back came a heart, and dummy's ♥9 held. Birman crossed to hand with the ♥A and found the fine play of a low diamond to the ♦Q and ♦K - the entries to dummy are good enough that it is sensible to block the diamonds to try to ensure a re-entry to hand.

In this ending:

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

North exited with a spade rather than a diamond, and now Alon took the ♠A, cashed the ♥KQ pitching a club from hand, and came to the ♦A, and had the choice of endplaying South with a spade to lead clubs into the tenace, or with a spade to lead clubs round to his ♣J!

The next problem was for Klaus' partner Andrea Pagani. He had ♠A5 ♥8762 ♦83 ♣J10852 and heard the following auction 1NT (15-17) - 6NT. His choice of the ♣J was not a great success.

Deal 22 E/E-W

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

This is one of those deals where you have a choice of any suit except the fatal one to give declarer absolutely no chance of success. But a club is not ideal today...declarer easily made twelve tricks now. The next interesting deal was:

YOPPI
The Automatic Company

Deal 25 N/E-W

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

Ron	Gabi	Crisotomo	Beyens
West	North	East	South
	3♣	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Gabi showed how to preempt on six-card suits with a side 4-card major suit to boot. Juniors move over, the Oldies are coming!! She lead the ♠10, ducked all around, and continued with a spade. Declarer then led the ♦Q to the king. Back came the ♣J to the ace. Declarer played ♥A, ♦5 to the ace to get the bad news of the 3-1 split. This was followed by the ♥8 to the jack, ♥K, ♠A and ♣10 thus end-playing North for one down. That got E/W back to average on the deal.

Ronald Gaffin and Michael Graham showed the way to 'bid' the hand. Gaffin opened 3♦ with the East hand -- all well and good except that this was a transfer preempt showing hearts. Michael responded 4♦ -- an attempt to put the opponents off a diamond lead to 4♥. Ronald passed, and collected 150 when he played it rather better than he had bid it!

World News

Another tape purporting to be of Saddam surfaced in Baghdad yesterday, in which the former Iraqi leader exhorts citizens to continue covert attacks on American "invaders." Those attacks have taken 30 lives since George W. Bush declared an end to combat May 1, and eight more soldiers were wounded in attacks yesterday. Assaults have become more brazen and widespread and carried out with heavier firepower.

At home Bush took a major hit to his credibility when the White House admitted that his claim that Iraq was seeking to buy uranium in Niger to restart its nuclear program was false and based on forged documents. He made the charge in January in his State of the Union address, even though intelligence officials both within the Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department had questioned its veracity.

Terry Wallis, who had been in a coma in Arkansas since a 1984 car accident, regained consciousness last month to the surprise of doctors and the delight of his family, including his mother, who heard his first word in 19 years.

ROME--First, Italy's premier told a German EU lawmaker he'd make a "perfect" Nazi prison guard. Then another official fumed that Germans were "arrogant" and "hyper-nationalist." Now, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has cancelled his Italian holiday to protest the insults and Italian resorts are scrambling to ensure that German tourists don't follow suit. More than 9.6 million Germans visited Italy last year.

Hungarian for beginners

(How to be a Hungarian Alien)

Here is the next installment of vocabulary you cannot afford to be without.

English	Hungarian	Pronunciation
A jug of water	Pohar viz	Po'har veez
Salt	So	Shor
Pepper	Bors	Borsh
Tomatoes	Paradicsom	Paraditchom
Vegetables	Zoldseg	Zool'tcheg
Dessert	Desszert	Dess'sairt
Soup	Leves	Levesh
Second helping	Repeta	Repetah
Delicious	Finom	Phenom
Chocolate	Csokolade	Tchok'oh'larday
Fruit	Gyumolcs	Gyim'urltch

ter than plan b) ? It is better to have a general rule:

If the second highest card of a suit is missing....

It is right to finesse if there are three or more cards of that suit missing.

It is correct to play for the drop if there are two (or maybe even less) cards missing.

If the third highest card of a suit is missing....

You finesse if there are five or more card missing.

It is right to play for the drop if there are four or less cards missing.

But remember, that the second or third highest missing card is not necessarily the King or the Queen. Imagine the following suit combination: Jx - K108xxx. You lead the Jack, covered by the Queen, King and Ace. In this case when you come to planning the play at the second round the Nine is the second highest card in the suit, three cards are missing, so you play for the finesse towards the Eight.

HOW do I finesse ?

In general you play the finesses in the direction towards your highest cards.

Now you have to decide which sort of finesse to take.

If you have a tenace in one hand (like xx - AQ) you play small to your tenace.

If you have an unsupported honour (like xx - Kx) you play small to your honour.

If you have a combined tenace in both hands, check whether you can afford to lead an honour for the finesse.

If only ONE honour is missing, you may lead the honour for the finesse, if you have...

- two honours in one hand, like QJ - Ax or

- three honours in one or combined hands, like Q10x - Ajx

If TWO honours are missing, you may only lead an honour for the finesse, if you have...

- three honours in one or combined hands, like J9x - A10x

Never ever lead an unsupported honour for a finesse (so with Qxx facing Axx, you cash the Ace and play small to your Queen). Opponents simply cover your unsupported honour and the chance of making a trick with it is gone.

3. Discarding

Whenever you have winning tricks in the other hand and can't follow suit in the main hand, you can discard a loser. There are two possibilities for discards:

- Discards on long suits

- Discards on honours

Discards on long suits

Whenever you have a suit with seven or more cards in both hands, you have a chance to set up at least one trick with your long suit, and it does not matter how good your honours in that suit are. The chance is always the same:

- 1) xxx - AKQx
- 2) xxx - AQJx
- 3) xxx - AKxx
- 4) xxx - Axxx
- 5) xxx - xxxx

It does not matter if you have no top trick to lose (1), maybe one trick to lose (2) or one, two or even three certain losers (3-4-5). If the opponents' cards are divided 3-3, the fourth card will produce a trick. Of course you need to hope the opponents' cards are distributed in your favor, but the theoretical chance to set up a trick always exists. Now imagine there is a fifth small card in the right hand in each example. What has changed? Not much. The chance that the suit breaks has enormously increased and a five card suit will of course play for one trick more than a four card suit. But the general principle is the same: No matter how good your honours are, the chance of setting up a long suit is always the same and depends on opponents cards.

Discards on honours

Discarding on honours is not very different. If you have something like x - AKQ this is not really a long suit, but you have two discards available. So where is the big difference between discards on long suit and discards on honours? The main difference is in timing: While you can discard on long suits ONLY AFTER drawing trumps you MAY discard on honours BEFORE drawing trumps. Of course in a perfect world you would like to try to avoid this, and draw trumps first, but sometimes the opponents are faster with their tricks than you, which makes it necessary to discard at once.

♠ A x x	♠ x x x
♥ A K x	♥ Q x x
♦ K Q J 10 x	♦ x x x
♣ K x	♣ A Q x x

After North opened 1♣ you have successfully avoided a 3NT contract and play 5♦. North leads ♠ K. How do you plan the play ?

We have three certain losers in spades and diamonds and the only chance to get rid of one loser is to discard it on the third round of clubs. Normally you would draw trumps before cashing three rounds of clubs. But when opponents are in with the ♦A they will cash two ♠-tricks and you are down. So you have to try three rounds of clubs despite the danger that one opponent ruffs. Had North lead a heart instead of spade, you would of course draw trumps first, because you still have the ♠A to prevent opponents from cashing two spade tricks.

If you have quick losers in a suit with the possibility to discard them on honours and you might lose a trump trick you have to consider the chances of taking a discard before drawing trumps.

Mari Ryman's problems

Here are three more hands from Mari's class. Solutions attached below.

Contract: 3NT - Lead: ♥ K

♠ AK	♠ J109
♥ AJ10	♥ 654
♦ QJ109543	♦ A
♣ 6	♣ QJ9752

West	North	East	South
1♦	pass	1NT	2♥
3NT			

Dealer South/EW - Lead: ♠2 (11315)

♠ 43	♠ A65
♥ AKQ	♥ J102
♦ AJ10	♦ K9876
♣ AJ1032	♣ 54

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	1NT	pass
3NT			

Contract: 6♠ - Lead: ♥Q

♠ Q2	♠ AK76543
♥ 654	♥ A
♦ AQJ	♦ 75
♣ AKQ43	♣ 876

You win the opening lead and try a spade to the queen, but East has no spades.

ANSWERS

1. This looks too easy! The natural thing to do is to take the first trick and unblock the diamond ace, then cross to a winner in dummy to set up the diamonds. But how do you get to dummy? If you cross with a spade, the defence will take their diamond trick and

cash two clubs. What do you discard? If you pitch a diamond the defence knock out your second spade winner, and you never score a second heart trick, since the defence have two clubs, a diamond, a heart and at least one spade to cash.

If you try to get to dummy with a heart at trick three, South will win and clear the hearts and will get in to cash out the suit.

The solution is simply to duck trick one. When you cross to the ♦A you can finesse in hearts and cannot be stopped from coming to nine tricks - dummy never gets squeezed since the hand is high, rather than having the problem with needing to set up a heart.

2. Another beautiful hand (watch out Mari, I may steal this one!) The danger here is that North has ♦Qx or ♦Qxx and blocks the diamond suit by playing the ♦Q on the second round. To avoid this you must duck the spade twice of course - then pitch a HEART from dummy on the third spade. Now cash the ♥AK and then lead the diamond ace and run the jack. If North ducks, so do you, but if North covers, take the trick and cash your last heart to discard dummy's blocking diamond.

3. What you have to do here is to protect yourself against North having four clubs and the ♦K. When you win the ♠Q at trick two you cash the ♣A (if clubs are 5-0 you need the diamond finesse). Then come to hand with the ♠AK and lead a club to dummy. If they are 4-1 South cannot usefully ruff in, so you win the ♣K, cross to hand with a heart ruff to lead another club towards dummy, and then ruff the fourth club in hand. Now you can go to the ♦A and pitch your diamond on the fifth club without any jeopardy.

Speedball Teams Results

Rank	Teams	IMPs	Players			
1	Last but not Least	104	Klausen	Jas Feldman	Bar-Yosef	Schultz
2	Team Bye	101	Sorling	Rice	Becker	Hed
3	Montanari	95	Rehder	Schulz	Katerbau	Montanari
4	Formula 1 Driver	91	Mk Donovan	Grumm	Eglseer	M Glickman
5	Down a lot	75	Drijver	Ad Gogoman	Katsaris	Brink
6	The blond & the beautiful	74	Azizi	AS Houlberg	Yener	Mortensen
7	The Bicycle	71	Waldron	Birman	Reshef	Wooldridge
8	Drinkin' Dragons	61	Nielsen	Mala	Vondrackova	Jensen
9	Barracuda	53	S de Roos	vd Salm	S de Donder	Ginossar
10	The Cucumbers	52	Dirksen	Kraemer	Greenberg	Mt Wortel
11	Suction	48	Jer Fournier	Lall	Vamvacos	Nieuwkamer
12	Sexual Chocolate	41	Bathurst	Byrne	Donn	Gaffin
13	Los Dilletantos	40	Rops	Peter	Lars	M Ellison
14	AGI	40	A Minarik	Frabsa	G Minarik	Anzengruber
15	Poleece	39	Georgopoulos	Gorski	Dyker	Karapanagiotis
16	Sor-Blue Team	36	Lhuissier	Lasota	Majchrowski	Gardosi
17	Peasants	27	Heeres	Smirnov	J Houmoller	Hop
18	Oldistan 1	22	Schonfeldt	Ryman	MacCormac	Koussis
19	Arnia 7	12	Karamanlis	Onea	Bruggeman	Doxiadis
20	Yo Mama	2	An Gogoman	Green	Gjaldbaek	Kranyak
21	Adrenaline	1	Ancelin	J Ryman	Sivelind	Mk Wortel
22	Heidi's spirit	-2	Gilad	Rosenfeld	Pachtmann	Stasinski
23	Anastasatos	-3	Anastasatos	Brodin	Mylona	Agica
24	Harem	-6	Pfeifer	R Barendregt	Dekker	Pinchbeck
25	The Dragonz	-7	Ortmann Nielsen	Aguoji	Delehanty	Krogsgaard
26	Jens Brodins	-17	R Glickman	Andersson	S Ryman	Bozzai
27	Blue	-24	Larsen	v Gelder	Rohrberg	Hegedus
28	Whiskey	-31	Szabo	Bakker	Barendregt	Booc
29	Crazy Ballas	-37	Michielsen	Morris	S Houlberg	Yuan
30	The Bottom Boys	-38	Pagani	Ron	Bessis	Assaray
31	Golden Boys	-62	Nadasi	Fenyvesi	Marjai	Vykor
32	No Smoking	-74	Cranc	J Bethers	Graham	P Bethers
33	Knights that say NI	-133	G Ellison	Carver	Jar Fournier	Backer
34	Tuzcsap	-159	Jones	Pearson	Fisher	McElroy
nc	Arnia 1	-	Mortarotti	Vroustis	Lambrou	Bardoni
nc	Team Gorgeous	-	Hodge	Englert	Atthey	Sinclair
nc	The Goobers	-	Mt Donovan	Muller	D de Roos	Kristensen



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Pairs Session 3

Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%	Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%
1	Morris - Andersson	ENG/SWE	65.64	40	Sinclair - McMaugh	SCO/IRL	49.79
2	Waldron - Ginossar	USA/ISR	64.66	41	Fenyvesi - G Marjai	OLD/OLD	49.69
3	Birman - Heeres	ISR/NTH	63.41	42	Feruz - Booc	ISR/HUN	49.69
4	Ofir - de Donder	ISR/BEL	63.31	43	vd Salm - Ron	NTH/OLD	49.53
5	Gjaldbaek - Bruggeman	DEN/NTH	62.06	44	Ad Gogoman - Jensen	AUT/DEN	49.12
6	Byrne - Larsen	ENG/DEN	62.06	45	Ortmann Nielsen-Aguoji	DEN/USA	49.06
7	Yener - Gorsky	ISR/POL	61.85	45	Assaraf - J Ryman	ISR/SWE	49.06
8	Kranyak - Bar-Yosef	USA/ISR	60.81	47	Baroni - R Glickmann	ITA/USA	47.71
9	Karamanlis - Bessis	GRE/FRA	59.67	48	Bakker - Gardosi	NTH/HUN	47.71
10	Grumm - Wooldridge	AUT/USA	59.20	49	Brolin - Crank	SWE/USA	47.14
11	Hegedus - Vikor	OLD/OLD	58.99	50	Egle - Agica	LAT/ROM	46.31
12	Vondrackova-Svenningsen	CZE/DEN	57.43	51	Hop - Schultz	NTH/DEN	45.84
13	Katsaris - Reshef	GRE/ISR	55.25	52	Rice - Borzai	USA/HUN	45.63
14	MacCormac - Pagani	OLD/OLD	55.25	53	Stasinski - Berglund	POL/SWE	45.58
15	Montanari - Lamprou	ITA/GRE	55.20	54	Dykier - Jer Fournier	POL/USA	45.53
16	S Houlberg - M Glickman	DEN/USA	55.15	55	G Minarik - Mt Donovan	HUN/CAN	45.17
17	Green - Pachtman	ENG/ISR	54.99	56	Nieuwkamer - P Bethers	NTH/LAT	45.11
18	R Barendregt-Krogsgaard	NTH/DEN	54.78	57	Pinchbeck - Nielsen	ENG/DEN	44.59
19	Yuan - Gaffin	USA/SCO	53.85	58	Jar Fournier - Vroustis	USA/GRE	44.54
20	Azizi - Kraemer	ISR/GER	53.79	59	Koussis - Bavalia	OLD/IRE	44.49
21	Hupka - D de Roos	AUT/BEL	53.27	60	Pearson - Carver	SCO/USA	44.39
22	Dirksen - Rehder	NTH/GER	52.49	61	Majchrowski - Szabo	POL/HUN	44.33
23	Drijver - An Gogoman	NTH/AUT	52.29	62	Nadasi - Szabo	OLD/OLD	43.76
24	Back - Brink	OLD/NTH	51.98	63	E Barendregt - McElroy	NTH/IRL	43.66
25	Michielsen - Wuermseer	NTH/GER	51.98	64	Schonfeldt - Sivelind	OLD/SWE	43.50
26	Hed - Pfeifer	SWE/ENG	51.72	65	A Minarik - Rops	HUN/OLD	43.14
27	Kristensen - Ancelin	DEN/FRA	51.56	66	Mortensen - Karapanag.	DEN/GRE	42.78
28	Eglseer - Katerbau	AUT/GER	51.51	67	Ellison - Moller Sor.	SCO/DEN	42.20
29	G Marjai - Smirnov	HUN/GER	51.40	68	Mala - Clausen	CZE/DEN	41.84
30	Mk Wortel - Bathurst	NTH/USA	51.35	69	Englert - Hodge	USA/SCO	41.22
31	Lhuissier - Anastasatos	FRA/GRE	51.30	70	O'Loughlin - In Gaulin	IRL/FRA	41.01
32	Dekker - Anzengruber	NTH/AUT	51.25	71	G Ellison - Troels	SCO/DEN	40.80
33	Schulz - Lasota	AUT/POL	50.68	72	v Gelder - Boyd	NTH/IRL	39.92
34	Graham - AS Houlberg	ENG/DEN	50.16	73	Mortanotti - Onea	ITA/ROM	39.81
35	Mt Wortel - Delehanty	NTH/IRL	50.16	74	Martin - Jones	IRE/WAL	39.14
36	Greenberg - Gaulin	USA/FRA	50.10	75	Atthey - Backer	ENG/WAL	38.67
37	S de Roos - Feldman	BEL/USA	50.05	76	J Bethers - Becker	LAT/USA	37.99
38	Fisher - Sorling	USA/SWE	50.00				
39	S Ryman - Donn	SWE/USA	49.95				

