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UNMIXED TRIUMPH



Midnight Knock-Out Teams Winners

Two mixed pairs - Iris Grumm playing with Steve de Roos, and Sara Sivelind playing with Daniel de Roos, took a big lead into the final match of the two-session Teams.

They needed to do no worse than suffer a small loss in order to take the title for sure, and did not waste an IMP, losing 12-18 but guaranteeing their win no matter what happened elsewhere. In the event their closest challengers fought out an indecisive draw, so their margin of victory was comfortable enough.

Michael Byrne had already won two events today (the midnight K-O Teams and the first Pairs game) but since he was not participating in the teams, the odds were against his winning this too.

Camp Program

08.45	-	09.45 hrs	Breakfast
10.00	-	12.00 hrs	Sports
12.00	-	13.00 hrs	Lunch
	-	13.30 hrs	Lecture
	-	15.00 hrs	Treasure Hunt
18.30	-	19.30 hrs	Dinner
	-	20.00 hrs	Pairs Tournament 5
	-	23.30 hrs	Snack & Disco

Treasure Hunters

Meet in front of the restaurant at 2.45.
Be there or be square.

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Carry on Camping - Delafield 1998

Every two years, in the even cycle when there is no World Junior Pairs championship the ACBL funds its own junior camp. In 1998 the ACBL organized the Camp in Milwaukee, just down the road, metaphorically, from the US Nationals at Chicago. A team of 80 juniors, about one quarter of them from outside the USA, clambered onto buses at nine o'clock in the morning, the day after the Summer nationals had finished, and we set off for the Military Academy in Delafield, where the camp was to be held. Although the site was less luxurious than a hotel, it met all the basic requirements, and the food was considerably better than any of the schools or universities that I had ever attended.

The one drawback about Wisconsin was the truly miserable weather, which led to a number of the sporting events scheduled for the week being postponed or cancelled. As against that, the attendance at the Bridge events was impressively high - there being few other things to do in Delafield on a rainy afternoon.

The events organized by the ACBL included a visit to a Major League Baseball game, successful trips to Wisconsin Dells, golf outings, volleyball, and Treasure Hunts, together with an imaginative combination of Bridge, Speedball, Crazy Bridge, Barbu, and a series of lectures from visiting experts from the Chicago area. All things considered, the week went very smoothly, the juniors behaved as well as could be expected, and everyone had a good time. I was there to write the Daily Bulletin, and of necessity therefore I got to see a series of intelligent, imaginative, and extra-terrestrial Bridge plays. One thing about Junior Bridge is that it is never dull. Here is a small selection of some of the more impressive plays that I saw over the course of the week.

You cannot win an individual without having your opponents play badly; but equally importantly you need your partners to play well. Kevin Wilson, the overall victor of the Individual, reported this nice piece of defence by his partner Susan Harbour -- to find a way to take down what looked like a cold game.

<i>Susan Harbour</i>		<i>Kevin Wilson</i>	
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Susan led the queen of hearts against 4♠ -- on the surface of it not such a good start. Kevin took the ace and shifted accurately to a diamond. Now declarer was a little awkwardly placed for entries; best is to duck the diamond and now you can unscramble your tricks reasonably. But declarer chose to win the ♠A and run the ten of spades. Susan ducked in perfect tempo, and when declarer repeated the finesse, Susan took her king and cashed two diamonds for down one.

This next deal came from one of the Open Pairs sessions, and featured Chris Davis.

E/E-W

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	3♣	Pass
		All Pass	

Chris Davis overcalled 1♠ with the South cards, buoyed by the favorable vulnerability and a sprig of four-leafed clover. A few seconds later David Brower had put him into 3♠, on the lead of the ♣J. At a conservative estimate this looks one or two down with no realistic chance to make - - but Chris played it superbly and exploited a small defensive slip to find a way home. He covered the first club, and East won the ace and played three top hearts. Chris carefully ruffed with the nine, played a trump to dummy, and a low diamond to his king. Now he drew a second round of trumps for the incomplete elimination, and exited with a low diamond to East, who was endplayed.

In this position:

W/ —

♠ 10 9												
♥ 10 5 4 2												
♦ A 4												
♣ A Q 10 7 2												
♠ K 8 4			♠ J 2									
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<p>♠ 10 ♥ ---- ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ ---- ♦ 10 8 ♣ 9 6</p>				

East can still beat the hand by giving a ruff and discard, but he tried a low club. Chris put up the nine and ran the ♦8. When West covered, he ruffed high, drew the last trump and cashed the ♦10, pitching the low club from dummy, and the ♣Q was his ninth trick.

Blair Seidler and Chris Carmichael were just two of the pairs faced with a critical decision in the play on the following deal. Of the twelve pairs who played the board, eight played slam (five pairs coming home with 12 tricks). How should you play the hand in 6♠ after a 4♠ opening bid and Blackwood, on the lead of a diamond?

<p>♠ A 4 ♥ A K J ♦ A J ♣ Q 7 6 5 4 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K 2 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ K 10 3</p>
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Since a lead away from a king is perhaps more likely than a passive lead, the percentage line (finesse in diamonds and then in spades) looks best. The odds for this line are 75%, reduced by the chance of the spades being 3-0 outside to 68% or so. The alternative approach of cashing the ♦A, the ♠A and then finessing in hearts, is only 62% or so; plus, it goes at least two down when it fails. Blair showed he could buck the percentages as well as the next man. He decided the opening lead was more likely to be passive than not, so he followed the second line and registered a solid +980.

The play in 6♠ on a heart lead is even more complex, in that the non-challenging lead gives you more options. Best, I think is to cash the top hearts (discarding a club) and ruff a heart, then take the ace of clubs and finesse in trumps. If East wins with a singleton ♠K he will be forced to return a club and now you have enough entries to dummy to set up the clubs if they split 3-2; if East can exit with a second

trump, you fall back on the diamond finesse. As the cards lie, this line leads only to 11 tricks, and that is what Chris Carmichael emerged with - but it still seems right to me!

Finally, on a club lead you can cash the ace, then take the top hearts to throw a club, ruff a club, and take the spade finesse, and set up the clubs later on for your 12th trick.

The main event of the week is the two-session Swiss Teams. This board (played in the final match with duplicated hands) set the leading teams a problem they could not solve.

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	<p>♠ K 7 5 4 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ A Q</p>				

Three of the four tables reached 3NT after some active spade bidding by East, the exceptions being Lindsay Pearlman and David Sabourin, who stopped safely enough in 2♥ and made 170. At all three tables where 3NT was the final contract, the defense led the ♠J and continued the suit when South ducked. All three tables pitched a diamond from dummy and ducked the second spade, and the defense played two more spades. The continued attack on spades squeeze dummy, which is why in my opinion it is clearly better to win the second spade. Of the three declarers forced to pitch twice from dummy, David Halasi's decision to pitch diamonds from dummy on the third and fourth spades, relying on one of the two suits to split 3-3 meant 400 for him. That was worth 10 IMPs, since Chris Carmichael threw a heart from dummy at trick and was now dead. Joel Wooldridge did the same.

There is a lot to be said for winning trick two, and testing clubs then hearts, in the hope of endplaying East if nothing works to lead diamonds for you. Since you have a pretty good count on clubs hearts and spades at that point, you should be able to arrange to endplay East if he has either the long clubs or hearts, and has kept two diamonds. If he keeps only one diamond, you may be able to cash the ace of diamonds and endplay West to give you a diamond trick in the ending if he has something like a 2-4-3-4 shape.

As the cards lie, if you win the second spade and cash one club, then you will know to test hearts next. When they split, life is easy. But if they do not split, you still have the diamond finesse or an endplay to fall back on, so you get all three of your chances.

Double Dummy Corner

The response to the double dummy problem posed a couple of days ago was so overwhelming (pause for short laugh) that we have felt compelled to tap Bridge plus for another problem.

Bridge Plus is an English magazine, edited by Elena Jeronimidis, and it has a regular double-dummy feature. It is aimed at the intermediate player rather than the advanced expert, but it has a number of excellent features, as well as the occasional column from me. Check out www.bridge-plus.co.uk. This is last month's problem - so no prizes for getting it right I am afraid.

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

South to make 5♦ on the lead of the ♥10.

World News

The arrest by Indonesian Police last week of nine suspected members of Jemaah Islamiyah, and the seizure of large quantities of explosives suggests that the terrorist organisation not only remains a major threat, it may even be regrouping.

Evacuation efforts are underway as hundreds of thousands of people seek to escape rising waters on China's central Huai River, which is threatening to overflow its banks amid torrential rains, officials and press reports said.

Self-styled populist Jerry Springer, whose TV talk show features adulterous, brawling guests, has taken a step closer to becoming a Democratic United States Senate candidate in Ohio.

Springer, a 59-year-old former mayor of Cincinnati whose show is filmed in Chicago, filed candidacy papers for the 2004 race with the secretary of the Senate in Washington, but will wait until later this month to make a formal announcement about whether he will run, spokesman Dale Butland said.

The director of the CIA has accepted responsibility for the use of fraudulent intelligence in US President George W Bush's State of the Union address this year.

Puzzle Corner

6. How should you play

J 9 8 7 2 facing A 5

for three tricks?

6) What convention known to the world was originally published by a pseudonymous author Wormwood

ANSWERS

6. With:

J 9 8 7 2 facing A 5

Your best play for three tricks brace yourself- is to lead the jack from dummy! This caters for any doubleton ten in either hand, or doubleton K or Q in West, dramatically increasing your chances over the routine line of leading the ace and small to the jack.

6). BLACKWOOD was published under a pseudonym. At the time the author was an insurance salesman who thought the idea of playing a frivolous card-game might affect his sales. Culbertson did not approve of Blackwood, preferring his own 4NT methods, and delayed publication of Blackwood in the Bridge World for some while.



The Automatic Company

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 Idle Fifth

Does this phrase mean anything to you? If not, consider the following deal, and you'll get the point, which is based on the idea that defenders tend to discard losers and keep winners - but sometimes in the process they make declarer's life easier.

Since on this deal from the teams everybody at the table did not exactly shine, we'll preserve a vow of anonymity.

E/E-W

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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

At my table partner found the inspired ♠9 lead to the ♠J, ♠Q, and ♠K. Declarer unblocked diamonds, hoped for the big miracle in clubs, then the small miracle in diamonds. When neither suit behaved as she had hoped, she had only eight winners; down one.

At the other table the oldie in the South seat knew enough to duck the ♠Q at trick one. Maybe the defenders should shift to hearts at trick two now, but East did better when he powered on with spades, and declarer took the third spade as west pitched a diamond, then unblocked diamonds, played a club to the king, and ran the ♣10 to West's jack. That player got out with a club, and declarer cashed out the suit ending in dummy. In this position:

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In this ending South can cash the ♦K and exit in complete confidence with another diamond to West, knowing that he will collect two tricks on the endplay.

Note the difference if West keeps his fifth diamond; in this four-card ending if West has two diamond winners left to cash, declarer has to decide if West has bared their ♥K, or whether to take the finesse.

This is the concept of the idle fifth. Do not discard your spade long-card automatically, if you can envisage apposition where declarer will be able to get an actual or inferential count on the suit, or in a position where you might need that long-card as a winner later on in the hand.

Sport News

Golf. On the second round of the Scottish Open Ernie Els shot a 4-under-par 67 Friday and extended his lead to four strokes. In the Greater Milwaukee Open Jerry Kelly's day was tougher than most. Kelly had to use a replacement putter for his final 10 holes Friday, but he shot a 3-under 67 on a rainy, windy day at Brown Deer Park. That left him within a stroke of Jay Don Blake, the leader at the halfway point.

Basketball. Jason Kidd agreed to a six-year, \$99 million deal to stay with the New Jersey Nets on Friday, rejecting an offer from the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Cycling. Le Tour stage 7. On the first mountain stage Lance Armstrong finished 15th, and is second overall to stage winner Richard Virenque of France. Armstrong finished about four minutes behind Virenque and achieved one of his main goals: leaving key rivals behind on the punishing mountain stage from Lyon to the Alpine ski resort of Morzine. Armstrong trails Virenque by 2 minutes, 37 seconds in the overall standings. Grimacing in pain, Virenque held on to take the grueling stage, grabbing the overall leader's yellow jersey. Tomorrow is the big Alps stage with a classic finish at L'Alpe d'Huez.

Your Attention Please!

The organizers are trying to coordinate transfers to the airport and bus station.

There will be a box standing in the playing room. A form has been designed for transfers. Please fill it in and drop it in the box by Saturday morning. If you do not complete the form we cannot guarantee your transport for you - and please complete the form even if you do not need any help from us, so we know you have read and understood this!

Pair Game Four

The fourth pair game was marked by a wild set of deals, and a high disparity in match point results - 60% was only good enough to finish tenth. Not surprisingly, there were a number of stories to tell;

Deal 6 - E/E-W

♠ A 7 3 ♥ K J ♦ A Q 8 5 4 ♣ 8 6 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 9 4 2 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ A K 2	♠ Q 10 8 5 ♥ 10 9 5 2 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ 10 4
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West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Dbf	Pass	1♠
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT on the auction shown may not be a thing of beauty but after a spade lead to the ace I was in with a shout. A simple spade continuation for a diamond shift would have worked well for the defence - but North was justifiably concerned after his futile initial double that his partner might press on with spades -- which would certainly have been fatal.

So at trick two he shifted to a low diamond - a sensible play in some situations but not necessarily best here. Now to set the hand South has to duck - and not put up the ♦J! The reason is that although playing the ♦J looks automatic, it is necessary for South to preserve the ♦J as an entry to break up endplay pressure on her partner. This is what happens if South makes the normal third-hand-high play. Declarer wins the ♦K, runs the clubs, and reduces to this position.

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On the last club North might pitch a spade, in which case East can simply cash the ♠K and endplay North in diamonds to lead hearts at the death. If North instead pitches a diamond East sets up the extra trick in hearts, and if North pitches a heart declarer plays off the ♥A and drops the ♥K to make the ninth trick with the ♥Q. Honesty compels me to say that I missed this chance, and went down one.

Claudia van der Selm was also declaring 3NT -- but she was West, after North had overcalled in diamonds. North led an uncharitable low spade, and Claudia played low from dummy. South won the ♠Q, and meanly shifted to diamonds; Claudia ducked stoically, and North won the ♦Q and started thinking, eventually emerging with a low club. Claudia won in dummy and led a heart to her ♥A, led the ♠J which held, and then switched to a heart to North's ♥K. Back came another club, so Claudia won in dummy, took the ♥Q pitching a diamond, and ran the clubs. In the two-card ending North had to come down to the ♠A and ♦A. Claudia, with eight tricks in the bag, exited with a losing heart to South, and North had to remember whether he needed to keep a spade or a diamond - dummy having the ♠K and ♦10 as menaces. He got it wrong, pitching a spade, and dummy scored the ♠K at trick 13 for the ninth winner in 3NT.

Deal 7 S/All

♠ A K 9 7 6 ♥ A J 7 6 5 ♦ 9 ♣ 7 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 4 3 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ A J 10 2 ♣ K 10 8 2	♠ 10 8 5 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K 8 6 4 ♣ A Q 5 3
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♠ Q J 2
♥ A J 7
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ 10 8 2

The Sporting Goods

Winners of yesterday's all-round sporting event were team Gorgeous.

Foremost amongst the participants on that squad were Xing Yuan, Uchenna Aguoji and Jeremy Fournier of USA, Simon Houlberg of Denmark, and Ronald Gaffin and Gregor Hodge of Scotland.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
		Pass	4♠

All Pass

There were contrasting results for the E/W pairs here. After an undisciplined auction 1♠ - INT(NF), 2♥ - 4♠(!) and a spade lead declarer, Simon Houlberg, finessed East (the Junior Editor) for the ♥Q for a very satisfying +620. Perhaps the trump lead tipped him off? However when Bjorn Serling had the East cards against the auction diagrammed above, he led a club to the ace. North ruffed the club continuation and drew three rounds of trump - and Serling threw a heart away! This might have been less than successful if partner had had the doubleton ♥J, but as the cards lay, can you blame North for leading a heart to the king and finessing on the way back, letting Serling collect his ♥Q, and more importantly, administering a dagger to North's heart!

Deal 9 N/E-W

♠ Q 8 6 4		♠ 7 5									
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♣ J 7		♣ 9 6 5									

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

What is your expectation of the result of 4♥ here? On the surface of it you have only one club and one heart to lose, since you can finesse against the 4-0 trump break. But repeated diamond leads tap out the West hand and the spade overruffs by South leave you very awkwardly placed; but declarer can succeed if he reads the position - and once the auction has started with South responding 1♥ to 1♦ he certainly should.

A logical sequence of plays (there are many variations) sees West ruff the diamond lead, advance the ♣J, which North must duck, and overtake it in dummy to lead a heart to the ♥9. Now ♠AK and a club to North's ace, and back



comes a second diamond, ruffed by West - reducing him and South to three trumps each.

In the diagrammed ending declarer has lost just one trick.

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

The ♠10, ducked by North, ruffed in dummy with the ♥Q, leaves South a choice of ugly options. He can overruff and return a heart - in which case declarer draws all the trumps and simply loses a spade, or he can discard - in which case declarer runs the clubs and neutralizes South's trumps. All of that suggests that our opponents did the right thing when they saved in 5♦x for -100.

Deal 13 N/All

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

This is the sort of deal which makes Drury so indispensable in the USA. If West can open a five-card suit (or even a four-card major) with an eleven-count, East really wants a way to invite game in the major without going past 2♥. The auction shown is a reasonable one to 4♥ though (a lot of the field played 3NT, down on spade leads). On the ♣J lead you win in hand, cash ♥A-K-Q finding the bad news, then need to find the ♠A onside. You play ♦K, diamond to the ♦A and a third diamond. Now even on a club return you can pitch your club loser on the fourth diamond, and just rely on the ♠A being onside to make the game.



Jacco Hop, The Netherlands

Deal 15 S/N-S

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Dbl	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

In a casual partnership it is often hard to know precisely what is going on in the bidding. Bjorn Sorling of Sweden was East and after having bid an optimistic, and slightly mis-descriptive, 3♥ bid, he recovered nicely by raising to 6♥ hoping for a void in spades in partner's hand.

At my table I was playing with Jacco Hop, who opened 1♥. After a 1♠ overcall I doubled - planning to support hearts later to show a constructive raise to 2♥. Things did not go quite as I had planned - South bid 3♠, and Jacco emerged from the bushes with a call of 4♠ -- a fine bid, but on another hand? Naturally I assumed that he had a good 2/3-suiter with short spades, so all my cards seemed to be working; accordingly I jumped to 6♥.

Thundering Lightners!

In the main World Pairs Bulletin we showed this deal where Lukasz Brede found affine line in his slam.

Deal 26 E/All

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

♠ 9 8 6
♥ A K J 9 8 5
♦ 4
♣ A K 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	4NT
All Pass		Pass	6♥

6♥ is a fair spot - on a non-club lead slam is excellent, on a spade lead it is at least playable. Stefano Uccelli led an obedient spade to his partner's queen (a good moment for a deceptive ♠K perhaps) and Ruggiero Guariglia returned the ♣5. Reading the position excellently, Brede hopped up with the ace, ran five rounds of trumps, then unblocked his second top club, finessed in diamonds, and pitched his club on the ♦A. Now he ruffed a club back to hand, and when the ♣Q fell he had his twelfth trick.

That was not a top; witness what happened to Fleming Clausen and Sehr Jensen.

	SJ		FC
West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Redbl	All Pass	

Sehr Jensen's bidding might appear to come from a different planet, but pity poor West. Faced with what seemed to be Lightner double position he sat for ages before leading... a low club. Now declarer had four clubs, six hearts and two aces - so he still needed the diamond finesse; but that was no problem either. 7♥xx and made!

Mari Ryman's problems

Mari's Hands for today

Contract: 3NT Lead: ♠2(135) K wins

♠ K5
♥ 8654
♦ A8654
♣ K2

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ Q64
♥ AK
♦ K2
♣ AJ6543

Contract: 4♠ Lead: ♥

♠ K9
♥ K732
♦ 3
♣ KJ10754

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ AQ10543
♥ -
♦ 8765
♣ AQ2

Contract: 3NT Lead: ♠2(135) to J

♠ 1054
♥ KJ105
♦ 1054
♣ Q54

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ AJ6
♥ A2
♦ AKJ2
♣ AI062

SOLUTIONS

To solve today's puzzles, we again need to ask the right questions, to get the right answers.

1. Which suit will we go after, to set up our nine tricks in no-trumps? Clubs, obviously. Is there a danger hand? Yes, again; obviously it is East. Will our normal approach to the club suit keep East off lead? Yes, the club finesse will either succeed or put West on play - assuming a 3-2 split! What if clubs are 4-1? Well if West has the length and five spades we are dead. But if East has four clubs, can we keep him off lead? Only if West has the bare ♣Q, AND we make our initial lead from the South hand - ducking when the ♣Q appears! That is the answer; win the ♠K, cross to the ♦K, lead a club towards dummy, intending to take the ♣K and finesse, but ducking if the ♣Q appears.

2. After trumping the first trick, what is our plan? Draw trumps and run the clubs to take 12 tricks? Yes, but what if trumps are 4-1? Now the defence score a trump and perhaps four diamonds. If we play to trump diamonds in dummy we also run into problems against a bad split in trumps.

The simple play is to lose our trump trick while we still have a trump in dummy to cope with the threat of diamonds. So we ruff trick one and lead a spade to the ♠9. If East wins and returns either major we are in control; if he returns a diamond we can ruff the second diamond in dummy, trump a heart to hand, and draw trumps, then run the clubs.

3. We have a huge choice of suits to play on, but the suit where we have the most 'extra' tricks we can set up is clubs - we might get two extra tricks there. However if a club to the ♣Q loses and a spade comes back West may be in position to cash out against us if he gets in with the ♦Q. The solution is to leave clubs alone and try to get three tricks in each red suit. Win the spade lead, and try the ♦J from hand. If either defender takes it you can use the ♦10 as an entry to the hearts if necessary. If the ♦J holds, play a club to the queen. You get to test all the suits at least once this way, succeeding if diamonds split, or either the club or heart finesse succeeds.



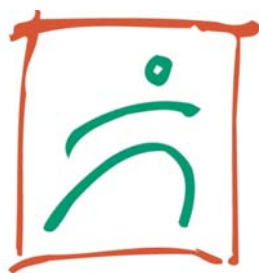
Pairs Session 4

Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%	Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%
1	Byrne - R Barendregt	ENG/NTH	73.21	40	E Barendregt - Reps	NTH/OLD	49.59
2	S Houlberg - Drijver	DEN/NTH	66.26	41	Mt Wortel - Hed	NTH/SWE	49.29
3	Brink - Ron	NTH/OLD	63.64	42	Eglseer - Ancelin	AUT/FRA	49.29
4	Marjai - Bathurst	HUN/USA	63.35	43	Fenyvesi - Nadasi	OLD/OLD	49.15
5	Gruemm - Feldman	AUT/USA	62.57	44	Jensen - Koussis	DEN/OLD	49.11
6	Stasinszi - Labrou	POL/GRE	61.93	45	Sivelind - Donn	SWE/USA	49.08
7	Boyd - M Ellison	IRL/SCO	61.63	46	Wuermseer-Jer Fournier	GER/USA	48.93
8	Rigal - Hop	OLD/NTH	61.51	47	Dirksen - Yener	NTH/ISR	47.66
9	Reshef - Doty	ISR/USA	60.09	48	Dykier - Svenningsen	POL/DEN	47.59
10	Bozzai - Keil	HUN/OLD	59.52	49	De Medici - Mac Cormac	OLD/OLD	46.45
11	Troels Muller-Mk Wortel	DEN/NTH	59.22	50	N Gaulin - Doxiadis	FRA/GRE	46.38
12	Montanari - Anastasatos	ITA/GRE	58.32	51	Jones - Hodge	WAL/SCO	46.31
13	Sorling - Rice	SWE/USA	57.88	52	Kerenyi - Barsi	OLD/HUN	45.55
14	Michielsen - Lasota	NTH/POL	57.10	53	Martins - Ginossar	LAT/ISR	44.99
15	Rosenfeld - Clausen	USA/DEN	56.28	54	Hupka - Krogsgaard	AUT/DEN	44.60
16	Azizi - D de Roos	ISR/BEL	56.04	55	Schulz - Delehanty	AUT/IRL	44.60
17	Greenberg - S Ryman	USA/SWE	55.65	56	Fisher - G Ellison	USA/SCO	44.53
18	Vondrackova - Heeres	CZE/NTH	55.18	57	Bar-Yosef - J Ryman	ISR/SWE	43.96
19	M Glickman - Mk Donovan	USA/CAN	54.89	58	de Donder - Kranyak	BEL/USA	43.93
20	Katsaris - Bruggeman	GRE/NTH	54.12	59	Kristensen - Brodin	DEN/SWE	42.83
21	Larsen - Majchrowski	DEN/POL	53.98	60	?? - ??	??????	42.40
22	Morris - Andersson	ENG/SWE	53.62	61	van Gelder - J Bethers	NTH/LAT	42.40
23	Ofir - Nielsen	ISR/DEN	53.41	62	McMaugh - Pagani	IRL/OLD	42.26
24	Waldron - Onea	USA/ROM	53.34	63	Gorski - Agica	POL/ROM	42.22
25	Ad Gogoman - A Minarik	AUT/HUN	52.53	64	Bavalia - Vamvakos	IRL/GRE	42.12
26	S de Roos - Birman	BEL/ISR	52.49	65	Szabo - Hegedus	OLD/OLD	40.33
27	Yuan - Mt Donovan	USA/CAN	52.20	66	Englert - Pearson	USA/SCO	40.27
28	Mortarotti - Katerbau	ITA/GER	52.06	67	R Glickman - Pfeifer	USA/ENG	40.27
29	Moller Sorensen-Gardosi	DEN/HUN	51.70	68	Ortmann - An Gogoman	DEN/AUT	39.96
30	Feruz - Mala	ISR/CZE	51.56	69	P Bethers - Lhuissier	LAT/FRA	39.53
31	Backer - Atthey	WAL/ENG	51.35	70	Graham - Sinclair	ENG/SCO	38.99
32	AS Houlberg - Kraemer	DEN/GER	50.92	71	Wooldridge - Green	USA/ENG	38.79
33	Berglund-Karapanagiotis	SWE/GRE	50.57	72	O'Loughlin - Gaffin	IRL/SCO	36.79
34	Rohrberg - Aguoji	DEN/USA	50.26	73	McElroy - Beyens	IRE/OLD	33.61
35	Schultz - G Minarik	DEN/HUN	50.23	74	Nieuwkamer - In Gaulin	NTH/FRA	27.70
36	Marjai-v Beijsterveldt	OLD/OLD	50.21				
37	Mylona - van der Salm	GRE/NTH	50.21				
38	Assaraf - Smirnov	ISR/GER	49.86				
39	Baroni - Karamanlis	ITA/GRE	49.67				



Teams Final Results

Rank	Teams	Players	IMPs	VPs
1	Skal	S de Roos, Sivelind, D de Roos, Grumm	116	156
2	Eastern Europe	Assaraf, Ancelin, Kranyak, Birman, Karamanlis	99	146
3	Smirnov	Smirnov, Dirksen, Clausen, Wuermseer	80	145
4	Kick us	Karapanagiotis, Booc, Kraemer, G Minarik	76	144
5	Gimps	Waldron, J Ryman, Donn, Green	82	141
6	Backer in the pool	Graham, Crank, J Bethers, Sinclair	75	141
7	NEDAUT	Brink, Ad Gogoman, Drijver, An Gogoman, Bruggeman	46	134
8	Young Guys	Gaffin, AS Houlberg, Jensen, S de Roos	78	132
9	Montanari	Montanari, Vroustis, Mortarotti, Mylona	52	132
10	Evan's memory	S Houlberg, Mt Donovan, Yuan, Mk Donovan	39	132
11	Maciek	Gilad, Stasinski, Ginossar, Jas Fournier	36	131
12	We love Claudia	van der Salm, Bathurst, M Glickman, Marjai	51	129
13	Morris Minors	Byrne, Andersson, Morris, Brodin	40	129
14	Random	G Ellison, R Barendregt, Atthey, Jones	25	128
15	Netgres	Katsaris, Dekker, van Gelder, Anastasatos	22	125
16	Psych killers united	Mk Wortel, Wooldridge, Gjaldbaek, Mortensen, Reshef	20	124
17	Csulok	Marjai, Suranyi, Hegedus, Nadaji	20	122
18	Sudden death	Ortmann, Hed, Rice, Krogsgaard	-11	119
19	POAUT	Dykier, Schulz, Lasota, Eglseer	-4	117
20	Redoubled	Rosenfeld, Boid, Mt Wortel, McElroy	-10	117
21	Quod licet Jovi non licet Jovi	Yener, Michielsen, Radka, Heeres	9	116
22	Los Dillitantos	All OLDies	-9	116
23	Nevermind	Gardosi, Doxiadis, Lambrou, E. Barendregt	-15	115
24	Ger + Hun	Rehder, A Minarik, Katerbau, Barsi	-26	112
25	Boczki	Gorski, Pachtman, Majchrowski, Agica	-33	109
26	We love Heidi	Jer Fournier, Kristensen, Rohrberg, Lall	-12	109
27	Aguoji	Aguoji, Onea, Baroni, Nieuwkamer	-52	104
28	Thomas the Dane	Vondrackova, Sorling, Greenberg, Svenningsen	-55	104
29	Punters	Pfeifer, McMaugh, Hupka, Egle	-56	104
30	Nielsen	Nielsen, I Gaulin, Larsen, N Gaulin	-47	102
31	Gaffin in the pool	Pinchbeck, Hop, R Glickman, P Bethers, Martin	-46	101
32	Apo	O'Loughlin, Moller Sorensen, Vamvacos, Berglund	-68	100
33	Azizi	Azizi, Troels Muller, Schultz, Bar Yosef	-80	95
34	W.T.F.	Horn, Szabo, Bozzai, Gend	-192	66
35	Bored as Fcuk	Pearson, Fisher, Hodge, Delahunty	-273	40



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