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Mon Dieu! Quelle Journée!



Italy versus Poland in the quarter-final match won by Poland by 1 IMP. Clockwise from left: Norberto Bocchi, Cezary Balicki, Agustin Madala and Adam Zmudzinski.

In a breath-taking, nerve-jangling day with as much excitement as has ever been seen at a World Championship, three teams pulled victory from the jaws of defeat – literally on the final board – to make it to the semi-final rounds of their competitions. Another team nearly made it four.

The result of the wild and crazy events is that Europe holds all but one of the semi-final spots in the Open, Women's and Senior series of the 14th World Bridge Games.

Here's what happened;

In the Women's, France trailed the Netherlands by 1 IMP with one board to go. A vulnerable game swing to the French was worth 10 IMPs and a 9-IMP victory.

In the Seniors, USA had a 30-IMP lead on Denmark with eight boards to play, but they trailed by 1 with a board to go. Denmark defended a doubled contract on the last board but beat it only one for a 4-IMP loss. One more trick and they would be playing today.

In another match from the Seniors, Poland had a 1-IMP lead against Hungary after 63 boards, but they also suffered a game swing to lose by 9.

In the Open, Italy trailed Poland by 9 with a board to play. Their chances came down to a misdefense by Poland against Italy's 5♥ save, which was doubled. Italy held the damage to minus 300, but the 8 IMPs they gained left them one short.

The drama in the Seniors match between USA and Denmark was increased by the fact that the score on the final board was initially credited as a 2-IMP gain for the Danes, giving them a 3-IMP win. In fact, it was a 4-IMP gain for the Americans, winners by 3 IMPs.

Also noteworthy: Sweden topped USA in the Open thanks to 30 IMPs on two boards in a match they won 172-168, and Bermuda Bowl champs the Netherlands were nearly shut out by Monaco, scoring 3 IMPs on the last board in another rout for the betting favorites.



RESULTS



OPEN TEAMS

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
1	Russia	0	35	40	34	9	39	26	183
	Ireland	0	32	22	41	47	24	40	206
2	Poland	0	30	23	37	36	23	23	172
	Italy	0	24	10	48	31	19	39	171
3	USA	0	27	34	52	14	25	26	178
	Sweden	0	38	36	23	39	12	34	182
4	Monaco	0	39	36	52	15	24	49	215
	Netherlands	0	36	36	17	54	35	3	181

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
11	Russia	0	37	15	48	24	41	28	193
	Indonesia	0	6	22	16	44	13	21	122
12	Brazil	0	10	52	27	40	38	22	189
	Poland	0	50	40	58	19	53	46	266
13	Sweden	0	41	29	19	18	38	13	158
	England	0	20	33	49	35	28	37	202
14	Netherlands	0	43	44	30	16	30	31	194
	France	0	29	33	41	55	15	30	203

SENIOR TEAMS

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	Italy	0	23	31	15	16	25	31	141
	France	0	39	33	24	35	21	59	211
22	USA	0	34	59	60	14	35	33	235
	Denmark	0	32	31	17	55	35	62	232
23	Poland	0	46	40	18	34	14	18	170
	Hungary	0	31	42	35	21	22	28	179
24	Indonesia	0	51	26	18	23	41	8	167
	Sweden	0	36	28	47	46	23	41	221

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

Ranking after 10 sessions

1 MILNER	185	SHORT	149
CANADA	185	SPRUNG	149
3 OURSEL	183	45 SIGMA	148
4 CALDARELLI	182	COMPTON	148
5 GRANDEBARBE	177	47 PIEDRA	147
6 ROSSARD	176	48 MILLICENTS	145
LATVIA	176	SIENNA	145
8 AJDIAMENT	175	50 GRENTHE	144
9 PAYEN	173	PETIT LEON	144
10 SHAPOUR	172	NEW ZEALAND	144
11 SAIC RED	171	SCOTLAND TUESDAY	144
12 MONAFRIENDS	170	TEAWAY	144
YEH BROS	170	55 3ZONES	143
14 SYDNEY	169	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	143
CROATIA	169	KIWI	143
16 VENTIN	168	58 MIXERS	142
17 BINKIE	165	59 TOP ONE	141
18 BARRETT	164	60 GROMOELLER	140
19 BADGER	163	61 GERMAN SENIORS	139
20 KARSİYAKA	162	SLOVENIA	139
21 BIRMAN	160	63 3 CONTINENTS	138
AUSTRIA	160	64 CBC MILANO	137
BRIDGE MAGIQUE	160	65 IMPALA	136
24 BROWN	159	ROARING LIONS	136
NORD SOUTH	159	SWISS BEARS	136
26 BEIJING TRINERGY	158	68 IRELAND	135
27 CHAGAS	157	69 MOBC	133
28 TICOS Y TRINI	156	BARIBAL	133
BERNARD	156	71 WHY NOT	132
LADY	156	72 HONG KONG	131
31 FUGGER	155	73 ASCOT	130
HAUGE	155	TITOW	130
33 RONPA	154	BROGELAND	130
34 BELAKRUS	153	76 XMEN	129
MPE	153	77 SCOTLAND	125
BUSSE	153	78 CHAMPIONNET	123
37 SVENJA 17	152	79 SALSA VERDE	121
REYNOLDS	152	80 MARUPE	120
39 TISLEVOLL	150	81 KENYA	119
SAIC BLUE	150	82 CELTIC CONNECTION	111
41 GOTARD	149	83 D N KELKAR	88
ELAN	149		

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

10.30

VG	Poland – Ireland	Open Teams (Semi-finals)
BBO 2	France – England	Women's Teams (Semi-finals)
BBO 3	Monaco – Sweden	Open Teams (Semi-finals)
BBO 4	USA – France	Senior Teams (Semi-finals)
BBO 5	Hungary – Sweden	Senior Teams (Semi-finals)
Ourgame	Poland – Russia	Women's Teams (Semi-finals)

14.00 and 17.00

To be decided

REGISTRATION FOR LA COUPE DE VILLE

“La coupe de Ville,” a team competition with board-a-match scoring, begins on Monday.

The teams eliminated in the World Transnational Mixed Teams must register as soon as possible.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Semi-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

OPEN

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Poland	Ireland
2	Monaco	Sweden

Semi-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

WOMEN

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	Poland	Russia
12	France	England

Semi-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

SENIORS

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	USA	France
22	Hungary	Sweden

Transnational Mixed Teams
(10.00, 11.50, 14.20, 16.10 and 18.00)

OPEN **Russia v Ireland** **QF SET 3**
by Mark Horton

In Istanbul in 2004 Ireland reached the quarter-finals of the Olympiad but lost to the Netherlands. Could they go further here in Lille?

Here East tried to cash a second heart and declarer ruffed, drew trumps, took one more round and then played the king of diamonds. West won and switched to the ten of clubs. My play record says declarer won with the queen and scored eleven tricks to gain 7 IMPs.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
	1♠	Dbl	Pass
2♥	3♠	All Pass	

East led the king of hearts and switched to the two of clubs, West taking the king and returning the suit. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played the king of diamonds. When East played the jack, declarer claimed +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
	1♠	Dbl	Pass
2♥	4♠	All Pass	



Georgi Matushko, Russia

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
			Pass
Pass	3♥	Dbl	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Declarer lost a spade, a heart and a diamond, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
			Pass
Pass	4♥	Dbl	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Declarer lost a spade, a heart and a diamond so North's aggressive opening paid Ireland a dividend of 6 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
Pass	3♠	1♣*	1♠
All Pass		4♥	4♠
1♣	11-13 balanced or 17+ any		

I don't understand how Ireland could sell out to 4♠.

West led the king of clubs and switched to the six of hearts. Declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the queen. East ruffed, cashed a heart and the ace of spades and West came to a diamond trick, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
Pass	3♠	1♣*	1♠
Dbf	Pass	4♥	4♠
6♣	All Pass	5♣	Pass

1♣ 12-14 balanced or 11-16, 4414 or 17+ unbalanced/18+ balanced

When East removed West's double to 5♣ West took the view that his trump holding merited a raise - well done indeed. +1370 gave Russia 15 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
Dbf	All Pass		2♠

East's decision to pass was highly speculative.

West cashed the king and ace of diamonds and switched to the two of clubs. Declarer took East's jack with the queen, cashed the king of clubs and played a club to dummy's ace. He ruffed a diamond, played a heart to the queen, cashed the ace of hearts pitching a club, ruffed a di-

amond and exited with a spade. He was sure to win one more trump trick, +670.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
Dbf	Pass	3♣	2♠
			All Pass

South led the ten of spades and declarer won with the jack and played a trump, South winning with the eight and returning the five of spades for North to ruff with the ace of clubs. A club continuation allowed South to draw trumps and he then switched to the queen of spades. Declarer won and cashed a couple of diamonds, but the defenders had the rest for +500.

Declarer can save a trick by winning the opening lead with dummy's king, thereby preserving all his spade tricks.

In any event Russia added 5 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
Pass	1♥	5♣	Dbf
All Pass			

How best to describe East's jump to 5♣. Imaginative perhaps?

South led the five of hearts and declarer put in the ten, ruffed North's ace, went to dummy with a diamond, cashed the king of hearts discarding a spade and ran the seven of clubs. South won with the queen and returned a club, North winning and exiting with the ten of diamonds for three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
INT*	2♣*	5♣	Dbf
All Pass			

INT 10-12
2♣ Majors



Adam Mesbbur, Ireland

South cashed the ace of spades and switched to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won in hand, played the queen of spades to North's king, won the diamond return in dummy, discarded a diamond on the jack of spades and played the ten of clubs. When North put up the ace declarer was two down, -300 and 5 IMPs.

Ireland trailed 68-101, but as the session drew to a close they got back on track.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ 8 6 5 3 2 ♣ K 5 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 6 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 ♣ 10 9 6	♠ J 7 4 3 2 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ — ♣ A Q J 8 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
4♦	6♠	2♦	2♠
2♣	GF	All Pass	

West led the king of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club, cashed the ace of diamonds discarding a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club - and conceded one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
Pass	3NT*	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	All Pass	5♣

Play went along similar lines, but after getting rid of a heart on the ace of diamonds declarer simply played on trumps, +450 and 11 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 6 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ A K 10 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 4	♠ 10 ♥ 8 7 6 3 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ Q 9 8 7 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Khiuppenen	Hanlon	Kholomeev
2NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♥*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

4♥ Texas

Once West had shown three aces and the queen of spades East made a grand slam try that was accepted. Declarer won the trump lead in dummy, came to hand with the queen of spades, cashed two clubs pitching a diamond, took the ace of diamonds and played the queen, ruffing when North showed no concern.

When the queen of hearts took the next trick declarer could claim, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Fitzgibbon	Khokhlov	Mesbur
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

South led the four of hearts and declarer won with the ace - +1430 but 13 IMPs to Ireland who had won the set 41-34. Russia still led 109-95, but there was a long way to go.

Rule of restricted choice

by Marek Wójcicki



Antonio Sementa, Italy

It's the quarterfinal of the open tournament, Italy against Poland, the last board of the third segment. Put yourself in the position of Duboin. Sitting West you have: ♠Q64 ♥A2 ♦AQJ10 ♣AK105. This is the slightly matchpoint oriented bidding:

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Zaremba	Sementa	Zak
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♥	Pass
7NT	All pass		

You are placed in the highest possible contract. North leads ♥7 (Polish style, 2/4):

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

On the queen from dummy, South plays the four (reverse count). How do you continue?

You see that the contract is not good. 7♠ will be made with the heart king onside after the correct play (after a black suit lead, with spades 2-1, you discard dummy's diamond on the club honour, check if the doubleton king of diamonds falls, and then you finesse the heart, thus having a slightly better chance than the 50% finesse in diamond). But how to make 7NT?

South has led the heart from an honorless suit, so the Rule of Restricted Choice says that the chances are that the ♦K is offside are higher than 50%. Is there a way to take 13 tricks when the diamond finesse does not work?

Duboin found one – the double squeeze. The 98 in diamonds can be the threat against the king in the North hand, and the communication in clubs is ideal. He cashed the queen of spades – both opponents followed. Now he cashed the heart ace – maybe the king was doubleton? Then a spade to the ace, and a diamond from dummy, to give some hope to supporters of the Polish team. The ace from hand ended those hopes, and Duboin played the spades. Before the last spade the position was:

♠ —	N	♠ 2
♥ —	W	♥ J
♦ —	E	♦ 9
♣ A K 10 5	S	♣ 4

Now the last spade was cashed. No red king in this trick. Now ace and king of clubs and they behaved as the squeeze worked. Here is the full deal:

Board: 16. Dir: West/EW

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

This play earned 13 IMPs for the Italian team. If he had gone for the straightforward diamond finesse, Poland would gain 17. The match score after the board was 90-82 to Poland.

Smoking forbidden in Grand Palais

Please be reminded that the Grand Palais is a non-smoking facility. Players who smoke in the Grand Palais are subject to penalty for doing so.

Here are the rules and regulations regarding smoking at this tournament:

“Any player smoking in the building will cause his team to be fined 2 victory points (6 IMPs in a knockout match), plus a fine of 100 euros. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.”

OPEN **Netherlands v Monaco** **QF SET 4**
by Mark Horton

Monaco had taken a grip on the match by winning the third set 52-17 giving them an overall lead of 38 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	1♥*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♠

1♣ 12-14 balanced 2+♣ or 18-20 balanced 2+♣ or 12+ unbalanced 4+♣

1♥ Spades

West led the king of diamonds and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed with dummy's three of clubs and



Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco

East overruffed and returned a trump. Declarer won in hand, went to dummy with a trump, played a spade to the ace and a spade to the king. He advanced the nine of hearts but when he put up the ace he was one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
3♦	Dbl*	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			4♥

Well bid by the men from Monaco. West cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to the two of spades. Declarer won with the jack and played a heart to the jack. East won and returned the nine of spades but East's ruff was the last trick for the defence, +420 and 10 IMPs to Monaco, moving clear at 138-89.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

♠ 9 5 2	♠ 9 5 2
♥ A K 8 7 5 4 3	♥ A K 8 7 5 4 3
♦ —	♦ —
♣ K 8 4	♣ K 8 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♦	INT	Dbl
All Pass			

South played three rounds of hearts and declarer won and played ace of clubs and a club. South won and cashed his hearts for one down, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	1♦	INT	Dbl
Rdbl	2♦	All Pass	

That looks to be an odd decision by South. 2♦ did not play well.

East led the six of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king and ace. he won the spade return and played the queen of diamonds. East took the ace, played the jack of hearts for his partner to ruff, ruffed the spade return, cashed the ace of clubs and played his last heart. West does best to ruff that with the jack of diamonds, but the situation was unclear and he discarded the seven of spades. Declarer ruffed and could have escaped for two down by playing two rounds of diamonds, but he too was not exactly sure of the distribution and he played a club to dummy's king and ruffed a club. the king of trumps was his last trick, -200 and 9 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Sjoert Brink, The Netherlands

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Drijver	Helness	Brink
	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Dbl	4♥
All Pass			
2♣	GF Relay		

East cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with the four, declarer discarding the nine of spades. he cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the jack. When East won with the king he claimed ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
	1♥	Pass	2♣
2♥*	3♣	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♥
All Pass			

5♦ would have cost at least 500 (Say South leads a top club and North overtakes and switches to the ten of diamonds - don't finesse!). However, the lure of a vulnerable game was too much. Unfortunately 5♥ was simply too high. Declarer won the spade lead and played the ten of hearts.

That lost to the queen and declarer took the spade return and played a heart to the jack. When West discarded declarer could only play on clubs and East could ruff the second round, cash the ace of diamonds and play the queen of spades. That was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs for the Netherlands.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Drijver	Helness	Brink
	Pass	1♣	Dbl
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

When North led the ten of hearts declarer was in a position to escape for one down thanks to the fortunate position in diamonds, but he won in dummy and played a club and South pounced and switched to the four of spades for a fast 500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
	Pass	2♣*	Dbl
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the six of spades and South won with the ace and returned the four, North winning with the seven and continuing with the queen of spades. South overtook that and cashed his clubs for one down. The Netherlands had another 9 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Drijver	Helness	Brink
		1NT	2♥*
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♥ Weaker than 2♦ which shows 5+♥ or ♠ or 6+ ♣ or ♦

South cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the three of diamonds. Declarer ducked the jack and saw North continue with the king of clubs and a club, South ruffing with the nine of spades. Declarer overruffed, drew trumps, cashed the ace of diamonds and ran his trumps.

He could reach a two card ending where he held the ♦9 and the ♥9 while dummy had the ♥AQ. North must keep both hearts while South comes down to the ♦K and a heart.

If you think that with ♠98 ♥KJ108542 ♦K873 ♣A South would have bid 2♦ rather than 2♥ then you must finesse. Declarer took the opposite view and was one down, -50 and 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.

The men in orange had won the set 54-15 to lead 143-142 – but could they hold on to it over another 32 boards?

Change in the victory points scales

A Scoring Committee set up by the WBF President in January of this year. The committee was chaired by Ernesto d'Orsi of Brazil and co-chaired by Max Bavin (UK). Other Committee members are Henry Bethe (USA) Bart Bramley (USA), Peter Buchen (Aus) and Maurizio de Sacco (IT). After deep and long analysis, the committee proposed – and the WBF Executive Committee accepted – the following:



- The adoption of a 20-point victory point scale with the following features:
 - The scales are continuous and given to two decimal places
 - Subject to a cap, each IMP margin translates to a specific VP award
 - Each additional IMP in the winner's margin is worth no more than the previous one
 - Relative to the current WBF scales, the "blitz" margins in the new scale will be approximately equivalent to the 25-2 in the old scales. There is no reduction of VPs for the loser when the margin exceeds the blitz margin.
- It is recommended that the new scales be used in the next World Bridge Championship (including Youth tournaments) and be available to all NBOs by the end of 2012.
- Also, the Committee will prepare new "discrete" scales (whole numbers) to be used by NBOs if they wish to during the transition from the old to the new VP scales.
- On the World Bridge Federation website (www.worldbridge.org), the Committee will publish the "continuous" and "discrete" scales for the most-used number of boards per match and will publish them together with instructions on how to determine VP scales for other sizes of matches. Also on the website, using the actual algorithm, users will be able to enter the number of boards and the preferred scale type to read, print or download the result.
- Future work by the Committee will include consideration of aggregate score, the IMP scale and match-point scoring, although not necessarily with a view to suggest changes.

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OPEN **Poland v Italy** **QF SET 4**

Who Has What?

by Micke Melander

Moving into the last day of the quarterfinals with three segments left to play most of the games were quite tight. Almost no team had run away with their match leaving everything to play for. In Poland – Italy, for instance, the standing were 126-103, after the Italians had gained some 11 IMPs in the third segment closing the gap a little. Would they continue in that way?

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 3
♥ A K Q 5 3
♦ K 10 9
♣ 10 7 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
2♣*	2♥	1♠	Dbf
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
		4♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
		1♠	2♥
3♦	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Buras didn't make life easy for Narkiewicz when he chose to rebid his diamonds (2♣ was a transfer), a preference to the black suits would probably have solved the problem. Narkiewicz pushed on and showed more clubs but Buras gave up. Meanwhile Zaleski bid his suits in a similar competition where Versace steered over to play in 4♠.

Zmudzinski started with two rounds of hearts from the top, Zaleski ruffed the second round and cashed the ace and king of trumps. When everyone followed he knew that he could play high clubs, forcing the opponents to ruff whenever they wanted, to safety-play his contract.

In the open room Buras got a heart led to the ace, Madala shifted to a trump, which ran to dummy's nine. Buras cashed the ace of spades noticing the nine falling from

Madala, that was enough for him to play a club to the king and play a spade to the seven when Bocchi played low as second hand. Buras could then claim eleven tricks losing only a heart and club.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A K 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
1♦	2♥*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
Pass	3♣*	Pass	INT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♣

Here the Italians in the Open Room didn't get much right at the end, 2♥ showed exactly four spades, 2NT denied spades and showed 15-17 HCPs. For Bocchi this was a hand with a diamond stopper and for Madala not necessarily. 3♣ and 3♥ were both natural... Buras started off with the first seven tricks and could then place his cards back in the board.

Versace managed to repair most of the damage (with some help from Zmudzinski) when he chose to stay in the dark at the other table and see the Polish bid their way up to 5♣. Zaleski led a club, Zmudzinski won it in hand and immediately played a heart to the jack, when that lost to the queen Zaleski put his singleton diamond on the table Versace won with the ace and continued with the king. A

surprised Zmudzinski saw his five of clubs over-ruffed by Zaleski, bringing the contract down.

The Polish bidding methods here are quite interesting 3♣ showed any hand with precisely five clubs and a singleton diamond with 4-3 in the majors, 3♦ relayed for the distribution and 3♠ told about the 4-3-1-5 asking partner to pick a suit or place the contract in a no-trump game.

Three down in 3NT when you made both 6♣ and 6♥ could have been very costly, but now it was just 3 IMPs away when their team mates arrived with a fantastic 50 on their scorecard from the other table.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
Pass	1♦	1NT	Dbf
Rdbl*	Pass	2♣	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Some heavy competition from the Italians in the Closed Room kept the Poles from bidding game, even though 4♥ should have good chances of making since East probably has a decent amount of his high card points in diamonds, a suit that you actually don't want partner to have anything in... Balicki didn't find any extras to raise the final contract one level. The redouble from Versace showed clubs.

Buras led the jack of clubs, Narkiewicz played the ace and returned a trump, Madala who wanted to ruff a club went up with the ace getting gratification when the queen fell from West. King of clubs, club ruff, diamond ruff and one more round of trumps. Madala could claim his ten tricks losing a club, a heart and a trump. The play went almost the same way in the other room. Still 10 IMPs to Italy when the Polish missed bidding their vulnerable game.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
1♠	Dbf	Pass	Pass
2♠	4♥	2♣	2♥
		All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
1♠	Dbf	Pass	Pass
2♠	4♥	2♦	2♥
		All Pass	

Similar auctions in both rooms put Bocchi and Balicki in 4♥. It's quite interesting to see how little you need to have for making a bid those days. Who has the worst hand in that deal? Is it East or South, who both managed to get into the bidding after their initial passes? South clearly has got better values when the RHO bids diamonds, but if you take into account that people rarely have what you expect any more, it might suggest that nothing is certain. But never argue with success! 4♥ was an easy make at both tables when the queen of hearts fell on the two rounds of trumps.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
	1♣	Pass	1♦*
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
	2♣	Pass	2NT
3♣	Dbf	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

The pre-emptive auction from Balicki-Zmudzinski gave the Italians little room to explore. But with two aces in hand and a sure fit for partner's two-suiter Zaleski should have raised his partner to game. Now he just passed and had to pay out 10 IMPs when they bid game at the other table. Declaring didn't present any problem when spades were 2-2.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
	Pass	1♣	1♥
3♥	All Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
		1NT	2♥
4♦	4♥	4♠	All Pass

Another 10 IMP swing to Poland when Buras in the Open Room ducked the diamond lead, Bocchi continued the attack on diamonds and declarer went up with the ace in dummy. Declarer then played a spade to the king, a heart to the ace and took a heart ruff. That set up dummy's queen

when the king fell from North. This was clearly against the odds, but as stated earlier, people don't seem to have what they promise when they make their bids nowadays...

In the Open Room Zaleski was declaring as East when Versace transferred the declarership to his partner. Zmudzinski led his ace of clubs and shifted to the three of diamonds, Balicki played the jack and again declarer ducked, another diamond followed, Zaleski won with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps and played a club towards the queen hoping that the player that would get in didn't have a diamond left, thus he would be able to discard his losing diamond on the now established club. No luck there!

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Bocchi	Narkiewicz	Madala
3♣	Pass	3NT	4♥
Pass	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Zaleski	Zmudzinski
4♣	Pass	4NT	All Pass

In many matches the bidding went like it did in the Open Room. 4NT was impossible to beat; in fact you even made five if declaring from East. But those who "pre-empted" to 5♣ after partner opened with 4♣ got gratification when some Souths decided to get into the bidding with 5♥ which was an affair costing some 1100... Here no such thing happened, 660 at both tables and a push. 36-21 to Poland in the fourth segment put them further in front again, leading 126-103.

Gratis playing cards

The European Bridge League offer used cards free of charge. Those who want gratis cards should make a request at the Jannersten stall on the first floor. NBOs with weak economies will be given priority.

OPEN **USA v Sweden** **QF SET 3**

Punch and counterpunch

by Brent Manley

Going into the third of six sets in the Open series quarterfinal, Sweden had a lead of 74-61 over the strong USA team led by Nick Nickell.

USA's hopes for a comeback had to wait, however, as the team gave up 5 IMPs on the first board when Jeff Meckstroth doubled a 4♠ contract that could not be defeated on the lie of the cards, while declarer in the same contract at the other table made his without the red card.

The Swedes picked up another good swing on board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
Pass	4♥	All Pass	Pass



Eric Rodwell, USA

Meckstroth started with the ♣A, switching to his ♥J at trick two. Per-Ola Cullin won in hand and ran the ♦8 to Eric Rodwell's 10. The ♣K was ruffed, another high trump cashed in the North hand, and when diamonds turned out to be 3-3, he was home for the loss of a club, a diamond and a spade.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
Pass	3♥	DbI	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	4♦

Johan Upmark also started with the ♣A, but he switched to the ♠Q at trick two. Bob Hamman went up with the king and returned to hand with a heart to the ace. He played a diamond to the jack and Fredrik Nystrom's queen. Nystrom continued with the ♠J, overtaken by Upmark with the ace to cash the ♠10 as the setting trick. That was 10 IMPs to Sweden, who had expanded their lead to 89-62.

A big swing went USA's way on the next deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
DbI	2♠	1♣*	1♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	4♠
All Pass		5♥	DbI

*Precision: 16+

Peter Bertheau started with the ♦K, ruffed by Meckstroth, who played the ♥Q at trick two. Bertheau took the trump ace and switched to a low spade, a forlorn hope inasmuch as Meckstroth had advertised 16 high-card points and Bertheau was looking at 21 between his hand and the dummy. Still, if Meckstroth had upgraded a 15-point hand and North actually had an ace, it was more likely to be the

♠A given Cullin's raise. The end result, however, was an overtrick for Meckstroth's doubled contract – plus 1050.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Hamman won the ♥K opening lead with the ace and played a diamond to his queen, intending to lead up to dummy's ♠K. Upmark ruffed, however, and cashed a heart, continuing the suit. Hamman ruffed with the ♠K and knocked out the ♠A. He lost two trumps, two hearts and the ♣A for two down, but minus 100 meant 14 IMPs to USA. It was 90-81 Sweden, and the margin shrank some more on the following deal.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
2NT	Pass	3NT	2♦*
			All Pass

*Weak two-bid in a major

Cullin led the ♥6: 3, 9, jack. Rodwell played a club to dummy's jack and Bertheau's queen. Bertheau cashed the ♣K and played a third to his partner's ace. The ♦9 went to Rodwell's king, and he played the ♠K, followed by three more diamonds. When he played a spade from hand and Cullen showed out, Rodwell took the ace and conceded two down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
Dbf	Pass	2NT*	2♠
3♣	All Pass		Pass

*Relay to 3♣ (showing a poor hand)

Upmark did well to pull the double. It looks as though Zia Mahmood has eight tricks in spades. Unfortunately, East-West landed in a 3-3 club fit.

Hamman led his spade to the 3, 8 and king. Declarer played on trumps at trick two, and Zia won to give Ham-

man a spade ruff. Hamman cashed the ♣A and played a diamond to declarer's king. Nystrom continued with a diamond to dummy's queen and ruffed a spade with his last trump. When he played the ♦A, Zia ruffed, pulled the last trump and pushed his ♥9 through the West hand. Hamman took the ♥J with his queen and exited with a diamond to declarer, who had to give up two heart tricks at the end. Four down, minus 400 and 7 IMPs to USA, now only 2 IMPs behind.

Another swing was waiting for the Americans on the next deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
	3♦	All Pass	

With clubs going 3-3, there are always 11 tricks. Plus 150 to Sweden. At the other table, Zia tried to improve the contract, resulting in a swing for his team.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦



Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden

Upmark led the ♠J, overtaken by Nystrom with the king. A second round of hearts was ruffed by Hamman, who played a diamond to dummy's king, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade. Hamman's line of play was meant to assure 11 tricks even if the clubs didn't go 3-3-. He cashed the ♦A and played a club to dummy, ruffing a spade, then another club to dummy for a another spade ruff. When the opponents followed to the third round of spades, Hamman could claim for a 5-IMP gain. USA was in the lead 94-90.

Sweden stopped the bleeding on the next board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

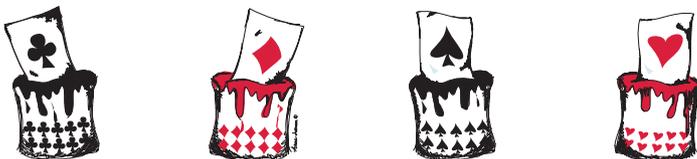
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
Pass	2♥	Dbl	Redbl
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Peter Bertheau led his singleton heart to partner's queen, and the ♣9 went to Meckstroth's ace at trick two. Meckstroth played a diamond from hand, and Cullin's singleton ace took his partner's jack. A club to Bertheau's king was followed by the ♦K, on which Cullin discarded his last club. Now a club ruff was followed by the ♥J, ruffed by South as Meckstroth discarded a diamond from hand. Cullin ruffed the diamond return and played the ♥A, Meckstroth pitching his last diamond. Another heart was ruffed with the ♠J, Bertheau discarding. The ♠K smothered the now-singleton queen with Cullin. Meckstroth took four tricks for minus 1100.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
Pass	1♥	Dbl	Redbl
All Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbl

Upmark also took four tricks, but he was one level lower, so the price was just 800. Sweden was back in front 97-94.

Three boards later, USA took the lead again.



Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
Pass	1♥	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

Meckstroth led a diamond to Rodwell's ace for a switch to the ♣10. Cullin went up with the ace and played a low heart from hand, inserting the queen when Meckstroth discarded a club. Rodwell won and played a club to Meckstroth's king, and he cashed the ♦K before continuing with the ♣J, ruffed in dummy, Rodwell discarding a spade. He pitched another spade when Cullin played the ♦J. There was no way to overcome the 5-0 trump split, so Cullin was two down, minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
Pass	2♦*	4♣	4♠
5♣	Dbl	All Pass	

Zia's optimistic 4♠ bid pushed the Swedes into a phantom save. Zia led a heart to the jack and ace, Upmark ruffing. He played a diamond to the ace, cashed the ♥K, pitching a spade, and played a second diamond to hand. Another diamond was won by Zia, who underled his ♠A to Hamman's king. Hamman followed with the ♣A and another club, leaving declarer with a diamond loser. That was two down, minus 300 and 11 IMPs to USA.

The final swing went to USA.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

The bidding was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cullin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
Nystrom	Hamman	Upmark	Zia
			1♣

INT All Pass

Cullin led the ♠10 to the jack and Rodwell's king. Looking at all the cards, it's easy to see that declarer has four hearts and three clubs to go with the diamond trick he took at trick one. Rodwell played the ♣Q, then the ♣A and a third club, Cullin discarding a low heart. After winning the ♣K, Rodwell played the ♥J, covered, but the fall of the 10 gave Rodwell eight tricks for plus 120.

Nystrom also got the lead of a diamond, but instead of cashing his clubs to see what would happen, he played a spade at trick two. It was over quickly as Zia won the ♠K and played the ♠Q, overtaken by Hamman. The defenders had seven tricks, plus 50 and 5 IMPs.

At the halfway point of the match, USA was ahead 113-97.

Old men forget yet all shall be forgot, But he'll remember with advantages...

by Barry Rigal

We ran this defensive problem a day or two ago – remarking that after a top club lead gets discouragement, a spade shift might be best in theory and certainly works in practice.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	Pass	4♥*
	4♠	All Pass	

* Spades

We thanked our source of the deal Steen Moller, but we didn't realize that like so many oldies, he had had a small senior moment. He had neglected to tell us that the play in question (not found in either room of his senior match) had in fact been found by his partner's wife in the Women's series!

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OPEN **USA v Sweden** **QF SET 4**

Too close to call

by Brent Manley

At the halfway point of the Open series quarter-final match between USA and Sweden, the Americans were ahead 113-97, not enough of a lead to make them comfortable. Indeed, when the fourth set was completed, the lead had changed hands again.

In the fourth set, Sweden collected 13 IMPs on the first four deals, mostly on a vulnerable game swing where Nick Nickell and Ralph Katz stopped in 2♥ and Fredrik Nystrom and Johan Upmark bid it.

The Swedes had pulled to within 3 IMPs, and they went ahead on the next board.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 8 5 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 4 3
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West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Nystrom	Meckstroth	Upmark
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

*Splinter raise of clubs.

Jeff Meckstroth started with the ♦A, switching to a club, taken by Nystrom in hand with the ace. He played a low heart at trick two to dummy's ace, the correct technical play, which includes returning to hand and leading up to the ♥J if both opponents follow low on the ace. The play paid off, limiting Nystrom's losers to two hearts and the diamond.

West	North	East	South
Petersson	Nickell	Ahlesved	Katz
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Nickell got a spade lead, taken in his hand, and he played a low heart to the jack and queen. He now had three heart losers to go with the diamond loser, so he finished one down for a 12-IMP loss. Sweden was leading 122-113.

The following deal cost the USA 8 IMPs, but it should have been only 3.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Nystrom	Meckstroth	Upmark
	Pass	2♣*	Dbf
Redbl	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With accurate defense, East-West can take eight tricks against 2♦, but the lure of the vulnerable game is hard to resist sometimes.



Johan Upmark, Sweden

Nystrom started with a low spade, taken by Upmark with the king. If the black queens in the West and North hands were switched, the right play would be a low club from the South hand. After a long study, Upmark finally played the ♠A and continued the suit. That was six tricks for the defense – plus 200.

Jonas Petersson and Krister Ahlesved did not get as high, but Nickell and Katz could still have emerged with a plus score.

West	North	East	South
Petersson	Nickell	Ahlesved	Katz
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
1♥*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

*Spades

Nickell led a low spade, won by Katz with the king. Katz must have pictured the ♠Q with West because he switched to the ♦J at trick two. Petersson could have cashed out for plus 120, but he gave the Americans another chance, playing a club from dummy. Katz won the ♣K, but instead of cashing the ♠A, he underled it. Petersson put up the jack and USA was in position to get a plus just by continuing the suit, but Nickell exited with a diamond to the king. Petersson played the ♥K and a heart to his ace, and claimed plus 120 after the ♦A drew the 10 from Katz.

This board near the end was a swing for USA.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Nystrom	Meckstroth	Upmark
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The unfavorable vulnerability and partner's professed weakness kept Upmark from entering the auction despite holding a pretty good eight-card suit. With his singleton spade, Upmark also liked his chances on defense. He started with the singleton to Nystrom's ace. A spade ruff in the South hand was followed by a club to the king and ace. That was it for the defense, however, as Meckstroth wrote plus 420 in his scorecard.

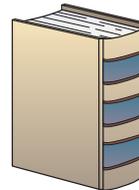


Ralph Katz, USA

West	North	East	South
Petersson	Nickell	Ahlesved	Katz
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♦
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

Katz took the same spade ruff as at the other table and returned a club to the king and ace, and the play record indicates Ahlesved claimed for two down and minus 300 despite the fact that it seems impossible for North-South to take another trick. Minus 100 would be an 11-IMP loss. On the record, it was a 12-IMP loss. The set ended with Sweden in front 136-127.

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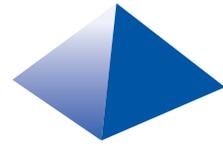
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