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I have a dream



England and Russia in the Women's series final: Clockwise from left, Tatiana Ponomareva, Susan Stockdale, Victoria Gromova and Fiona Brown.

The Swedish pop group ABBA had a hit song that could be the mantra of the band's countrymen, now on the brink of their first major Open world championship. It is contained in the headline above.

The same, of course, could apply to the other teams, including previous winners, playing in the championship rounds of the three main series in the 14th World Bridge Games.

After knocking off Monaco in the Open semi-final, Sweden is hoping to get past the strong team from Poland, winners in 1984. Through the first three of eight sets, the Swedes are looking good, with a 131-76 lead. There are still, however, 80 boards to play. The winner will be determined on Thursday.

In the Women's series, the last two winners – Russia in 2004 and England in 2008 – are in a close match at the halfway point. England leads 102-78 with 48 boards to play. In the Seniors, Hungary used two strong sets to establish a

148-78 lead over USA, winners in 2000 and 2004. The Women's and Senior series conclude today.

In the World Transnational Mixed Teams, which also ends on Thursday, the finalists are Canada, 110-69 winners over SAIC red, and Milner, who defeated Yeh Bros 77-66.

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OPEN TEAMS

Final / Play-Off

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Boards 97 - 112	Boards 113 - 128	Total
1	Poland	0	29	14	34						77
	Sweden	0	46	42	43						131
2	Ireland	0	36	41	26			—	—	—	103
	Monaco	0	75	17	69			—	—	—	161

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Final / Play-Off

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	26	30	22				78
	England	0	43	27	32				102
12	Poland	0	40	27	28			—	95
	France	0	20	11	29			—	60

SENIOR TEAMS

Final / Play-Off

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	USA	0	41	13	24				78
	Hungary	0	36	47	65				148
22	France	0	31	35	40			—	106
	Sweden	0	39	46	28			—	113

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

Semi-final

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Total
31	Canada	12	33	18	47	110
	Saic RED	0	29	23	17	69
32	Yeh Bros	1	31	14	20	66
	Milner	0	44	11	22	77

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

10.30

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

14.00 and 17.00

To be decided

*You can follow live play of the Transnational Mixed Team
final matches at www.bridgecardreader.com*

BAM Coupe de Ville**Standings after 43 matches**

1	ZIA	111.8	SCOTLAND TUESDAY	85.8
2	LU	109.8	SIGMA	85.8
	NORLAT	109.8	24 BARRETT	84.8
4	DINAMO RIGA	106.8	25 KARSIYAKA	82.8
5	STANSBY	104.8	WHY NOT	82.8
6	BARIBAL	100.8	27 ANALIA	81.8
7	ASCOT	97.8	28 VENTOS	80.8
8	BADGER	95.8	29 CBC MILANO	78.8
	SLOVENIA	95.8	30 MPE	77.8
10	UKRAINE	94.8	32 DI FEBO	74.8
11	GOTARD	92.8	OUTRED	77.8
12	SCOTLAND SENIOR	90.8	33 TOP ONE	74
	MIXERS	90.8	34 SALSA VERDE	73.8
	SAIC BLUE	90.8	35 GAYET	72.8
15	MONAFRIENDS	90.8	36 MILLICENT 5	71.8
16	INDONESIA LADIES	89.8	37 SCOTLAND-HONG KONG	69.6
17	SVENJA 17	87.8	38 ASIAN TIGERS	67.8
18	CLEER	86.8	39 NAIROBI	66.8
	RONPA	86.8	40 KENYA3	56.8
20	BUSSE	85.8		
	CROATIA	85.8		

Carry Overs for the Final

ZIA	5.2	BADGER	1.24
LU	4.7	SLOVENIA	1.24
NORLAT	4.7	UKRAINE	0.99
DINAMO RIGA	3.96	GOTARD	0.5
STANSBY	3.47	SCOTLAND SENIOR	0
BARIBAL	2.48	MIXERS	0
ASCOT	1.73	SAIC BLUE	0

Schedule for the Final

10.00 - 11.10	8 boards
11.25 - 13.10	12 boards
13.45 - 15.30	12 boards
15.45 - 16.55	8 boards
17.10 - 18.55	12 boards

World Transnational Mixed Teams schedule**Final / Play-Off (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)**

Tbl	c/o	Final
31	5.33	Milner
	0	Canada

Tbl	c/o	Play-Off
32	8.66	Yeh Bros
	0	Saic RED

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OPEN

Monaco v Sweden
by Brian Senior

SF SETS 6

The Open semi-final between Sweden and favourites Monaco had been close throughout but with 16 boards to play Sweden had a useful if far from decisive lead of 25 IMPs, 171-146. That lead was reduced immediately as Monaco bid and made game on this first deal while the Swedes stopped in partscore; 152-171. Then:

Board 82. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q 10 9 7 4 3
♥ 4
♦ 7 5
♣ K 9

♠ J
♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ A Q J 10 9 4
♣ Q



♠ 8 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ K 8 3
♣ A 8 7 5 3

♠ 6 2
♥ A 10 7 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 10 6 4 2

West Nunes	North Cullin	East Fantoni	South Bertheau
1♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Dble	Pass
		5♥	All Pass

West Nystrom	North Helgemo	East Upmark	South Helness
1♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

For Monaco, Claudio Nunes opened the major then showed his long diamonds in response to Fulvio Fantoni's value-showing double. With equal length, it was natural for Fantoni to give preference back to the first suit, ending the auction.

Per-Ola Cullin led two rounds of spades. Nunes ruffed the second and led a heart to the queen, which held, followed by the heart jack. Peter Bertheau won the ace and returned the ten and Nunes had the rest for +450.

For Sweden, Fredrik Nystrom preferred to open his longer and stronger suit. When Geir Helgemo's 4♠ overcall came back to him, Nystrom bid 4NT, showing a second suit in a shapely hand. Helgemo doubled and Johan Upmark redoubled to ask Nystrom to pick the suit. On another day, 5♦ could have been making with 5♥ going off, but not today. Helgemo cashed a spade then switched to his singleton heart and Tor Helness gave him the ruff for one down; -100 and 11 IMPs to Monaco, closing to 164-171.



Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden

Sweden picked up 2 IMPs on Board 83 for a higher-scoring partscore and Board 84 was a flat game. Then Monaco pulled even closer.

Board 85. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 4
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 8 5 2

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ K 6
♦ Q J 5
♣ 10 9 6 4



♠ 10 8 6
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ 7 3

♠ K Q J 3
♥ 7 4 2
♦ K 10 7 4
♣ A Q

West Nunes	North Cullin	East Fantoni	South Bertheau
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helgemo	Upmark	Helness
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helgemo	Upmark	Helness
3♣	Pass	1♦	2♣
Pass	4♣	3NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Souths opened with a 15-17 no trump and both Norths took the aggressive option of exploring for a four-four hearts fit then inviting game in no-trump, South saying, 'No Thanks'. Both Wests led a low club to declarer's ace.

Bertheau led a heart at trick two. Nunes went in with the king and returned a heart to dummy's queen, ducked by Fantoni. The premature heart play meant that the dummy entry had disappeared before the clubs were unblocked. Could declarer still prevail? Bertheau led a spade to his king then a heart up, the nine losing to the ten. Fantoni did not cash the heart ace – no hurry and he might squeeze partner – instead returning a club. That forced Bertheau to make a decision about the clubs and he chose to overtake with the king but not cash the jack. Instead, he led a spade to the queen and this time Nunes took his ace and returned the queen of diamonds, ducked by both Fantoni and Bertheau. Nunes continued with the jack of diamonds. Fantoni won the ace and cashed the heart ace for down one; -100.

Helness cashed the queen of clubs at trick two then led a heart up. Nystrom won the king and led the queen of diamonds, ducked to the king. Helness led the queen of spades and, when that was ducked, continued with a heart to the queen and ace. Upmark returned the nine of diamonds but, when Helness did not cover, there was no way for the defence to untangle the suit. The nine held so Upmark switched to a spade to the king and ace. Nystrom cashed the jack of diamonds but Helness had the rest for +120 and 6 IMPs to Monaco; 169-173.

Helness made a simple overcall and Nystrom cuebid to show a constructive diamond raise. When Upmark's 3NT came to him, Helgemo competed with 4♣ and Upmark left the decision to his partner, Nystrom choosing to put him in the diamond game. Helness led the queen of spades. Upmark won the ace and led a diamond to his ace, liking the appearance of the king on his left. He continued with the ace of hearts, a diamond to the queen and a heart ruff, making 12 tricks for +620.

Bertheau's 2♠ overcall showed four spades plus longer clubs and Nunes cuebid each black suit in turn then committed to diamonds despite his partner's willingness to declare 3NT. If Nunes was willing to commit to diamonds, then Fantoni was happy to bid the slam. Again the lead was the queen of spades. Fantoni took a long time – indeed, this table was taking a long time on almost every board – before winning the spade and running the diamond six. That lost the king and back came a second spade. Fantoni won in dummy and unblocked the heart, crossed to dummy with a trump and tried to ruff out the hearts. The five-two split left him a trick short; down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Sweden. The lead was back up to 185-169 but there was still plenty of time to go.

Board 86. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Nunes	Cullin	Fantoni	Bertheau
3♣	Pass	1♦	2♠
3♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
		6♦	All Pass



Fulvio Fantoni, Monaco

Board 87. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Nunes	Cullin	Fantoni	Bertheau
3♦	Pass	3NT	2♦ All Pass

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helgemo	Upmark	Helness
2♦ 3♣	Dble Dble	Rdbl 3♦	1♠ 2♠ All Pass

Helness opened the South hand with 1♠ and Nystrom overcalled. Game was never a serious consideration for the Swedes, who stopped in 3♦. Nystrom won the spade lead with the ace and led a heart to the jack and ace and the ten back to South's king. Helness played the spade king, ruffed with the ten and over-ruffed, and Helgemo returned the seven of hearts – low from dummy, club five from Helness, and ruffed by Nystrom. A diamond to the ace was followed by a diamond to the nine and the diamond king. A club towards the jack now left Helgemo powerless. He played low smoothly but Nystrom was confident of the position and put up the jack. He took a discard on the queen of hearts and had nine tricks for +110.

Bertheau opened a Multi as South and, when Nunes overcalled 3♦, Fantoni took a shot at 3NT. Bertheau led the nine of spades to dummy's queen, not a bad start for declarer. Fantoni led a diamond to the ace then back to the king and cleared the suit. Bertheau played the king of spades. Fantoni won the ace and ran the eight of clubs to Cullin's queen. Had Cullin held the heart jack, that might have been good enough, but on the actual lay-out Cullin could switch to a heart to the jack and ace and the defence had a club, a spade and a heart to take for one down; -100 and 5 IMPs to Sweden, 190-169. It looks as though declarer could succeed by losing the diamond trick to North, finessing on the second round, as South will not then have the extra entry to both establish and cash a spade trick.



Peter Bertheau, Sweden

Board 88. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Nunes	Cullin	Fantoni	Bertheau
INT	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helgemo	Upmark	Helness
1♣	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Both Norths overcalled in hearts but the spade fit was found and both bid to the spade game, Fantoni doubling on the way out.

Nystrom led the ten of diamonds. Helness put up the king and Upmark ducked. Helness now ditched his diamond jack on the heart winner and continued with a club to the ten and jack. Nystrom led another diamond to the queen, ace and ruff. The king of clubs was covered by the ace, ruffed low and over-ruffed, and back came a trump to the jack and ace. Helness had nowhere to go for tricks now, being able only to make his remaining trumps separately; down two for -100.

Nunes too led the ten of diamonds but Bertheau played low from dummy and Fantoni won the ace then returned the suit. Bertheau was better placed than Helness as he had two more diamond winners established in the dummy. He won the diamond king and led a club to the ten and jack. Nunes returned the low spade to Bertheau's ten and the king of clubs was covered and ruffed with the eight. Bertheau cashed the ace of hearts for a club pitch then the ace of spades, drawing Nunes' last trump. Now he could cash the two diamond winners for club discards and had ten tricks for +590 and 12 IMPs to Sweden, who led by 202-169 at the mid-point in the set.

Sweden picked up 2 IMPs for an extra undertrick on the next deal to lead by 204-169, then came the final nail in the Monaco coffin.



Geir Helgemo, Monaco

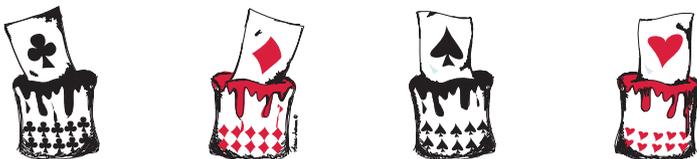
Board 90. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Nunes	Cullin	Fantoni	Bertheau
-	-	1♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Helgemo	Upmark	Helness
-	-	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass



Upmark's 2♦ opening was a Multi, either weak with a major or game-forcing with diamonds. The 2♠ response was pass or correct, showing interest in hearts but not spades, and now 3♠ confirmed the strong hand with diamonds plus a spade side-suit. Four No Trump was natural and Upmark jumped to the good diamond slam. A club lead beats 6♦ as declarer can never cash the second club so loses a second slow spade trick. But Helness led a trump and that meant a painless 12 tricks and +1370.

The Fantoni/Nunes system includes that all one-of-a-suit openings are sound, 14+ in the case of a minor, and forcing for one round. Three Spades was a rare response, showing at least five-five in clubs and hearts, 10-15 and game-forcing. Fantoni rebid 4♦ to show a good suit but somewhere along the way there was a misunderstanding. Fantoni clearly jumped to 6♦ to play but Nunes had the notion that hearts had been agreed and therefore this must be a grand slam try. Oops!

Once upon a time, the recommended lead against a grand slam was a trump, and perhaps had Cullin held three small hearts that is what he would have chosen, but when holding a small singleton there is too great a danger that leading it will pick up some holding in partner's hand. A pity for Nunes, because a trump lead is the only one which allows 7♥ to be made. Cullin led a spade and the Swedish supporters cheered. The contract was down one for -100 and 16 IMPs to Sweden, who led by 220-169.

There was no way back for Monaco from here. The final score was 220-174 in favour of Sweden. They would play Poland in the final as they attempted to win their first ever world team championship title.

SENIORS **USA v France** **SF SET 5**

Don't look back

by Brent Manley

American baseball legend Satchel Paige famously said, "Don't look back – something might be gaining on you." In the penultimate set in the semi-final match between France and USA in the Seniors series, Paige's advice had some significance for the Americans.

Leading 96-71 at the start of the fifth set, USA saw the French draw much closer with a round to go.

USA earned a 2-IMP swing on the first board, but France responded with 11 IMPs over the next three boards, including the following.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
Lasserre	Schermer	Poizat	Chambers
			Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Sam Lev led the ♦2 and Philippe Vanhoutte cleverly played dummy's 8, looking like a man with the ♦J. Steve Landen took the ace and returned a diamond, on which Vanhoutte discarded a low club. Another club went on the other diamond honor, and the ♠6 was run to Lev's queen. Lev exited with a heart to dummy's ace and another spade went to Lev's king. Declarer lost two spades, a diamond and a heart but had eight tricks for plus 110.

Guy Lasserre started with the ♦J and in due course Neil Chambers lost two clubs, two spades and a heart in addition to the ♦A for minus 50.

Both East-West pairs bid too much on the following deal, but the higher-level contract fared better.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Lev's singleton honor might have been enough had Landen's spade suit been more substantial. As it was, Landen could not avoid two off for minus 200. A low heart went to the jack and ace, and Landen ruffed a heart with the ♠K. From there, Landen needed some luck, but the 5-1 trump split was a killer. After the heart ruff, he played a diamond to hand and followed with the ♠Q. Patrick Grenthe won



Sam Lev, USA

the ace and played a heart. Landen won the ♥K and continued with the ♠9. Grenthe won the ♠J and played a club to Vanhoutte's ace. The ♥Q was ruffed, and Landen played the ♦K and a diamond to Grenthe's queen. With only trumps left, Grenthe had to lead one. Landen won the 7 and cashed the 10 but Grenthe still had a trump trick.

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Schermer	Poizat	Chambers
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Lasserre was able to discard two diamonds from his hand on the ♠Q and the ♥K, but he could not avoid losing two trump tricks and the ♠A for one down. Still, it was 3 IMPs to France, now trailing by only 10 IMPs.

On the next deal, a bold but risky bid by Chambers helped the American cause.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
	Pass	Pass	1♥
INT	Pass	2♣	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Grenthe led the ♥K, ducked by Lev. Grenthe continued with a low spade to the king and ace. Lev didn't have to try hard to come to 10 tricks from there for plus 430.

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Schermer	Poizat	Chambers
	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Had Philippe Poizat doubled and the defense gone the same way, the French would have collected plus 800 for a gain instead of a loss. Lasserre picked off one singleton king by leading the ♥A, and he got another with the ♠A at trick two. The ♠Q was ruffed by Chambers, who played the ♥5, which won when Lasserre contributed the 4. A third round of hearts was won by Lasserre, and the defense continued to avoid leading clubs, so Chambers was forced at the end to lead away from his ♣K. Plus 300 but a 4-IMP loss.

The French earned a vulnerable slam swing on board 7 to pull to within 104-95, and they closed the gap further when the opponents helped Vanhoutte diagnose shortness in a key suit in partner's hand.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

All of a sudden, Vanhoutte's three low diamonds didn't look like such a liability after both opponents bid the suit. He would have been disappointed not to find a singleton diamond in dummy. Vanhoutte's optimism was rewarded. Lev led the ♦A and switched to a spade to the king and ace. Vanhoutte ruffed a diamond, returned to hand with a spade to the queen and ruffed his last diamond. The ♥Q was overtaken with the king and the trump ace cashed. Now a spade to dummy's jack was followed by a spade ruff and the club finesse for 11 tricks – plus 450.



Philippe Vanhoutte, France

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Schermer	Poizat	Chambers
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

*Drury.

The score was 104-101, and France went ahead 105-104 with 4 IMPs on three small swings.

USA regained the lead on the penultimate board.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Vanhoutte started with a low heart, taken by Grenthe with the ace. When Grenthe returned a heart, there was no way to defeat the contract. Landen won the ♥K, played two high trumps, followed by the ♦Q, covered by the king and ace. Landen cashed the ♥Q, discarding a club when North ruffed in. When the ♦10 later dropped, Landen had his game for the loss of one spade, one heart and one club.

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Schermer	Poizat	Chambers
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass

4♠ All Pass

Chambers started with the ♥9, so Schermer took the ♥A and cashed the ♣A, continuing the suit. The trump split meant plus 50 to USA and 10 IMPs.

France won the set 34-16 to get right back into the match.

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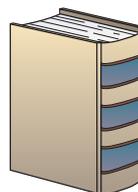
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WOMEN **England v Russia** **FINAL SET I**

From Russia with Love

by Mark Horton

The spy film *From Russia with Love* is the second one in the James Bond series, and the second to star Sean Connery as the fictional MI6 agent James Bond. It is based on the 1957 novel by Ian Fleming. In the film, James Bond is sent to assist in the defection of Soviet consulate clerk Tatiana Romanova in Turkey, where SPECTRE plans to avenge Bond's killing of Dr No. It is considered by many to be the best of the Bond films.

The book was actually the fifth of the Bond novels, being preceded by *Casino Royale*, *Live and Let Die*, *Moonraker* and *Diamonds are Forever*.

Russia has been in tremendous form in this tournament, losing only one match in the round robin and easily winning their three knockout matches on the way to the final.

England, current European Champions, have been getting better and better as the tournament has progressed - and it was they who inflicted the only defeat on their opponents in the round robin.

So, despite my title, there would be no love lost as the teams set out on the two day battle that would determine the outcome.

The match started with an explosive deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Khonicheva</i>
	Pass	1♣	2♠
Dbl	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

West led the jack of clubs and East won with the king and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed the heart switch, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. Then she played the ace of spades and a spade, East winning with the king and exiting with a heart. Declarer ruffed in and played the jack of diamonds. If diamonds are 4-2 you can't make



Anna Gulevich, Russia

the contract, but declarer's decision to run it meant she was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Vorobeychi</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
	Pass	INT	2♦*
Dbl	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

East led the ace of clubs and switched to the king of hearts. West overtook that and continued with the queen, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer came to hand with the ace of spades and ran the queen of diamonds. When that held she played a spade and East won with the king and played a club. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. She could reach dummy with a trump and claim, +590 and 12 IMPs to England.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Khonicheva</i>
			1♣
INT	All Pass		

North led the six of hearts and South won with the ace and switched to the two of clubs. Declarer won with the king and played the jack of diamonds, South winning with the ace and continuing with the five of clubs. Declarer put in the nine and North won with the ten and switched to the queen of hearts, playing a third round when it was ducked.

Declarer played the queen of clubs and South won and played a diamond, North winning and cashing the jack of hearts for one down, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Vorobeychi</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
			1♣
INT	All Pass		

North led the queen of hearts and when it held continued the suit, South taking the ace and playing a third round. Declarer won and played the queen of clubs and South took the ace and returned the two. Declarer put up the king and when the ten fell she could cash two more clubs, which was more than North could stand. She pitched a spade and declarer took three tricks in the suit, +120 and 6 IMPs to Russia.



Nevena Senior, England

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Khonicheva</i>
1♣*	1♦	Dbl*	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ Natural unbalanced with clubs or 15-17, no five card major
Dbl 4 hearts

It seems in the modern game that being vulnerable is game forcing.

North led the six of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a club to the jack and ace. North cashed her diamonds and exited with the two of spades to the queen and ace. Declarer gave up a trick to the king of clubs and claimed the rest, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Vorobeychi</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the ten of diamonds and North played three rounds of the suit. Declarer won and played on clubs, losing only four diamonds and two clubs, +90 and 7 IMPs that moved Russia into the lead.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Khonicheva</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With hearts 3-3 its quite easy to make 3NT - but not easy to bid once you know you have a 4-4 spade fit.

East led the five of clubs to the king and ace and declarer cashed the ace of spades getting the bad news. She exited with the jack of clubs to East's queen and won the ten of hearts exit with the king. She cashed the ace of diamonds, then played the king, ruffed by East with the seven of spades and overruffed with dummy's queen. If declarer now pitches a heart on the ten of clubs she can escape for one down, and she can also ruff the seven of clubs and play the queen of diamonds to achieve the same result.

When she played the seven of clubs and pitched a heart she would have been two down if West cashes the ace of hearts, but she got a reprieve when West returned a diamond. Declarer put up the queen and when East discarded a club declarer should pitch a heart. No, she also parted with a club and was now two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Vorobeychi</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♠
2♦	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

West led the eight of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a low spade to the queen, after which she had no real chance to avoid two down. She played a club to the jack and queen, and was handed a lifeline when East played back the jack of spades. She won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of clubs and can now play diamonds to get out for one down. When she played the king of hearts West ducked. East ruffed the king of diamonds and declarer overruffed and ruffed a club. She played a heart and west won with the jack, cashed the ace and



played a diamond. East ruffed, drew the trumps and gave declarer the last trick with the ten of clubs, two down, -500 and 7 IMPs to Russia.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Khonicheva</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♥*	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♣
Pass	7♦	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

- 2♥ Weak
- 4♦ Leaping Michaels

West led the ace of clubs, +50.

It would be a brave man who sought out an explanation for this disaster but it clearly revolved around the interpretation of 5♥. If that denied a club control then South should have been thinking strictly in terms of a small slam and might easily have bid 6NT. On the other hand maybe South thought it must show a club control as well.

If 5NT was pick a slam then North's 6♥ looks odd. Maybe it was the Grand Slam force. The more I type the more mysterious it gets.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Vorobeychi</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	6♦	All Pass	

I would have been a little nervous bidding a direct 6♦ - and if West had doubled for a club lead Russia would have gained on the board unless South had taken the opportunity to run to 6NT (which she might well have done). However, when East led the six of hearts declarer was home, +920 and 14 IMPs to England who led 43-26 at the end of the set.

Strong finish

by Phillip Alder

When the last 16 boards began, the United States had a tenuous 9-IMP lead. That increased by 6 IMPs on the first deal, a partscore battle. Then came:

Board 82. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ A K Q 10 9 7 4 3
♥ 4
♦ 7 5
♣ K 9

♠ J
♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ A Q J 10 9 4
♣ Q



♠ 8 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ K 8 3
♣ A 8 7 5 3

♠ 6 2
♥ A 10 7 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 10 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
Lev	Poizat	Landen	Lasserre
		Pass	Pass
1♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Dbf
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Schermer	Leenhardt	Chambers
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Dbf	Redbl	2♣
2♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Dbf
All Pass			

At both tables, North led the ace of spades and continued with the king of spades, South playing high-low to show his doubleton.



Neil Chambers, USA

Sam Lev ruffed and played a heart to the queen. Guy Lasserre took his ace and switched to a club. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the jack of hearts, ran the nine, crossed on a diamond, drew the last trump, and claimed.

Patrice Piganeau also ruffed the second spade and started on the hearts, but when Neil Chambers ducked his ace twice, declarer switched to diamonds, apparently fearful that Chambers had another spade, which would have resulted in a huge penalty when Piganeau's last trump was forced out with the spade. At any rate, South ruffed the third round of diamonds for one down.

Plus 650 and plus 100 gave 13 IMPs to the United States. Four boards later, USA dodged a hail of bullets.

Board 86. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K Q 10 9 3
♦ 3 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ A K 8
♥ J 8 7 5 2
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ 9



♠ 4 3 2
♥ A
♦ A J 9 7 5 4
♣ A Q 2

♠ Q J 10 6
♥ 6 4
♦ K
♣ K J 10 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
Lev	Poizat	Landen	Lasserre
		1♦	2♣
Dble	2♥	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Schermer	Leenhardt	Chambers
		1♦	2♣
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT (a)	Pass
5♣ (b)	Pass	5♦	All Pass

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood
(b) One key card

In the open room, Steve Landen suddenly thought that his partner had five or six spades and passed over four spades! But if Lev had had that hand, he would have bid three spades over three diamonds. (If East had continued with a five-club control-bid, probably West would have settled for five diamonds, and East might or might not have raised.)

At this table, if East had been in six diamonds, when South led the six of hearts, declarer probably could have placed South with the king of diamonds for his two-level overcall. But that is all hypothesis.

Now back to four spades on a 3-3 fit.

Double dummy, any lead except a high heart defeats the contract. But Philippe Poizat selected the king of hearts. Now Lev played double dummy. He cashed the ace of diamonds at trick two and continued with another diamond. When South discarded, declarer took the trick, ruffed a heart to strip the South hand of that suit, and called for a trump.

If South had played low, declarer would have won and played two more rounds of the suit. But when South went in with his jack, West ducked.

South could not do better than to lead another trump, but declarer took his two winners and played on diamonds. When South ruffed, he was endplayed in clubs. Lev had made an overtrick!

It would have been interesting if South had ruffed the second diamond. If he ruffed low and played another spade, he would have been endplayed in similar fashion. If he ruffed high and led a high trump, West could win and play two more rounds of spades. If North took the last round with his nine, he could cash the heart queen, but dummy's queen of clubs would be discarded and declarer could claim. (This is why a low-heart lead could have been successful, giving North two winners to cash.)



Philippe Poizat, France

At the other table, East signed off in five diamonds after learning that a key card was missing. And Francois Leenhardt took the diamond finesse to make his contract exactly.

The United States had gained a very lucky 2 IMPs. This was the decisive deal:

Board 90. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 8 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A K 10 6 2	♠ 10 8 7 5 ♥ 3 ♦ 10 9 ♣ Q J 9 8 7 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4b6b4b; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 9 4 ♥ 9 7 6 5 2 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ 3	♠ K Q J 6 ♥ A K ♦ A K Q J 8 4 ♣ 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Poizat</i>	<i>Landen</i>	<i>Lasserre</i>
		2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
		2♦ (a)	Pass
3♣ (b)	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- (a) Artificial game-force
- (b) Ace of clubs, no other ace

When Lev bid two hearts, it promised two of the top three honours in the suit. As Landen knew that was impossible, he wondered if he had forgotten a system change and Lev was making a double-negative response showing 0-3 points. When East bid five hearts, I started working out if six hearts could be made despite the 5-1 break, and it can because South also has four diamonds, permitting declarer three club discards. But Lev corrected to six diamonds.

On that auction, it was no surprise that South led the ace of spades. The play ended shortly thereafter.

At the other table, Chambers found the killing club lead. Declarer had to win with the ace and discard the six of spades on the king, but South ruffed and cashed the ace of spades.

That was 16 IMPs to the United States and a lead of 49 IMPs with six boards to go.

The French had two 10-IMP game swings to make the score closer, but the United States moved with a 156-133 victory.

Different Strokes

by Brian Senior

Different strokes for different folks, as they say. The last board of Set Two of the finals, Board 32, offered the possibility to play in four different game contracts on the E/W cards. Between the three finals, three of those contracts were attempted, while we have to go to the Seniors play-off to see the fourth.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Four Spades was the chosen contract for Sweden in the Seniors play-off, Mats Nilslund and Borje Dahlberg chalking up 12 tricks for +680 and 13 IMPs when 3NT failed in the other room.

Three No Trump made an overtrick at both tables in the Seniors final between USA and Hungary.

The Women's play-off saw Poland's Ewa Banaszekiewicz and Cathy Baldyz gain 1 IMP for playing 4♥ while the French E/W made 3NT exactly. It was flat in 3NT making exactly in the Open play-off match between Monaco and Ireland.

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Nystrom	Balicki	Upmark
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Narkiewicz	Cullin	Buras
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

There were two different contracts selected in the Open final. Both Wests pretty well showed their exact distribution but then Adam Zmudzinski was unwilling to repeat his club support on a poor three-card holding while Bertheau did so despite hearing of three-card heart support.

Four Hearts was very easy as the cards lay. Zmudzinski won the diamond lead and played three rounds of spades, ruffing. He continued with three rounds of hearts then

switched his attention back to spades. Fredrik Nystrom ruffed the fourth spade and played a diamond. Zmudzinski ruffed, cashed the fifth spade and played safe by leading a club to the ace; ten tricks for +620.

Five Clubs was a little more demanding. Per-Ola Cullin received a heart lead, which he won with the ace. He played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond, a heart to the queen and ruffed another diamond. Next came three rounds of spades, ruffing, and the last diamond, ruffed with the jack. Grzegorz Narkiewicz chose not to over-ruff, not that it mattered, pitching a heart. Krzysztof Buras ruffed the next play of the king of hearts but was now on lead so Cullin could not be prevented from making the ace and queen of trumps for his contract; +600 and 1 IMP to Poland.

West	North	East	South
Khonicheva	Brock	Gulevich	Smith
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Senior	Gromova	Dhondy	Ponomareva
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

The Russians reached 3NT without even mentioning clubs. Nicola Smith led the king of diamonds, continuing with the queen then jack as Anna Gulevich ducked until the third round. Gulevich meanwhile pitched two spades from dummy, removing one of her winning options. Gulevich won the third diamond and led a heart to dummy then the jack of clubs for king and ace. She continued by trying to split the hearts and, when that did not work out for her, played the fourth round anyway to North, hoping for some pressure on South. When Brock now returned a club, Gulevich put in the nine, losing to the ten. Smith had two diamonds to cash so that was down two for -200.

Declarer could have managed a ninth trick had she managed to lose a club to North, the safe hand that did not contain diamond winners.

Heather Dhondy's combination of 2♣ followed by 3♦, FSF, rather than 2NT, convinced Nevena Senior that she must have a fifth club so that, although Dhondy made a late suggestion to play in 4♠, Senior went back to clubs.

We have seen Cullin bring home the club game, but Dhondy lost her way early in the play and failed to fulfill her contract. She received a diamond lead, which she won. Rather than take an immediate diamond ruff, she crossed to dummy with a top heart and made the curious-looking play of a low club to the queen - surely, if you are going to play a club it is better to lead the jack at this point to give

some value to that card? When the club scored, Dhondy ruffed a diamond, crossed to the heart queen and ruffed another diamond. Now she tried to cash the king of hearts but that was ruffed and back came a spade from Tatiana

Ponomareva. Dhondy could only take the top spades and ruff one but then there was just the club ace to come; down one for -100. That meant just 3 IMPs to England when it might have been 13.

OPEN **Poland v Sweden** **FINAL SET I**

Mamma Mia!

by Micke Melander

Yesterday morning we saw the first of eight segment being played in the final of the World Mind Sport Games. The BBO show that was broadcast world-wide by Internet was as nerve shattering as always – especially if you were cheering for one of the two teams competing. A total of 75 IMPs was distributed over the first 16 deals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West Nyström	North Balicki	East Upmark	South Zmudzinski
Rdbl	Pass	INT	Dbl*
4NT	4♥	Dbl	4♠
	Dbl	5♣	All Pass

*Major-Minor

Closed Room

West Zak	North Ahlesved	East Zaremba	South Pettersson
4♦	Pass	INT	2♦
	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

Nyström made the right move in the Open Room by not even giving his partner a chance to defend against 4♠, which in fact was a cold contract. The double of 4♥ perhaps suggested the double fit for each side? Zak transferred to hearts and with just king-second and nice defensive values in general Zaremba opted for a business double rather than trying to play his own game.

Since game easily was made at both tables for the Swedish, they immediately went into the lead with 14-0.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open and Closed Room

West Nyström Zak	North Balicki Ahlesved	East Upmark Zaremba	South Zmudzinski Pettersson
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The same auction in both rooms, since neither of the declarers had any interest in playing hearts they stayed in 3NT. Balicki started off with the three of spades, which went to the eight, queen and ace. Nyström went for setting up his clubs and played a club to the jack which held the

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trick, and a club to his ace which Balicki had to win. Balicki continued his attack of spades, Nyström won in dummy with the jack and then come a heart to the king and two rounds of clubs. Nyström then played a heart to dummy, a diamond to the king and a diamond towards dummy, when the remaining cards were:

♠ 10 6 ♥ — ♦ 8 7 ♣ —	♠ K 9 4 ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ — <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ — ♥ 10 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ —	♠ — ♥ 7 4 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ —	
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Balicki sleepily discarded a spade and was instantly thrown in by Nyström with a heart, and had to give away a trick to declarer in spades for 1 IMP to Sweden. The play in the Closed Room went the same way as in the Open until the moment when declarer cashed his two established clubs, Ahlesved for Sweden discarded his two hearts on them and there was no possibility to endplay anyone any longer.

You are in fourth seat and see the bidding proceed; Pass – Pass – 1♥, would you take any action with nobody vulnerable holding: ♠Q6542 ♥9 ♦83 ♣KJ1032.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 8 7 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ J 10 9 5 ♣ 8 4	♠ 10 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ A 9 7 6 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K J 9 3 ♥ A J 5 3 2 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ Q	♠ Q 6 5 4 2 ♥ 9 ♦ 8 3 ♣ K J 10 3 2	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Balicki	Upmark	Zmudzinski
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT	Dbl	Pass	3♣
3♥	4♣	All Pass	



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zak	Ahlesved	Zaremba	Petersson
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Zmudzinski hit the jackpot when Balicki was able to double Nyström's invitational raise in hearts and Upmark's KJ93 in spades suddenly had lost its value. Maybe Upmark should have read one of the articles we had the other day in the bulletin and reevaluated his hand when neither of the opponents seemed to have their values for their bidding...

Just as on the first deal of the match there was nothing to do to prevent either of the declarers from making their contract. That was 11 IMPs to the Poles who now just were 1 behind in the standing.

On the next hand the bidding goes;

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Balicki	Upmark	Zmudzinski
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2NT

You are East and kick off with the ace of clubs and are able to see the two, four and six from the other three players. Your signals are Upside Down count and attitude, indicating four or six clubs with partner.

♠ — ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 7 6 5 ♥ A K J 9 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ 8 2	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ K 10 9 5 ♣ A K 3	
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Any plan?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 8 4 3 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 8 6 ♣ Q J 9 7 5 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 7 6 5 ♥ A K J 9 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ 8 2	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ K 10 9 5 ♣ A K 3	
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Upmark shifted to a heart which gave Balicki no chance of making his contract. The passive defense got the Swedes a spade, two clubs and finally a trick in trumps. At the other table Zaremba was in the same situation after the king of clubs was led (may be partner should have played the queen of clubs). He shifted to the five of diamonds which ran to declarer's queen. Ahlesved could now pull trumps, establish his spades and discard his diamond loser. 10 IMPs to Sweden, who took back the lead for the game which they had lost earlier when the Poles earned 4 IMPs by making INT in the Open Room, while the Swedish went down in the other.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zak</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>	<i>Zaremba</i>	<i>Petersson</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♦
All Pass			

The Swedish team could have managed a lot more IMPs on the deal above. It looked like they had "stolen" the contract again in both directions. 4♣ in the Open Room was lay-down for Upmark and they did very well to actually find their suit in the bidding, however they were one level too low on the lead of the ace of spades.

In the Closed Room Petersson's 2♦ overall was artificial showing spades and a minor and when Zak didn't act over that bid the Poles couldn't get into the bidding any longer.

Zak started with the ace of clubs, declarer ruffed in hand. Petersson continued with the jack of diamonds which ran to East's jack when West showed out. Zaremba continued the attack on clubs which declarer ruffed. With few entries to dummy declarer had a problem, he also believed that the king of spades was offside and so he exited with a low spade which went to the two, ten and East's king. Zaremba returned his last spade and declarer won with dummy's

nine. He ruffed the last club from dummy and ended up with the following position being in hand:

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

Petersson now again failed to find the winning line of play when he played the jack of spades, East ruffed, cashed the ace of hearts and led a low heart to Zak's king, and a third heart come back setting up a third trump trick for the defense en passant. So the contract went one off. Still 2 IMPs to Sweden when they had scored 150 at the other table. But it could have been much better if they could have bid their club game and managed to make 2♦...

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
3♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dbf	4♦	5♥	5♠
	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zak</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>	<i>Zaremba</i>	<i>Petersson</i>
Dbf	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	5♥	Pass
	Dbf	All Pass	

Here Ahlesved in the Closed Room had, a very difficult call to make when 5♥ came back to him. After some think-



Jonas Petersson, Sweden

ing, he finally doubled, which was the right move when they actually couldn't make more than eight tricks in spades and E-W only had ten tricks in their heart contract. The Swedish pair in the Open room generated a completely different tempo in the bidding when West overcalled with 3♥ and East pre-empted to 5♥. Zmudzinski bid on to 5♠ and Nyström doubled them. After a diamond lead and ruff Balicki couldn't take more than eight tricks; 800 to the Swedish which was 14 IMPs. The standing so far was 41-18 to Sweden.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Balicki	Upmark	Zmudzinski
		Pass	Pass
2♥	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zak	Ahlesved	Zaremba	Petersson
		Pass	2♣
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Here Poland gained 11 IMPs when the clubs were wrongly placed and the Swedish bid the wrong slam. Either 6♠ or

6♦ or 6NT was making from South when spades split 3-2. The Polish had managed to get the hand played on the right way up but missed slam. They scored 480 in the Open Room. 11 IMPs to Poland, who were getting closer.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Balicki	Upmark	Zmudzinski
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	2♣	3♣
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zak	Ahlesved	Zaremba	Petersson
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Dbl	2♥	All Pass	

Upmark led a diamond against 3♥ in the Open Room. Again the Swedes played a passive defense, not giving much away. 3♥ was always down if East would have exited or led a heart, but even when he didn't and instead repeated the diamond attack it was enough to held declarer to his eight tricks when declarer tried a club to the king. Another 5 IMPs to Sweden when they managed to buy 2♥ in the Closed Room.

46-29 and the first segment was over.

16th Computers World Championship

This event is managed by Gerard Joyez as Al Levy could not come.

semi-finals results

Jack(NL) beats Q-Plus(D) 189-116
 Wbridge5(Fr) beats Microbridge(Jap) 162-161

So Jack will meet once more Wbridge5 for the title, today 7th floor Charles de Gaulle room