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In a playful mood



Players are hard at work as teams compete for places in the knockout phases of their events.

They have been through the travel, hotel check-ins, registration and the opening ceremony. On Friday, it was time to play for 137 squads in the Open, Women's and Senior teams.

Qualification to the knockout rounds is different for each group.

In the Open, the top four teams in each of the four brackets will go through to the round of 16.

In the Women's, the top five in each of the three groups – plus one other team – will make it to their round of 16.

The Seniors have only two groups, so the top eight in each will get down to business in the head-to-head matches next week.

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WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 4

GROUP E

41	Jordan	England
42	Spain	Scotland
43	Turkey	Guadeloupe
44	Poland	Argentina
45	Russia	Egypt
46	Canada	Australia
47	Chinese Taipei	Kenya

GROUP F

51	USA	Chile
52	Mexico	India
53	New Zealand	Japan
54	China Hong Kong	Ireland
55	Reunion	Austria
56	San Marino	Indonesia
57	Netherlands	Israel
58	Denmark	Bye

GROUP G

61	Palestine	China
62	Philippines	Pakistan
63	France	Morocco
64	Sweden	Venezuela
65	Germany	Lebanon
66	Italy	South Africa
67	Norway	Brazil

ROUND 5

GROUP E

41	England	Spain
42	Scotland	Canada
43	Australia	Russia
44	Egypt	Poland
45	Argentina	Turkey
46	Chinese Taipei	Jordan
47	Guadeloupe	Kenya

GROUP F

51	Ireland	USA
52	Japan	Austria
53	India	Indonesia
54	Chile	Denmark
55	Mexico	Israel
56	New Zealand	Netherlands
57	Reunion	San Marino
58	China Hong Kong	Bye

GROUP G

61	China	Norway
62	Brazil	Italy
63	South Africa	Germany
64	Lebanon	Sweden
65	Venezuela	France
66	Morocco	Philippines
67	Pakistan	Palestine

ROUND 6

GROUP E

41	Poland	England
42	Russia	Turkey
43	Egypt	Argentina
44	Spain	Jordan
45	Scotland	Chinese Taipei
46	Australia	Guadeloupe
47	Canada	Kenya

GROUP F

51	USA	Netherlands
52	India	Chile
53	Denmark	San Marino
54	Indonesia	Reunion
55	Austria	China Hong Kong
56	Ireland	New Zealand
57	Japan	Mexico
58	Israel	Bye

GROUP G

61	Sweden	China
62	Germany	France
63	Italy	Philippines
64	Norway	Palestine
65	Brazil	Pakistan
66	South Africa	Morocco
67	Lebanon	Venezuela

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

Round 4 (10.30)

Match	Teams	Series
VG	Sweden – Russia	Open C
BBO 1	France – Estonia	Open B
BBO 2	Italy – South Africa	Women C
BBO 3	Netherlands – Israel	Women B
BBO 4	New Zealand – Chinese Taipei	Open B

Round 5 (14.00)

Match	Teams	Series
VG	India – The Netherlands	Open A
BBO 1	Portugal – France	Open B
BBO 2	Scotland – Italy	Open C
BBO 3	Turkey – Monaco	Open D
BBO 4	New Zealand – USA	Open A

Round 6 (17.00)

Match	Teams	Series
VG	USA – Poland	Open B
BBO 1	Germany – France	Women B
BBO 2	Italy – Sweden	Open C
BBO 3	Monaco – China	Open D
BBO 4	Netherlands – England	Open A

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands	Mexico	49 - 35	18 - 12
2	Korea	Switzerland	7 - 35	8 - 22
3	England	Chile	41 - 16	21 - 9
4	Germany	Jordan	64 - 10	25 - 3
5	Denmark	Guadeloupe	45 - 30	18 - 12
6	Spain	Egypt	43 - 38	16 - 14
7	Belgium	India	22 - 58	7 - 23
8	Bosnia Herzeg.	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
21	Italy	Slovakia	67 - 14	25 - 3
22	Kenya	Trinidad Tobago	39 - 48	13 - 17
23	Singapore	Bermuda	49 - 25	21 - 9
24	Sweden	Thailand	38 - 38	15 - 15
25	Canada	Scotland	66 - 29	24 - 6
26	Argentina	Morocco	53 - 4	25 - 4
27	Romania	South Africa	18 - 51	7 - 23
28	Russia	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP A				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Chile	Netherlands	22 - 83	2 - 25
2	Switzerland	Jordan	54 - 8	25 - 5
3	Bosnia Herzeg.	Guadeloupe	41 - 23	18.5 - 10.5
4	Mexico	Egypt	27 - 13	18 - 12
5	Korea	Belgium	16 - 61	5 - 25
6	England	Spain	21 - 35	11.5 - 17.5
7	Germany	Denmark	33 - 56	10 - 20
8	India	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
21	Thailand	Italy	33 - 33	15 - 15
22	Russia	Argentina	53 - 10	25 - 5
23	Trinidad Tobago	Morocco	32 - 60	8 - 22
24	Slovakia	South Africa	15 - 49	6 - 23
25	Kenya	Scotland	35 - 49	12 - 18
26	Singapore	Canada	42 - 48	14 - 16
27	Sweden	Romania	34 - 27	16 - 14
28	Bermuda	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP A				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands	Denmark	48 - 28	20 - 10
2	Spain	Germany	31 - 49	11 - 19
3	Belgium	England	25 - 29	14 - 16
4	India	Korea	71 - 23	25 - 4
5	Guadeloupe	Mexico	50 - 22	22 - 8
6	Jordan	Bosnia Herzeg.	43 - 26	19 - 11
7	Chile	Switzerland	37 - 44	14 - 16
8	Egypt	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
21	Italy	Argentina	63 - 23	24 - 6
22	Romania	Russia	28 - 31	14 - 16
23	Canada	Sweden	18 - 53	7 - 23
24	Scotland	Singapore	11 - 71	2 - 25
25	South Africa	Kenya	72 - 11	25 - 2
26	Morocco	Slovakia	48 - 35	18 - 12
27	Thailand	Bermuda	49 - 36	18 - 12
28	Trinidad Tobago	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 1

GROUP B				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
11	USA	Ukraine	71 - 17	25 - 3
12	San Marino	Bangladesh	38 - 35	16 - 14
13	Austria	New Zealand	38 - 35	16 - 14
14	Poland	Portugal	40 - 14	21 - 9
15	France	China Hong Kong	80 - 22	25 - 3
16	Brazil	Pakistan	50 - 34	19 - 11
17	Ireland	Chinese Taipei	53 - 37	19 - 11
18	Estonia	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Norway	Turkey	63 - 35	22 - 8
32	Costa Rica	Finland	27 - 41	12 - 18
33	Botswana	Reunion	57 - 21	23 - 7
34	China	Venezuela	59 - 22	24 - 6
35	Israel	Latvia	47 - 26	20 - 10
36	Greece	Japan	44 - 32	18 - 12
37	Iceland	Australia	70 - 23	25 - 4
38	Monaco	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 2

GROUP B				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
11	Portugal	Usa	39 - 32	16 - 14
12	Estonia	China Hong Kong	40 - 24	19 - 11
13	Bangladesh	Pakistan	42 - 28	18 - 12
14	Ukraine	Chinese Taipei	11 - 34	10 - 20
15	San Marino	New Zealand	42 - 41	14 - 15
16	France	Brazil	42 - 32	17 - 13
17	Poland	Ireland	33 - 44	13 - 17
18	Austria	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Venezuela	Monaco	26 - 64	6 - 24
32	Reunion	Latvia	28 - 40	12 - 18
33	Finland	Japan	42 - 22	20 - 10
34	Israel	Greece	58 - 38	20 - 10
35	Costa Rica	Turkey	32 - 58	9 - 21
36	Botswana	Norway	27 - 64	6 - 24
37	China	Iceland	30 - 29	15 - 15
38	Australia	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 3

GROUP B				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
11	USA	Brazil	54 - 47	16 - 14
12	Ireland	France	9 - 39	8 - 22
13	Austria	Poland	15 - 52	6 - 24
14	Portugal	Estonia	17 - 56	6 - 24
15	Chinese Taipei	San Marino	47 - 42	16 - 14
16	Pakistan	Ukraine	48 - 48	15 - 15
17	China Hong Kong	Bangladesh	50 - 36	18 - 12
18	New Zealand	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Monaco	Greece	68 - 21	25 - 4
32	Iceland	Israel	22 - 47	9 - 21
33	Norway	China	29 - 31	15 - 15
34	Turkey	Botswana	50 - 22	22 - 8
35	Australia	Costa Rica	27 - 37	13 - 17
36	Venezuela	Reunion	61 - 15	25 - 5
37	Latvia	Finland	33 - 27	16 - 14
38	Japan	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	Scotland	England	35 - 13	20 - 10
42	Australia	Spain	72 - 12	25 - 2
43	Egypt	Canada	25 - 26	15 - 15
44	Argentina	Russia	22 - 86	2 - 25
45	Guadeloupe	Poland	1 - 78	0 - 25
46	Chinese Taipei	Turkey	16 - 71	3 - 25
47	Jordan	Kenya	20 - 21	15 - 15

GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	Usa	Japan	28 - 32	14 - 16
52	India	Ireland	48 - 12	23 - 7
53	Chile	Austria	7 - 69	2 - 25
54	Mexico	Indonesia	20 - 76	3 - 25
55	New Zealand	Denmark	25 - 72	4 - 25
56	China Hong Kong	Israel	24 - 31	14 - 16
57	Reunion	Netherlands	14 - 56	5 - 25
58	San Marino	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	Brazil	China	52 - 36	19 - 11
62	South Africa	Norway	43 - 32	17 - 13
63	Lebanon	Italy	8 - 54	5 - 25
64	Venezuela	Germany	48 - 18	22 - 8
65	Morocco	Sweden	28 - 55	9 - 21
66	Pakistan	France	41 - 39	15 - 15
67	Palestine	Philippines	29 - 37	13 - 17

ROUND 1

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	Guadeloupe	England	24 - 71	4 - 25
42	Chinese Taipei	Argentina	60 - 29	22 - 8
43	Jordan	Egypt	22 - 60	6 - 24
44	Turkey	Scotland	41 - 32	17 - 13
45	Poland	Spain	37 - 38	15 - 15
46	Russia	Canada	79 - 13	25 - 1
47	Australia	Kenya	24 - 39	12 - 18

GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	Mexico	Usa	18 - 49	8 - 22
52	New Zealand	Chile	23 - 39	11 - 19
53	China Hong Kong	India	51 - 48	16 - 14
54	Reunion	Japan	9 - 53	5 - 25
55	San Marino	Ireland	27 - 61	6.5 - 22.5
56	Israel	Denmark	61 - 27	22.5 - 6.5
57	Netherlands	Indonesia	45 - 14	22 - 8
58	Austria	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	Morocco	China	16 - 39	10 - 20
62	Pakistan	Venezuela	55 - 18	24 - 6
63	Palestine	Lebanon	63 - 23	24 - 6
64	Philippines	South Africa	18 - 53	7 - 23
65	France	Brazil	19 - 44	9 - 21
66	Sweden	Norway	66 - 21	25 - 5
67	Germany	Italy	46 - 39	16 - 14

ROUND 2

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	England	Australia	19 - 58	6 - 24
42	Egypt	Scotland	15 - 39	9 - 21
43	Argentina	Spain	26 - 59	7 - 23
44	Guadeloupe	Canada	22 - 39	11 - 19
45	Chinese Taipei	Russia	18 - 63	5 - 25
46	Jordan	Poland	30 - 29	15 - 15
47	Turkey	Kenya	38 - 35	16 - 14

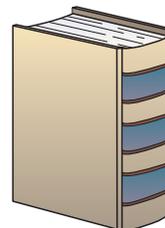
GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	USA	Denmark	44 - 40	16 - 14
52	Indonesia	Israel	13 - 40	9 - 21
53	Austria	Netherlands	38 - 47	13 - 17
54	Mexico	New Zealand	40 - 22	19 - 11
55	Japan	San Marino	30 - 26	16 - 14
56	India	Reunion	53 - 15	24 - 6
57	Chile	China Hong Kong	33 - 31	15 - 15
58	Ireland	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	China	South Africa	69 - 11	25 - 3
62	Lebanon	Brazil	33 - 26	16 - 14
63	Venezuela	Norway	4 - 69	1 - 25
64	Morocco	Italy	27 - 28	14.4 - 14.6
65	Pakistan	Germany	27 - 71	5 - 25
66	Palestine	Sweden	18 - 58	6 - 24
67	Philippines	France	34 - 40	14 - 16

ROUND 3



2012 World Championship Book



The official book of these championships will be available early next year. As usual, it will cover all the best of the action, including every board of the finals of the Women's and Open Teams Championships. There will be a full results service and listing of all participants and many photos.

The writing team will consist of Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll.

On publication, the price will be US\$35.00 per copy, but if you order and pay for your copy here in Lille you will get the special discount price of US\$25.00 or €20.00, including surface mail.

To order, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room.

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	France Belgium	52 - 10	25 - 5
72	Canada Turkey	19 - 42	10 - 20
73	Brazil Israel	10 - 47	6 - 24
74	Australia England	22 - 53	8 - 22
75	India Germany	42 - 33	17 - 13
76	China Hong Kong Scotland	33 - 47	12 - 18
77	Singapore Indonesia	39 - 39	15 - 15
78	Morocco South Africa	45 - 35	17 - 13
79	Egypt Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 1

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	Usa Spain	49 - 35	18 - 12
82	Argentina Hungary	43 - 58	12 - 18
83	Japan Sweden	35 - 19	19 - 11
84	Pakistan Italy	30 - 35	14 - 16
85	Guadeloupe Netherlands	24 - 73	4 - 25
86	Chinese Taipei Denmark	39 - 66	8.5 - 21
87	New Zealand Poland	38 - 29	17 - 13
88	Reunion Ireland	19 - 46	9 - 21
89	Kenya Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	Australia France	35 - 29	16 - 14
72	India Brazil	49 - 37	17.5 - 11.5
73	China Hong Kong Canada	41 - 42	15 - 15
74	Singapore Belgium	40 - 43	14 - 16
75	Egypt Turkey	14 - 42	8 - 22
76	Morocco Israel	39 - 54	12 - 18
77	South Africa England	35 - 55	10 - 20
78	Indonesia Scotland	42 - 27	18 - 12
79	Germany Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 2

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	Pakistan USA	24 - 30	12 - 16
82	Guadeloupe Japan	15 - 36	10 - 20
83	Chinese Taipei Argentina	29 - 37	13 - 17
84	New Zealand Spain	54 - 31	20 - 10
85	Kenya Hungary	19 - 52	7 - 23
86	Reunion Sweden	36 - 76	6 - 24
87	Ireland Italy	17 - 33	11 - 17
88	Poland Denmark	47 - 17	22 - 8
89	Netherlands Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	France Germany	43 - 23	20 - 10
72	England Scotland	49 - 23	21 - 9
73	Israel Indonesia	47 - 34	18 - 12
74	India China Hong Kong	49 - 42	16 - 14
75	Belgium South Africa	51 - 26	21 - 9
76	Canada Morocco	32 - 24	17 - 13
77	Brazil Egypt	42 - 44	15 - 15
78	Australia Singapore	75 - 25	25 - 4
79	Turkey Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 3

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	USA Netherlands	30 - 29	15 - 15
82	Italy Denmark	45 - 45	15 - 15
83	Sweden Poland	54 - 41	18 - 12
84	Guadeloupe Chinese Taipei	27 - 37	13 - 17
85	Spain Ireland	42 - 25	19 - 11
86	Argentina Reunion	43 - 64	10 - 20
87	Japan Kenya	45 - 12	23 - 7
88	Pakistan New Zealand	28 - 32	14 - 16
89	Hungary Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ONLINE PLAY

Round 4 (10.30)		
Match	Teams	Series
DBS 1	San Marino – USA	Open B
DBS 2	Brazil – Portugal	Open B
DBS 3	Korea – Denmark	Open A
DBS 4	Singapore – Argentina	Open C
DBS 5	USA – Chile	Women B
DBS 6	Chinese Taipei – USA	Seniors B

Round 5 (14.00)		
Match	Teams	Series
DBS 1	Ireland – USA	Women B
DBS 2	Australia – Norway	Open D
DBS 3	Japan – Iceland	Open D
DBS 4	Switzerland – England	Open A
DBS 5	South Africa – Canada	Open C
DBS 6	New Zealand – Netherlands	Women B

Round 6 (17.00)		
Match	Teams	Series
DBS 1	New Zealand – Estonia	Open B
DBS 2	Australia – Venezuela	Open D
DBS 3	South Africa – Thailand	Open C
DBS 4	Germany – Australia	Seniors A
DBS 5	Norway – Finland	Open D
DBS 6	Scotland – Chinese Taipei	Women A

You will be able to follow live play of six different matches during each round at www.bridgecardreader.com

OPEN TEAMS – Ranking after 3 rounds

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 India	66	1 France	64	1 South Africa	71	1 Monaco	67
2 Netherlands	63	2 Estonia	61	2 Italy	64	2 Israel	61
Switzerland	63	3 Poland	58	3 Singapore	60	Norway	61
4 Germany	54	4 USA	55	4 Russia	59	4 China	54
5 Denmark	48	5 Chinese Taipei	47	5 Sweden	54	5 Finland	52
England	48	New Zealand	47	6 Thailand	48	6 Turkey	51
7 Bosnia Herzeg.	47.5	7 Brazil	46	7 Canada	47	7 Iceland	49
8 Belgium	46	8 Bangladesh	44	8 Morocco	44	8 Latvia	44
9 Spain	45	Ireland	44	9 Trinidad Tobago	43	9 Japan	40
10 Guadeloupe	44.5	San Marino	44	10 Bermuda	39	10 Costa Rica	38
11 Egypt	44	11 Austria	40	11 Argentina	36	11 Botswana	37
12 Mexico	38	12 Pakistan	38	12 Romania	35	Venezuela	37
13 Jordan	27	13 China Hong Kong	32	13 Kenya	27	13 Australia	35
14 Chile	25	14 Portugal	31	14 Scotland	26	14 Greece	32
15 Korea	17	15 Ukraine	28	15 Slovakia	21	15 Reunion	24

WOMEN'S TEAMS – Ranking after 3 rounds

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 Russia	75	1 Netherlands	64	1 Sweden	70
2 Australia	61	2 India	61	2 China	56
3 Turkey	58	3 Israel	59.5	3 Brazil	54
4 Poland	55	4 Japan	57	4 Italy	53.6
5 Scotland	54	5 Austria	56	5 Germany	49
6 Egypt	48	6 Usa	52	6 Pakistan	44
7 Kenya	47	7 Ireland	47.5	7 Norway	43
8 England	41	8 Denmark	45.5	Palestine	43
9 Spain	40	9 China Hong Kong	45	South Africa	43
10 Jordan	36	10 Indonesia	42	10 France	40
11 Canada	35	11 San Marino	38.5	11 Philippines	38
12 Chinese Taipei	30	12 Chile	36	12 Morocco	33.4
13 Argentina	17	13 Mexico	30	13 Venezuela	29
14 Guadeloupe	15	14 New Zealand	26	14 Lebanon	27
		15 Reunion	16		

SENIOR TEAMS – Ranking after 3 rounds

GROUP H		GROUP I					
1 England	63	Morocco	42	1 Japan	62	10 Ireland	43
2 Israel	60	11 China Hong Kong	41	2 Hungary	59	11 Pakistan	41
Turkey	60	Egypt	41	3 Netherlands	58	Spain	41
4 France	59	Germany	41	4 New Zealand	53	13 Argentina	39
5 India	50.5	14 Scotland	39	Sweden	53	14 Chinese Taipei	38.5
6 Australia	49	15 Singapore	33	6 Italy	48	15 Reunion	35
7 Indonesia	45	16 Brazil	32.5	USA	48	16 Kenya	32
8 Belgium	42	17 South Africa	32	8 Poland	47	17 Guadeloupe	27
Canada	42			9 Denmark	44		

Philadelphia Story

by Mark Horton

Hopes for a dream final are frequently dashed when one of the teams falls by the wayside. That was not the case in the ACBL's Summer Nationals when the recently crowned champions of Europe, Monaco, led by Pierre Zimmermann, met the imperious squad headed by Nick Nickell in the final of the Spingold.

The match was played over four sets of 16 deals. Battle was joined on the very first deal:

Dealer North. None Vul

♠ A K 3 ♥ Q J 9 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 10 8 3	Dealer North. None Vul ♠ J 9 8 6 4 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ A 5 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ — ♥ A 8 7 6 2 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ J 9 6 4	♠ Q 10 7 5 ♥ K 10 ♦ J 9 4 3 2 ♣ Q 7
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Nunes	Katz	Fantoni
	Pass	Pass	2♥*

All Pass

South's Two Hearts was 10-13 unbalanced with five hearts, but could (as here) be much weaker in third position. For some reason West took no action so South was left to play there.

West led the ace of spades and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the king and a diamond to the ten and ace. West switched to the queen of hearts and declarer won and tried to cash the queen of diamonds. West ruffed with the five of hearts as East followed with the jack and played a heart to East's king. East cashed the nine of diamonds and continued with the four, West discarding the king of spades. Now if East switches to a low club the contract will go three down, but after the queen of clubs declarer could win with the ace, ruff a spade and throw West in with a heart to get a club trick at the end, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Weinstein	Helness	Levin
	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Here it was North who got the ball rolling but E/W were not hard pressed to reach the comfortable game.

Declarer won the spade lead in hand and played a heart to the king and ace. He ducked the diamond return, won the next diamond with the ace and played a club to the king. He ended up with ten tricks, +430 and 8 IMPs to Monaco.

Dealer East. EW Vul

♠ K Q J 7 6 ♥ 5 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ J 9 7 4	Dealer East. EW Vul ♠ 8 2 ♥ A J 8 4 3 2 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ K 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ A 10 ♣ 8 6 5 3	♠ 4 3 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ Q J 9 7 4 ♣ A Q 10
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Nunes	Katz	Fantoni
1♠	2♥	1♣	1♦
Double*	4♥	Double	All Pass

When West made a game try double East knew what to do with Four Hearts. He cashed the ace of spades, but when West played the seven (why not the king?) he switched to the five of clubs and now declarer could play three rounds of the suit and dispose of a spade. That meant he was only two down, -300.



Steve Weinstein, USA

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Weinstein</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Levin</i>
1♠ 4♠	2♥ All Pass	1♣ 2♠	1♦ Pass

North led the two of diamonds and as soon as he came in with the ace of hearts he switched to the king of clubs, one down, +100 and 9 IMPs to Nickell, who trailed 13-14.

Dealer South. All Vul

♠ A Q J 3	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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		♠ K 10 9 8 6 2
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W			E								
		S									
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♣ A Q 10 8	♣ 2										

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

Open Room

West <i>Nickell</i>	North <i>Nunes</i>	East <i>Katz</i>	South <i>Fantoni</i>
Pass Double	2♥* 4♥	Pass All Pass	2♦* 3♠*

2♦ 10-13 unbalanced, 5+ diamonds
2♥ Relay, invitational +
3♠ 0-4-5-4

East led the two of clubs and West won with the queen and played the ace of spades. Declarer ruffed and ran the nine of hearts. When that held he played the ten of hearts to the queen and ace, ruffed a spade, crossed to dummy with a diamond, drew the outstanding trump and claimed eleven tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Weinstein</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Levin</i>
1♠ Pass Pass Double Double	Double Double 5♣ 5♦ All Pass	4♠ Pass Pass Pass	1♦ Pass 4NT Pass 5♥

When West overcalled on his chunky four card suit East had an automatic raise to game. When South elected to remove his partner's double it looked as if his side had gone overboard.

However, West led the ace of clubs, and although he could give East a ruff on the next round that was the last trick for the defence, -850 and 5 IMPs for Nickell, ahead for the first time, 19-13.

Dealer West. EW Vul

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♣ K J 5 4	♣ 6										

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

Open Room

West <i>Nickell</i>	North <i>Nunes</i>	East <i>Katz</i>	South <i>Fantoni</i>
1♦ Double* All Pass	Pass Redouble	1♥ 2♦	1♠ Double

Double Three card heart support

You might argue that East was wrong to respond to the opening bid, but he who sows the whirlwind does not always reap the whirlwind - I wonder what would have happened had East passed One Spade redoubled?

North led the ten of spades and South won with the jack and switched to the seven of diamonds. North won with the queen, cashed the ace (South discarding the five of spades) and played a third diamond. Declarer won with dummy's nine and played a heart to the king and ace. He drew the last trump and played a heart to the jack and queen. North cashed the ten of hearts and played a spade. South won with the nine, cashed two more spades and switched to the eight of clubs. When declarer put in the jack he was down five, -1400.

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Weinstein</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Levin</i>
1♣ Double* Pass	Pass Redouble 3NT	1♥ 2♥ All Pass	1♠ 3♣

When N/S gave up on the idea of playing for a penalty (in theory you can collect +1400 from Two Hearts) a big swing was assured.

The diamond lead went to the king and ace and declarer played a spade to the ace and a club. West went in with the king and played a diamond, ducked to East's nine. West won the heart switch with the ace and played a third diamond

but declarer won with the queen, played a heart to the king and a club to the ten. He could claim the rest, +430, but lost 14 IMPs, leaving Monaco ahead 36-21 at the end of the set.

Dealer North. None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
	All Pass		

1♦ Precision

South led the three of diamonds and declarer won, drew trumps, and set up a long heart which he could reach with the ace of spades, +920.

At first glance a spade lead would defeat the slam, but declarer wins and plays a club. South wins and switches to a trump, but now declarer simply runs the trumps, squeezing South in the round suits.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Z'merman</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Katz</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ace of clubs and switched to the eight of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the diamonds to squeeze South, +490 but 10 IMPs to Nickell.

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Dealer South. All Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
1♦	1♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the seven of diamonds and North won with the queen (declarer dropping the ten), cashed the ace, carefully cashed the ace of clubs and then gave his partner a ruff, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Z'merman</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Katz</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the seven of diamonds and North won (declarer following with the jack) and switched to the three of spades. That was all the help declarer needed, +620 and 12 IMPs to Monaco who led 55-35.

Dealer West. NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Nunes	Rodwell	Fantoni
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Double	Pass
Pass	Redouble*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ 14+ (good 12/13) 4+ clubs or 15+ balanced
- 3♣ 13+ 5 hearts and another suit
- Rdbl First round control

West led the seven of spades and declarer won and claimed, +2210

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z'merman	Nickell	Multon	Katz
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♠*
4♠	5♥	Pass	6♣
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

East's delayed entry into the auction enabled West to try and jam the works and he came again on the next round. When South went on to the grand slam East did some maths and pressed on. The defenders had eight tricks for +2000, but Monaco had 5 IMPs. they led 68-44 at the end of the set.

Dealer South. EW Vul

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Multon	Rodwell	Zimmermann
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Having forced on the first round North had a difficult decision on the next round. When he went past 3NT South could do no more than raise to game.

West led the jack of hearts and East took his aces. With West having a trump trick that was +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Weinstein	Helness	Levin
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	INT*
Pass	4NT	All Pass	3♣

INT might contain a four card major
 2♦ Two way checkback

West led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the queen and unblocked the clubs, getting the bad news in that suit. he needed a spade trick, so he played a spade to the queen. When that held he played another spade to the king and East's ace. He took eleven tricks - and gained the same number of IMPs.

Dealer North. NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Multon	Rodwell	Zimmermann
Double	1♥	Pass	2NT*
	Pass	3♠	All Pass

The defenders took two clubs, two diamonds and a heart, +50.

2NT Three card support, 10-15

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2NT Natural, game forcing

East led the seven of clubs and declarer took the king with the ace and played a spade to the king and ace. He ruffed the spade return, played a diamond to the king and a heart to the jack and queen. He took the club switch with dummy's ten and when the king of hearts came up on the next round of the suit he claimed +620 and 11 IMPs.

Dealer South. All Vul

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West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	1♥	Double	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4♥
4NT*	Double	All Pass	Pass
5♣			



Franck Multon, Monaco

North cashed the ace of hearts and switched to the three of clubs. Declarer put up dummy's queen and South matched it with the queen of hearts. Declarer played a spade to the jack and king and won the spade return with the ace. A diamond went to North's ace and declarer ruffed the heart return in hand, discarding a spade from dummy. He played a diamond to the king, North discarding a heart and now does best to ruff a spade high. He then runs the ten of clubs and when that holds exits with a diamond. South wins, but must now play a major suit. Declarer ruffs in hand and North has no good move. That holds the penalty to 500, but declarer made the mistake of exiting with a diamond at once. South won and played a spade. Declarer ruffed with the king and played the eight of clubs, but there was no way to prevent North from scoring a trump trick for three down and +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
	1♥	Double	Pass
Pass	4NT*	5♣	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Declarer lost a trick to the ace of spades, but that was all, +1050 and 6 IMPs to Nickell, closing in at 72-79.

Dealer East. All Vul

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

Open Room

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

When South cue bid the ace of hearts North, who had shown one major and diamonds asked for key cards and

On the surface North's 3NT bid looks ridiculous, but there were various weak hands with spades that might offer a play for game. Had he bid 4♠ a heart lead would have been a winner - would East have found it?

East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and advanced the queen of spades. When the king appeared he ducked and East switched to the nine of hearts, West winning with the queen and going back to diamonds. Declarer ducked and East won with the six and played another heart. West took the ace, cashed the ace of clubs and played a third diamond. Declarer finished three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
			2♠

All Pass

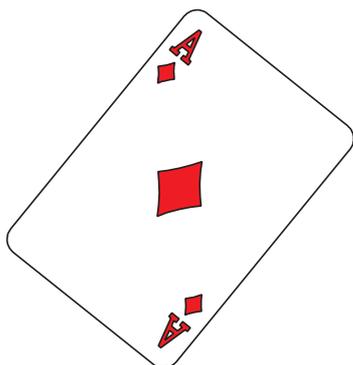
Played by South there is no way to prevent ten tricks and declarer recorded +170. 10 IMPs to Nickell who led 101-91 going into the last set.

Dealer North. NS Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Not something you see every day of the week, Meckwell stopping in a part score with 16 opposite 10. South led the five of diamonds and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the spades, came to hand with a heart and took another



round of trumps. He then tried the ten of clubs and South won and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a club to the king and ace. He had nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Double	All Pass	

South led the jack of hearts and declarer put up dummy's ace (obviously an essential move) and unblocked the spades. A club went to the nine, jack and queen and declarer won the heart return in hand and cashed three spade winners. A diamond to the king was followed by a club to the king and ace and South had to surrender a trick in one of the minors. +550 for Monaco only one behind at 100-101.

Dealer East. EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
		INT	2♥*
3♣*	4♥	Double	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass
2♥	Hearts and a minor		
3♣	Diamonds		

Four Hearts would have failed by a trick, but the West hand does not look like one on which you should defend. Notice that 3NT is unbeatable - but hard to reach once the opponents have bid Four Hearts.

East gave a lot of thought to passing Four Spades - had he done so North would have had to have led the ace of clubs to defeat the contract.

Against 5♦, South led the ace of spades and continued with the king and a third spade, North ruffing and cashing the ace of clubs for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Weinstein</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Levin</i>
2♦	3♥*	1♣	1♥
4♠	All Pass	3NT	4♥

North led the jack of hearts and declarer could dispose of dummy's club and then play spades, +650 and 13 IMPs - Monaco 113-101.

Dealer East. All Vul

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

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♠ A J 7 6 3
♥ Q 9
♦ Q J 9
♣ Q 6 3

Open Room

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North <i>Nunes</i>	East <i>Rodwell</i>	South <i>Fantoni</i>
Double*	Redouble	1♦	1♠
All Pass		Pass	INT

West led the four of clubs and East won with the ace and switched to the four of hearts. West won with the jack and tried the ten of diamonds. Declarer put up dummy's ace and played the queen of spades. When East covered declarer won, crossed back to the ten of spades and played the jack of clubs. West won and went back to hearts but the defenders could only take five tricks, +120.

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Weinstein</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Levin</i>
Double	Redouble	1♦	1♠
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Redouble*	All Pass	Pass	Double
Redouble	SOS ish		

When South passed his partner's redouble it was West who bid INT and a few moments later he was playing it redoubled with a lot of IMPs on the line.

When North led the queen of spades the defenders were in a position to take the first eight tricks which would hand them +1000, but South had no obvious entry and when declarer put up dummy's king he ducked. Declarer played a diamond to the nine, ten and king and North continued

with the ten of spades. South overtook that with the jack and cashed the ace and seven, North discarding the jack of clubs and the eight of hearts (upside down attitude and standard count). To my untutored eye it seems clear North was showing diamond values but South did not see it that way. When he switched to the three of clubs declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the jack. Once that held he ran for home, +760 and 13 IMPs.

Instead of being back in the match, Nickell was virtually doomed.

Dealer West. NS Vul

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

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

Open Room

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North <i>Nunes</i>	East <i>Rodwell</i>	South <i>Fantoni</i>
1♦	Double	Redouble*	1♠
Double	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

* Hearts

Two Hearts must have shown a strong balanced hand with spades support.

West led the six of hearts and declarer won in hand with the ten. (If East were to play an inspired king declarer would be deprived of an entry in hearts, but can still make the contract.) Declarer ran the seven of spades to East's jack, won the heart return and ran the ten of spades. When that held he played a club to the king, cashed the ace of spades and played another club. With that suit 3-2 and the diamond king onside he was soon claiming +620.

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Weinstein</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Levin</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

East's wafer thin overcall saw his side steal the pot and although the contract drifted two down, -100 handed Monaco another 11 IMPs.

Monaco won the Spingold final 143-101 IMPs by virtue of scoring 52 unanswered IMPs over the last sixteen boards. Watch out for them in Lille!



Olympic Update

by Herman De Wael



During the World Junior Team Championships, last week in Taicang, China, I presented a daily Olympic Update in the daily bulletins. I would like to do the same for the last few days of the Olympic Games, and I'll start with what happened in the few days between Taicang and now.



Michael Phelps, USA

Michael Phelps had one last performance while I was leaving China. He won gold in the 4x100 m medley relay. That was his 18th gold medal, his 22nd in total. It was also the fourth event in which he completed a set of three titles. If you consider that just over 150 people have achieved such a feat, and only four others did it in more than one event, this is truly remarkable. Phelps was not the only triple champion in that relay, as Brendan Hansen also swam on the winning medley relays in Athens, Beijing and London.

The main performance of the past week was that of Briton Ben Ainslie. He won the sailing Finn class, and he had done the same in 2004 and 2008, so he's also a triple champion. However, Ainslie has done better. In 2000, he won in a different event, the Laser, and he became the 27th person in history to have won gold medals at four Olympic Games. And he's done better still. In 1996, also in the Laser class, he had won the silver medal. That means he has won medals in five Olympiads. And there were only 35 people who had previously done that. In the Taicang bulletins, I presented the readers with my own personal list of Olympic achievers, according to a points system that rewards individual events more than team sports or relays, and gives added bonus to long careers. In the last bulletin, we published the top-30 of this list (on my website you can find the top-2400), and Ben Ainslie was already in 18th position. This additional medal propels him to fourth, behind new number one Michael Phelps, early Olympic jumper Ray Ewry, and sprinter and jumper Carl Lewis.

One hour after Ainslie, in another sailing competition, the Star, Brazilian Robert Scheidt (who had beaten Ainslie into his only silver in 1996) also got his fifth medal, a bronze.

Scheidt is the 37th person to have won medals in five Olympiads.

Earlier on Sunday, the Williams sisters won the women's doubles tennis. They had done the same in 2000 and 2008 (Serena had been injured in 2004).

Women's wrestling has been on the programme of the Games since 2004, and already there are two triple champions: Japan's Kaori Icho and Saori Yoshida. Because wrestling is in an individual sport, they join the top of my performance list, in joint 35th place.

Also on Wednesday, Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh-Jennings won their third consecutive gold in beach volleyball.

On Thursday, the USA won the women's football. It was their third consecutive title, and four players, Christie Rampone, Shannon Boxx, Heather O'Reilly and Heather Mitts now have four gold medals.

There are now 164 triple olympic champions.

The German women's K4 (that's canoeing) came second behind Hungary. One of the Germans, Katrin Wagner, had won this event three times in the past. She failed to win a fourth, but became the 89th person to win four medals in the same event. Katalin Kovács of Hungary did the reverse, by winning a gold after three silvers, and is the 90th with four medals.

Even better was reserved for Anky Van Grunsven, who won her fifth consecutive medal in the team dressage. She was the 24th in history to achieve this. She finished sixth in the individual competition, which is the sixth time she came in the top-6. She's 19th on my performance list.

On Monday, two countries won their very first medals, Grenada's Kirani James won gold in the 400 meters, and Guatemala's Erick Barrondo took silver in the 20 km walk. 126 of the 204 IOC-recognized nations have now won at least one more medal.

Ian Millar of Canada, a show jumper, achieved a record of another type: he competed in his tenth Olympic Games, the first person ever to do so. He had first competed in Munich in 1972, but missed out on Moscow because of the boycott.



Ben Ainslie, United Kingdom

Mr. Ding Guan Gen, the legacy of a patriarch

My friendship with Ding Guan Gen began in 1980, when he first led the Beijing team to participate in the inaugural Hong Kong Inter City Tournament, where I was then the chairman of the Organization Committee. Perhaps he held me in some esteem after this historic event, for in the three decades following, I was granted the special privilege of meeting him in person whenever he was available.

Ding was definitively the most influential person to have laid the foundation and paved the way for the development of bridge in China,

He initiated China into the international arena – the 1980 Hong Kong Inter City and, shortly thereafter, China's debut in the World Championship in Biarritz in 1982. He single-handedly built up the Chinese teams by way of his intense training and mentoring programs.

For his tireless efforts, the Chinese Ladies team deservedly won top ranking in the world and the open team reached eighth place. Also because of Ding, China is now regarded as a formidable world bridge power as reflected by the game's tremendous popularity and high playing standard within the nation.

Ding has also made significant contributions to the bridge world. China hosted two world championship events: The first in 1995 in Beijing and followed up 12 years later in Shanghai, 2007. Had it not been for Ding's relentless support and crucial inputs, the hosting of these events would hardly be possible. Ding scored his hat trick when Beijing hosted the First World Mind Sports Games 2008.

In 2006, the World Bridge Federation heralded Ding with its highest accolade (second person to be so honored by the WBF after China's patriarch Deng Xiao Ping). In 2008, Ding was elected as WBF Congress President.

Back in 1986, I introduced my boss, Chairman Bob Galvin of Motorola, to Ding (then the Minister of Railroads). Galvin was deeply impressed by Ding's presentation of China's open-door policy and economic reform, which justified Motorola decision to make a mega investment in China. (Motorola China was regarded as the most successful investment during China first 30 years of economic reform).

Galvin remarked after the meeting that Minister Ding was assuredly of State leaders' caliber, a statement which held true, as Ding was elevated to the very senior level as an alternate Politburo member only a year later and in 1992 promoted to be a full member.

To all those who knew him, Ding was undoubtedly an ardent believer in strict discipline. He always made it a point to study and analyze nearly every deal with his players after the match, so as to prepare for them an important precedent whenever a similar situation might arise in the future. At other times, he was a true father figure to his players, first by treating them all equally yet never failing to look after their individual requirement in spite of his hectic schedule for his country.

Ding's pioneering spirit and empowering influence on the development of bridge in China had no forebear. In years to come, history will show China's advancement in world bridge owe it all to its beloved pioneer, Mr. Ding Guan Gen.

Patrick Choy
Vice President
World Bridge Federation

The International Bridge Press Association



The IBPA is a club of the world's bridge journalists and media people. Associate membership is open to all.

The main service to members is a monthly Bulletin edited by John Carruthers of Canada, circulated via the internet. Members also enjoy the facilities of the Press Room at major championships.

The annual subscription is \$42 (US dollars) or 35 euro. New members joining here in Lille join for 1.5 years (\$63 or 53 euro) to the end of December 2013. Membership forms can be obtained in the Press Room (on the ground floor, the Turin Room, near Hospitality).

Existing members paying late for this year or early for next year can also pay their dues in the Press Room.

The Annual General Meeting of IBPA will be here in Lille on Thursday, 16th August, 2012.

There will be a dinner here in Lille for IBPA members in good standing on Wednesday, 15th August, hosted by the WBF President Gianarrigo Rona. You must register in the Press Room.

The first meeting of the IBPA Executive will be held on Monday morning, 13th August, agenda to be circulated by Secretary.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President

WBF Women's Committee Meeting

Monday 13th August at 09.30

In the room Cologne 2 (the WBF Meeting Room)

As you enter the Grand Palais, go past hospitality to the end of the corridor. Cologne 2 is the last room on the right.



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WOMEN **England v Scotland** **ROUND 1**

The Auld Enemy

by Mark Horton

Ever since the Angles defeated an alliance of Scots, Britons and Picts under King Áedán mac Gabráin of Dál Riata at the battle of Raith in 596 there has been intense rivalry (fortunately now confined to sporting contests) between England and its northern neighbours. So far this year honours are even. In April Scotland defeated England 16-14 on the way to winning the Lady Milne trophy (the Home Internationals in the UK) but lost by the same score in the European Championships in Dublin.

When they were drawn into the same group in the women's series it set up a third meeting - who would prevail?

Both sides missed an opportunity on this deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Adamson</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Symons</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			3NT

Declarer took twelve tricks, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			5♣

West led the eight of diamonds and declarer took twelve tricks for +420 to lose a couple of IMPs.

Having partner bid spades was hardly good news for either South player, but I think they both had a better bid available on the third round. If South bids 4♦ the fit comes to light and the grand slam might be reached.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

♠ A Q J 9 5 3
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ —

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Adamson</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Symons</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Declarer won the heart lead, crossed to dummy with a diamond and pitched a spade on a heart. She then forced out the ace of diamonds and came to ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
INT	Pass	2♠*	3♠
All Pass			
2♠	Transfer to clubs		

West led the king of hearts and East won and switched to the nine of diamonds. West won that, cashed her winning hearts and then switched back to diamonds. There were still two trump tricks to come, +300 and 5 IMPs to Scotland, ahead 9-0.

WBF Laws Committee

The WBF Laws Committee will meet at 10:30 am. on Tuesday, August 14th, in the Cologne 1 room on the ground floor.



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Adamson	Dhondy	Symons
		Pass	1♥
Dbf	Rdbl	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

When South failed to raise diamonds directly North had no particular reason to bid on.

With both minors behaving it was easy to take eleven tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Punch	Brown	McGowan	Stockdale
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	3♠	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

West's double would not have been underwritten by Lloyds of London and declarer was soon claiming +550 and 9 IMPs to level the scores.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Adamson	Dhondy	Symons
			INT
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the king of clubs and when West played the eight (upside down count) followed it with the ace and then the six. Declarer ruffed with the ace of spades and played trumps, East discarding the two, three and four of hearts. By the time declarer had cashed the ten of clubs West was down to ♥KQ9 ♦AQ. When declarer played the penultimate trump West elected to throw the queen of diamonds and now declarer could simply play a diamond, setting up her tenth trick, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Punch	Brown	McGowan	Stockdale
			1♦
Pass	2♠*	2NT*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2NT	Hearts and Clubs		

When North led the ten of diamonds declarer could win and pitch a spade on the ace of diamonds, +680 and a whopping 16 IMPs to Scotland.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



East's well judged entry into the auction saw Scotland reach a game that would have been a heavy favourite to make and when North went on it was easy for West to double, collecting +500. and another 7 IMPs to Scotland.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Adamson	Dhondy	Symons
1♥	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♣
Dbf	4♦	All Pass	



Liz McGowan, Scotland

When East entered the fray with 3♠ I expected West to take a pot at game (it would have made) but she preferred to double 4♣ and then go quietly. East led her heart and West won, cashed another heart and led the eight. East ruffed and returned the nine of spades. West took the ace and returned a heart but when East ruffed with the ten of diamonds declarer could pitch a spade and escape for two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
1♥	2♦	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

The defence started in a similar fashion but after ruffing the third heart East played the king of spades followed by the ten. West took the ace and now the fourth heart ensured a trump trick for East. Perfect technique from Scotland's former World Champion to flatten the board.

Scotland had deservedly won 35-13 IMPs, 20-10 VP.

World Bridge Federation Medical Commission

Pilot Survey "Mind & Health play together"

World Bridge Games, Lille, August 2012

BACKGROUND

Following the IOC mandate for Sport Federations to monitor Health status and promote a healthy lifestyle among their athletes, the WBF President, with the advice of WBF Medical Commission, identified the need for health monitoring among international athletes as a priority.

For this reason, the Medical Commission will undertake a Health Interview Survey program, starting with a pilot study during the 14th World Bridge Games as part of the 2nd IMSA World Mind Games (Lille 10-23 August 2012).

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

Collecting data on Perceived Health-Related Quality of Life, Behavioural risk factors, Chronic Diseases and medication consumption among Mind Sport Athletes is of great importance because they have particular characteristics compared to other athletes, such as a broader age range (going up to ages more prone to chronic diseases needing pharmaceutical treatment) and with a focus on mental rather than physical performance. Despite this, the WADA prohibited list and TUE procedures do not differ from those applied for sport disciplines mostly oriented on physical performance.

The results of this Survey activity may help WBF to inform IOC about the health needs of bridge players from many countries and from all continents and provide WADA with useful data to assist the revision and adaption procedures toward simplification of the TUE process.

METHODS

The survey, for which your country has been selected at this pilot stage, will require at least 4 of the 6 athletes from each team (Open and Women) to complete two anonymous Health Related Quality of Life (HR-QoL) questionnaires, in their own language, specifically validated for their own country (SF36 v1 and EuroQol 5d), plus a brief interview (in English) on behavioural risk factors, chronic diseases and use of medications and dietary supplements. The interview form was developed by the Board of the WBF/IMSA Medical Commission, and it will be administered by authorized personnel. Individual data can only be accessed by the Medical Commission, and any further disclosure of data will be done only in an anonymous aggregated format.

TIMING

The questionnaire + interview procedure will take about 15 minute per athlete, and will be held in a room reserved by the Event organization (to ensure privacy) following a schedule to be agreed upon with the team Captains or the individual Athletes.

The survey will take place from Friday, August 10th to Monday, August 13th preferably during the following time intervals: 11.00-13.00, 14.00-16.00, 17.00-19.00.

Thank you for your kind attention and collaboration!

President WBF
Gianarrigo Rona

President Medical Commission WBF
P.W. Gabriele

SENIORS

Brazil v Israel

ROUND 1

Building momentum

By Brent Manley

In the first round of the Seniors Teams, Brazil squared off against Israel in a match that looked as though it was going to be close before matters got out of hand for the South Americans.

The Brazilians had the first big swing of the match on the third board.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amoedo	Schwartz	Rocha	Kaminsky
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Rafeal Amoedo led a low spade, declarer putting up the king. Luis Paulo Rocha won the ace but switched to the ♥10. Kaminsky took the ace and, with diamonds splitting 3-2, soon claimed plus 490.

In the open room, Milton Luis Aloï and Gabriel Chagas got to a better spot, albeit not the best, although they did seem on their way on one point.

West	North	East	South
Zeligman	Chagas	Romik	Aloï
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

With the favorable diamond split, 7♦ is trivial. Aloï managed 13 tricks in clubs when Shalom Zeligman led a spade. He played the ♠10 at trick one and ruffed the queen. After pulling trumps, he played top diamonds, followed by the 9 to dummy's queen. The ♠K was ruffed and dummy reentered via the ♦4 to the 5 so the ♠J could be cashed for

trick 13. Not the top spot, but still a 10-IMP gain. Israel, trailing 10-1, evened the match on the next board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
Zeligman	Chagas	Romik	Aloï
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Chagas cashed the ♣K, following with the ♣4 at trick two, ruffed by Aloï. That was three tricks in, and Aloï still had the trump ace. Plus 100 to Brazil. In the closed room, the Brazilians made the final mistake.

West	North	East	South
Amoedo	Schwartz	Rocha	Kaminsky
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Amoedo took the same number of tricks as Zeligman but he was one level higher and doubled. Minus 500 meant 9 IMPs to Israel.

Three boards later, Israel took the lead by outbidding their opponents at both tables.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 9 8 7 ♥ K Q 9 8 ♦ A Q 9 7 ♣ J 8</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 5 3 2 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 10 7 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J ♥ J 7 5 4 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A K 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ A 6 4 ♥ A 10 ♦ K J 8 6 5 3 ♣ Q 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zeligman	Chagas	Romik	Aloi
Pass	2♠	Dbl	1♦
4♥	4♠	5♥	3♠
			All Pass

Romik had too many hearts to think that his side had many defensive tricks in that suit, so he took the push to 5♥. He lost one trick in each major for plus 650. Although Amoedo and Rocha found their heart fit, they bowed out in the auction despite finding the big heart fit, perhaps fearful of pushing the opponents to a game they couldn't beat.

West	North	East	South
Amoedo	Schwartz	Rocha	Kaminsky
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dbl
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Amoedo led the ♣J to Rocha's king. Rocha switched to a diamond after cashing the ♣A. Amoedo gave his partner a ruff after cashing the two diamonds, but on the club return, Kaminsky ruffed with the ♠A and was able to claim plus 140 and a 13-IMP swing to his team.

That put Israel up 23-10 and they tacked on another 24 IMPs with single-digit swings to move into the second round with some momentum on their side with a 47-10 victory.

Mind Sports App

Yesterday, flyers were distributed all over the Grand Palais to introduce the new Mind Sports App. In tomorrow's issue of both Daily Bulletins (bridge and the other mind sports), look for an interview with Harry Otten, president of the World Draughts Federation, and initiator of the new app.

It will, however, be another week before the application is available at your app store. Look for it to be available on Friday, Aug. 17.

Women's Teams pairings for the round of 16

The regulation regarding the qualification for three groups is Item 3.4 in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

Once the qualified teams are known, the pairings for the round of 16 will follow this procedure:

1) All the teams qualified 1st, 2nd and 3rd will have their VP percentages calculated.

2) Of the first placed teams the one with the best VP average of the matches actually played will choose its opponent from among the worst third, the fourths, fifths and sixth of the other two groups. This match will be numbered 1.

3) The process of choosing opponents proceeds in the following order

- the second best first placed team (based on VP average as above)
- the third best first placed team,
- the best second placed team,
- the second best second placed team,
- the third best second placed team,
- the best third placed team and
- the second best third placed team.

Each team will choose its opponent from amongst the remaining teams of the other two groups — but see also point (4) below. These matches will be numbered 2 through 8, according to the sequence of choices.

4) Rematches (two teams from the same group meeting) will not be allowed in the round-of-16. This may mean that a team's actual choice of opponents may become limited in order to avoid compelling some team with a later selection to be inevitably involved in a rematch.

5) For the round of 8 (quarter-finals) the matches will be the following:

- Match 09 - winner of match 1 against winner of match 8
- Match 10 - winner of match 2 against winner of match 7
- Match 11 - winner of match 3 against winner of match 6
- Match 12 - winner of match 4 against winner of match 5

6) For the round of 4 (semi-finals) the matches will be the following:

- Match 13 - winner of match 9 against winner of match 12
- Match 14 - winner of match 11 against winner of match 11.

7) The losers of matches 13 and 14 will play off for the third place (match 15) and the winners of these two matches will play the final (match 16).