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Heaven ... or heartache?



Four of the caddies who serve the players at this tournament: Guillaume Tellier, Guillaume Zacharsei, Pauline Bele and Kevin Beron.

Twelve teams in the main events of the 14th World Bridge Games will move on today into semi-final play – and 12 will be considering what might have been as the Open, Women's and Senior contests continue without them.

In the Open series, nothing is settled in any of the quarter-final matches, Monaco having the largest half-time lead at 38 IMPs over Bermuda Bowl Champion Netherlands. The others – Russia-Ireland, Poland-Italy and USA-Sweden – are basically a vulnerable game swing away from being tied.

The leading Women's teams have more IMPs separating the leaders from the trailers in a couple of matches, notably Poland, 59 IMPs up on Brazil. The Seniors also have one potential runaway as USA leads Denmark by 73.

In the World Transnational Mixed Teams, Team Payen (Daniele Gaviard, Donatella Halfon, Bernard Payen, Philippe Soulet, Patrick Sussel) are 6 victory points ahead of Canada after five matches.

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RESULTS



OPEN TEAMS

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
1	Russia	0	35	40	29	-	-	-	104
	Ireland	0	32	22	41	-	-	-	95
2	Poland	0	30	23	37	-	-	-	90
	Italy	0	24	10	48	-	-	-	82
3	USA	0	27	34	52	-	-	-	113
	Sweden	0	38	36	23	-	-	-	97
4	Monaco	0	39	36	52	-	-	-	127
	Netherlands	0	36	36	17	-	-	-	89

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
11	Russia	0	37	15	48	-	-	-	100
	Indonesia	0	6	22	16	-	-	-	44
12	Brazil	0	10	52	27	-	-	-	89
	Poland	0	50	40	58	-	-	-	148
13	Sweden	0	41	29	19	-	-	-	89
	England	0	20	33	49	-	-	-	102
14	Netherlands	0	43	44	30	-	-	-	117
	France	0	29	33	41	-	-	-	103

SENIOR TEAMS

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	Italy	0	23	31	15	-	-	-	69
	France	0	39	33	24	-	-	-	96
22	USA	0	34	59	60	-	-	-	153
	Denmark	0	32	31	17	-	-	-	80
23	Poland	0	46	40	18	-	-	-	104
	Hungary	0	31	42	35	-	-	-	108
24	Indonesia	0	51	26	18	-	-	-	95
	Sweden	0	36	28	47	-	-	-	111

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

Ranking after 5 sessions

1	PAYEN	102	GOTARD	75
2	CANADA	96	SIENNA	75
3	BIRMAN	95	SAIC BLUE	75
4	CALDARELLI	93	LADY	75
	SYDNEY	93	47 MOBC	74
	YEH BROS	93	48 SCOTLAND TUESDAY	73
	BEIJING TRINERGY	93	49 MPE	72
8	CBC MILANO	91	GRENTHE	72
	SAIC RED	91	51 SIGMA	71
	BERNARD	91	GROMOELLER	71
	GRANDEBARBE	91	KIWI	71
	SHAPOUR	91	54 VENTIN	70
13	ROSSARD	90	MARUPE	70
14	AUSTRIA	88	XMEN	70
	SHORT	88	57 3ZONES	67
16	MILNER	87	ASCOT	67
	OURSEL	87	BELAKRUS	67
18	BROWN	86	60 TISLEVOLL	66
	BUSSE	86	SCOTLAND	66
20	AJDIAMENT	85	62 TOP ONE	65
	BRIDGE MAGIQUE	85	PETIT LEON	65
	ELAN	85	HAUGE	65
23	LATVIA	84	65 RONPA	64
24	CHAGAS	83	66 NEW ZEALAND	63
25	KARSIYAKA	82	PIEDRA	63
26	REYNOLDS	81	68 MIXERS	62
	SPRUNG	81	69 SALSA VERDE	61
28	MILLICENT5	80	IRELAND	61
29	FUGGER	79	SLOVENIA	61
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VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

10.30

VG	USA – Sweden	Open Teams (Quarter-finals)
BBO 2	Netherlands – France	Women's Teams (Quarter-finals)
BBO 3	Poland – Italy	Open Teams (Quarter-finals)
BBO 4	Monaco – Netherlands	Open Teams (Quarter-finals)
BBO 5	Russia – Ireland	Open Teams (Quarter-finals)
Ourgame	Indonesia – Sweden	Senior Teams (Quarter-finals)
CRS 7	Russia – Indonesia	Women's Teams (Quarter-finals)
CRS 8	Sweden – England	Women's Teams (Quarter-finals)
CRS 9	Italy – France	Senior Teams (Quarter-finals)
CRS 10	Poland – Hungary	Senior Teams (Quarter-finals)
CRS 11	USA – Denmark	Senior Teams (Quarter-finals)
CRS 12	Brazil – Poland	Women's Teams (Quarter-finals)

14.00 and 17.00
To be decided

Duplimates for sale



The Duplimates used during the tournament are sold at the Jannersten book stall for €2350.

Smoking forbidden in Grand Palais

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

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

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

Transnational Mixed Teams Rosters

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AJDIAMENT

ASCOT

AUSTRIA

BADGER

BARIBAL

BARRETT

BEIJING TRINERGY

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BRIDGE MAGIQUE

BROGELAND

BROWN

BUSSE

CALDARELLI

CANADA

CBC MILANO

CELTIC CONNECTION

CHAGAS

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CROATIA

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GRENTHE

GROMOELLER

HONG KONG

HAUGE

IMPALA

IRELAND

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KENYA

KIWI

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MARUPE

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Bridge Big now offering money tournaments online

Yesterday was a big day for Dutch start-up Bridge Big. After a year of hard work, they've launched their new website to play online duplicate bridge for serious money prizes. They offer short individual tournaments with guaranteed prize pools starting at €200, as well as a free tournament running 24/7 with daily money prizes.

To celebrate their launch, Bridge Big is holding a special inaugural tournament on Saturday the 25th at 9 p.m., Lille time. The tournament will be for 92 players (first come, first served) and have a buy-in of €11.50 per player. To celebrate the occasion, Bridge Big is going to double the tournament's prize pool to more than €1,800 (1st place €475), unheard of in online bridge.

Visit bridgebig.com for more information or contact the founders at info@bridgebig.com.

PRECISIONS ON CAVENDISH IN MONTE CARLO

The 2012 edition of the Cavendish will be played in Monaco.

A total of 100000 euros shall be guaranteed in the teams competition.

Full details at www.cavendishmonaco.com



Cecile Hodson, shown wearing the IMSA medal, is the International Development Manager of Lille Grand Palais. She instigated the organization of the WMSG in Lille and was also involved in the 1998 Championships. Pierre Zimmermann was honored with the IMSA gold medal to recognize him both as a bridge champion and also as Patron of the World Mind Sports Games.

SENIORS Denmark v Canada KO-16 SET 4

by Mark Horton

I had been planning to watch the Women's match between Turkey & Indonesia, but when the latter lost more ground in the penultimate set to trail by 49 IMPs I (foolishly as it turned out) decided to look elsewhere. With 16 deals remaining Denmark led Canada 104-90. Could the mercurial Canadians make up the lost ground?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ A 8 6	♠ A J 7 2 ♥ A ♦ J 5 3 ♣ K Q J 9 4	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;"> <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 5 4 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ 10 3 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the queen of hearts and declarer won and played the jack of clubs. West took that with the ace and switched to the king of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top clubs discarding a diamond from dummy. With that suit 3-3 he only need to negotiate the trump suit for one loser. He cashed the ace of spades and continued with the two. When East surprisingly went up with the king declarer played low. West won the diamond switch and returned a heart but declarer ruffed, cashed the jack of diamonds and cross ruffed for +420.



John Guoba, Canada

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Møller</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
	INT	All Pass	

North picked a poor moment to open INT with a singleton.

East led the queen of hearts and declarer won and forced out the ace of clubs. He won the king of diamonds switch and played a spade to the jack. He was sure of nine tricks now, +150 but Denmark added 7 IMPs to their lead.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 6 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 9 8 3 2	♠ 7 3 2 ♥ A K J 3 2 ♦ A ♣ J 10 6 4	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;"> <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		♠ J 8 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 4 3 2 ♣ A Q
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

2♦ Artificial GF

East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won, played a heart to the queen and cashed the king of diamonds discarding a spade. Then he drew trumps, West throwing the six of spades on the third round, and played the jack of clubs. East pounced on that with the ace and switched to the jack of spades, giving the defenders two tricks in the suit. There was also a club to lose, +50.

With open cards declarer would have played a low club, rather than the jack.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Møller</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Here East led the queen of diamonds and declarer won and played the jack of clubs. East took the ace and failed to find the spade switch that would have led to a two trick defeat. A second diamond saw declarer pitch a spade on dummy's king, cash the king of clubs and play a diamond. West ruffed with the ten of hearts and declarer overruffed, cashed the ace of hearts, played a heart to the queen, a heart to the king, cashed the ten of clubs and exited with a club to force West to surrender a trick to dummy's king of spades, +420 and 10 IMPs to Canada.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dbl*	2♣	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the seven of hearts for the queen and ace and declarer played three rounds of diamonds pitching a spade when West took the last one. Declarer finished up with ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Møller</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
	Pass	3♣	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East's preempt saw West lead the nine of clubs and declarer had to win East's queen with the ace. The king of diamonds took the next trick and declarer continued with the queen. West won and played another club, which must have been a blow. East won with the king and played a third club. Declarer tried the queen of spades and when that held he played the ace, king and ten of hearts. West could win and return a heart so that was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs to Denmark.

There is a winning line for declarer, but it is not easy to see (after the king of diamonds holds you take a heart finesse. Then you duck a round of spades. Say the defenders

clear the clubs. You win in dummy and play the queen of spades. West ducks but now another spade puts West on lead and sooner or later you will come to nine tricks.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>
		1♣	Dbl
Rdbl	1♦	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

It was not ideal to let North/South steal the pot - 4♥ would have been reasonably straightforward - but perhaps West was worried that a double of 3♦ might be misinterpreted?

East cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the queen of spades. That led to an easy two down, +100.

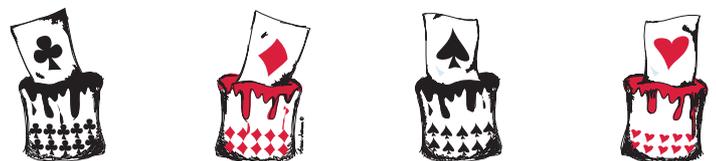
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Møller</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
		1♣	Dbl
Rdbl	1♦	INT	2♦
3NT	All Pass		

Once again it proved impossible to locate the 4-4 heart fit but at least East/West got to game. Unfortunately it was a poor one.

South led the six of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club to the ace and a spade to the ten. That held, as did a spade back to the queen. A heart to the king was followed by a heart to the jack, five and ten. Now the ten of diamonds put the contract three down, -300 and 9 IMPs to Canada.

Denmark led 124-110, and they outscored Canada 10-9 over the remaining ten deals to secure a spot in the quarter finals.



OPEN **France v Netherlands** **KO-16 SET 6**

Au revoir, France

by Micke Melander

After day one in round of 16 France had the Netherlands, reigning World Champions from Veldhoven, on the hook. France was in the lead with 97-58 after some quite solid play, and had not given much away. The Dutch captain and coach must have threatened their team with a visit to the salt mines in Siberia or something else, because they turned the match round in segment five and six first by 71-5 and then 71-24, to go well ahead in the standing of that match. Being almost 70 down, the French team needed miracles to happen in the last segment.

However when V. Prooijen captured the jack with his king and returned a diamond to partner's king it was all over. Declarer could claim his ten tricks when West played back a heart.

Meanwhile in the Closed Room De Wijs-Muller had a strong club auction that led to the same contract. The big difference was that Lorenzini got in and could direct partner in what the best lead would be when he doubled the negative 1♦. Rombaut lead the two of diamonds (3-5th best) declarer called for a low one from dummy and West won with the queen. A Greek gift was then delivered by the defense when Lorenzini decided that he shouldn't give declarer anything for free and returned a small diamond. To declarer's surprise his jack won the trick and he had managed to solve the suit combination of ace-third opposite jack-third with one loser. Lorenzini maybe should have thought about why declarer was playing low from dummy, if he really believed that partner had five of them and declarer a singleton... (equally, maybe East should have led the nine of diamonds to deny an honor)

De Wijs probably still a little bit shocked over what happened in the diamond suit continued with the ace of spades and a small trump to dummy's queen, and the curtain fell when Lorenzini showed out on the second round of trumps. Declarer had a lost a diamond and had to lose two trumps and a club to go one off. That was the kind of start to the last segment the French team needed, bringing home 10 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Pilon	V. Prooijen	Toffier
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	De Wijs	Rombaut	Muller
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Dbf	1♠	2♦	4♠
All Pass			

Pilon in the Open Room got the king of hearts lead and did well when he decided to establish his clubs instead of playing on trumps. The ace of hearts won the first trick, two top rounds of clubs followed, Verhees winning the second and returning the queen of diamonds, won by declarer in dummy with the ace. With clubs probably running (otherwise the defense surely would have taken their ruff) and still in control of the hand, Pilon now played a trump to the jack. It would have been interesting to see what a smooth duck by East would have led to when trumps were 4-1.



Dominique Pilon, France



Ricco van Prooijen, The Netherlands

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Pilon	V. Prooijen	Toffier
Pass	3♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass			3NT

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	De Wijs	Rombaut	Muller
		1♣	1♥
Dbl	INT	2♠	Dbl
3♠	All Pass		

When V. Prooijen didn't open the bidding in the Open Room Toffier and Pilon gambled that they would make game. The Dutch pair attacked spades on the lead and declarer won the second round with the king, and three rounds of diamonds followed on which South and West discarded hearts. V. Prooijen returned a heart and declarer rose with the ace and cashed the ace and king of clubs try-

ing to bring the queen down to get the entry he needed to dummy to collect his winners. When that wasn't the case he went three down, 300 to the Netherlands.

Things didn't go any better in the Closed Room, Rombaut opened with the East hand and eventually after some competition from all four players went on to be declarer in 3♠. Muller led a diamond to De Wijs' jack, ducked by declarer. De Wijs shifted to the eight of hearts, Muller won with the ace and gave partner his ruff in hearts. A club to the king, another heart ruff, and a club to the ace gave the defense the first six tricks, and they still had to score the king of spades, also taking the contract three down in the Closed Room. That was 450 for the Netherlands and 10 IMPs back.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Pilon	V. Prooijen	Toffier
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♣*

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	De Wijs	Rombaut	Muller
Pass	1♥	3♦	Pass
All Pass			3♥

V. Prooijen didn't manage to kick off with spades, instead he opted for his diamond queen. Declarer who didn't see any real danger, continued with a club towards dummy. V. Prooijen went up with the ace and was sure that he had found the right lead. He continued with a second round of diamonds; declarer won in dummy, cashed the king of clubs noticing the fall of the queen from East and had no problem pulling trumps and cash his winners losing two spades and a club.

In the other room De Wijs declared 3♥. A diamond was led there also, won by declarer with the ace. Three rounds of trumps followed, leaving declarer in dummy. De Wijs then cashed the king of diamonds, discarding a spade from hand. He then had to solve clubs, and small to the jack was

certainly not the right solution with the actual lay-out of the hand.

Rombaut also refused to return spades, and went for a diamond instead, ruffed by declarer in hand. Since East had to get in again he couldn't miss the killing defense by returning the jack of spades in the next trick. One down vs game made in the other room got the French team another 10 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Pilon	V. Prooijen	Toffier
	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	De Wijs	Rombaut	Muller
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With all the cards wrongly placed for declarer Toffier did well to double the Dutch pair in the Open Room. Pilon was probably surprised with his heart holding but he led the queen of hearts anyway, trusting partner. Declarer covered with the king and South won the trick with the ace. Declarer won the second round of hearts in dummy when Toffier continued the suit. Verhees, who had to set up spades, continued with a diamond to the king and a spade to the queen and Toffier's king. The defense cleared clubs and declarer could only cash his winners to end up three off, 800 to the French.

At the other table De Wijs lead a club and declarer managed to get his seven tricks. Two off was still 12 IMPs to France, who won the last segment by 35-24. That wasn't enough when they needed far more to be able to qualify for the next stage. Au revoir, France.

Attention, players!

Players must be aware of and follow the regulations regarding mobile phones, smoking and alcohol at this tournament.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be brought into the playing area and toilets.



Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and/or electronic device into the playing area or toilets will cause his team to be find 2 victory points (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match) plus, in all cases, a fine of 100 euros. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

In each room, tables will be selected at random in every session, and a search for mobile phones will be conducted at those tables. To comply with these regulations, you may leave your mobile phone at the registration desk.

The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of such electronic devices.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area and the toilet area is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to consume alcohol.



Any player consuming alcohol during or after the round in the playing area or the toilet area will result in his team being fined 2 victory points, plus a fine of 100 euros.

Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.



REGISTRATION FOR LA COUPE DE VILLE

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

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



Salvador Assael (1955-2012)

The WBF is saddened to learn of the death of Salvador Assael from Turkey who had come to Lille to participate in the World Transnational Mixed Teams. He died last night at his hotel.

Salvador Assael was well known to the International Bridge World, being a World International Master, having represented Turkey three times in the World Open Teams Olympiad (now the World Bridge Series) in 1996 Rhodes, 2000 Maastricht and 2004 Istanbul. He also played in the Rosenblum Cup in 1994 in Albuquerque and 2002 in Montreal, and won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 2001.

We know that his friends and colleagues, not only in Turkey, but throughout our Bridge Family, will wish me to pass our sincere condolences to his family.

He first appeared on the International scene at the 1989 European Championships in Turku and thereafter was a regular for Turkey in both European and World Championships, his most recent appearance being at the Europeans in Dublin last month.

In the 2002 World Championships in Montreal he finished 15th in the World Pairs Championship alongside Nafiz Zorlu.

This deal was reported on BridgeTopics.com

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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N						
W E						
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West <i>Yilmaz</i> 3♣* Pass Pass Pass	North <i>Assael</i> 3♦* 4♥ 5NT* 6♥	East <i>Gur</i> Pass 3♠ 4♠ Pass All Pass	South <i>Kubac</i> 1♥ 4♣ 5♣ 6♣			
3♣ Spades and Diamonds 3♦ 3-card fit, invitational						

5NT Accepting the slam invitation

With three first-round controls, Salvador realised his partner's bidding must be based on good distribution and strong suits so he accepted the invitation inherent in the bid of 5♣.

His partner won the spade lead, cashed a top heart, went to dummy with the ace of hearts and discarded a diamond on the ace of spades. He cashed the ace of clubs, played a club to the jack, cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club, +1430 for 13 IMPs that helped Izmir BSB to a third successive victory in the Turkish Winter National Championship last year.



Gianarrigo Rona

Jeux Mathématiques

A demonstration of Jeux Mathématiques (Mathematic Games) will take place today at the Lille Grand Palais as a part of the World Mind Sports Games. The feature will be a match between France and Belgium.

Schedule

First event – 11 h 30 to 12 h 30
 Written individual (closed room)
 Public admitted to the amphitheatre at 14 h
Second event – 14 h 15 to 14 h 45
 Written event for teams on the stage at the amphitheatre (30 minutes). Spectators welcome.
 Questions will be posted on the screen for the audience.
 Intermission 14 h 45 to 15 h 15 with commentary on event 2 for spectators
Third event – 15 h 15 to 16 h 30
 Six visual questions from the stage
Results and rankings – 16 h 30 to 17 h 00

On a regular daily basis BridgeTopics.com will transmit videos giving impressions from the Grand Palais in Lille about the 2nd World Mind Sports Games, by means of interviews with players and personalities of all sports.

The link is: <http://www.bridgetopics.com/2012-2nd-world-mind-sports-games>





IBPA awards



In yesterday's Daily Bulletin, the annual awards for bidding, play and defense were announced by the International Bridge Press Association. The rest of the awards are covered in this issue.

Personality of the Year



Maria Teresa Lavazza

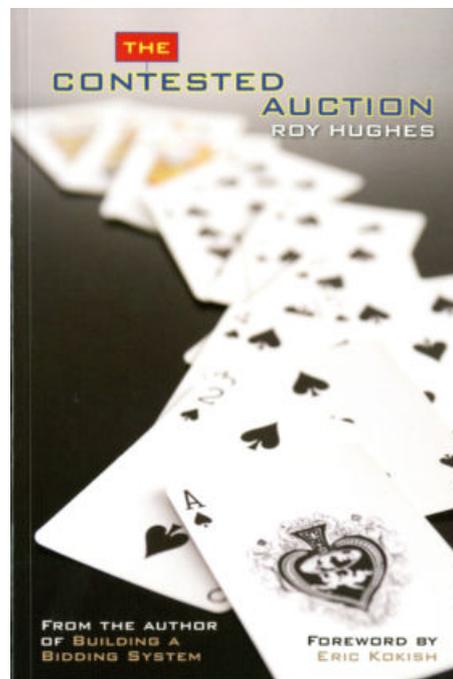
When legendary non-playing captains are discussed, only two names will be mentioned, both Italian: Carl'Alberto Perroux of the Blue Team and Maria Teresa Lavazza of the eponymous Lavazza Team. Maria Teresa retired this year after the European Team Championships in Dublin – as a captain or coach, she won all the major team titles:

three Olympiads, two Bermuda Bowls and a Rosenblum; a World Transnational Teams and five European Open Teams titles also adorn the trophy case. Seven other world and European medals complete the npc résumé. As a player, Maria Teresa Lavazza has had some success as well: wins in the European Mixed Teams and the European Champions Cup (twice), as well as three other medals in European Mixed Team Championships.

Lavazza's retirement came about as a result of the Italian Bridge Federation's avowed aim to eliminate selectors and use team trials to choose their teams. This opens the door for sponsors to play in the team, not a possibility when three pairs were selected by the Commissario Tecnico. There is no question that the open Italian bridge team will be worse off without Maria Teresa Lavazza at the helm and that the rest of the bridge world will miss her dearly. The Lavazza coffee stations had become an almost-permanent part of World and European Championships and were greatly appreciated by the attendees - Lavazza coffee has woken up a generation of bridge players, thus improving the standard of the game and providing journalists with untold numbers of brilliancies.

Apart from bridge, Maria Teresa will now have more time to spend with ADISCO, the children's leukemia charity of which she is Regional President, and with her five grandchildren.

Master Point Press Book of the Year Winner: The Contested Auction – Roy Hughes



Canadian expert Roy Hughes has written four bridge books: *Building a Bidding System*, *Card by Card*, *Canada's Bridge Warriors: Murray & Kehela*, and *The Contested Auction* – all have been short-listed for the Master Point Press Book of the Year Award. Hughes won the 2007 award for Canada's *Bridge Warriors*. Now he has won the 2012 award for his latest, *The Contested Auction*.

Hughes' background in mathematics and linguistics has led him to think a great deal about the theory and structure of effective bidding systems. In *The Contested Auction*, he turns to the theory and practice of competitive auctions, a critical component of the modern game. Beginning by establishing what the bidding system needs to accomplish, Hughes goes on to discuss every type of contested auction, and recommends useful methods and agreements from which the reader can select. This is an up-to-date discussion, covering many topics in detail that have at best seen cursory treatment in print up to now. Hughes discusses "different philosophies and strategies to cope with the modern vernacular, stressing the importance of clarity of principles, comfort with agreed methods, and a commitment to understanding any treatment and its consequences before adopting it."

Shortlist:

Bridge at the Edge – Boye Brogeland & David Bird
It's All in the Game – Bob Ewen & Jeff Rubens
The Deadly Defence Quiz Book – Wladyslaw Izdebski, Roman Krzemien & Ron Klinger
Defend or Declare? – Julian Pottage
The Amazing Queen – Clement Wong

John Simon Sportsmanship Award

Recipients: Jeff Ruben & Andrew Stayton (USA) and Debbie Rosenberg (USA)



Jeff Ruben & Andrew Stayton

The John Simon Sportsmanship Award is granted occasionally for acts of sportsmanship by bridge players that define how we all should act. This year there were two incidents at the North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia in July that stood out.

Firstly, in the David Bruce 0-5000 Life Master Pairs, Jeff Ruben and Andrew Stayton, who had won the event, were checking their match-point scores against their estimates. They noticed that their score for one board greatly exceeded their estimate. Upon checking further, they discovered that the score for that board had been entered incorrectly, and furthermore, that the correct score would drop them from first to second place. They immediately reported the correction to the Tournament Directors.

Secondly, Debbie Rosenberg woke up in the middle of the night realising that her team in the Richard Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams had scored a board incorrectly, winning a full point rather than the correct half a point (board-a-match in the ACBL is scored as a point for a win on the board and half a point for a draw). The margin of her team's win was less than half a point. Rosenberg also immediately reported the error to the directing staff, dropping her team out of first place into second.

While it is true that these actions are covered in the rules of the game, the behaviour of Ruben, Stayton and Rosenberg is laudatory and shows that there is sportsmanship at all levels of the game.



Debbie Rosenberg

The Alan Truscott Award

Tim Bourke (AUS)



The Alan Truscott Award is presented periodically to a person who does something for bridge that the IBPA Executive believes Alan would appreciate.

This year's recipient is Tim Bourke of Canberra, who not only produces the IBPA column service each month, but also converts the BBO.LIN files into text for we journalists.

For this service Tim is the 2012 recipient of the Alan Truscott Award.

Championship Diary



Our competitions are attracting plenty of entries.

Ray & Linda Lee delivered this film title: Psych-Oh

The limerick contest is proving popular (although some of them are unsuitable for our family-orientated Bulletin).

Thomas Brenning sent this via email:
*There was a young lady from Lille
 Entertaining men at Hotel de Ville
 At a reasonable fare
 Just by the main square
 The product being skill de la fille.*

Another cyberspace entry comes from Björn Sörling:
*There was a young lady from Lille
 who never liked taking the pill
 but she found a way
 to be able to say:
 'My name is now Buffalo Bill'.*

Grattan Endicott submitted two entries, but Tacchi has disqualified them for starting with the wrong first line.

OPEN **Monaco v Canada** **KO-16 SET 6**

Pounded at the Palais

by Brent Manley

The Canadian rock group The Guess Who had a hit song called "Undun," which pretty much sums up what happened to their countrymen on the first six boards of the final set against mighty Monaco in the Open series round of 16 on Thursday.

The young Canadians had rebounded well from a disastrous final board in the fourth set to regain the lead in a wild fifth segment. There was joy in Canada as they began play in the final 16 deals with an 18-IMP lead.

The lead went away almost immediately.

Canada lost 6 IMPs on the first board when Nick L'Ecuyer and Vicent Demuy, normally aggressive bidders, stopped in 2♠, making four, while Tor Helness and Geir Helgemo bid the non-vulnerable game at the other table.

The second board was more costly for Canada.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Helness	Amoils	Helgemo
		Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

This was not a challenging contract, and Helness was soon claiming plus 110.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	L'Ecuyer	Fantoni	Demuy
		INT	DbI
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

*Diamonds or both minors.

The only positive aspect of this board was that L'Ecuyer was not doubled.

Fulvio Fantoni led a low heart, taken by L'Ecuyer with the ace. He played a diamond to his queen, ducked, and con-

tinued with the king. Fantoni took the ♦A and played a heart to the jack and his partner's king. Claudio Nunes then played a spade to Fantoni's ace. A second spade cleared the suit. L'Ecuyer had three tricks at that point and would make his contract if the ♣Q happened to be singleton or doubleton. The top clubs were L'Ecuyer's last two tricks, so he was four down, minus 400 and an 11-IMP loss. The Canadian lead was now 1 IMP – and it was gone after the next board.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Helness	Amoils	Helgemo
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♣*

*Drury (10-11 points in support of hearts)

Les Amoils led the ♦Q, taken by Helness with the singleton ace. He cashed the top hearts in his hand and played a third round to dummy's queen. He then cashed the ♦K, pitching a spade. Helness didn't want to start tapping himself, so he played a low club to the jack in his hand. Amoils won the queen and played another diamond. Helness ruffed and played a club, taken by Amoils with the ace to play another diamond, punching out declarer's last trump. He played a club to the king, but that was it. Two down, minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	L'Ecuyer	Fantoni	Demuy
			1♣
1♠	DbI	2♦	Pass
Pass	DbI	All Pass	

Demuy led a heart to his partner's king. L'Ecuyer cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♥K. The ♣J went to Fantoni's ace, and he played the ♠8 from hand, running it when

Demuy played low. The ♠J was covered by the king and ace, and the ♣Q was discarded on dummy's ♠Q. Fantoni pitched his third heart on the ♠9. Demuy ruffed but the trump king was the last trick for the defense. Fantoni had plus180 for 4 IMPs. Monaco had taken the lead 175-172.

The next board was a push – 4♠ bid and made at both tables – but the IMPs just kept on coming for Monaco on the two boards after that.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Helness	Amoils	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Dbl	2♦
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

With the right view, Helgemo would always make his contract, even if Wolpert held up the ♦A one round after a club lead, although doing so would have made Helgemo's job much tougher. Whether Helgemo would have found the winning line of play in that scenario is moot because Wolpert started with a low heart instead of a club.

Helgemo took it in dummy and played a diamond to his queen. It didn't matter if Wolpert ducked because Helgemo could simply drive out the ♦A and have the ♣A as his entry. When Wolpert won the ♦A, he returned the ♣9 to the queen and ace. The ♠K went to Wolpert's ace and the ♣K was the third and last trick for the defense. Plus 630 to Monaco.

For Canadian partisans, the auction at the other table was a serious disappointment.



Tor Helness, Monaco

West	North	East	South
Nunes	L'Ecuyer	Fantoni	Demuy
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Dbl	2♣	2♦
Pass	2♥	Dbl	2♠
	3♦	All Pass	

Nunes led a club to the queen and ace, and the ♦Q was taken by Nunes with the ace. A second club went to the king and a third was returned, Demuy discarding a low spade. Nunes ruffed and cashed the ♠A. Plus 110 meant 11 IMPs to Monaco.

On the next board, Monaco put the icing on the cake with another double-digit swing.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Helness	Amoils	Helgemo
Redbl	1♦	1♣	Dbl
4♦	Pass	Pass	3♦
		5♣	All Pass

Amoils guessed to play North for four clubs, winning the diamond opening lead in dummy and playing a club to his 9. A diamond ruff followed, then the ♣10 was covered by the jack and king. Helgemo ducked when Amoils played the ♠Q, but he won the next spade with the ace and exited with a spade to dummy, declarer pitching a heart. Now a heart went to the queen and ace, followed by a heart to dummy's king. The ♠J was ruffed and overruffed and the ♦Q ruffed. It was a gallant effort but Amoils could not avoid losing a spade and two hearts for one down.

Fantoni and Nunes found an easier contract.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	L'Ecuyer	Fantoni	Demuy
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass

Demuy's club lead solved that suit for Fantoni, and he ended up losing just two hearts and a spade for plus 620. That was 12 more IMPs to Monaco, who over the first six boards had outscored Canada 44-0. The final tally in the deciding set was 58-0 as Monaco moved on to the quarter-final round.

OPEN

Monaco v Netherlands

by Mark Horton

QF SET I

One of the advantages of modern technology is that you can set up your computer to follow a BBO match whilst typing up a report from the previous session. One of the disadvantages is that if there are transmission problems some of the data will be lost.

Although it does not happen all that often you can be sure that when it does it will never be during a deal that you didn't want to write about. The first session of the quarter finals was interrupted several times and I was only able to compile this report with the help of the players.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 6 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ A Q J 8 5 ♣ J 8</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ A 10 7 ♥ A 9 8 2 ♦ K ♣ K Q 10 9 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 5 4 3 ♥ 6 3 ♦ 10 7 4 3 ♣ 7 5</p>
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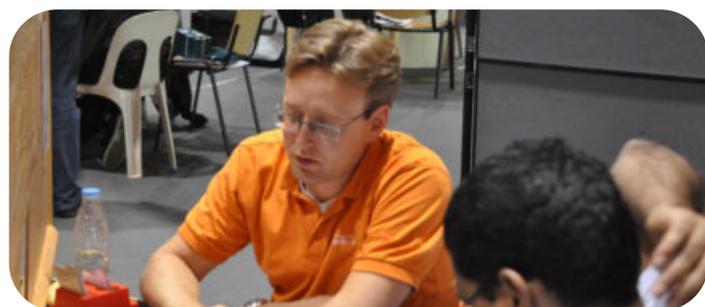
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
1♣*	INT*	Pass*	4♣
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

1♣ 16+
INT ♣+♦, 5-5
Pass 0-5(6)
4♥ Cue bid

This unusual auction arose because 1♣ was not alerted on one side of the screen and thereafter North and South were marching to the sound of a different drum.

6♣ failed by two tricks, -200 - but that might not be the end of the matter.



Bas Drijver, The Netherlands

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

1♣ 14+ (good 12/13) 4+♣
or 15+ balanced
1♥ 0-11, 4+♠
INT 15-18, not 4♠
2♥ Transfer

2♠ made on the nose. +110 which gave the Netherlands 3 IMPs. However that was subsequently changed to 3 IMPs for Monaco.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 ♥ K Q J 9 6 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ A 9 5</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 8 7 2 ♣ Q 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K 6 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ A J 10 4 ♣ K 8 7 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dbl	2♦*	2♠
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

2♦ 8-11, 3♥

4♥ would have made easily, so 4♠ rated to be a good result - as long as declarer could score eight tricks.

West led the king of hearts and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a club to the jack and ace. When West played another heart declarer ruffed again (if declarer pitches a club, wins with the ace of hearts and plays a club, East wins and switches to a diamond. After West wins with the king and returns a diamond East wins and returns the jack - now declarer must ruff with the ♠Q to escape for 500).

East took the club continuation and switched to the three of diamonds. West won and returned the suit and East won with the jack. Now the ten of diamonds leads to three down as if declarer ruffs with the ♠Q West simply discards his last club.

er played a spade to the king, ruffed a diamond and advanced the jack of spades. He put up dummy's ace and was +420 and 10 IMPs better off.

South led the ten of spades so that was +460 and 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	6♣	All Pass
1♣ 16+			
1♥ 4+♠ GF			
2♣ 4+♣			
2♥ 4♠, 5+♣			
2NT Short hearts			
3♥ 4126/4117			
4♣ 3 controls			

Declarer won the heart lead, ruffed a heart, drew trumps, came to hand with a diamond, ruffed a heart and could establish and reach a long heart. North had pitched a diamond on the third trump so that was +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♠*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♥ 14+ (good 12/13) or 11-13 with 5+♥ and 4♠		5+ hearts	
1♠ 0-9, 4+♠			
2♣ 14-17 natural or 17+ unbalanced			
2♦ 6-9			

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	4♣	4♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West led the ace of clubs and switched to a spade. Declarer put up dummy's nine and discarded a club on the ace of hearts, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	4♦*
Pass	5♣*	Dbl*	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- 2♣ 10-13 (good 9) 5+♣ unbalanced hand; in 3rd seat could be weaker and max 12 (13)
- 4♦ Diamonds and Spades
- 5♣ Only slam try?

On the lead of the eight of hearts declarer got rid of a club on the ace (which must have unnerved West) and then tried spades. East ruffed the second round so that was two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to Monaco, who led 39-36.



WOMEN

Sweden v England

**QF
SET I**

Looking for revenge

by Micke Melander

Last year in the Venice Cup in Veldhoven, Netherlands, England beat Sweden in the quarterfinals in a game that was very tight for the first five segments (157-157). The English girls then showed the way by hammering the Swedish girls in the last segment to get through to the semi-finals. Undoubtedly the Swedish team have been thinking about this and were looking for revenge.

The English weak-notrump struck for the first time in this match, which resulted in the fact that they managed to get the hand declared by the other hand, but Rimstedt led the jack of clubs anyway. Brown won the opening lead with dummy's ace and called for the king of hearts, South ducked, giving declarer options, while North discarded a low diamond. A second round of trumps followed from dummy; North discarded a spade and Rimstedt again ducked. Declarer now could have made her contract in several ways with all the cards were located in the right place. But when Brown, for reasons unknown, decided to run the nine of clubs to South's ten she was in trouble. South won and returned a diamond going to the six, queen and declarer's ace. Brown continued with a trump, Rimstedt hopped up with the ace, returned a spade to Sjöberg's ace and got a club back for a ruff, setting the contract. 11 IMPs to the Swedes.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Sjöberg	Brown	Rimstedt
	Pass	INT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Senior	Grönkvist	Dhondy
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room Nevena Senior attacked clubs by leading the three which went to two, ten and declarer's ace. Forsberg went to work on her trumps and played the jack from hand, North discarding the nine of diamonds revealing how trumps were divided, Dhondy won with the ace and continued with the jack of clubs. Declarer won in dummy, took the finesse in trumps and pulled two more or rounds of them. Since North was down to queen-six in clubs and dummy had eight-seven declarer had an easy play to get her extra trick by leading a club towards dummy provided South didn't have ace-queen of spades. Nevena tried her best by playing the ten of spades, but declarer wisely went up with the king from dummy and could claim the remaining tricks, making eleven.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Sjöberg	Brown	Rimstedt
		1♣*	2♠*
3♦*	4♠	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	5♠	6♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Senior	Grönkvist	Dhondy
		1♣	2♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dbf	All Pass

A difficult hand, especially as North didn't know which the side the hand belonged to. Give partner ace-queen-six times in spades together with a shortness in clubs and 6♠

might be lay-down. Even worse is the fact that E-W might make their slam, on this particular board they could even have make a grand slam if they established dummy's clubs and used their entries wisely.

A forcing pass from Grönkvist might have helped the Swedish women to the right destination. But when she doubled West couldn't really do anything. That was a 16 IMP swing to the English team when 6♥ was made and 5♠ only went one off.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
INT	2♣*	2NT*	3♥
4♦	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Forsberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
INT	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Brown-Stockdale in the Open Room took the sacrifice against 4♥. Sjöberg started with two rounds of spades and exited with her singleton club whilst she still controlled spades and more important partner had an entry to get in via the ace of hearts to give her a ruff in clubs. Three down was at least one too many and when Dhondy didn't work out to drop queen-second behind in spades but went for the finesse the sacrifice got even more expensive. 11 IMPs to Sweden.

You are vulnerable against not and LHO opens with a weak no-trump. The bidding goes pass, pass to you when holding:

♠1053 ♥KJ9875 ♦J ♣AQJ7

Any action?

Sandra Rimstedt got that problem and decided to re-open the bidding with 2♥. That was surely not the right move when both opponents had maximums and easily found their way to 4♠.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Dbl	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Forsberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This deal could have given the Swedish team some IMPs when the Swedes at the other table were using a stronger no-trump range and had no problem in bidding their game. With clubs 3-3 it was a walk in the park for both declarer's to score their 10 tricks for a push, that wasn't though the case if look on all quarter-final matches.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
3NT	Pass	1♥	Pass
	Pass	6NT	All Pass



Susan Stockdale, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Senior	Grönkvist	Dhondy
	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

A strong club auction from the Swedish women in the Closed Room; Dhondy's overcall probably kept their opponents from further investigations for slam, worried that the suits weren't breaking well at all. Forsberg drove on with a quantitative raise but didn't get any further action from partner. A wise decision from Grönkvist who actually only had ten tricks when her hearts wouldn't produce any extras.

In the Open Room Brown-Stockdale went to high and had to go two down, Rimstedt never had the chance overcalling in opener's first bid suit. Another 12 IMPs to the Swedes who know had scored three major swings, while the English only had one.

The first segment ended 41-20 to the Swedish Women when the English managed two part scores to give them some IMPs. As in Veldhoven we had a tight first segment and most probably the game will continue that way, since the two teams seem to know each other inside out.

Will the Swedish women eventually get the revenge they are looking for?

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The decisive board

by Phillip Alder

Obviously, when a 64-board match is won by only 7 IMPs, several deals could have reversed the result. But this board from the final session settled the issue (rotated to make South the declarer).

Board 58. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Marsal	Chambers	Wenning	Schermer
	2♥ (a)	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠ (b)	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

- (a) Constructive two-bid, 10-13 points
- (b) Splinter bid supporting clubs

West	North	East	South
Lev	Elinescu	Landen	Wladow
	2♥ (a)	Pass	2NT (b)
Pass	3♥ (c)	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

- (a) 5 hearts and 4-plus in a minor or 6 hearts, 10-14 points
- (b) Enquiry
- (c) One-suiter with short spades

At both tables, West led a low diamond. In the Open Room, John Schermer put in dummy's ten, then played a spade to his king. West won with the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. East led the queen of spades, but declarer ruffed in the dummy and ran the queen of clubs successfully to make his contract.

In the Closed Room, declarer also won with dummy's ten of diamonds, but then he called for the queen of clubs. When Steve Landen (East) played low smoothly, South became worried that West would win from a singleton or doubleton king of clubs and give his partner a diamond ruff. Then cashing the ace of spades would result in one down. So South reasonably went up with the ace of clubs and continued with the ten. However, East won with his king, led a spade to the king and ace, and received a diamond ruff for down one.

Plus 600 and plus 100 gave USA seniors 12 IMPs and the match.



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