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## MINING FOR GOLD IN WROCLAW



The caddies from Week One (top) and Week Two (bottom).

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Four bronze medals were earned on Friday, the prelude to the last three sessions of the Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed Teams, where four teams are in search of gold.

Bronze-medal winners are Poland (Open), 105-92 victors over Spain; China (Women's), who defeated Scotland 117-67 in their playoff; Denmark (Seniors), winners over Chinese Taipei in two sets, and Bulgaria (Mixed), 142-59 winners over USA.

In today's championship matches, Netherlands-Monaco match is too close to call with the Dutch up by only 6 IMPs with 48 boards to play. In the Women's USA leads France 127-84 in the replay of last year's Venice Cup match in India (France won). The Seniors also features a France-USA match, and the French are ahead 93-58. Russia leads the Netherlands in the Mixed Teams by a score of 71-60.

While the teams are fighting it out, players in the pairs events – Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed – will play five 10-board sessions today to determine the medal winners.

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Today's Programme  
**Pairs:**  
Finals  
F6 - 9:30  
F7 - 11:10  
F8 - 13:10  
F9 - 14:50  
F10 - 16:30



Bank Polski

Today's Programme  
**Teams:**  
Finals  
Segment 4 - 19:30  
Segment 5 - 13:00  
Segment 6 - 16:00

### Airport Transfers

Beginning today, players planning to go to the airport on Sunday will find information about transfers to the airport at their hotels.

### Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

The ceremony will take place today in the auditorium, beginning at 20:00. It will be followed by a reception at the "La Pergola" restaurant. Players who wish to attend the dinner must collect their invitation card at the Hospitality Desk. If you do NOT bring your invitation you will not be admitted.



## Open Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
<b>MONACO</b>	43	13	30				86
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	44	20	28				92

	1	2	3	Tot
<b>SPAIN</b>	28	29	35	92
<b>POLAND</b>	42	31	32	105

MONACO	HELNESS Tor, HELGEMO Geir, MARTENS Krzysztof, MARTENS Krzysztof (captain), MULTON Franck, ZIMMERMANN Pierre, ALLAVENA Jean Charles, FILIPOWICZ Dominik (coach)
NETHERLANDS	MAAS Anton (captain), BRINK Sjoert, NAB Bart, MULLER Bauke, DRIJVER Bob, BAKKEREN Ton (coach), DRIJVER Bas, DEWIJS Simon
POLAND	GAWRYS Piotr, JASSEM Krzysztof, KALITA Jacek, GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw (coach), WALCZAK Piotr (captain), NOWOSADZKI Michal, KLUKOWSKI Michal, MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin
SPAIN	LANTARON Luis, GODED Federico, KNAP Andrzej, WASIK Arturo, SABATE Jordi, GODED MERINO Gonzalo, JIMENEZ Ignacio (captain)

## Women's Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
<b>USA</b>	60	22	45				127
<b>FRANCE</b>	12	54	18				84

	1	2	3	Tot
<b>CHINA</b>	6	53	58	117
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	30	8	29	67

CHINA	WANG Wen Fei, LU Yan, WANG Xiaojing (coach), LIU Yan, HUANG Yan, SHEN (I) Qi, WANG Nan, WANG Jianxin (captain)
FRANCE	FREY Nathalie, ZOCHOWSKA Joanna, D'OVIDIO Catherine, CRONIER Benedicte, WILLARD Sylvie, REESS Vanessa, THUILLEZ Laurent (captain)
SCOTLAND	McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz), LESLIE Paula, McQUAKER Fiona, SYMONS Anne, PUNCH Sam, KANE Helen
USA	SOKOLOW Tobi, SEAMON-MOLSON Janice, DEAS Lynn, PALMER Beth, SANBORN Kerri, SOKOLOW David (captain), SHI Sylvia

## Senior Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
<b>USA</b>	4	10	44				58
<b>FRANCE</b>	29	36	28				93

	1	2	3	Tot
<b>DENMARK</b>	76	53	0	129
<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	23	1	0	24

CHINESE TAIPEI	YEH Chen, YEH Chen (captain), CHEN Chuan-Cheng, SHIH Juei-Yu, LIN Chii-Mou, YEH TONG Shu-Ping (coach), CHI Jen-Lee, CHENG Kuo-Paw
DENMARK	SCHALTZ Dorthe, SCHALTZ Peter, BOESGAARD Knud-Aage, NIELSEN Hans Christian, SCHOU Steen, HANSEN Jorgen, MAGNUSSEN Peter (captain), IBSEN Jytte (coach)
FRANCE	TOFFIER Philippe, GAUTRET Eric (captain), PALAU Jean-Jacques, GUILLAUMIN Pierre-Yves, DECHELETTE Nicholas, IONTZEFF Georges, SCHMIDT Pierre
USA	MAHMOOD Zia, MARTEL Chip, PSZCZOLA Jacek (coach), HAMMAN Bob, MECKSTROTH Jeff, HAMMAN Petra (captain), LALL Hemant, MILNER Reese

## Mixed Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	25	16	19				60
<b>RUSSIA</b>	32	15	24				71

	1	2	3	Tot
<b>BULGARIA</b>	39	33	70	142
<b>USA</b>	8	19	32	59

BULGARIA	NANEV Ivan, ARONOV Victor, ARONOV Victor (captain), KARAKOLEV Georgi, MITOVSKA Miriana, DAMIANOVA Diana, NIKOLOVA MARTA
NETHERLANDS	JANSMA Jan, JANSMA Jan (captain), RITMEIJER Richard, JANSMA Aida, TICHA Magdalena
RUSSIA	GROMOVA Victoria, PONOMAREVA Tatiana, GROMOV Andrey, DUBININ Alexander, MATUSHKO Georgi, GULEVICH Anna
USA	ALDER Phillip (captain), WINESTOCK Sheri, PICUS Sue, SEAMON Michael, MOSS Brad, MOSS Sylvia, ORNSTEIN Alexander

## Open Pairs F A after R5

1 YANG L - DAI J	CHN-CHN	58.50
2 AUKEN S - WELLAND R	GER-GER	58.42
3 SZULEJEWSKI B - DARKIEWICZ-MONIUSZKO G	POL-POL	57.05
4 ANKLESARIA K - CHOKSHI S	IND-IND	55.61
5 STARKOWSKI W - GOLEBIOWSKI S	POL-POL	54.94
6 NAWROCKI P - WIANKOWSKI P	POL-POL	54.38
7 JANISZEWSKI P - NOWAK K	POL-POL	53.99
8 SCHOLLAARDT M - NETTL O	NED-NED	53.89
9 BACH A - CORNELL M	NZL-NZL	53.43
10 THOMPSON B - JACOBS W	AUS-AUS	53.35
11 KRISHNAN R - KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY N	IND-IND	53.34
12 BERGDAHL T - SYLVAN J	SWE-SWE	53.30
13 KWIECIEN M - ZATORSKI P	POL-POL	53.04
14 STRZEMECKI W - ZAWADA P	POL-POL	53.03
15 LI J - ZHANG B	CHN-CHN	52.48
16 WILDAVSKY A - WEINSTEIN H	USA-USA	52.20
17 KING P - McINTOSH A	ENG-ENG	52.19
18 NADAJ J - OGLOBLIN A	POL-POL	51.04
19 GILL P - PEAKE A	AUS-AUS	50.93
20 WASZYNSKI A - HINTERTAN A	POL-POL	50.85
21 OPALINSKI R - ZAWADA J	POL-POL	50.80
22 BERTHEAU P - HULT S	SWE-SWE	50.63
23 KRUPOWICZ M - SAKOWICZ R	POL-POL	50.56
24 BLACHNIO A - WUJKOW A	POL-POL	50.50
25 BROWN M - WHIBLEY M	NZL-NZL	50.23
26 FERGANI K - POLLACK F	CAN-CAN	50.16
27 JAGNIEWSKI R - GAWEL W	POL-POL	50.11
28 VANDERVORST M - BAHBOUT S	BEL-BEL	49.88
29 GIERULSKI B - SKRZYPCZAK J	LTU-LTU	49.78
30 STAMATOV J - DANAILOV D	BUL-BUL	49.51
31 SZTYRAK L - JASZCZAK A	POL-POL	49.32
32 MISZEWSKA E - ILCZUK P	POL-POL	49.00
33 SERPOI G - STIRBU C	ROM-ROM	48.87
34 HOYLAND S - HOYLAND S	NOR-NOR	48.48
35 CHUMAK Y - ROVYSHYN O	UKR-UKR	48.33
36 RUBINS K - LORENC S	LAT-LAT	48.30
37 SCHILHART N - BUCHLEV N	GER-GER	48.00
38 GRAVERSEN H - CLEMMENSEN P	DEN-DEN	47.71
39 GROMOELLER M - FRITSCH E	GER-GER	47.62
40 VOLHEJN V - MACURA M	CZE-CZE	47.07
41 TOMASZEK W - GARDYNIK G	POL-POL	46.68
42 MARINOVSKI K - SIPUS M	CRO-CRO	46.52
43 KOWALCZYK I - WISNIEWSKI T	POL-POL	46.48
44 PIETRASZEK M - ZNAMIROWSKI J	POL-POL	46.42
45 WITEK M - BYZDRA A	POL-POL	46.18
46 RIMSTEDT M - RIMSTEDT O	SWE-SWE	45.97
47 WIELOWIEYSKI A - KLIMACKI P	POL-POL	45.73
48 SZWENKEL K - OSINSKI T	POL-POL	45.31
49 BENDIKS J - BETHERS J	LAT-LAT	44.27
50 SLIVA V - VOROBEI P	RUS-RUS	42.65
51 VAINIKONIS E - ARLOVICH A	LTU-LTU	42.01
52 BARTOSZEWSKI M - MAKATREWICZ M	POL-POL	40.00

## Open Pairs F B (final result)

1 KRASNICKI M - WITKOWSKI L	POL-POL	60.33
2 AAVA J - KURIG V	EST-EST	58.20
3 LESNICZAK J - JANIK S	POL-POL	57.55
4 UZUM D - KIZILOK O	TUR-TUR	57.49
5 GOTZOV S - TAKOV T	BUL-BUL	57.29
6 MEDLIN A - FILIP A	CZE-CZE	56.82
7 GRZYB S - JARMUL C	POL-POL	56.26
8 TANAKA R - YOKOI H	JPN-JPN	55.77
9 GOTARD B - GOTARD T	GER-GER	55.61
10 TAMMINEN J - LESKELA V	FIN-FIN	55.58
11 BERG T - JORGENSEN G	DEN-DEN	55.49
12 ROMANOVSKA M - JANSONS U	LAT-LAT	55.03
13 DRAGAN V - PORKHUN V	UKR-UKR	54.98
14 KUC-DZIERZAWSKI P - STRYSZAWSKI T	POL-POL	54.86
15 CARRASCO G - MADDOCK A	ESP-ESP	54.81
16 HUTYRA M - WOJNAROWICZ J	POL-POL	54.45
17 BALASOVS J - BETHERS U	LAT-LAT	54.12
18 EIDE E - EIDE H	NOR-NOR	53.88
19 SHEK D - RASMUSSEN J	MAS-MAS	53.87
20 BOGUCKI D - BLASZCZYK P	POL-POL	53.57
21 RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ O - PIECHOCKI S	POL-POL	53.44
22 STEFANOV S - HRISTOV G	BUL-BUL	53.42
23 ZAMIR A - EZION A	ISR-ISR	53.40

## Mixed Pairs F A after R5

1 SIKORA M - WALCZYNSKI A	POL-POL	56.88
2 KHAZANOV I - LEBEDEVA M	RUS-RUS	56.84
3 WINCIOREK T - STACHOWIAK-KLUZ J	POL-POL	56.49
4 HUNG Y - HSIEH H	TPE-TPE	54.43
5 GRZEJDAK I - GRZEJDAK S	POL-POL	54.26
6 HANLON T - BARTON G	IRL-IRL	53.61
7 SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER E - STIENEN R	NED-NED	52.68
8 SAPORTA P - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO R	FRA-FRA	52.10
9 DELMAS-SIRVEN T - PIGEAUD F	FRA-FRA	51.53
10 NIKITINA A - GUSEV V	RUS-RUS	51.42
11 KOWALSKA A - TYRAN M	POL-POL	51.33
12 PRAMOTTON E - VERSACE A	ITA-ITA	51.33
13 KONDOCH H - VECHIATTO C	GER-GER	50.01
14 SHIMAMURA K - TERAMOTO T	JPN-JPN	49.97
15 SCHROEDER M - SCHROEDER M	GER-GER	49.64
16 FU Z - ZHANG Y	CHN-CHN	48.88
17 GROSS S - HYDES A	ENG-ENG	48.68
18 JIN K - ZHU P	CHN-CHN	48.45
19 SHI B - TIAN W	CHN-CHN	48.20
20 STEPHENS R - ROSSLEE D	USA-USA	47.76
21 BUTRYN P - SAKOWSKA N	POL-POL	47.54
22 RUDAKOV E - DIKHOVA T	RUS-RUS	46.54
23 KAZMUCHA D - SEREK C	POL-POL	43.93
24 SAKR M - PSZCZOLA J	USA-USA	43.30
25 KARMARKAR M - KARMARKAR S	IND-IND	43.05
26 WROBEL M - PIETRZYK A	POL-POL	41.14

## Mixed Pairs F B (final result)

1 HAMMOND N - WEINGER L	USA-USA	58.14
2 SYRAKOPOULOU C - LIOSSIS G	GRE-GRE	57.59
3 SUWIK A - OSTROWSKA L	POL-POL	57.53
4 SAGIV Y - ORENSTEIN E	ISR-ISR	57.15
5 JOYCE E - FITZGERALD J	IRL-IRL	55.97
6 MICHALOWSKI J - DOLNY W	POL-POL	55.95
7 KUSHARI P - RAY D	IND-IND	55.86
8 ZACK Y - BARR R	ISR-ISR	55.28

## Senior Pairs F after R5

1 HACKETT P - HOLLAND J	ENG-ENG	55.95
2 VOGT W - FRESEN L	GER-GER	53.19
3 CARRUTHERS J - SILVER J	CAN-CAN	52.46
4 MARSTRANDER P - ANDERSEN R	NOR-NOR	52.22
5 SELLDEN G - WENNEBERG B	SWE-SWE	51.74
6 DAS B - SADHU A	IND-IND	50.96
7 MANCINI B - VECCHI L	ITA-ITA	50.90
8 GOEL A - SHAH J	IND-IND	50.42
9 JELENIEWSKI A - WACHNOWSKI J	POL-POL	50.30
10 BAKKE T - HANTVEIT H	NOR-NOR	49.34
11 KOWALSKI A - ROMANSKI J	POL-POL	49.22
12 DAEHR C - ENGEL B	GER-GER	48.74
13 KIERZNOWSKI R - KACZANOWSKI T	POL-POL	48.26
14 BARAN B - DAIGNEAULT P	CAN-CAN	48.14
15 FRONCZAK A - KONOPKA R	POL-POL	48.14
16 OHNO K - YAMADA A	JPN-JPN	47.66
17 SCHWARTZ A - ZELIGMAN S	ISR-ISR	47.24
18 HOEGER W - MALCHUS P	GER-GER	45.13

## Women's Pairs F after R5

1 LEVI H - ASULIN A	ISR-ISR	56.37
2 DUFRAT K - ZMUDA J	POL-POL	55.77
3 BREWIAK G - BUSSE G	POL-POL	54.09
4 ARNOLDS C - VERBEEK M	NED-NED	53.61
5 SANDSTROM K - MYLLAERI M	FIN-FIN	53.25
6 BROWN F - SENIOR N	ENG-ENG	52.16
7 HARDING M - FUGLESTAD A	NOR-NOR	52.04
8 PILIPOVIC M - SVER N	CRO-CRO	51.80
9 GU L - ZHOUT	CHN-CHN	51.80
10 GLADIATOR A - WEBER E	GER-GER	50.84
11 LUESSMANN C - SMYKALLA G	GER-GER	49.28
12 GRUDE L - OIGARDEN B	NOR-NOR	48.20
13 SZCZEPANSKA K - MAJ-RUDNICKA M	POL-POL	47.88
14 YANG J - LI Y	CHN-CHN	47.36
15 HUMPHRIES S - JACOB S	NZL-NZL	45.43
16 BIRMAN D - POPLILOV M	ISR-ISR	45.31
17 MOSZCZYNSKA Z - PIESIEWICZ D	POL-POL	43.51
18 TEBHA A - HOWARD A	USA-USA	41.11

## WBF eyeing technology for better tournament experiences

By Brent Manley

WBF President Gianarrigo Rona on Friday said the organization is working closely with Carta Mundi, the playing-card company, to provide technology that will improve the experience of watching bridge play.

The goal is to provide playing cards with a special chip that will allow for the cards to be “read” and identified without the need for people operating computers, making it easier to follow the play.



**WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and PBU President Witold Stachnik at the WBF Press Conference**

The discussion of RFID-equipped cards came during the WBF press conference yesterday morning. RFID stands for radio frequency identification.

Rona said the WBF is continually researching advances in technology to make the bridge playing experience better for the players. “We are always trying to improve,” he said.

Commenting on the 15th World Bridge Games, Rona had high praise for the Polish Bridge Union team that prepared for and brought off the first world championship in the country. “I have to say congratulations,” Rona said. “The venue is marvelous and the players have been comfortable.” He acknowledged complaints about the makeup of groups in the Open and Women’s Teams, but he noted that the group that was supposedly the weakest had five teams advance to the quarter-finals.

PBU President Witold Stachnik said he hopes that players who visited Wroclaw “saw more than the bridge tables. Wroclaw is a beautiful city.” Continuing his message to players, Stachnik said, “I hope you will come back to Poland and to Wroclaw. It was good for us.”

Responding to questions about the distance from Wroclaw hotels to the Hala Stulecia, Rona said it is not unusual for a big tournament organized in Europe. “It is different from North America,” he said, “where there are lots of big hotels.”

Asked whether the WBF will try to get bridge into next year’s World Games, scheduled for Wroclaw, he said the organization putting on that athletic event is not affiliated

with the International Olympic Committee, so the WBF will probably not approach it about bridge.

Rona did say, however, that when the Winter Olympic Games are hosted by China in 2022, it is possible that bridge and chess will be included as demonstration sports. “Bridge is important in China,” he said. An exhibition of bridge was organized just prior to the start of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City UT.

Rona was asked about the elevation of USA from second to first in the 2013 Senior Teams in Bali after a pair on the German team, winners over USA in the final, were found guilty of cheating. The question was whether the same action would apply in current, pending cases. Rona said that such a policy will apply “for the future.”

Asked about the future of Daily Bulletins at the WBF championships, Rona said there may be changes in how the bridge play is reported and written up, but the printed version is in no danger of extinction. “We believe players want to read the Bulletin in the morning,” he said.



### BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

All Finals and  
BBO 1 = VuGraph, BBO 8 is also OURGAME

#### Teams

9:30

W	USA v France	BBO 1
O	Monaco v Netherlands	BBO 2
S	USA v France	BBO 3
M	Netherlands v Russia	BBO 4

13:00

O	Monaco v Netherlands	BBO 1
W	USA v France	BBO 2
S	USA v France	BBO 3
M	Netherlands v Russia	BBO 4

16:00

O	Monaco v Netherlands	BBO 1
W	USA v France	BBO 2
S	USA v France	BBO 3
M	Netherlands v Russia	BBO 4

#### Pairs

9:30 - 11:10 - 13:10 - 14:50 - 16:30

O	Open pairs final	BBO 5+6
W	Women pairs final	BBO 7+8



## Wrocław - The City of Bridge

In the city of Wrocław, great bridge-promoting actions are provided during the championships. The Polish Bridge Union organized a team of 52 youngsters led by Lena Leszczyńska and Agata Kowal, staying at the Wrocław for the whole week. The activities included the “happening” in Plac Solny – 22,000 playing cards connected and placed in circles. It was the longest helix composed of playing cards ever constructed in Poland.

On Friday, there was a bridge tournament for young players. The heart of the event was a big tent at Plac Solny (Salt Square), close to the main Old Marketplace, where bridge is played from morning till night and the lessons – “learn bridge in 15 minutes” – were available for everyone.

The youngsters also walked over the whole city trying to find some creatures to become bridge ambassadors. This way, numerous places were signed. Some boards with the



*Young players in a tournament at Plac Solny earlier in the week. There was another tournament on Friday. On the front of each of the red T-shirts were these words: BRIDGE Smarter Every Game.*



*Some of the young players in Wrocław to help promote bridge visited the Hala Stulecia, venue of the 15th World Bridge Games.*

“live cards,” where 52 persons were used as cards, were played at the Plac Solny.

Those performances gained remarks and questions from many people.

Soon a mural of a large playing card will be placed on the side of a building in Warsaw with the words “Wrocław, the City of Bridge.”

*By Marek Wojcicki  
Photos by Izabela Jaworska*



*Some curious non-bridge players visit the main tent at Plac Solny.*

### Open Pairs Final Session 3

By Ram Soffer

The Pairs finals started on Friday. 52 pairs qualified for the Open Pairs Final. Each one was going to play two boards against each other pair. During the third session (out of 10), I was following the Indian pair Keyzad Anklesaria-Sunit Chokshi, who were ranked second after the first two sessions.

In the first board, Chokshi made a costly error in defence.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 5 3 ♥ A 10 8 6 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ Q 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ Q 8 7 6 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ A 8 7
N						
W						
E						
S						
♠ J 4 ♥ Q J 7 5 4 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ K 10 5	♠ A K ♥ K 3 ♦ A 9 7 2 ♣ J 9 6 4 2					

West	North	East	South
Chokshi	Schollaardt	Anklesaria	Nettl
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

At 23 out of 26 tables, N/S played a notrump contract – hardly surprising in view of the matchpoint scoring. The most popular result by far being +120. The Dutch pair was the only one playing in clubs.

Normally this would be very good news for East-West. Chokshi led the ♠4. Dummy's ♥8 was covered with ♥9, and South's ♥K won. His next move was a low club towards the ♣Q. For some reason, West thought that South had the ♣A and went up with the ♣K, too eager to give his partner a heart ruff. Of course, the ruff didn't materialize, and now South lost only two clubs and one diamond, making an overtrick. Adhering to the good old rule "second hand low" would have held declarer to nine tricks.

The overtrick had a dramatic effect on the score: minus 130 was worth 28% for East-West, while minus 110 would have given them 80% of the matchpoints.

The fate of the next board depended on North-South's bidding. The Dutch pair (also among the leaders) was not among the ten lucky pairs to bid the slam, so their Indian opponents got 66% by doing little more than following suit.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ 10 9 5 2 ♦ A 9 6 3 2 ♣ A J 10	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W                      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W                      E	S	♠ K Q 8 3 2 ♥ J 7 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ 7 3 2	♠ A 7 ♥ A K Q 3 ♦ K J 7 ♣ Q 8 6 5
N						
W                      E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Chokshi</i>	<i>Schollaardt</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Nettl</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The bidding requires some explanation. 2♣ showed a balanced hand with 18-19 HCP, and 2♦ showed four or more hearts. After the fit was found, cue-bids followed. 3♠ was alerted as a "non-serious" slam try. In my opinion, South should have moved on after 4♥. The reason is that he held AKQ of trumps. When partner is making a slam try with only low trumps, he must have very good cards outside the trump suit.

Basically the slam required trumps to be 3-2 and one out of two minor suit finesses to work. As everything behaved nicely, 13 tricks were easy.

The next two boards were not too exciting, so we move on to board 25, where the members of the Swedish team were the only pair to bid a slam.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10 7 3 ♥ Q J 10 9 4 ♦ K 10 3 ♣ 10	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W                      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W                      E	S	♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 9 6 5 2 ♣ K 8 4	♠ A 8 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ A 7 6 5 2
N						
W                      E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Chokshi</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

INT was 12-14, and 2♦ was a game-forcing relay. 3♣ showed five clubs. 4♣ showed a fit, inviting cue-bids. The rationale behind the aggressive bidding of the Swedish pair was that 5♣ is hardly ever a winning contract at matchpoints with fairly balanced hands.

They were unlucky – the club finesse lost and a diamond loser was inevitable. Their opponents were also somewhat unlucky, as 3NT played by North was one down at 11 tables after a diamond lead, so instead of 100% they got only 76%. By the way, stopping at 5♣ would have brought about an average board, and it was certainly better than going down in 3NT or 6♣.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 9 7 4 ♥ 3 ♦ A J 9 6 4 ♣ Q 6	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W                      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W                      E	S	♠ Q 10 6 5 ♥ K Q J 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 9 7 5	♠ 2 ♥ A 10 9 8 6 2 ♦ K 8 7 2 ♣ A K
N						
W                      E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Chokshi</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	3♣
Pass	3♦	Dble	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Despite having a nine-card spade fit, Anklesaria was content with a raise to 2♠, and when Bergdahl competed bravely despite the menacing vulnerability, the Indian pair inflicted upon him “the kiss of death,” i.e. a score of minus 200, which gave East-West 80% of the matchpoints.

In fact, the only making North-South contract at the three level was in clubs, but North could hardly guess that his partner held a six-card suit.

East-West defended perfectly against 3♥: spade lead (a ♥K lead would be a disaster, allowing a diamond discard on the ♣J), diamond to king - ducked, and when declarer played another diamond, Chokshi found the only defence, overtaking his partner's ♦Q and leading a trump. Even if declarer played ♣AK (which he did not do) after winning the ♥A, East could ruff high the next diamond and continue trumps, killing dummy for good while declarer must lose three hearts and two diamonds.

The next round was played against the Germans Gromöller-Fritsche, who were also among the contenders. It brought two more good results for the Indian pair.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 10 6 3		
	♥ J 9		
	♦ A Q J 10 4 3		
	♣ A 10		
♠ K 5	<div style="font-size: 10px; margin-right: 5px;">N</div> <div style="font-size: 10px; margin-right: 5px;">W</div> <div style="font-size: 10px; margin-right: 5px;">E</div> <div style="font-size: 10px;">S</div>	♠ A Q	
♥ 8 7 2		♥ Q 6 5 3	
♦ K 5 2		♦ 9 7 6	
♣ K Q J 8 4		♣ 6 5 3 2	
	♠ J 9 8 7 4 2		
	♥ A K 10 4		
	♦ 8		
	♣ 9 7		



Michael Gromöller, Germany

West	North	East	South
<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Chokshi</i>
			2♠
3♣	3♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Most experts acknowledge that “matchpoint bridge” is not necessarily good bridge. Accordingly, South and West allowed themselves some liberties in the bidding. North could have doubled 3NT and set it by three tricks (assuming a spade lead). Instead he pushed to 4♠, an easy make because of the fortunate lie of the cards. In my opinion, Fritsche, holding a minimal overcall, could have left the doubling to his partner's discretion.

Declarer finessed diamonds, discarded a losing club, and ruffed two hearts in dummy without finessing. West overruffed with the ♠K, but the contract made and North-South got 96% of the matchpoints.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 6 2		
	♥ K Q 10 7 6 4 3		
	♦ 8		
	♣ 10 5 4		
♠ Q J 8 5 3	<div style="font-size: 10px; margin-right: 5px;">N</div> <div style="font-size: 10px; margin-right: 5px;">W</div> <div style="font-size: 10px; margin-right: 5px;">E</div> <div style="font-size: 10px;">S</div>	♠ A 10 9 7 4	
♥ J 2		♥ A	
♦ J 10 7		♦ A 6 5 4 2	
♣ K Q 8		♣ 7 3	
	♠ K		
	♥ 9 8 5		
	♦ K Q 9 3		
	♣ A J 9 6 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Chokshi</i>
Pass	2♥	2♠	4♣
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

South's “fit jump” to 4♣ encouraged his partner to compete to 5♥. This time the double by the German pair was much more sensible, but their defence wasn't.

Gromöller led the ♠A, on which his partner played ♠5 (I have no idea why not ♠3 – West would very much like his partner to lead the lower ranking side suit). The next card was ♦A, after which the defenders could say good bye to their club trick. The final score of +200 was not good for the Germans, as in most tables the declarers made 4♠ by dropping South's stiff king. Anklesaria-Chokshi continued their excellent session with a score of 72%.

At that stage, they were doing great, but unfortunately for them, in the last round of the session, Roy Welland-Sabine Auken got some revenge on behalf of their German teammates with two tops that sent Anklesaria-Chokshi down to sixth place while Welland-Auken moved up to second place before the start of the next session.



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30th September - 2nd October  
Vilnius, Lithuania



## Schedule

<b>Friday, September, 30th</b>	11:00	Open Teams	rounds 1-3
	17:00	Open Teams	rounds 4-7
<b>Saturday, October, 1st</b>	11:00	Open Pairs	3x10 boards
	17:30	Open Pairs	2x10 boards
<b>Sunday, October, 2nd</b>	10:30	Open Teams	finals (A, B, C, D,...)

### Open Teams Tournament

**Entry fee: 80€/team.**

*7 rounds x 8 boards (Swiss score with 1 round delay) – round robin.*

*First 4 teams qualify for play-off (semifinals and final as well as match for third place).*

*Non-qualified teams are to be divided into groups and play 3 matches in each group (round robin or Swiss score, depending on the group). Number of groups and number of teams per group - to be defined after the end of registration.*

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Open Teams SF - S2

Various hands from the Semi-finals

By Jos Jacobs

For this report, I have changed my approach. I will not report on any match in particular but instead I will concentrate on a few boards that, for various reasons, drew my attention, most of the time in many of the matches in progress.

On board 19, I saw a declarer go down one in INT doubled, which looked not too bad a result with 2♠ making the other way. A few moments later, Sjoert Brink also found himself in 1 NT doubled, and Gawrys led a low spade.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 9 8 ♥ 10 2 ♦ Q 9 6 2 ♣ Q 9 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 6 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 ♦ A J 7 ♣ 10 8 7 5	♠ Q 7 5 4 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ K J 6 ♠ A J 2 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Brink	Gawrys	Bas Drijver	Klukowski
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
INT	Dble	All Pass	Rdbl

Klukowski played the ♠A and returned the suit. Brink won his king and led a diamond to dummy's jack, which held the trick. From here, he turned his attention to clubs, dummy's ♣7 losing to North's jack. Back came the ♥K to dummy's ace and another club was taken by North's king. When North returned his last heart, Brink ran this to South's jack. South then cashed the ♣A and led a spade to North's queen. At this point, North was forced to give West a spade trick in his hand or an extra diamond trick by leading away from his king. Well done, Netherlands +180.

In the other room, the Poles quickly ran into trouble when Muller opened a 9-11 NT.

West	North	East	South
Kalita	De Wijs	Nowosadzki	Muller
Pass	2♠	Dble	INT
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
			All Pass

2♠ by North was natural and NF and West's 2NT was scrambling. The ugly final contract went two down for another +200 and 9 IMPs to the Netherlands.

On the next board, we saw all sorts of scores come up.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 10 9 7 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A K 8 4 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ A 6 2 ♠ 7 6 5 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ Q J 10 8 4 ♣ 3	♠ Q J 3 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ A 9 5 3 ♣ J 8 5
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France v. Chinese Taipei, Seniors Teams:

West	North	East	South
Shih	Schmidt	Chi	Toffier
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	INT	2♦
3♣	All Pass		

The Chinese reached a very sensible contract and scored +130, which should have been the par result.

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Chii Lin	Palau	Chu Chen
1♣	Dble	INT	2♦
2♥	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	



Jen-Lee Chi, Chinese Taipei



West	North	East	South
Moss	Matushko	Winestock	Gulevich
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	1♦	Dble
All Pass		Pass	Dble

When declarer won the heart lead with dummy's ace and immediately played a club to the queen, the roof fell in. South won her king and three rounds of trumps left declarer with a lot of black-suit losers. Down two, Russia +500 and 11 IMPs.

In the Netherlands-Bulgaria Mixed Teams match, the auctions were quite different from the earlier ones.

West	North	East	South
Karakolev	Ritmeijer	Mitovska	Tichá
		Pass	2♥

All Pass

Tichá's 2♥ showed five hearts and a four-card suit somewhere else and managed to keep everybody quiet. Nine tricks, Netherlands +140.

West	North	East	South
J Jansma	Aronov	A Jansma	Damianova
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Another Smolen sequence, but when North preferred a suit contract, West was quick to express his opinion. As we have seen before, the former contract (4♥) would have gone down one. The rescue operation went down two. Netherlands another +300 and 10 IMPs from almost nowhere.

Full marks again to Aida and Jan Jansma and also to Scotland's Kane and Symons for being the only two pairs to reach the correct contract on the next board:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
J Jansma	Aronov	A Jansma	Damianova
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

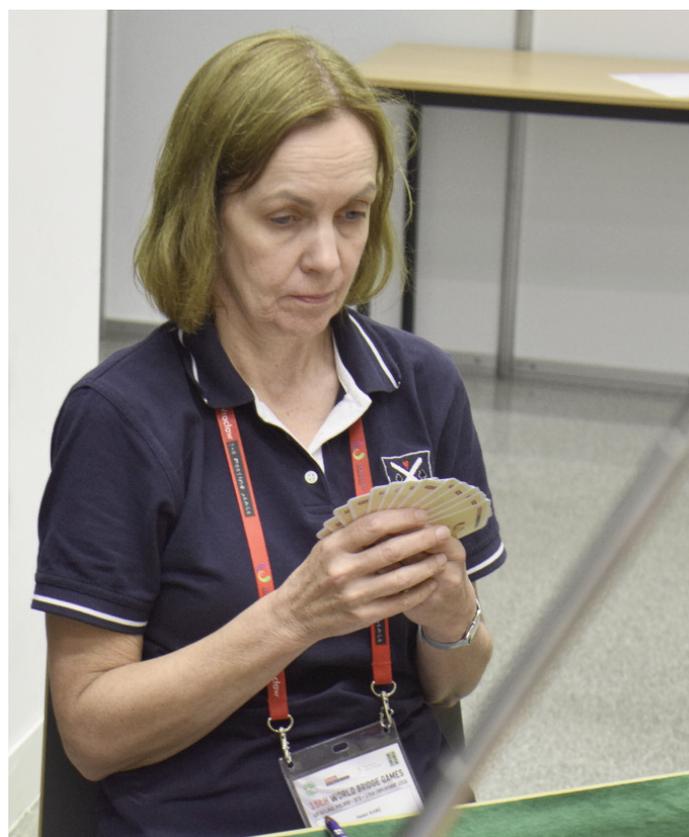
Well bid. 2♦ was basically Multi (weak in major or any strong hand), which explains West's 2♥ rebid. When East continued with 3♣, this was natural and forcing, as was 3♦. 3♥ then showed a heart stopper only (with both, she would bid 3NT) and 4♣ denied a spade stopper as well. As the Bulgarians were in 5♣, the board brought the Dutchies 6 IMPs.

The Scottish women bid like this:

West	North	East	South
Kane	Zochowska	Symons	Reess
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

3♠ asking for a stopper, of course. Well done once more for a well-deserved +130 and 6 IMPs to them too when the French went one off in 3NT.

All other pairs also languished in 3NT...



Helen Kane, Scotland

# Bots Battle to the last byte

By Al Levy

The 20th Ourgame World Computer-Bridge Championship concluded with Wbridge5 (France) defeating Micro Bridge (Japan), 162-156, for the bridge-robot world title. All the semi-final and final matches came down to the last few boards with some exciting deals determining the outcome. In the semi-final matches Wbridge5 defeated Shark Bridge (Denmark) by the margin of the carryover, 140.6 -131. Micro Bridge defeated Bridge Baron (USA) 144-138.

One of the best-played deals in the history of the robot championship occurred early in the semifinal round.

Board 4. West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 6 ♥ K 8 7 3 2 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 8 4</p>	<p>♠ 5 3 2 ♥ A Q J 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A 6 5 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ J 10 9 8 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ K 10 7</p>
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Shark	Wb5	Shark	Wb5
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- Dbl Strength and 4+ clubs
- 3♥ Spade stopper, looking for a heart stopper for notrump
- 5♦ One ace

West led the ♣Q. As the cards lie, there is only one sequence of plays to make 6♦ and the bidding suggests the successful line. With West long in hearts, without the ♣K, therefore the ♠A, a heart-spade squeeze without rectifying the count is the winning line.

Diamonds can be 2-2 or 3-1, and you must decide which, as you will need two entries to hand – one to take a heart

finesse and one to run the diamonds. Given West's length in hearts and spades, Wbridge5 determined that West holding a singleton diamond honor (jack or 10) was more likely than a 2-2 break.

The play proceeded: ♣A, ♦Q overtaken with the ace, heart finesse, diamond finesse and run diamonds. This was the five-card end position:

<p>♠ A Q ♥ K 8 7 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ — ♣ —</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ J 10 ♥ 10 ♦ — ♣ K 10</p>
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When South played the ♦2, West had no good discard. At the table, West discarded the ♠Q, declarer dummy's ♥4. Declarer led a spade to West's ace and the heart return was won by the queen: +1370 and 15 IMPs as Shark Bridge was in 3♦ for +150.

Congratulations to Wbridge5 for a fine victory and to Micro Bridge for a good battle in the final. Congratulations to all the contestants for their dedication to advancing robot play. Much thanks to the ACBL, WBF and this year's sponsor, Ourgame, for all their support. A big thank you to the Polish Bridge Union for all its great support and for making us feel at home, and to Ron Tacchi, Jean-Paul Meyer and others, for their fine coverage of the championship.



These were the results in the Round Robin:										
Team	Xinrui	BB	Wb5	RBe	Q-Plus B	Micro B	Meadowlark B	Shark B	Total VPs	Position
Xinrui	♣♣	7,95	7,05	16,57	14,65	10,65	20,00	2,04	79,50	5
Bridge Baron	12,05	♣♣	14,24	4,63	4,63	10,65	20,00	6,06	89,21	3
Wbridge5	12,95	5,76	♣♣	17,01	12,60	8,73	20,00	14,82	91,87	1
RoboBridge	3,43	4,12	2,99	♣♣	5,18	2,13	19,11	13,62	50,58	7
Q-Plus Bridge	5,76	15,37	7,40	14,82	♣♣	8,53	20,00	6,88	78,76	6
Micro Bridge	9,35	3,65	11,27	17,87	11,47	♣♣	20,00	16,46	90,07	2
Meadowlark bridge	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,89	0,00	0,00	♣♣	0,00	0,89	9
Shark Bridge	17,96	13,94	5,18	6,38	13,12	3,54	20,00	♣♣	80,12	4

Open Teams SF - S6  
**Spain v Monaco**

By Jos Jacobs

With Spain ahead by just 10 IMPs, an exciting finish was in prospect in this semi-final match. In the other Open semi-final, the Netherlands were enjoying a 63-IMP lead over Poland, so the Dutch entry into the final looked pretty much a certainty – and so it proved. That’s why I will concentrate on the Spain v. Monaco match, with a look here and there at what was happening in the Women’s semi-final between France and Scotland. In that match, France were leading by just 11 IMPs when the last 16 boards got underway.

The first board was a grand slam, bid at all tables in the Open Teams. Next came a sacrifice.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>F Goded</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lantarón</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♥

After their version of the strong 2NT opening, Spain easily landed in the proper contract, losing a trick in each side suit for +620.



**Arturo Wasik, Spain**

West	North	East	South
<i>Wasik</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	3♣	Dble
		All Pass	

When Knap overcalled after Multon’s strong opening bid, Spain quickly found the sacrifice, but as it happened, there was one loser too many. Down four, Monaco +800 and 5 IMPs to them. On the next board, N/S had nothing to complain about.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10 8 ♥ K Q 6 5 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ 8 6 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		♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ A J ♦ J 10 4 ♣ A 7 4 2	♠ A K Q 4 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ K 10 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>F Goded</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lantarón</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Pass	INT

After the transfer response and the three-card showing 1♥ rebid, Spain settled for INT, a sensible contract with both North and South holding a very little bit in reserve. Spain +150 when the defence could not cash both their four heart tricks and the ♣A.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wasik</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

When Zimmermann could open a 10-13 INT, Multon had an automatic raise to game.

Due to the heart blockage already mentioned above, nine tricks were safe. Monaco +400 and 6 more IMPs to them. They had taken the lead once again, by the odd IMP.

The same swing occurred in the France v. Scotland women’s match, Scotland winning 6 IMPs after reaching 3NT when North opened INT.

On the next board, Monaco added another 6 IMPs when declarer in 2NT had to guess the ♣Q for his contract.

Monaco guessed right, Spain guessed wrong...

Then, after three consecutive 1-IMP swings to Spain came the only double-figure swing of the segment:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A K 4 ♥ Q 10 7 5 3 ♦ 10 9 7 4 ♣ 7</p>		<p>♠ 8 3 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ J 9 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ Q J ♥ J 8 4 ♦ A J 8 6 ♣ A K 8 3</p>
<p>♠ 10 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ Q 10 2</p>			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>F Goded</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lantaron</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Helness-Helgemo easily reached the normal contract, but something happened in the play.

A spade was led by South to dummy's ace. Declarer followed with a heart to the jack and ace. A second spade went to declarer's queen and a heart to the queen and North's king. At this point, if North returns a diamond, declarer cannot afford to play low as a spade return from South will promote North's ♥9 into the setting trick. However, if declarer takes the ♦A, he will lose two diamond tricks later on.

At the table, Helness apparently made a premature claim for his contract. He can, of course, make 4♥ on a club return but it might have been wiser to wait... The director was called and correctly did not accept the disputed claim so the score was entered as one down, +50 to Spain.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Wasik</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Same auction, contract and lead in the other room. But Knap won the spade lead in hand and led a trump up. When South flew in with his ♥A to continue spades, the danger of a trump promotion was gone, so Knap made his contract in comfort. Spain +420 and 10 IMPs to them to regain the lead by 6 IMPs.

In the France-Scotland match, Scotland got a 10-IMP swing when the French declarer became the victim of the trump promotion and thus went one down. This reduced the French lead to 1 IMP.

On the next board in that match, Scotland took the lead:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 7 ♥ J 10 9 6 4 3 2 ♦ A K 5 ♣ 2</p>		<p>♠ A 6 4 2 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ 8 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 10 9 6 3 ♣ A K Q 10 9</p>
<p>♠ K 10 9 8 5 ♥ A K Q ♦ J 7 ♣ J 5 3</p>			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>McQuaker</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
2♥	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♥	All Pass	Pass	Pass

On a club lead by North, McQuaker could get rid of two losing spades and thus made an overtrick. Scotland +170.

In the other room, the French were too ambitious:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Leslie</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Punch</i>
2♥	Pass	1♦	1♠
4♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

When North led her partner's suit, down two was inevitable. Scotland +500 and 12 more IMPs, to lead by 11 now.

Back to Spain v. Monaco.

Next, we saw a double part-score swing to Monaco to tie the match, followed by three flat boards. On board 30, Monaco gained an IMP on an overtrick in 1NT and this was the decisive and dramatic board 31:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>F Goded</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Lantaron</i>
		1♥	
1♠	Pass	2♠	2NT
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In a sense, Monaco were lucky that clubs were 4-4, as this meant that even a club lead would not have beaten 3NT. Monaco +400.

Had they bid 4♠, declarer must be careful. From the auction, he knows that the ♠9 might enter the picture, so his best line would be to win the ♥A and immediately duck a club. He can then ruff the heart continuation high, play the ♣A and ruff a club to enable himself to lead the first round of trumps from dummy. When the ace appears, he can afford to once again ruff the heart continuation high, draw the remaining trumps and claim his contract.

In the France v. Scotland match, this board gained France a 10-IMP swing when the Scottish declarer in 4♠ did indeed go down when she failed to follow the recommended line. With one board to go, the French lead had gone up to 15. When France gained 4 more on the last board, they were through by 224-205.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wasik</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
			1♥
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
Dble	All Pass		

There was high drama at the other table in the Spain-Monaco match. Spain were looking as if they were on their way to 4♠, a 1-IMP gain to tie the match with one board to go when Zimmermann bid his suit a second time. Knap then decided to sit Wasik's double, which may or may not have been the winning action. If declarer crosses to dummy's ♣Q to lead a heart to his eight, he may well succeed in going down only one.

At the table, however, West led the ♠Q to declarer's ace. When Zimmermann led the ♥K from his hand at trick two, we all thought that the contract would go down two now but ...

West won the ♥A and played a spade, declarer ruffing. The ♥Q was cashed and declarer led the ♣K from his hand, immediately taken by West who played another spade. Ducking the ♣K would have been easier for the defence as the club ruff for East, resulting in the vital second undertrick, would then have been established straight away. Declarer discarded a losing diamond on the spade but ruffed the next spade. With both East and declarer down to two trumps each, declarer could do no better than lead a trump, East winning his jack. All East had to do now was to return a diamond and get his club ruff. When he exited with his last trump instead, Zimmermann had managed to go down just one for a 5-IMP gain (and a place in the final) rather than a 3-IMP loss – once the last board turned out to be the expected push. The final score was 182-176 to Monaco.

Mixed Teams SF - S6

## USA v Russia

By Ram Soffer

Despite the failure of their Open team against Spain, the USA delegation couldn't complain about the results of these championships so far – their Women's and Senior teams advanced smoothly to the final, and a third American squad was hoping to do so as well.

The USA Mixed team won a tight match against Japan by 1 IMP at the Round of 16, and then won by a huge margin against France in the quarter-finals. Their semi-final match against a strong Russian team was once again extremely tight. After five sessions, Russia led by 3 IMPs, but the lead was wiped out immediately.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ Q J 6 4					
	♥ J 9 7 6					
	♦ Q					
	♣ J 8 4 3					
♠ A 2	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 7 5 3	
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♦ K 8 7 6 5 3 2		♦ A J 9				
♣ A		♣ K Q 9 5				
	♠ K 8					
	♥ K 8 5 4 2					
	♦ 10 4					
	♣ 10 7 6 2					

West	North	East	South
<i>Ornstein</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Judged by world championship standards, the American auction left something to be desired. After East supported diamonds (many pairs play that this shows some extras), West's hand became huge. There was so much unused space between 3♦ and 4NT to find out about East's controls. Essentially, 7♦ requires only 2-1 trumps so it's an excellent contract, and it was bid by all four teams playing in the Open semifinals. Ornstein-Picus were content with 6♦ making 7, plus 940.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromov</i>	<i>B. Moss</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Weinstock</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The Russian auction was poor. East's diamond support remained hidden from her partner, so Gromov was unable to evaluate his hand properly. A very disappointing +490 which gave USA a lead of 187-180.

Russia gained 1 overtrick IMP at 18, and then tied the score at 19.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

When two balanced hands add up to 24 HCP, the final contract depends on the notrump ranges used. It often happens that 3NT is bid at one table only, and the IMP outcome depends on a lucky or unlucky lie of the cards. In this instance, fate favoured Russia.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ornstein</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

INT (non-vulnerable) was 10-12. With 14, Matushko didn't bother to invite, he just bid the game. Apparently declarer needs hearts to be 3-3 to make her contract, but there was an extra chance, namely diamonds 3-3 and hearts divided in such a way that the defence cannot cash five tricks. This happened to be the case, and the defenders had nothing to do – Russia +400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromov</i>	<i>B. Moss</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Weinstock</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

At this table INT was 14-16. Winestock did bother to invite with 10 HCP. Unfortunately it cost her team 6 IMPs.



**Anna Gulevich, Russia**



**Sheri Weinstock, USA**

On board 21, Sheri Weinstock opened INT (15-17 in third seat vulnerable) with the following collection:

♠ 7 2
♥ A K
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ A Q 10 9 3

These 17, with 7 controls and a good five-card suit, were probably too rich for a INT opening. Her partner, Brad Moss, stopped in a partscore with 7 HCP, while at the other table Russia reached a fairly good 4♥ contract and made it. At this point Russia led the match 197-187.

Then on board 24, Sue Picus decided to be clever, too clever, and her unusual play did make it to the bulletin, but for the wrong reasons. It started with another INT opening.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ornstein</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
Dble	Rdbl	INT	2♦
3NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

2♦ showed an unspecified 6-card major suit. E/W reached their normal 4♥ contract and Anna Gulevich led the ♠9. When dummy came down, it transpired that South had entered the bidding with a 10-high suit (well, isn't this modern bridge?). This looked weird to Picus, and it occurred to her that her opponent should have opening strength to compensate for non-existent suit quality. Declarer played on trumps, avoiding any possibility of

North's heart nine being promoted. At the point where she ran the ten of diamonds, South won with the queen and returned a spade to dummy's ace, giving declarer an extra dummy entry. This was suspicious, and Picus decided to play her opponent for doubleton KQ of diamonds. Nice idea if it works, but at the table her next play of  $\diamond A$  was inadequate – USA -50, a real disaster.

At the other table, Winestock passed over INT. The contract was also  $4\heartsuit$ , and Victoria Gromova made the normal play – Russia +420, and their lead grew to 207-191.

Picus managed to make up for it on the very next board:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ A 6 4 2 $\heartsuit$ 8 5 $\diamond$ 8 4 2 $\clubsuit$ 8 7 6 4						
$\spadesuit$ J 7 $\heartsuit$ J 10 9 6 4 3 2 $\diamond$ A K 5 $\clubsuit$ 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	$\spadesuit$ Q 3 $\heartsuit$ 7 $\diamond$ Q 10 9 6 3 $\clubsuit$ A K Q 10 9	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Ornstein</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
	Pass	$1\diamond$	$1\spadesuit$
$2\heartsuit$	$3\spadesuit$	$4\clubsuit$	Pass
$4\diamond$	Pass	$5\clubsuit$	Pass
$5\diamond$	All Pass		

Sue's insistence on game got her pair a bit too high. Gulevich led the  $\heartsuit K$  and inferred correctly that declarer's  $\heartsuit 7$  was a singleton. Therefore she switched to... a diamond! In no time, dummy's spades disappeared on declarer's clubs and the highly dubious contract made – USA +600.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromov</i>	<i>B. Moss</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Winestock</i>
	Pass	$1\diamond$	$1\spadesuit$
$2\diamond$	$3\spadesuit$	All Pass	

Gromov's  $2\diamond$  was a transfer to hearts. It could be a weak hand as well as a strong one. Because of this uncertainty, Gromova didn't venture a rebid at the four level by herself. Her partner had a tough problem and he did well by passing, because at many tables West bid  $4\heartsuit$  and was defeated by two tricks after a spade lead.

The Russian pair failed to produce a model defence:  $\diamond A$ ,  $\diamond K$  followed by the top three clubs and a fourth club, promoting a trump trick. Instead, they started with clubs, and on the fourth club declarer discarded a diamond, which kept it one down. In view of the result from the other room, this inaccuracy in defence had no effect on the match situation. USA were winning 11 IMPs anyway.

At this point, they were only 5 IMPs behind with seven boards to go, but the boards were becoming flatter and flatter. If one did the normal thing in the bidding, it was perhaps only a matter of an overtrick here and there. Four consecutive pushes from 26 to 29 were exactly what Russia needed, and they even extended their lead to 7 with an overtrick swing at board 30.

The penultimate board, though, was a bit more lively. First of all, East-West had to reach their game.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ 9 7 2 $\heartsuit$ 4 $\diamond$ Q J 9 6 2 $\clubsuit$ Q 7 6 5						
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West	North	East	South
<i>Ornstein</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Picus</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
	Pass	$2\spadesuit$	$1\heartsuit$
$1\spadesuit$	All Pass		Dble
$4\spadesuit$			

The bidding hurdle had been cleared successfully, and Matushko led his heart. Ornstein won the  $\heartsuit A$  and ducked a club. He ruffed the third round of hearts with the  $\spadesuit Q$ , cashed the  $\clubsuit A$ , ruffed a club and played a low spade from dummy. South won the  $\spadesuit A$  and played another heart, but Ornstein could ruff with the  $\spadesuit J$ , play a spade to dummy's king, return to hand with the  $\diamond A$ , draw the last trump and claim. +420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromov</i>	<i>B. Moss</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Winestock</i>
	Pass	$2\spadesuit$	$1\heartsuit$
$1\spadesuit$	All Pass		Pass
$4\spadesuit$			

In the replay, Moss led a heart. Gromov won the  $\heartsuit A$  and conceded a club. Winestock cashed the  $\heartsuit K$ , and the next heart was ruffed by declarer's  $\spadesuit Q$ . The careless play of a low spade to the king would have led to a calamity for Russia, but Gromov was still alert after 12 consecutive days of competition. He played  $\clubsuit A$ , ruffed a club and led a low spade from dummy, ruling out any chance of a trump promotion and tying the board.

After an uneventful last board, Russia could celebrate their 209-202 victory. Those celebrations must have been short, however, because a tough match for the world title awaited them against Netherlands.



Women's Teams F - S1

USA v France



By Micke Melander

Fast and Furious 8

With seven Fast and Furious movies having been produced already, it was as if number eight was made in Wroclaw on Friday when the USA Women's team stomped on the gas pedals against France. Many of the boards had wild and crazy distributions – in other words, all set for action.

As you know, the two teams played each other in the final in the Venice Cup last year in Chennai, where the French team eventually proved to be the stronger and won though the match went to the last deal. Clearly the American women were up for the challenge in Wroclaw and were seeking revenge!

the evil 4-0 split in trumps and could simply pull three more rounds of trumps and take the ruffing finesse in diamonds for eleven tricks.

In the closed room, Sylvia Shi was pushed to the five level in hearts and stood no chance to make her contract when Cronier led the jack of spades, taken in dummy with the ace. Shi ran the ten of diamonds to the jack. North cashed the ace of clubs and, unable to tell who had the singleton, continued with the queen. Declarer won the king, played a trump to the ace and could note that North pitched a club. When that was the case she could no longer pull trumps and take the ruffing finesse in diamonds. Down one meant 11 IMPs for France.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
D'Ovidio	Sokolow	Frey	S.-Molson
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Shi	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2NT	Pass
3♦	Dble	4♥	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

The match started well for the French Champions when they earned a swing on the second board. In the open room, Tobi Sokolow led the ace of clubs against Four Hearts. Not knowing if it was partner or declarer who had two clubs, she just continued with the queen of clubs. Declarer pitched a diamond on the club king and immediately finessed in diamonds, losing to North's king.

Sokolow could have returned a diamond for her partner to ruff, but she continued with a club. South ruffed in and declarer over-ruffed. Declarer now had perfect control of

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
D'Ovidio	Sokolow	Frey	S.-Molson
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♦
4♦	5♦	Dble	All Pass



Sylvie Willard, France

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
4♦	5♦	Dble	3♣

Neither of the declarers had any problem taking eleven tricks for a push. Shi, of course, must have been in doubt about passing Five Diamonds out when she knew about her distribution and shortage of high-card points, not to mention South's bidding, which had shown the minors. Five Hearts would have been a good sacrifice, but it is not easy to do at this vulnerability, and partner might have had three winners.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dble
2♥	3♣	3♥	5♣

All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Willard</i>
	1♦	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	All Pass

Janice Seamon-Molson's jump to Five Clubs was a good move - a good advance sacrifice against Four Hearts (if they would have bid it) or it could actually be a good game for their side. Frey led the ace of hearts and continued with a low heart. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a spade, ruffed her last heart, cashed the ace and king of clubs (happily noting the queen from East). A low diamond to the king followed, then low towards the ace. When the queen appeared, declarer could claim twelve tricks for +620.

In the open room, the French defense went a spade to the ace, spade ruff, club to the ace and a second spade ruff. South then cashed the king of clubs and led a low diamond to the king for the first six tricks. North, who didn't understand that she shouldn't play another spade, did so,

and declarer escaped for three down when she was allowed to pitch her losing diamond on dummy's queen of spades. That was 11 IMPs back to USA, who had evened the match.



**Nathalie Frey, France**

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
			2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Willard</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	All Pass		

When Seamon-Molson was able to open Two Hearts weak with both majors and West didn't compete, the French pair was outbid after North took a shot at game. Things were more quiet in the closed room, where Shi eventually was able to declare just Two Clubs when West had stolen the diamonds from North and East had stolen the heart suit away from South.

Against Two Clubs, the French did well when they led and returned trumps on declarer at every chance. Shi did, however, make her contract, losing three diamonds and two spades.

In the open room, the three of diamonds was led. Declarer won the ace and ran the jack of hearts to West's ace. West returned another diamond. Declarer went up with the king, East ruffed, cashed the king of clubs and tried to score a second club for the fourth defensive trick. But declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace, another to the king and ruffed a spade in dummy. The trump finesse was the final thrust, and declarer could claim for plus 620 and 12 IMPs to USA, now in the lead.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
		3♣	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

With one club, two hearts and three spades to lose, Frey had no chance for nine tricks in clubs. When the Americans didn't give anything away, declarer was two down.

Things were more interesting in the closed room, where Willard came to play 3NT and West led a spade to the jack and declarer's king. The contract was completely dead if the defense attacked clubs. When declarer next played a diamond towards dummy and West played low, declarer could have made the contract by playing the 10, but she went up with the king and played a second diamond. West won with the jack and switched to clubs and that was that.

If declarer had played a heart towards the queen at trick three, declarer would have been able to actually make four spades, three hearts and one trick in each minor for nine tricks. Maybe declarer should have changed tack when the



**Tobi Sokolow, USA**

diamond nine appeared from East. However it could very well also have been a falsecard, and if diamonds had been 3-2, she would have been fine when the ten held.

The bottom line is that USA got 9 more IMPs on a deal which could have been a swing in the other direction.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Shi and Catherine D'Ovidio both received a club for the opening lead. Shi won with the king in dummy and played a spade to the ace and the queen of trumps, which held. A third round cleared trumps, and the defense could just cash their two hearts.

In the open room, declarer tried a trump finesse, Sokolow won with the king and gave her partner the ruff in clubs. When the defense cashed their two heart winners, declarer was down one for another 10 IMPs to the USA team – but it wasn't over. They had another swing coming in their direction.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
D'Ovidio	Sokolow	Frey	S.-Molson
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Closed Room:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Shi	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Dble	3♠
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			5♠

Benedicte Cronier's cuebid in clubs brought South into action and she checked for aces. When she found that the opponents held two aces, she put on the brakes at the five level. That would have been fine if it wasn't for the fact that Beth Palmer had doubled for the club lead. When Shi obliged her partner, declarer had no chance and had to lose a club, a diamond and a heart for one down.

In the open room, a heart was led to the ace. East naturally shifted to a club, and when the jack held, declarer cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a heart, pulled trumps and established the diamonds for a club discard for 11 tricks.

That was another 13 IMPs to USA who had put the pedal to the metal against the French World Champions and were in the lead with 60-11. Still five segments to go, however, and that's a long way!

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## Monaco v Netherlands

By Jos Jacobs

The finalists apparently both had their tails right up after their performances the day before, as it took them just one warming-up board before they lit the fireworks:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Nab	Multon	Bob Drijver	Martens
		INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Full speed ahead for the Dutch after the super-acceptance of the transfer. The contract was too high, as it depended on more than just the diamond finesse, and it duly went two down. Monaco +100.



Bas Drijver, The Netherlands



**Bart Nab, The Netherlands**

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	3♣	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass	4♣	Pass

When Helness could not open, according to the pair's methods, the Monegasques were never in danger of getting overboard. Ten tricks, Monaco +420 and 11 IMPs to open their account. Next:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	Multon	Bob Drijver	Martens
Pass	1♦	Dble	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Though 5♥ would probably have gone one down, taking a cheap insurance often is good tactics at teams. Netherlands +100.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
Pass	5♦	Pass	2♦
Dble	All Pass		Pass

Brink timed his weak two in diamonds to perfection as after Drijver's raise to 5♦, it was anybody's guess. Netherlands +550 and 12 IMPs back to them.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	Multon	Bob Drijver	Martens
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On the next board, the Dutch light openings did not serve them well. With both hands containing a light opening bid, 3NT will often be reached and as often be (far) too high. North led a spade and the contract easily went down two, Monaco +200.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

An exemplary auction saw the Monegasques end up in the right contract in spite of their light opening bids, for +110 and 7 IMPs.

On the next board, Multon and Martens did well for Monaco:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	Multon	Bob Drijver	Martens
	1♦	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

One might say that Martens bid one for the road with his 4♣ but he struck gold. Multon made a polite raise and the Monegasques suddenly were in a very good vulnerable game. Just made, Monaco +600.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
	1♣	1♥	3♣
3♥	4♣	All Pass	

As the double minor-suit fit never came into the Dutch picture, game was missed. Netherlands +150 but 10 IMPs to Monaco, who led 28-12 after just 5 boards.

Four more IMPs to Monaco on board 6, a push and then a curious diamond position:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	Multon	Bob Drijver	Martens
1♣	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♣	3NT	All Pass	

When West made the unlucky lead of the ♣A, dummy's queen had become a side entry to the diamonds. Had West continued a club, declarer would have won the king and cleared the diamonds, only to find out that the suit was blocked. As it would be West who would win the second defensive diamond trick, continuing clubs would have done the defence no good. West should lead a spade, or continue a spade after winning his ♦A on an initial low club lead, to beat the contract.

Ten tricks now, Monaco +430

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
1♣	Dble	1♥	3♦
3♣	4♦	4♠	All Pass

On the impending defensive cross-ruff, 4♦ would not have been a great success. On a heart lead, Helgemo found a way to go down in a contract he might have made: ruff the

heart, ruff a club in dummy and lead a trump to the nine and ace. If hearts are continued, you ruff, ruff the last clubs out and play winning clubs until South takes his ♠Q. As the ♦A is still there, that's all you need.

Helgemo, however, ruffed the heart and cashed the ♣A throwing a diamond. He then ruffed a club, ruffed another heart (South discarding his ♣Q) and ruffed the last club. South did well not to over-ruff. A trump went to the king and ace and the heart return was ruffed with declarer's last trump. At this point, declarer could still have made the contract by playing a good club and throwing dummy's last diamond! South can ruff and return a diamond but now, declarer plays the low diamond from hand and ruffs in dummy, then puts South in with the master trump. With only diamonds left, South will then be obliged to play a diamond to declarer, who has good clubs to cash. When Helgemo discarded a losing heart instead of dummy's diamond, he had to go one down. Netherlands +50 but still another 9 IMPs to Monaco.

The second half of the segment, however, suddenly belonged to the Netherlands.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	Multon	Bob Drijver	Martens
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	2♣	3♣
Dble	3♦	All Pass	

This looked a correct part-score. Just made, Monaco +110.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East had not shown his clubs, so West could not possibly find the killing club lead from his KJx, leading a heart instead. Declarer ran this to East's king and immediately won the ♣10 return with his ace. Monaco still had a chance to defeat the contract when Brink led a low diamond from hand. Helgemo can win the ♦A and, even if he had not unblocked clubs, continue with the ♣K and ♣J, East overtaking to cash out for plus 200. Helgemo, however,

played low on the diamond. When the king scored, declarer cashed his major-suit winners. With both suits behaving, he emerged with nine tricks, Netherlands +600 and 10 IMPs back to them. Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ K J 9 4 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ J 7	♠ A 9 2 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ K 9 7 6 3 ♣ 9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; background-color: #008000; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 10px;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">S</span> </div> ♠ K J 4 ♥ A 8 ♦ J 4 ♣ A K Q 5 3 2	♠ 10 8 7 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 10 8 6 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
All Pass	1♦	Pass	3♣

With the clubs not breaking 3-3, 3NT has no legitimate play. So once again, Multon and Martens did well, as they ended up in a part-score. Monaco +110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Brink-Drijver, of course, one would say (if one takes their style into consideration), were in 3NT. When Helgemo led a spade into declarer's tenace, rather than a heart from his stronger but more vulnerable suit, declarer was home. He gave up a club and had nine tricks. Netherlands +600 and 10 more IMPs to them.

The penultimate board was good entertainment value for the BBO kibitzers:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 6 ♥ Q 7 6 5 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 10 7 2	♠ 10 8 5 ♥ 9 ♦ K Q J 10 5 ♣ A 6 5 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; background-color: #008000; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 10px;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 10px;">S</span> </div> ♠ A K Q 7 4 2 ♥ K J 2 ♦ 4 ♣ Q J 4	♠ 3 ♥ A 10 8 4 ♦ A 9 7 6 3 ♣ K 9 8	
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In the Open Room, N/S reached 4♠ in peace when East did not intervene over North's 2NT, and scored the obvious +620.

In the Closed Room, there was more action:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	2NT	Dble	1♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			Dble

Neither East nor West could resist temptation, but the actual sacrifice was a very good one until declarer ducked North's opening lead of the ♦K...Down four when North continued the ♦Q and South ruffed the ace away. Netherlands a useful +800 and 5 more IMPs to level the match.

An overtrick on the last board then made the final score of this rather spectacular set 44-43 to the Dutch.



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## The Polish Corner

**POJEDYNEK WAMPIRÓW**

Nie wiem, czy mecz z Holandią będzie się śnił naszym reprezentantom. Na pewno niektóre rozdania nie dają spokoju kibicom. Oto koszmar Ryszarda Kielczewskiego:

Rozd. 19. WE po partii, rozd. E.

♠ A D W  
♥ K 7  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ W 9 6 5 2

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

♠ 8 5  
♥ 8  
♦ D W 10 4 2  
♣ A D 10 7 4

♠ 7 6 5 2  
♥ D W 10 9 6  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 3

Rozdanie rozgrywało czterech wampirów ze sterzcącymi kłami. Licytowano:

West	North	East	South
pas	1BA	pas	pas
pas	2♦	pas	2♣
ktr.	3BA	ktr.	3♠
			pas...

3♠ - Smolen - 4♠ i 5♥

Wampir na E zlekceważył kontrę swojego vis a vis i wyszedł w swój długi sekwensovny kolor ♦ D. Rozgrywający wampir przepuścił na obu rekach, wziął drugą lewą królem w dziadku i zaimpasował pika. Następnie zagrał trefla do króla i ponowił impas pikowy. Teraz zagrał króla kier, którego wampir na W musiał przepuścić. Kolejne lewy to asy w pikach i karach i wpust W kierem. A ten mógł tylko skasować króla pika i musiał wpuścić dziadka kierem. Nadróbka.

Czy gracz - nie wampir - mógłby wpaść na taki pomysł? Pewne przesłanki z licytacji były...

**CZY UMIESZ ROZGRYWAĆ?**

Lektura tego kącika w „Brydżu” daje pewność, jaka przydaje się przy stole.

W finale turnieju par kobiecych po licytacji, w której W zameldowała się 1♥ po otwarciu 1♣, Zuzanna Moszczyńska rozgrywała z ręki S 6BA po ataku ♠2:

♠ K D 8 6  
♥ D 2  
♦ A K D 9 5  
♣ W 5

♠ A 5 4  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ 10 8 2  
♣ A D 10 9

Do blotki ze stołu E dołożyła siódmkę (zrzutki odwrotne). Z ręki as. Dla rozgrywającej było oczywiste, że wchodząca ma asa kier i króla trefl. Zagrała wobec tego blotkę kier spod króla - dama ze stołu wzięta. Do mariasza pik obie przeciwniczki dołożyły po dwa razy do koloru. As karo - od W walet i kara do końca. W zrzuciła do kar dwa trefle i dwie blotki kier. W końcówce:

♠ 6  
♥ 2  
♦ -  
♣ W 5

♠ -  
♥ K 10  
♦ -  
♣ A D

nastąpiło zagraniem forty pik; z ręki kier. Gdy od W spadł walet kier, rozgrywająca odeszła kierem i W musiała dać dwunastą lewą zagranie spod króla kier, gdyż jej ręka wyglądała następująco: ♠W92 ♥AW983 ♦W ♣K742. Przymus wpustkowy jak z książki...

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