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The clock is ticking



You can enjoy the vugraph show daily on the fifth floor of the Grand Palais.

Only one day of qualifying play remains for teams in the Open and Women's events at the 14th World Bridge Games, and time is running short for some.

Most of the favored teams are in qualifying position but only a few can be viewed as virtually certain to still be in their events at the end of play today. The top four teams in each of the four Open groups will start knockout play on Wednesday. In the Women's, the top five in each of the three groups – plus one other team – will get through. The Seniors will determine their qualifiers with two more sets on Wednesday.

Monaco still has the top victory point total in the Open with 257. Other group leaders are Italy, Germany and USA.

Women's leaders are Russia, Sweden and the Netherlands. France and Hungary are ahead in their groups in the Seniors.

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OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 13

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Germany	Netherlands	11	France	USA	21	Russia	Italy	31	Israel	Monaco
2	Denmark	England	12	Brazil	Poland	22	Argentina	Sweden	32	Greece	China
3	Spain	Korea	13	China Hong Kong	Portugal	23	Romania	Singapore	33	Iceland	Botswana
4	Belgium	Bye	14	Austria	San Marino	24	Canada	Kenya	34	Norway	Costa Rica
5	India	Mexico	15	New Zealand	Ukraine	25	Scotland	Slovakia	35	Latvia	Venezuela
6	Egypt	Bosnia & Hrzna	16	Chinese Taipei	Bangladesh	26	South Africa	Trinidad & Tbgo	36	Australia	Finland
7	Guadeloupe	Switzerland	17	Pakistan	Estonia	27	Morocco	Bermuda	37	Japan	Reunion
8	Jordan	Chile	18	Ireland	Bye	28	Thailand	Bye	38	Turkey	Bye

ROUND 14

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Bosnia & Hrzna	Netherlands	11	Bangladesh	USA	21	Trinidad & Tbgo	Italy	31	Finland	Monaco
2	Mexico	Switzerland	12	Ukraine	Estonia	22	Slovakia	Bermuda	32	Iceland	Norway
3	Bye	Chile	13	San Marino	Portugal	23	Kenya	Thailand	33	Costa Rica	Venezuela
4	Korea	Jordan	14	Ireland	Austria	24	Romania	Canada	34	Botswana	Latvia
5	England	Guadeloupe	15	Poland	Pakistan	25	Sweden	Morocco	35	China	Japan
6	Germany	Egypt	16	France	Chinese Taipei	26	Russia	South Africa	36	Israel	Australia
7	Denmark	India	17	Brazil	New Zealand	27	Argentina	Scotland	37	Greece	Turkey
8	Spain	Belgium	18	China Hong Kong	Bye	28	Singapore	Bye	38	Reunion	Bye

ROUND 15

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Spain	Netherlands	11	Ireland	USA	21	Romania	Italy	31	Iceland	Monaco
2	Belgium	Denmark	12	Austria	Brazil	22	Canada	Argentina	32	Norway	Greece
3	India	Germany	13	New Zealand	France	23	Scotland	Russia	33	Turkey	Israel
4	Egypt	England	14	Chinese Taipei	Poland	24	South Africa	Sweden	34	Australia	China
5	Guadeloupe	Korea	15	Estonia	Bangladesh	25	Morocco	Singapore	35	Japan	Botswana
6	Jordan	Bye	16	China Hong Kong	San Marino	26	Bermuda	Trinidad & Tbgo	36	Latvia	Costa Rica
7	Chile	Mexico	17	Portugal	Ukraine	27	Thailand	Slovakia	37	Reunion	Finland
8	Switzerland	Bosnia & Hrzna	18	Pakistan	Bye	28	Kenya	Bye	38	Venezuela	Bye

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 13

GROUP H		GROUP I			
71	France	Brazil	81	USA	Japan
72	Australia	Canada	82	Pakistan	Argentina
73	India	Belgium	83	Guadeloupe	Spain
74	China Hong Kong	Turkey	84	Chinese Taipei	Hungary
75	Singapore	Israel	85	New Zealand	Sweden
76	Egypt	England	86	Kenya	Italy
77	Morocco	Germany	87	Reunion	Netherlands
78	South Africa	Scotland	88	Ireland	Denmark
79	Indonesia	Bye	89	Poland	Bye

ROUND 14

GROUP H		GROUP I			
71	Canada	Brazil	81	Argentina	Japan
72	Indonesia	South Africa	82	Poland	Ireland
73	Scotland	Morocco	83	Denmark	Reunion
74	Germany	Egypt	84	Netherlands	Kenya
75	England	Singapore	85	Italy	New Zealand
76	Israel	China Hong Kong	86	Sweden	Chinese Taipei
77	Turkey	India	87	Hungary	Guadeloupe
78	Belgium	Australia	88	Spain	Pakistan
79	France	Bye	89	USA	Bye

ROUND 15

GROUP H		GROUP I			
71	Turkey	France	81	Hungary	USA
72	Belgium	Israel	82	Spain	Sweden
73	Canada	England	83	Argentina	Italy
74	Brazil	Germany	84	Japan	Netherlands
75	Australia	Scotland	85	Pakistan	Denmark
76	India	Indonesia	86	Guadeloupe	Poland
77	Egypt	Morocco	87	Kenya	Reunion
78	Singapore	South Africa	88	New Zealand	Ireland
79	China Hong Kong	Bye	89	Chinese Taipei	Bye

Duplimates for sale



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

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 13

GROUP E

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

GROUP F

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

GROUP G

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

ROUND 14

GROUP F

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

ROUND 15

GROUP F

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

Registration for the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

With the conclusion of play in the National Teams (Open, Women and Senior series), registration for the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship will be available to eliminated players.

As usual, registration can **only** be made on line through the WBF website (go to the Lille microsite, click 'Registration', then 'Transnational Mixed Teams'). The system is accessible from any computer, tablet or smartphone connected to Internet. Registration can be done at any time after the end of the round robin; players are encouraged to enter as soon as they have made their plans in order to facilitate the work of the organizers.

Only players already enrolled in the WBF database may be registered. If there is any player who wishes to play in the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship and is not already in the WBF database, he/she should apply for enrollment at once. The relevant form which needs to be filled out is available at <http://www.worldbridge.org/WBFRegistrationForm.asp>. Once the form is filled out and submitted, enrollment will be concluded as soon as possible.

Panos Gerontopoulos
Communications Manager

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

Round 13 (10.30)			Round 14 (14.00)			Round 15 (17.00)		
Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series
VG	Israel – Monaco	Open C	VG	Russia – South Africa	Open C	VG	Ireland – USA	Open B
BBO 2	France – USA	Open B	BBO 2	France – Chinese Taipei	Open B	BBO 2	New Zealand – France	Open B
BBO 3	Russia – Italy	Open C	BBO 3	Trinidad & Tobago – Italy	Open C	BBO 3	Romania – Italy	Open C
BBO 4	Brazil – Poland	Open B	BBO 4	Denmark – India	Open A	BBO 4	Turkey – Israel	Open D
BBO 5	Germany – Netherlands	Open A	BBO 5	Netherlands – India	Women F	BBO 5	Indonesia – USA	Women F
Our-Game	China – Philippines	Women G	Our-Game	China – Japan	Open D	Our-Game	Australia – China	Open D

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Switzerland	Netherlands	18 - 36	11 - 19
2	Bosnia Hrzna	Chile	44 - 27	19 - 11
3	Mexico	Jordan	41 - 39	14.7 - 14.3
4	Korea	Egypt	43 - 71	8 - 22
5	England	India	35 - 31	16 - 14
6	Germany	Belgium	53 - 18	23 - 7
7	Denmark	Spain	21 - 52	8 - 22
8	Guadeloupe	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
21	Bermuda	Italy	2 - 88	0 - 25
22	Trinidad Tbgo	Thailand	24 - 46	10 - 20
23	Argentina	Romania	10 - 55	5 - 25
24	Kenya	Morocco	18 - 44	9 - 21
25	Singapore	South Africa	28 - 24	16 - 14
26	Sweden	Scotland	69 - 34	23 - 7
27	Russia	Canada	30 - 63	7 - 23
28	Slovakia	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP A				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands	Belgium	28 - 16	18 - 12
2	India	Spain	27 - 27	15 - 13
3	Egypt	Denmark	29 - 52	10 - 20
4	Guadeloupe	Germany	14 - 61	4 - 25
5	Jordan	England	23 - 39	11 - 19
6	Chile	Korea	59 - 19	24 - 6
7	Bosnia Hrzna	Mexico	42 - 16	21 - 9
8	Switzerland	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
21	Italy	Canada	62 - 36	21 - 9
22	Scotland	Romania	26 - 23	16 - 14
23	South Africa	Argentina	16 - 58	5 - 25
24	Morocco	Russia	35 - 57	10 - 20
25	Trinidad Tbgo	Slovakia	24 - 44	10 - 20
26	Thailand	Singapore	42 - 31	17 - 13
27	Bermuda	Kenya	19 - 31	12 - 18
28	Sweden	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP A				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands	Egypt	46 - 45	15 - 15
2	Guadeloupe	India	43 - 82	6 - 24
3	Jordan	Belgium	22 - 49	9 - 21
4	Chile	Spain	26 - 58	7 - 23
5	Switzerland	Denmark	11 - 62	4 - 25
6	Bosnia Hrzna	Germany	20 - 69	4 - 25
7	Mexico	England	48 - 88	6 - 24
8	Korea	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
21	Italy	South Africa	77 - 11	25 - 1
22	Morocco	Scotland	23 - 36	12 - 18
23	Kenya	Singapore	32 - 39	14 - 16
24	Thailand	Romania	37 - 46	13 - 17
25	Bermuda	Argentina	10 - 89	0 - 25
26	Trinidad Tbgo	Russia	9 - 79	1 - 25
27	Slovakia	Sweden	28 - 40	12 - 18
28	Canada	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 10

GROUP B				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
11	Estonia	USA	13 - 56	5 - 25
12	Bangladesh	Portugal	51 - 58	14 - 16
13	Ukraine	China Hong Kong	64 - 36	22 - 8
14	San Marino	Pakistan	58 - 34	21 - 9
15	Brazil	Ireland	26 - 42	11 - 19
16	Poland	New Zealand	92 - 9	25 - 0
17	France	Austria	54 - 14	24 - 6
18	Chinese Taipei	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Reunion	Monaco	4 - 92	0 - 25
32	Finland	Venezuela	27 - 53	9 - 21
33	Greece	Iceland	72 - 1	25 - 1
34	Costa Rica	Japan	33 - 69	7 - 23
35	Botswana	Australia	38 - 37	15 - 15
36	China	Turkey	34 - 12	20 - 10
37	Israel	Norway	46 - 51	14 - 16
38	Latvia	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 11

GROUP B				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
11	USA	Austria	52 - 33	19 - 11
12	New Zealand	Ireland	19 - 31	12 - 18
13	Chinese Taipei	Brazil	47 - 38	17 - 13
14	Pakistan	France	9 - 79	1 - 25
15	China Hong Kong	Poland	16 - 25	13 - 17
16	Bangladesh	Ukraine	21 - 63	5 - 25
17	Estonia	San Marino	43 - 27	19 - 11
18	Portugal	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Monaco	Norway	32 - 29	16 - 14
32	Turkey	Iceland	22 - 51	8 - 22
33	Australia	Greece	34 - 28	16 - 14
34	Japan	Israel	30 - 48	11 - 19
35	Latvia	China	25 - 83	3 - 25
36	Venezuela	Botswana	31 - 37	14 - 16
37	Reunion	Costa Rica	18 - 49	8 - 22
38	Finland	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 12

GROUP B				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
11	USA	Chinese Taipei	45 - 18	21 - 9
12	Pakistan	New Zealand	32 - 50	11 - 19
13	China Hong Kong	Austria	30 - 46	11 - 19
14	Portugal	Ireland	22 - 43	10 - 20
15	Estonia	Brazil	28 - 48	10 - 20
16	Bangladesh	France	23 - 96	0 - 25
17	Ukraine	Poland	20 - 32	12 - 18
18	San Marino	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
	Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Monaco	Australia	46 - 26	20 - 10
32	Japan	Turkey	17 - 65	4 - 25
33	Latvia	Norway	35 - 21	18 - 12
34	Venezuela	Iceland	15 - 69	3 - 25
35	Reunion	Greece	19 - 31	12 - 18
36	Finland	Israel	33 - 82	4 - 25
37	Costa Rica	Botswana	64 - 27	24 - 6
38	China	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	England	Turkey	36 - 42	14 - 16
42	Australia	Egypt	37 - 34	16 - 14
43	Russia	Jordan	62 - 3	25 - 2
44	Canada	Chinese Taipei	31 - 39	13 - 17
45	Spain	Guadeloupe	42 - 33	17 - 13
46	Scotland	Argentina	37 - 52	12 - 18
47	Poland	Kenya	76 - 31	25 - 5

GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	USA	New Zealand	69 - 29	24 - 6
52	China Hong Kong	Mexico	85 - 6	25 - 0
53	Reunion	Chile	14 - 62	4 - 25
54	San Marino	India	10 - 37	9 - 21
55	Denmark	Indonesia	22 - 64	5 - 25
56	Netherlands	Ireland	78 - 16	25 - 2
57	Israel	Austria	21 - 41	10 - 20
58	Japan	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	China	France	43 - 30	18 - 12
62	Sweden	Philippines	53 - 28	21 - 9
63	Germany	Palestine	72 - 23	25 - 4
64	Italy	Pakistan	83 - 12	25 - 1
65	Norway	Morocco	45 - 11	23 - 7
66	Brazil	Venezuela	84 - 1	25 - 0
67	South Africa	Lebanon	41 - 37	16 - 14

ROUND 10

ROUND 12

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	England	Russia	33 - 13	20 - 10
42	Canada	Poland	34 - 30	16 - 14
43	Spain	Turkey	21 - 50	8 - 22
44	Argentina	Guadeloupe	23 - 45	10 - 20
45	Australia	Jordan	44 - 15	22 - 8
46	Egypt	Chinese Taipei	38 - 26	18 - 12
47	Scotland	Kenya	44 - 9	23 - 7

GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	USA	Austria	48 - 19	22 - 8
52	Ireland	Indonesia	23 - 29	14 - 16
53	Japan	Denmark	20 - 56	7 - 23
54	India	Israel	31 - 27	16 - 14
55	Chile	Netherlands	28 - 63	7 - 23
56	China Hong Kong	Reunion	12 - 25	12 - 18
57	New Zealand	San Marino	57 - 29	22 - 8
58	Mexico	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	China	Germany	49 - 26	20 - 10
62	Italy	Sweden	23 - 29	14 - 16
63	Norway	France	27 - 43	11 - 19
64	Brazil	Philippines	48 - 15	23 - 7
65	South Africa	Palestine	41 - 24	19 - 11
66	Lebanon	Pakistan	28 - 29	15 - 15
67	Venezuela	Morocco	41 - 14	21 - 9

ROUND 11

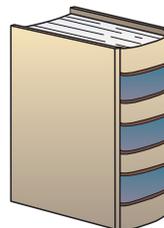
Don't Forget

If you leave something at hospitality – a phone, a bag, etc don't forget to collect it after play!

The desk closes at 19.30.



2012 World Championship Book



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

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

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

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

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	England France	26 - 71	5 - 25
72	Israel Germany	33 - 31	15 - 15
73	Turkey Scotland	14 - 73	2 - 25
74	Belgium Indonesia	12 - 48	7 - 23
75	China Hong Kong Singapore	64 - 24	24 - 6
76	Brazil South Africa	46 - 35	17 - 13
77	Australia Morocco	35 - 29	16 - 14
78	India Egypt	52 - 34	19 - 11
79	Canada Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 10

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	Italy USA	32 - 35	14 - 16
82	Sweden Netherlands	46 - 51	14 - 16
83	Hungary Denmark	23 - 27	14 - 16
84	Spain Poland	33 - 33	15 - 15
85	Chinese Taipei New Zealand	15 - 48	7 - 23
86	Japan Ireland	46 - 35	17 - 13
87	Pakistan Reunion	45 - 12	23 - 7
88	Guadeloupe Kenya	75 - 21	25 - 3
89	Argentina Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	France India	52 - 17	23 - 7
72	China Hong Kong Australia	36 - 30	16 - 14
73	Singapore Brazil	28 - 29	15 - 15
74	Egypt Canada	11 - 31	10 - 20
75	Morocco Belgium	13 - 57	5 - 25
76	South Africa Turkey	24 - 51	9 - 21
77	Scotland Germany	13 - 39	9 - 21
78	Indonesia England	12 - 47	7 - 23
79	Israel Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 11

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	USA Guadeloupe	48 - 33	18 - 12
82	Chinese Taipei Pakistan	57 - 55	15 - 15
83	New Zealand Japan	34 - 20	18 - 11
84	Kenya Argentina	23 - 35	12 - 18
85	Reunion Spain	39 - 39	15 - 15
86	Ireland Hungary	16 - 44	8 - 22
87	Denmark Netherlands	50 - 21	22 - 8
88	Poland Italy	25 - 36	13 - 17
89	Sweden Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	South Africa France	24 - 58	7 - 23
72	Belgium Canada	54 - 29	21 - 9
73	Indonesia Egypt	53 - 21	23 - 7
74	Scotland Singapore	31 - 40	13 - 17
75	Germany China Hong Kong	74 - 11	25 - 2
76	England India	46 - 62	11 - 19
77	Israel Australia	28 - 61	7 - 23
78	Turkey Brazil	55 - 52	16 - 14
79	Morocco Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 12

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	Ireland USA	27 - 38	13 - 17
82	Spain Argentina	23 - 40	9 - 19
83	Poland Kenya	86 - 4	25 - 0
84	Denmark New Zealand	62 - 12	25 - 4
85	Netherlands Chinese Taipei	56 - 55	15 - 15
86	Italy Guadeloupe	55 - 46	17 - 13
87	Sweden Pakistan	59 - 25	23 - 7
88	Hungary Japan	41 - 30	17 - 13
89	Reunion Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ONLINE PLAY

Round 13 (10.30)			Round 14 (14.00)			Round 15 (17.00)		
Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series
CRS 7	Argentina – Sweden	Open C	CRS 7	Spain – Belgium	Open A	CRS 7	Spain – Netherlands	Open A
CRS 8	Romania – Singapore	Open C	CRS 8	Brazil – New Zealand	Open B	CRS 8	South Africa – Sweden	Open C
CRS 9	Scotland – Australia	Women E	CRS 9	Romania – Canada	Open C	CRS 9	Iceland – Monaco	Open D
CRS 10	Denmark – Netherlands	Women F	CRS 10	Finland – Monaco	Open D	CRS 10	Japan – Netherlands	Women F
CRS 11	Australia – Canada	Seniors H	CRS 11	Iceland – Norway	Open D	CRS 11	Turkey – France	Seniors H
CRS 12	USA – Japan	Seniors I	CRS 12	Israel – Japan	Women F	CRS 12	Hungary – USA	Seniors I

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

OPEN TEAMS – Ranking after 12 rounds

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Germany	246	1 USA	240	1 Italy	254	1 Monaco	257
2 India	225	2 France	235	2 Russia	242	2 Israel	247
3 Spain	219	3 Ireland	214	3 Argentina	215	3 Norway	220
4 Denmark	218	4 Poland	212	4 Sweden	213	4 China	218
Netherlands	218	5 Brazil	197	5 Romania	211	5 Iceland	213
6 Belgium	198	6 Austria	188	6 Canada	203	6 Turkey	212
7 England	192	7 New Zealand	187	7 South Africa	194	7 Greece	196
8 Switzerland	189	8 Chinese Taipei	185	8 Thailand	178	8 Japan	184
9 Egypt	171	9 Ukraine	180	9 Singapore	172	9 Finland	175
10 Bosnia Hrzna	165.5	10 Estonia	177	10 Morocco	165	10 Australia	172.5
11 Mexico	155.7	11 Portugal	151	11 Slovakia	146	11 Latvia	148.5
12 Guadeloupe	155.5	12 San Marino	144	12 Scotland	139	12 Costa Rica	130
13 Jordan	142.3	13 Pakistan	142	13 Trinidad Tbgo	123	13 Botswana	123
14 Chile	122	14 China Hong Kong	135	14 Bermuda	115	14 Venezuela	110
15 Korea	89	15 Bangladesh	125	15 Kenya	112	15 Reunion	84

WOMEN'S TEAMS – Ranking after 12 rounds

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 Russia	252	1 Netherlands	239	1 Sweden	249
2 Turkey	218	2 Indonesia	220	2 Brazil	228
3 Scotland	214	3 USA	217	3 China	219
4 Australia	210	4 Denmark	211.5	4 France	214
5 Poland	205	5 Austria	204	5 Italy	209.6
6 England	201	6 Israel	197.5	6 Norway	197
7 Canada	185	7 India	194	7 Germany	172
8 Chinese Taipei	172	8 China Hong Kong	191	8 South Africa	166
9 Egypt	167	9 Japan	187	9 Philippines	146
10 Spain	162	10 New Zealand	171	Venezuela	146
11 Argentina	145	11 Chile	164	11 Morocco	144.4
12 Kenya	123	12 Ireland	155.5	12 Pakistan	135
13 Jordan	121	13 San Marino	133.5	Palestine	135
14 Guadeloupe	106	14 Mexico	113	14 Lebanon	134
		15 Reunion	107		

SENIOR TEAMS – Ranking after 12 rounds

GROUP H		GROUP I					
1 France	226	10 India	184.5	1 Hungary	224	10 Pakistan	182
2 England	220	11 Singapore	170	2 Denmark	220	11 Netherlands	175
3 Israel	208	12 Scotland	161	3 New Zealand	213	12 Ireland	165
4 Indonesia	202	13 Brazil	157.5	4 USA	209	13 Argentina	163
5 Germany	195	14 Egypt	157	5 Poland	206	14 Guadeloupe	156
6 Australia	193	15 Belgium	155	Sweden	206	15 Spain	153
7 Canada	189	16 South Africa	152	7 Japan	202	16 Reunion	115
8 China Hong Kong	185	17 Morocco	140	8 Italy	200	17 Kenya	83
Turkey	185			9 Chinese Taipei	185.5		

SENIORS **Germany v Canada** **ROUND 8**
by Mark Horton

When these two teams met in Round 8 of the Seniors they were both looking for a win to move them up the table. They exchanged some heavy blows:

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
		Pass	1♥
Dbl	3♦	3♠	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Declarer could not avoid the loss of a heart and two clubs, -200.



Martin Kirr, Canada

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
		Pass	1♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
1♣	Strong Club		
3♦	4-7, good seven card suit		

West cashed two clubs and switched to a diamond but declarer simply won in dummy and played a heart to the ace, +620 and 13 Canadian IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
		3♣	Pass
4♣	Dbl	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the six of clubs and East won with the queen and tried to cash the ace. Declarer ruffed and played a heart. When West missed a chance declarer won with dummy's king and played another heart. The defenders could score two tricks in that suit but that was all, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the queen of hearts and West won with the ace and returned the seven (the jack or ten is the sure way to defeat the contract). However, declarer had no bidding to

guide him and he put up the king, and East ruffed and played a spade. Declarer could win, unblock the diamonds, cross to dummy with a trump and ruff a diamond, but the 4-2 break meant he had to go one down, -50 and 10 IMPs to Germany.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	Game force		
2♥	4441		

South led the two of clubs for the queen, king and ace and declarer played the ten of diamonds. When that held he played the nine of clubs and when that held he continued with the ten of clubs, parting with one card from each major. South won and switched to the queen of hearts. The winning line now is to take the ace of hearts and force out the ace of diamonds but declarer ducked in both hands. Now if South plays a diamond North can win and play a spade setting up a fifth trick for the defence, but he played another heart. Declarer could win in hand and play a club, discarding the queen of spades from dummy. South could win but then had to play something to declarer's advantage. He opted for a spade and declarer won with the jack and had a ninth trick, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the queen of hearts and declarer won in hand and played the ten of diamonds, overtaking it with dummy's jack. When that held he played the queen of clubs for the king and ace and continued with the ten. South won and played the six of hearts. North won with the seven and continued with the jack. Declarer won in dummy and ran

the queen of spades to South's king. North took the diamond switch, cashed the master heart and exited with a spade, leaving South to score a club at the end for two down, -100 and 11 IMPs for Canada.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♠	Unbalanced		

South led the jack of clubs and North took the queen with the king and switched to the two of diamonds for the king and ace. The nine of clubs took the next trick and South switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and cashed four more heart tricks, South discarding two spade and a diamond. Declarer cashed the queen of diamonds and the ace of spades and played a spade to the jack. North won with the queen and had two clubs to cash, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
3♦	Invitational with three trumps		

South led the four of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the king and ace. He took the heart return in dummy, played a spade to the ace and ruffed a diamond. he gave up a club, ruffed the club return, drew the last trump and cashed the queen of diamonds, +450 when the jack appeared which was worth 11 IMPs to Germany.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

I am reliably informed that 3♦ was forcing. (Is it forcing in Dusseldorf and non-forcing in Hamburg?) If that was the case North picked an unfortunate moment to forget. On the other hand maybe South suffered a lapsus memoriae. Whatever, it was definitely a case of 'physician heal thyself'.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

- 1♦ 10-16, 2+♦ unless 4414
- 2♣ 5/4 either way
- 2♥ Fourth suit game forcing
- 5♠ 2 + ♦Q

An effective auction to the rock solid grand slam delivered a match winning 18 IMPs to Canada. They had outscored Germany 58-39 IMPs, 19-11VP.

Calling all non-qualifiers

If your team failed to qualify for the knock out matches and you intend to take part in the Transnational event please make sure you visit the Registration Desk as soon as possible.



Endplayed twice!

by Micke Melander

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Hay</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Nakamaru-Pinder</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

Nakamura-Pinder wisely decided to lead trump, however it was only one particular trump that could defeat the contract, the ace*! So when he put the four of spades on the table it was all over.

Bocchi played a club to the queen and a diamond to dummy's queen. With two successful finesses in the bag he simply cashed the ace of diamonds discarding a club from hand, ruffed a diamond, played a heart to the ace and ruffed another diamond leaving:

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

Bocchi now played the ace of clubs and exited with a small club. At this point Nakamaru-Pinder was neatly endplayed having to ruff the trick since he had only trumps left. This maneuver was repeated a second time, two tricks later giving declarer his 10 tricks. A nice swing of 12 IMPs when the Scottish declarer on the other table went two down, after not taking any finesse the right way.

* Even if you lead the ace of spades, you carefully have to continue with either a heart or a diamond to dummy to defeat the contract, because that will remove one of the necessary entries for declarer to ruff diamonds and shorten himself in trump to achieve the endplay.

Give them enough rope...

by Barry Rigal

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

The play on today's deal did not go precisely as reported. Bob Hamman was among the few to bid and make five diamonds, the best game, but he did not follow the precise sequence shown. However in retrospect he noted the subtleties shown here and suggested it would make a good problem.

Arguably the East cards are not worth a Three Diamond call. But the advantage of making this call is that it keeps the opponents quiet, and your quick tricks argue that 3NT may require very little opposite. When partner suggests club weakness your hand is golden. Even facing a passed partner you might make slam easily.

4♣ is simply a cuebid but likely one based on shortage as with good clubs you would bid 3NT.

When partner bids four diamonds, enough is enough. If partner cannot cuebid voluntarily, you won't make slam.

You receive the lead of the heart seven, and if you had to play the hearts for no loser the right play would be the nine. That works when North has the king and South the ten. But here you may not need to make that desperate a move; you can be relatively confident that BOTH the king and ten are wrong. Why would South lead from 10xxx (and especially why would he lead the seven?). So finessing the queen leaves more tension in the ending, whether North covers or not.

North covers the queen with the king, reinforcing your opinion that the heart ten is wrong. You advance a high diamond and two VERY good things happen to you on the trick. The ♦J falls from North, giving you an extra entry to dummy, and the defenders play back a club instead of playing a major. Time to take advantage of their generosity!

You win the club, cross to the diamond nine to ruff a club then cross to the heart jack, eschewing the finesse. When you ruff out the third club and exit with a heart you endplay North to lead a black suit and take care of your spade loser.

Had the defenders continued with a heart at trick three

you would have needed to rise with the jack and play for a strip squeeze on North by running all the trumps. And on a spade shift at trick three you have to rise with the ace and play for a different strip squeeze – not easy but maybe the indicated line?

Good Duck

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The England Seniors had not lost a match and had a clear lead at the head of Group H when they met their closest follower, Israel.

The match was tight with this board being the key to Israel's winning draw 20-18 or 15-15 in VPs:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	David B	Holland	Daniela B.
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At the other table Israel had reached 3NT. On a diamond lead and the threat that the heart trick would come too late, declarer might be tempted into a double club finesse, but in practice declarer played on hearts and with the diamonds 6-2 and North having no entry, the game came home.

At the table where Gunnar Hallberg and John Holland faced David and Daniela Birman a simple Stayman auction led to Four Hearts by West. David B led a trump. Daniela won with the king and switched to a diamond, the 2 as they play low from a doubleton.

David B. took the inference first that she held the two top trumps and secondly that had South had a singleton diamond it would be right for her to cash both top trumps before playing the diamond, or perhaps win with the ace first. Thinking that through David B duly ducked the diamond with an encouraging card. Now Daniela won the next trump and led a second diamond to the ace and received her ruff to set the game.

A word to the wise is sufficient

by Ana Roth and Fernando Lema

Watching in the BBO VG, the 9th round, board 9 caught our attention.

The Singapore-France match ended in 34-21. On Board 9 both tables arrived in a 6♦ contract and scored 1370... a push. In the match Japan-Monaco (34-25), on the same board, Japan won 13 IMPs playing a slam where Monaco chose to play game. In USA-Pakistan (24-4) board 9 was a push with both teams playing game. Let's see what happened in the match where Italy defeated Morocco 29-21.

Board 9: Dealer North, None Vulnerable.

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

In the closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sbili</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Lead: ♣3

Declarer won the lead with the ♣A and played a diamond. Sementa played his ♦A and continued with the ♣J. Declarer pitched a heart and won the trick with the ♣K. He played diamonds twice ... and claimed 12 tricks.

In the open room ... only one bid was enough for Versace to arrive in slam...

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Dahan</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Hayet</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Zaleski opened his hand with a 1♦ call and his partner showed his spade suit. Zaleski re-bid was 2NT and Versace decided to play the diamond slam.. We asked Versace the meaning of Zaleski's 2NT rebid and this is what he wrote to us:

Ciao, 2NT shows a strong hand 15-18 with 6 diamonds (usually without 3 spades) and 1 bid 6♦; practical... not very technical.

Lead: ♣3

Declarer won the lead with the ♣A and played the ♦5, Dahan won the trick and played a small spade. Zaleski won in his hand, played two trumps and claimed.

Only 25% of the Open teams played slam on this hand... but 50 % of the senior teams played and won slam on this board and 40% of the Ladies.

In the Spotlight

Find out a little bit more about your fellow bridge players.

Vi Outred, Scotland

How did you take up bridge?

By accident – a friend's mother played.

Biggest influence?

Omar Sharif.

Bridge Club?

Glasgow Bridge Club.

First Bridge Book

Card Play Technique.

Favourite Music?

Elvis.

Favourite drink?

Irn Bru.

All time favourite player?

Victor Goldberg.

Favourite TV Show?

Borgen.

Best achievement in Bridge?

Gold in the Commonwealth Women's Pairs.

Least favourite opponent?

Anyone who thinks about nothing.

Biggest failing at the table?

Too quick.

Most important attribute in a partner?

Keeps his mouth shut.

Your favourite tournament?

World Championship in Yokohama.

Other interests?

Hands on Healing.



One for the files

Eric Rodwell's best-selling book (with Mark Horton) is called *The Rodwell Files*. In the book, there are lots of tips on play, and on this deal from USA versus Poland in the Open Teams round-robin, Rodwell showed why he is considered one of the world's top players.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 7 6 ♥ A Q 9 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ K J 8 5 4					
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	♠ 5 ♥ 10 8 7 5 3 ♦ K Q 10 8 7 ♣ 9 3					
West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Balicki</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Zmudzinski</i>			
Pass 3♠	1♣ Pass	INT 4♠	Pass 2♥ All Pass			

Jeff Meckstroth's INT overcall was efficient in describing his shape and strength – something a 1♠ overcall would not have done – and it had the effect of right-siding (in a way) the final contract. After Adam Zmudzinski bid 2♥ over Meckstroth's INT, Cezary Balicki could be forgiven for leading the ♥A against Rodwell's 4♠. That was all the help Rodwell needed.

He took the heart continuation in hand, pulled two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and played a low diamond from dummy's ace. Zmudzinski went in with the ♦K and got out with a low club: 3, 7, 8, queen. Rodwell then cashed the ♦A, noting the fall of North's jack, and continued with the ♣A. In the end, he had his choice of endplays: a diamond, forcing South to give him a ruff-sluff for the contract (the club loser goes away), or a club, victimizing North in the same way (no diamond loser).

At the other table, declarer never had a chance.

West <i>Buras</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Narkiewicz</i>	South <i>Zia</i>
Pass 3♥	1♥ Pass	1♠ 4♠	Pass 3♦ All Pass

Zia Mahmood's 3♦ was fit-showing, and he started with the ♦K, which held the trick. At trick two, Zia led a heart to Bob Hamman's queen. After cashing the ♥A, Hamman got out with a diamond. Grzegorz Narkiewicz took the ♦A, pulled trumps and could have engineered the same endplay Rodwell did for one down, but he simply exited with his diamond. He could not avoid a club loser from there, so he was two down for an 11-IMP loss.

The Schaltz dynasty

by Charles, Denmark

The Schaltz family of Denmark is represented on the three Danish teams in Lille. Peter Schaltz with more than 500 caps in the Danish national teams is playing by the Seniors. His wife, Dorte, is playing in the Women's teams and the son, Martin, is playing in the Open teams.

This deal from Round 3 kept the parents awake most of the night, but they were smiling again, when Martin told what happened at his table

Denmark vs. Italy – Seniors

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 10 6 5 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ K Q J 6 2 ♣ J 2					
♠ K J 9 7 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ A 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ 9 ♣ A Q 10 8 4	
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W E						
S						
	♠ A 8 4 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ 8 ♣ K 9 7 6 5 3					
West <i>Ferrara</i>	North <i>S. Moller</i>	East <i>Massaroli</i>	South <i>P. Schaltz</i>			
Dbl	All Pass	1♥	2♣			

1♥ showed four or more hearts, with a longer minor possible (canapé), East-West playing strong club. Minus 800.

Denmark vs. USA in the Women's

West <i>Palmer</i>	North <i>D. Schaltz</i>	East <i>Deas</i>	South <i>Bekkouche</i>
Dbl	All Pass	1♦	2♣

1♦ = possible singleton (East-West also playing strong club).

Another minus 800.

Denmark vs Netherlands in the Open

Martin Schaltz and Lars Blakset was sitting East-West, but they are playing a natural system.

West <i>M. Schaltz</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>L. Blakset</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
Dbl	All Pass	1♣	2♣

1♣ is natural but might be a doubleton.

The Dutch had agreed that 2♣ was natural, so finally 800 for the Schaltzes!

Where there's seven there's always nine

by Barry Rigal

When Poland played USA both declarers had the chance to test their mettle in 3NT. Here is the play at Eric Rodwell's table:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Rodwell got the good news at trick one when his ♠ scored at trick one. He now needed only to set up diamonds to have nine winners. But one must prepare for the worst; what if a defender has the doubly guarded ♦A? He led the diamond seven in an attempt to mess up his opponents' count signals and the ♦J started the danger signals flashing. If you can take only two diamond tricks then you need to set up clubs; and there is no time like the present. You need to find the ♣J onside – and maybe a little more! (By playing the club eight from dummy he was not jeopardizing his contract if diamonds were 2-2. He would have reverted to diamonds if clubs did not behave, and lose no more than three clubs and a diamond.)

South put up the club king and shifted to spades, and now a diamond to the king scored as North pitched a spade. Now Rodwell had seven winners outside clubs, so he needed to set up two club tricks or find an endplay. He played a second club and South won and shifted to a low heart. Declarer had two chances for his contract now, namely that South has been endplayed to lead from his ♥Q, or that the ♣J was dropping.

Since the defenders have no communications, he could test both chances in order by running the heart to dummy's jack. When that held he had nine tricks.

Technically, once Rodwell had finessed successfully in hearts he could have made an overtrick (runs the hearts and spades and exit in diamonds to endplay South to lead clubs at the death. But naturally he was happy to settle for nine tricks – which could hardly be a bad score! This was actually a flat board; both declarers made the club play at

trick three and forced South to give up the extra tricks in the ending. Could the defenders have done better after the initial spade lead? No – but the most challenging defence might be for South to win the first club and return his low diamond. He can win the next club, cash the ♦A and then exit with a spade. But declarer can still prevail by cashing his spade winners and endplaying South in clubs to lead hearts – or vice versa.

Interactive play

You can play this deal with interactive comments at www.vubridge.com/London2012

Olympic Update

by Herman De Wael

The Games of the XXXth Olympiad have finished. Time to recap the most memorable performances.

The most important list I keep is that of the triple Olympic Champions: people who have won the same Olympic title in three different Olympic Games. Before London, 148 people had achieved this feat. In London, 24 people joined that list: Wu Minxia (CHN, diving), Tony Estanguet (FRA, canoe slalom), Ryan Lochte, Michael Phelps and Brendan Hansen (USA, swimming), Venus and Serena Williams (USA, tennis), Ben Ainslie (GBR, sailing), Kaori Icho and Saori Yoshida (JAP, wrestling), Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh-Jennings (USA, beach volleyball), Christie Rampone, Shannon Boxx, Heather O'Reilly, Heather Mitts (USA, football), Anastasia Davydova, Maria Gromova, Elvira Khasyanova (RUS, synchronized swimming), Sanya Richards (USA, athletics), Artur Taymazov (UZB, wrestling), Sue Bird, Tamika Catchings and Diana Taurasi (USA, basketball). Michael Phelps performed the feat in four different events. In addition Valentina Vezzali, who had already won three individual golds in foil fencing, now also won her third team title.

Kimberly Rhode (USA, shooting) and Katalin Kovács (HUN, canoeing) also won gold medals in her third different Games, although not in the same event. Ben Ainslie had previously won in a different kind of sailing, so he now has gold medals in four Olympics, something only 27 people have achieved. And Valentina Vezzali is only the seventh person in history with gold medals in five different Games.

If we include other medals than golds, four people have joined a list, now of 92 persons that have won medals in four games. These are Leisel Jones (USA, swimming), Katrin Wagner (GER, canoeing) and the already mentioned Katalin Kovács and Artur Taymazov.

Five people now have medals in five games: Valentina Vezzali and Kimberley Rhode, but also Michal Martikan (SVK, slalom canoeing), Eskild Ebbesen (DEN, rowing) and Anky van Grunsven (NED, equestrianism). All those have won their medals in a single event, but if we allow for switching of events, Mark Todd (NZL, equestrianism), Ben Ainslie and Robert Scheidt (BRA, sailing) now also have won medals in five different games.

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SENIORS **Denmark v USA** **ROUND 7**

Moving on up

by Brent Manley

After six rounds of the Senior Teams, the USA squad was tied for 9th in their group, not where they want to be when only the top eight qualify for the knockout stage. Their opponents in round seven were Denmark, tied for 7th. It was a chance for the Americans to move up.

Not many IMPs changed hands, but there were enough for the Yanks to move ahead of their Danish competitors.

It was 4-0 USA when the Americans got lucky on the following deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lev	Schou	Landen	Mork
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Frederik Mork, Denmark

Had South been declarer in 3NT, the normal spade lead would have given declarer no chance. Played from the North side, some effort by the defenders was required.

Steve Landen started with the ♦Q, taken perforce by the ace. A heart went to declarer's king and the ♣10 held trick three. A second round of clubs from North exposed the bad break, and Sam Lev took dummy's ♣J with his king. Lev switched accurately to a spade, and there was nothing declarer could do to save the contract. Landen inserted the ♠J and Steen Schou won the king in dummy. He ran off the rest of his club winners, but Lev was there with the ♥A to push another spade through. Schou had eight tricks with one spade, one heart, five clubs and a diamond – one short. At the other table, the bidding was rather conservative.

West	North	East	South
Jorgensen	Finkel	Berg	Schwartz
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

Lew Finkel did not open the 10-point North hand and Richard Schwartz declined to rebid 3♣, so the auction died in a partscore with 25 high-card points between the two hands. Schwartz duly came to nine tricks in clubs for plus 110 and a lucky 5 IMPs for his side.

After that, there were six consecutive push boards, including this one, in which Landen overcame a bad trump split to land his contract.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lev	Schou	Landen	Mork
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Lev's 1NT was a one-round force. Mork started with the ♥A, switching to a club at trick two. Landen ducked and un-

blocked the ♣J when Schou took the queen. A low spade was returned, ducked by Landen. In with the ♠K, Mork cashed the ♥K and played another club. Landen went up with the ace and played the ♠9 to his 10, discovering the bad break. Landen then played the ♦A and a diamond to the king. He cashed the ♥J for a diamond pitch and continued with the ♥10. Schou ruffed in, but Landen overruffed and at trick 11, he exited with the ♦10 to South's queen. Landen claimed with only the ♠A J left in his hand – plus 110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Finkel</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>
		1♠	Dbl
INT	All Pass		

Geert Jorgensen did not strain himself to come to eight tricks for plus 120 and a push.

It was 10-0 USA when Denmark finally got on the scoreboard.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Landen</i>	<i>Mork</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Schou led the ♠10, ducked to Lev's king. Lev played a heart to dummy's king, taken by Mork with the ace. A low spade back was won by North's ♠7. Another spade back was taken by Mork with the ace. Mork then switched to the ♦Q, ducked. Lev took the next diamond with the ace and played a low club to dummy's 9. Mork won the jack and played a heart, but Lev won the queen, cashed his ♠Q. He played the ♣K and a third round of the suit, claiming plus 90 when the suit split.

Thomas Berg had a tougher time of it, but he emerged with nine tricks in his 4-3 heart fit.



West	North	East	South
<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Finkel</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dbl	INT	2♥	All Pass

Schwartz led a club to the 2, queen and ace, and Berg followed with the ♣10, covered by Schwartz. When the third round of clubs stood up, Berg was on his way. He played a spade from hand, Schwartz ducking, and when the king held Berg ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed another spade. Now the 13th club was played from declarer's hand. Schwartz ruffed in with the ♥6, forcing dummy's queen (North discarding his last spade). Now the ♠Q was played, ruffed by North with the jack and overruffed with the king. Declarer was out of gas at that point, but he had taken the first nine tricks for plus 140 and a 2-IMP gain.

The only other swing occurred on the final board of the set.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Landen</i>	<i>Mork</i>
1♣	4♥	Dbl	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Lev had a minimum opener, but it was shapely, his high-card points were aces and kings – and his side was vulnerable, so he bid the game. With the trump queen dropping singleton, Lev had no trouble taking 12 tricks. Schou led the ♦J, covered by the queen and king. Mork played the ♦K at trick two, ruffed in dummy. Lev played the ♠K, abandoning trumps when North followed with the queen. He played a spade to the 9, ruffed another diamond, played a club to the ace and played two more rounds of trumps, pitching hearts – an easy plus 680.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Finkel</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>
1♣	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Berg could have saved 5 IMPs for his team by leading his singleton diamond. He could win the first heart, put his partner in with either black suit and take a diamond ruff for plus 500. Instead, he led a spade, taken by the ace. West then cashed his top two clubs. The only other tricks for the defense were the ♥AQ. Plus 300 was a 9-IMP loss. USA had moved ahead of their opponents with a 19-2 victory.

WOMEN

Sweden v France

ROUND 8

The kids are all right

by Micke Melander

The Swedish women's team has so far more or less demolished any team that came in their way scoring 151 VPs out of a total of 175 in the first seven rounds. Therefore we knew that they were up for a real test when they battled against France in Round 8, France being the reigning World Champions from Veldhoven (October 2011) and European Champions in both Pau and Ostend (2008 and 2010) winning the silvermedals in Dublin (2012).

Sweden lined up Grönkvist-C. Rimstedt and S. Rimstedt-Sjöberg, the average age of that squad being just 23, while France put Puillet-Bessis and Vives-Poizat in their chairs. Speaking about average age the French team probably worked out at double their opponents. So would the wisdom, accumulated, beat the young and hungry kids?

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
		Pass	1♥
INT	Pass	2♥	3♥
3♠	All Pass		



Emma Sjöberg, Sweden

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
		Pass	1♥
Dbl	2♣*	2♠	4♥
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Open Room Puillet gambled by passing over Sandra Rimstedt's INT instead of bidding her diamonds at a low level. All this made life difficult for Bessis who really couldn't bid another time on her hand without risking getting doubled. 4♥ was lay-down when West only had the stiff king-queen of hearts for her no-trump bid.

Grönkvist jumped to game when she got some life from partner (2♣ was a transfer for diamonds) and Poizat did well not to stand the suggested business double from Vives.

Grönkvist quickly cashed her two aces and could then relax and wait for her two trumps to score for the defense. The first 5 IMPs were thus delivered to the youth.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
			1♦
1♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
			1♣
1♥	1♠	Dbl	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both declarers got to 3NT with the queen of hearts as the lead after West had overcalled in the bidding with 1♥.



Carole Puillet, France

Puillet won the first trick with the king and advanced the ten of diamonds. Sjöberg jumped up with the ace, unblocked the ten of hearts and returned a club to Sandra Rimstedts ace. She could then cash her hearts, taking declarer down two.

At the other table Cecilia Rimstedt ducked both the queen and the ten of hearts, never actually having a real chance of making her contract. Poizat then shifted to the jack of clubs whereupon Vives rose with the ace of clubs and continued with the ace of hearts and another heart. The took the contract one off when partner still had to win a trick with the ace of diamonds.

Since hearts were blocked declarer could have made her contract by winning the first trick and attacking West's minor suit ace. But why on earth should you play a club to dummy's eight...

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open and Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
All Pass	Pass	1♠	INT

Longest and strongest worked far better on this hand than leading partner's suit. Sandra Rimstedt tried the latter version by leading the ten of spades Bessis read everything right and got the help she needed to lead majors toward her hand managing to score her seven tricks.

In the other room Vives started off with the six of diamonds which went to declarer's queen. A club to the jack followed, which was smoothly ducked by Poizat, a heart to the jack and a club to dummy's ten whereupon Poizat rose with the ace and returned her last diamond. This locked declarer in hand. She couldn't reach dummy anymore and when diamonds didn't behave at all she was bound to go down. 5 IMPs to the Champions.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open and Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Another possible game swing for both teams that ended up with almost a push when both declarers went down on the lead of the jack of hearts. Communications are very bad on the hand making in even harder. It seems logical to play on the clubs, trying to establish the needed tricks. Vives won the heart lead with the ace and advanced the queen of clubs, covered by North with the king and won by dummy's ace. When she then called for the ten of clubs she made the mistake of discarding a heart from her hand, establishing another trick for the defence later on, thus going one extra down. A similar line was chosen by Rimstedt in the other room, but when she discarded a diamond instead of a heart it was only one down and 2 IMPs to Sweden.

It would have been interesting to see what would have happened if you duck the heart lead, win the second round with the king, and exit with the ten of diamonds. That trick would probably have been ducked. If you then play the jack of spades, how should the defense act? With the king of spades in South and spades behaving you have three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club all adding up to nine tricks. But you have to save your entries to hand to

be able to collect your winnings. Playing on clubs would of course have worked if the suit was 3-3 with the king on-side.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q ♥ A 9 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ 8 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 6 4 3 ♥ Q 3 ♦ — ♣ A K Q 9 7 3
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W		E									
	S										
	♠ 10 8 7 2 ♥ K ♦ K 8 6 5 2 ♣ J 6 2										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

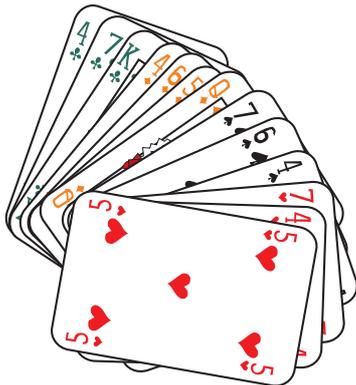
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Here the more conservative French line paid off. Sjöberg believed that partner had better hearts and used Voidwood to check out the key-card situation. With only one ace missing she bid the poor slam. Rimstedt had no chance of making her contract when Puillet led the six of trumps and declarer called for the queen from dummy.

That was 13 IMPs to the World and European Champions who now were in front for the first time of the match.

With the lucky heart distribution, the king of hearts being singleton, 6♣ actually stood a chance if you escaped a trump being led.



Some small part scores on the next couple hands left the standing, with three boards to go, 22 to 10 in French favour.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ 10 9 3 ♣ A 10 6 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 5 ♥ A 8 ♦ K Q J 8 7 ♣ K Q 3
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	♠ — ♥ Q 9 5 4 3 2 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ J 8 7 5										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
		2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Here Sandra Rimstedt and Sjöberg made life hard for poor Puillet who sat in last position with her 22 count. After 2♠-4♠ she simply gave up and passed. A double would probably not have worked either since partner would bid 5♥ and that would not have made. And 4♠ was a really good sacrifice vs 4♥. In the Closed Room the Swedish Juniors were left alone to do the job and quickly bid their game in hearts. 8 IMPs to Sweden who now were 4 IMPs behind.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 6 4 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 10 9 7 ♥ K 6 4 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ J 10 9 7
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	S										
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
S. Rimstedt	Puillet	Sjöberg	Bessis
1♦*	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbf*	Pass	2♠*	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	C. Rimstedt	Poizat	Grönkvist
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Ida Grönkvist's overcall in the closed room created a lot of problems for the French pair. For reasons unknown, Vives decided that K865 as a stopper in spades wasn't enough to try to bid the no-trump game. She steered their way into 4♥ on the 4-3 fit where both declarer and Grönkvist could have done much better than they actually did.

Young Grönkvist cashed the ace of spades and continued with a trump. Declarer was allowed to win in dummy with the queen and two more rounds of trumps followed. With clubs 4-1, declarer had to be careful with her line of play. Poizat called for the ace of clubs from dummy and continued with a club to the queen in her hand.

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

Declarer now played the ace of trumps, pulling the king out from North, Grönkvist sleepily discarded the three of spades and got punished a moment later on when declarer simply played a club to dummy's king, cashed the king of spades and threw South in with the queen of spades to lead diamond into declarer's tenace for 10 tricks. The Swedish girls probably thought they were safe since their partners had probably bid and made game.

Poizat recovered well after her earlier mistake of calling for the ace of clubs from dummy. She should have played a club to the queen, pulled North's last trump, and then ducked a club to North if the suit were 4-1, to secure the contract.

But when the Swedish girls didn't give Bessis any free lunch in the Open Room neither of the actions in the Closed Room room helped much. Bessis got doubled in 3♠ and the defense was merciless. This combined with a small mistake from Bessis to lead to a real disaster.

The Swedes started off with three rounds of hearts, and declarer ruffed the last in hand. A low spade towards dummy would now have saved Bessis from paying out 1100, but when she instead played the jack of diamonds the Swedish girls swiftly won with the queen, and cashed the ace of hearts, both declarer and West discarding clubs. Sjöberg continued with a trump to West's king who now returned a trump to remove one ruffing possibility in diamonds for declarer in dummy, leaving.

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

Bessis called for a diamond from dummy, Sjöberg followed low as East and declarer called tried her king. When West ruffed and exited with her last trump declarer was held to only her four trump tricks. 10 IMPs to the kids who proved that the kids were still all right even after battling out with the Champions. The match ended 14-16 (22-28) to the Swedes.



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

WOMEN **England v Canada** **ROUND 9**

Maple Leaf Rag

by Mark Horton

The *Maple Leaf Rag* is an early ragtime musical composition for piano composed by Scott Joplin. It was one of Joplin's early works, and is one of the most famous of all ragtime pieces, and became the model for ragtime compositions by subsequent composers. As a result Joplin was called the 'King of Ragtime'. The piece gave Joplin a steady if unspectacular income for the rest of his life.

The 1973 movie *The Sting* is noted for its musical score, particularly its main melody, *The Entertainer*, another of Joplin's compositions. The film's success encouraged a surge of popularity and critical acclaim for Joplin's work.

A bridge match will not always be entertaining, but on this occasion the deals offered just about the right amount of scope.

North led the jack of hearts and South took the ace and returned the two. When declarer put up the queen North won with the king and made the strange play of the six of hearts. Declarer won with the nine (discarding a diamond from dummy) and cashed five clubs followed by a spade to the jack. South won with the king and returned a diamond so the contract was two down - no doubt much to North's relief.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wynston</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Fiona Brown and Susan Stockdale have already acquired a reputation as aggressive bidders and when East-West stopped bidding North gave them a push. However, there were only three tricks to lose, +130 and 6 IMPs to Canada.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

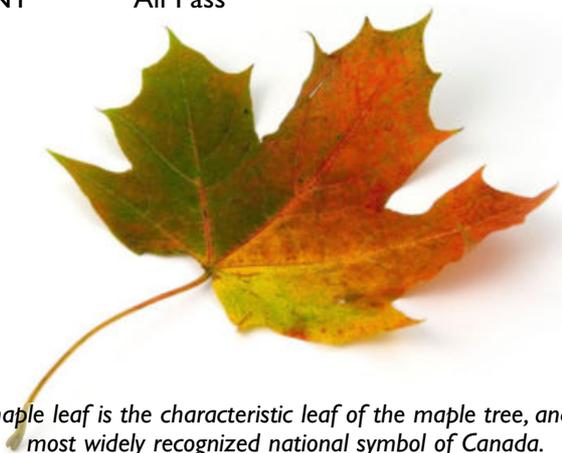
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West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Demme</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Demme</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the nine of spades and declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the jack. When that held she played a diamond to the king and ace. She won the spade return in hand and played the queen of diamonds discarding dummy's queen of spades. South ruffed with the nine and returned a spade but North's modest trump holding meant declarer was only one down, -100.



The maple leaf is the characteristic leaf of the maple tree, and is the most widely recognized national symbol of Canada.

Closed Room

West <i>Thomson</i>	North <i>Brown</i>	East <i>Wynston</i>	South <i>Stockdale</i>
INT 4♦	3♦ Pass	DbI 4♥	Pass All Pass

When North made a bold intervention West might have converted her partner's double (it should be possible to get 500) but she went for the game bonus. South led the five of diamonds and it was hard for North to find the winning defence of ducking. When she took the ace it was impossible for the defenders to score more than three tricks, -620 and 12 more Canadian IMPs to make the score 19-0.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West <i>Senior</i>	North <i>Demme</i>	East <i>Dhondy</i>	South <i>Wolpert</i>
Pass 2♠	1♣ DbI	INT All Pass	DbI



Hazel Wolpert, Canada

North led the ten of hearts and South took dummy's queen with the king and switched to the five of clubs. North took the king and went back to hearts. Declarer put up dummy's ace and ruffed a heart with the nine of spades, North discarding the seven of diamonds. (Overruffing and switching to a diamond is an easy 800.) Declarer played a spade and North took the ace and switched to a diamond. Declarer put up dummy's ace and played a heart (cashing the king of spades saves a trick - how easy is that to see?) ruffed by the ten and overruffed. A diamond to the ten saw South switch back to clubs and her partner won and gave her a ruff. There was still a trump trick to come, +800.

Closed Room

West <i>Thomson</i>	North <i>Brown</i>	East <i>Wynston</i>	South <i>Stockdale</i>
Pass 2♠ 3♣	INT Pass DbI	DbI 2NT All Pass	Pass DbI

It must be better for East to pass over 2♠ but I am confident South would have doubled.

North cashed the king of clubs and continued with the two. Declarer won with the ten and tried a diamond to the queen and king. South returned the jack of diamonds to the ace and declarer ruffed a diamond. A heart to the queen lost to the king and the spade switch allowed North to take the ace and draw trumps. A spade went to the king and the ace of hearts was declarer's last trick, down four, -1100 and 7 IMPs to get England off the schneider.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West <i>Senior</i>	North <i>Demme</i>	East <i>Dhondy</i>	South <i>Wolpert</i>
1♠ 3NT	Pass All Pass	1♦ 3♦	Pass Pass

You can make twelve tricks in notrumps - but only if East is declarer (the jack of hearts is the killing lead). When North led the queen of clubs - as who would not - declarer won and forced out the ace of diamonds, +690.

Closed Room

West Thomson	North Brown	East Wynston	South Stockdale
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♣	Dbl*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Dbl Support double			

Warned off a club lead North went for the jack of hearts. One down, +100 and 13 IMPs to England, now ahead 24-19.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West Senior	North Demme	East Dhondy	South Wolpert
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass
3♠	Pass		

1♣ might have been a two-card suit and the rebid was consistent with a 12-14 no trump.

South led the four of diamonds and declarer took the king with the ace, played a club to the jack and exited with a diamond to South's eight. Back came the king of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and can now get home by going for a cross ruff. South can ruff in front of dummy to force the ace, but will then be endplayed to lead into the ♠KJ.

When she elected to cash the ace of spades she was doomed to defeat and finished two down, -50.

Closed Room

West Thomson	North Brown	East Wynston	South Stockdale
			Pass
1NT	2♦*	Dbl	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♥	Dbl
3NT	All Pass		

With the clubs delivering five tricks there were nine easy winners in 3NT, Canada +400 and 10 IMPs.

6♣ is a poor contract but played by East there is no lead that is sure to beat it.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West Senior	North Demme	East Dhondy	South Wolpert
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	All Pass		

1♦ was comfortable. West led a club to East ace and the spade switch went to West's king. The heart return ran to declarer's king and she played three rounds of diamonds. She finished with eight tricks, +90.

Closed Room

West Thomson	North Brown	East Wynston	South Stockdale
			2♦*
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	2♠*	Pass	
All Pass			

- 2♦ 18-19 balanced, no five card major
- 2♠ Relay to 2NT

West led the four of clubs and East took the ace and returned the seven to West's king. She exited with the three of clubs, declarer discarding a diamond as dummy's queen took the trick. Declarer tried a heart to the ten and West took the jack and cashed her clubs. Declarer threw a diamond from dummy and a spade from hand on the first one and did the same again on the next round. A diamond went to the jack and king and declarer tried a low heart to the jack and ace. West won the spade switch with the king and exited with a spade and declarer still had to lose a heart at the end for three down, -300 and another 9 IMPs.

Canada had won 41-29 IMPs, 18-12 VP, a result that kept both teams in contention.

