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The show goes on!



For the second day running, only Australia were able to prevent a total monopoly by the European teams at the head of the tables. Not only do they top group B in the Open Series, but they also command the biggest margin - a substatial 22 VP.

Seven different teams top the standings in the remaining divisions. **Belgium**, **England** and **Italy** lead the way in the Open, whilst **Norway** and **France** head the standings in the Women's series. **Sweden** top the Seniors and **Austria** are the front runners in the University event.

Several fancied teams still need to pick up a gear, notably **Denmark**, **Canada**, **The Netherlands** and **Norway** in the Open, and **Italy** and **Israel** in the Women's event.

ATTENTION ALL NBO CONGRESS DELEGATES

Please note that the meeting of WBF Congress will be held today, 30th August 2000 at 10:30 a.m. All NBOs participating in this 2000 World Teams Olympiad are urged to ensure that their delegate is present at this very important meeting.

Teams where the delegate is also a player are asked to ensure that their delegate is available during this period.

The WBF Congress will be followed by a cocktail reception to which all delegates are cordially invited.

The Congress meeting will take place in the WBF Meeting Room 2.1, which is situated on the **Promenade level of the MECC**.





OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

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| | | GROUP A | | | | | GROUP B | | |
| | Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP's | 1 | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | Pakistan Poland Ireland Croatia Belgium Singapore Slovenia Canada Colombia | Denmark Brazil Austria Spain Switzerland Wales Tunisia Tanzania Hong Kong | 27 - 85 23 - 65 59 - 47 36 - 87 41 - 38 28 - 76 90 - 40 67 - 55 63 - 63 | 4 - 25 6 - 24 17 - 13 5 - 25 16 - 14 5 - 25 25 - 5 17 - 13 15 - 15 | 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 | Australia Portugal Lebanon Finland Monaco Greece Scotland Russia USA | Netherlands Hungary Bangladesh Chinese Taipei Liechtenstein Romania Philippines Luxemburg Guadeloupe | 59 - 35 88 - 44 59 - 37 87 - 54 58 - 63 57 - 24 85 - 19 57 - 27 46 - 21 | 20 - 10 24 - 6 20 - 10 22 - 8 14 - 16 22 - 8 25 - 2 21 - 9 20 - 10 |
| | | GROUP C | | | | | GROUP D | | |
| | Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP's | 1 | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
| 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 | Uruguay Czech Republic Egypt Israel Latvia San Marino England Yugoslavia Indonesia | Mexico India Germany Malta Venezuela Sweden France Cyprus Japan | 63 - 89 52 - 60 25 - 89 99 - 21 69 - 80 39 - 95 71 - 20 65 - 31 75 - 41 | 10 - 20 14 - 16 3 - 25 25 - 1 13 - 17 4 - 25 25 - 5 22 - 8 22 - 8 | 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 | Ukraine La Reunion Norway Martinique Bermuda Italy Turkey Thailand Iceland | China New Zealand Botswana Malaysia Bulgaria Palestine Argentina Morocco South Africa | 20 - 76 62 - 48 104 - 17 75 - 37 35 - 75 149 - 27 62 - 74 71 - 46 48 - 18 | 4 - 25 18 - 12 25 - 0 23 - 7 7 - 23 25 - 0 13 - 17 20 - 10 21 - 9 |

| | Noons ! | | | | | | | | |
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| | | GROUP A | | | | | GROUP B | | |
| | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's | | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
| 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | Denmark Brazil Austria Spain Switzerland Wales Pakistan Tanzania Hong Kong | Poland Ireland Croatia Belgium Singapore Tunisia Canada Colombia Slovenia | 30 - 67 32 - 49 55 - 68 17 - 60 60 - 40 44 - 51 81 - 38 44 - 85 33 - 51 | 7 - 23 11 - 19 12 - 18 6 - 24 19 - 11 14 - 16 24 - 6 7 - 23 11 - 19 | 12 13 14 15 | Chinese Taipei Liechtenstein Romania Australia Luxemburg | Portugal Lebanon Finland Monaco Greece Philippines Russia USA Scotland | 74 - 29 61 - 60 54 - 83 43 - 32 38 - 62 98 - 20 62 - 30 44 - 122 66 - 52 | 24 - 6 15 - 15 9 - 21 17 - 13 10 - 20 25 - 1 22 - 8 1 - 25 18 - 12 |
| 7 | Hong Kong | Siovenia | 33 - 31 | 11 - 17 | 17 | Guadeloupe | Scotiand | 66 - 32 | 10 - |

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| | | GROUP C | | | | | GROUP D | | |
| | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP 's | | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP 's |
| 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 | Mexico India Germany Malta Venezuela Sweden Uruguay Cyprus Japan | Czech Republic Egypt Israel Latvia San Marino France Yugoslavia Indonesia England | 53 - 41 74 - 75 58 - 32 66 - 46 43 - 53 43 - 53 61 - 21 39 - 101 71 - 55 | 17 - 13 15 - 15 20 - 10 19 - 11 13 - 17 13 - 17 23 - 7 3 - 25 18 - 12 | 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 | China New Zealand Botswana Malaysia Bulgaria Palestine Ukraine Morocco South Africa | La Reunion Norway Martinique Bermuda Italy Argentina Thailand Iceland Turkey | 90 - 32 87 - 72 32 - 86 29 - 35 30 - 72 14 - 135 80 - 35 77 - 50 43 - 55 | 25 - 4 18 - 1 4 - 2 14 - 1 6 - 2 0 - 2 24 - 6 21 - 9 |

Departure information needed

Attention, all participants and officials. Travel details regarding your departures from Maastricht are urgently needed.

If you are a member of an Open Team, Women's Team - and especially a Senior Team or University Team - please fill out one of the travel information forms available at the Hospitality Desk and return it before Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Those who will be playing in the next stage of the Olympiad or players on the Mixed Transnational Teams have until Tuesday, Sept. 5, to provide their travel information.

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

| | ROUND 7 | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|-------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|--|
| | GROUP A | | | GROUP B | | | | |
| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's | Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's | |
| 41 Hong Kong | New Zealand | 65 - 49 | 18 - 12 | 51 Czech Republic | Poland | 40 - 43 | 14 - 16 | |
| 42 Italy | Chinese Taipei | 62 - 63 | 15 - 15 | 52 Pakistan | Netherlands | 33 - 48 | 12 - 18 | |
| 43 Austria | Russia | 69 - 47 | 20 - 10 | 53 China | Turkey | 72 - 33 | 23 - 7 | |
| 44 Denmark | Japan | 53 - 33 | 19 - 11 | 54 Egypt | India [*] | 67 - 49 | 19 - 11 | |
| 45 Sweden | Israel | 46 - 58 | 13 - 17 | 55 Mexico | Venezuela | 38 - 48 | 13 - 17 | |
| 46 Spain | England | 33 - 47 | 12 - 18 | 56 Scotland | Greece | 61 - 64 | 14 - 16 | |
| 47 Brazil | USA | 67 - 57 | 17 - 13 | 57 South Africa | Morocco | 54 - 45 | 17 - 13 | |
| 48 Croatia | Norway | 21 - 70 | 5 - 25 | 58 Canada | Wales | 87 - 24 | 25 - 3 | |
| 49 Ireland | Indonesia . | 93 - 39 | 25 - 4 | 59 Australia | Argentina | 39 - 34 | 16 - 14 | |
| 50 Jamaica | Finland | 42 - 91 | 5 - 25 | 60 Germany | France | 16 - 86 | 2 - 25 | |

| | ROUND 8 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------------|--|
| | GROUP A | 4 | | GROUP B | | | | |
| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's | Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP 's | |
| 41 Chinese Taipei | Hong Kong | 80 - 37 | 24 - 6 | 41 Netherlands | Czech Republic | 67 - 24 | 24 - 6 | |
| 42 Russia | Italy | 25 - 41 | 12 - 18 | 42 Turkey | Pakistan . | 36 - 55 | 11 - 19 | |
| 43 Japan | Austria | 47 - 68 | 11 - 19 | 43 India | China | 31 - 103 | 2 - 25 | |
| 44 Israel | Denmark | 35 - 40 | 14 - 16 | 44 Venezuela | Egypt | 42 - 78 | 8 - 22 | |
| 45 England | Sweden | 60 - 31 | 21 - 9 | 45 Greece | Mexico | 41 - 84 | 6 - 24 | |
| 46 USA | Spain | 113 - 47 | 25 - 2 | 46 Morocco | Scotland | 71 - 70 | 15 - 15 | |
| 47 Finland | Brazil | 58 - 44 | 18 - 12 | 47 France | South Africa | 81 - 30 | 25 - 5 | |
| 48 Norway | New Zealand | 71 - 37 | 22 - 8 | 48 Wales | Poland | 32 - 56 | 10 - 20 | |
| 49 Indonesia | Croatia | 62 - 47 | 18 - 12 | 49 Argentina | Canada | 42 - 54 | 13 - 17 | |
| 50 Jamaica | Ireland | 64 - 53 | 17 - 13 | 50 Germany | Australia | 42 - 36 | 16 - 14 | |

UNIVERSITY

Play and Defense, Junior style

ROUND

By Marc Smith courtesy of



he Bridge Gods work in mysterious ways. Just as a prank, they gave the junior players here in Maastricht the diamond combination in the diagram below. And what havoc it caused...

Board I. N/LA **♠** Q 1093 ♡ 98 ♦ A 8 7 4 3 ♣ | 7 ♠ AKJ **♦** 62 ♡ A 7 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 4 3 ♦ 1095 ♦ | 6 2 **♣** 654 ♣ A Q 3 ♠ 8754 ♡ | 6 ♦ K Q ♣ K 10 9 8 2

When England played Poland, East declared Four Hearts at both tables.

Where Alex Hyde declared for England, South led the diamond king and continued with the queen at Trick 2. The Polish North failed to overtake and now declarer was well placed. South switched to a spade at Trick 3 — declarer won, drew trumps, played a club to the queen, cashed the club ace, and exited with his diamond. North won the ace and was endplayed to lead a spade into the tenace or give a ruff-and-discard. Either way, declarer's club loser vanished; /W +420.

At the second table, the English South tried to avoid this by starting with the queen of diamonds. Perhaps scared of a singleton king in declarer's hand, North grabbed his ace. Now declarer had a diamond winner.

South took the second trick with the king of diamonds and returned a club. Afraid of a losing finesse and a diamond ruff, declarer rose with the ace of clubs, drew trumps, and took the spade finesse for his contract - one down! That was N/S +50 and 10 IMPs to England.

Curiously, where the defenders made three diamond tricks, the contract made. Where declarer scored an unlikely diamond trick, he failed. It's a funny old game, isn't it...?

OPEN RANKINGS

AFTER 7 ROUNDS

| | GROUP A | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ı | BELGIUM | 139.0 |
| 2 | POLAND | 137.0 |
| 3 | BRAZIL | 132.0 |
| 4 | IRELAND | 127.5 |
| 5 | AUSTRIA | 126.5 |
| 6 | DENMARK | 125.0 |
| 7 | SWITZERLAND | 113.0 |
| 8 | SLOVENIA | 110.0 |
| 9 | CROATIA | 102.0 |
| 10 | SPAIN | 101.0 |
| П | CANADA | 99.0 |
| 12 | HONG KONG | 96.5 |
| 13 | WALES | 95.0 |
| 14 | PAKISTAN | 93.0 |
| 15 | SINGAPORE | 85.0 |
| 16 | COLOMBIA | 74.5 |
| 17 | TUNISIA | 65.0 |
| 18 | TANZANIA | 48.0 |
| 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 | SLOVENIA CROATIA SPAIN CANADA HONG KONG WALES PAKISTAN SINGAPORE COLOMBIA TUNISIA | 110. 102. 101. 99. 96. 95. 93. 85. 74. 65. |

| | GROUP B | |
|----|----------------|-------|
| ı | AUSTRALIA | 153.0 |
| 2 | FINLAND | 131.0 |
| 3 | USA | 128.0 |
| | LEBANON | 128.0 |
| 5 | GREECE | 121.0 |
| 6 | RUSSIA | 115.0 |
| 7 | NETHERLANDS | 114.0 |
| 8 | ROMANIA | 108.0 |
| 9 | LIECHTENSTEIN | 105.0 |
| 10 | CHINESE TAIPEI | 104.0 |
| | PORTUGAL | 104.0 |
| 12 | HUNGARY | 101.0 |
| 13 | SCOTLAND | 95.0 |
| | MONACO | 95.0 |
| 15 | GUADELOUPE | 86.0 |
| 16 | BANGLADESH | 74.0 |
| 17 | LUXEMBURG | 72.0 |
| 18 | PHILIPPINES | 39.0 |

| | GROUP C | |
|----|----------------|-------|
| I | ENGLAND | 145.0 |
| 2 | SWEDEN | 144.0 |
| 3 | INDONESIA | 130.5 |
| 4 | FRANCE | 128.0 |
| 5 | JAPAN | 125.0 |
| 6 | GERMANY | 120.0 |
| | ISRAEL | 120.0 |
| 8 | INDIA | 119.0 |
| 9 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 101.0 |
| 10 | VENEZUELA | 95.5 |
| | EGYPT | 95.5 |
| 12 | CYPRUS | 91.5 |
| 13 | YUGOSLAVIA | 86.0 |
| 14 | MEXICO | 77.0 |
| 15 | URUGUAY | 76.0 |
| 16 | SAN MARINO | 73.5 |
| 17 | MALTA | 69.0 |
| 18 | LATVIA | 62.0 |

| | GROUP D | |
|----|--------------|-------|
| ı | ITALY | 157.0 |
| 2 | ARGENTINA | 138.0 |
| 3 | CHINA | 135.0 |
| 4 | ICELAND | 126.0 |
| 5 | NORWAY | 124.0 |
| 6 | LA REUNION | 121.7 |
| 7 | NEW ZEALAND | 119.0 |
| 8 | MOROCCO | 116.0 |
| 9 | BULGARIA | 110.2 |
| 10 | UKRAINA | 110.0 |
| П | MARTINIQUE | 107.0 |
| 12 | SOUTH AFRICA | 105.0 |
| 13 | TURKEY | 98.0 |
| 14 | THAILAND | 87.0 |
| 15 | BERMUDA | 78.0 |
| 16 | MALAYSIA | 61.0 |
| 17 | PALESTINE | 26.0 |
| | BOTSWANA | 26.0 |

WOMEN'S RANKINGS AFTER 8 ROUNDS

GROUP A I NORWAY 171.0 2 AUSTRIA 156.0 144.5 3 DENMARK 4 CHINESE TAIPEI 140.0 5 FINLAND 139.0 6 ENGLAND 136.0 131.1 7 USA 8 SWEDEN 126.0 9 ISRAEL 124.5 10 ITALY 121.0 121.0 **NEW ZEALAND** 12 HONG KONG 113.0 13 JAPAN 112.0 14 IRELAND 107.0 15 INDONESIA 101.0 16 BRAZIL 93.0 17 RUSSIA 92.4 91.0 18 CROATIA 19 SPAIN 84.0 20 JAMAICA 73.0

| I | FRANCE | 162.0 |
|----|----------------|-------|
| 2 | CANADA | 159.0 |
| 3 | POLAND | 150.0 |
| 4 | NETHERLANDS | 148.0 |
| | GERMANY | 148.0 |
| 6 | AUSTRALIA | 135.0 |
| 7 | CHINA | 132.0 |
| 8 | GREECE | 129.0 |
| 9 | SCOTLAND | 128.0 |
| 10 | SOUTH AFRICA | 127.0 |
| П | EGYPT | 118.0 |
| 12 | ARGENTINA | 108.0 |
| 13 | MOROCCO | 106.0 |
| | VENEZUELA | 106.0 |
| 15 | MEXICO | 101.0 |
| 16 | TURKEY | 90.0 |
| 17 | WALES | 89.0 |
| 18 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 87.0 |
| 19 | PAKISTAN | 84.0 |
| 20 | INDIA | 67.0 |

GROUP B

SENIORS' **RANKINGS**

AFTER 11 ROUNDS AFTER 11 ROUNDS

| I | SWEDEN | 216.25 |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 2 | SCOTLAND | 214.00 |
| 3 | USA | 212.25 |
| 4 | GERMANY | 207.00 |
| 5 | FRANCE | 205.00 |
| 6 | EGYPT | 204.00 |
| 7 | ENGLAND | 204.00 |
| 8 | AUSTRALIA | 197.00 |
| 9 | POLAND | 181.00 |
| 10 | SAN MARINO | 170.50 |
| П | SWITZERLAND | 165.00 |
| 12 | ITALY | 159.00 |
| 13 | BELGIUM | 158.00 |
| 14 | CANADA | 156.00 |
| 15 | FINLAND | 148.00 |
| 16 | ISRAEL | 144.00 |
| 17 | NETHERLANDS | 143.50 |
| 18 | TURKEY | 143.00 |
| 19 | IRELAND | 142.00 |
| 20 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 126.00 |
| 21 | ARUBA | 112.00 |
| 22 | NETH. ANTILLEN | 110.00 |
| 23 | WALES | 102.00 |
| 24 | VENEZUELA | 70.00 |

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

| I | AUSTRIA | 237 |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 2 | ITALY | 221 |
| 3 | GERMANY | 213 |
| 4 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 203 |
| 5 | NORWAY | 201 |
| 6 | POLAND | 192.5 |
| 7 | DENMARK | 191 |
| 8 | CHINA | 182.25 |
| 9 | NETHERLANDS | 180 |
| 10 | USA | 179 |
| П | FRANCE | 174 |
| 12 | CHINESE TAIPEI | 166 |
| 13 | SINGAPORE | 165 |
| 14 | HONG KONG | 160 |
| 15 | INDONESIA | 145.5 |
| 16 | JAPAN | 129 |
| 17 | ENGLAND | 125 |
| 18 | BELGIUM | 123 |
| 19 | IRELAND | 103.5 |
| 20 | BOTSWANA | 102 |
| 21 | YUGOSLAVIA | 87 |
| 22 | LATVIA | 64 |
| | | |

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 8

| GROU | IP A | | GRO | UP B | | GRO | UP C | | GROL | IP D |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I Ireland Croatia Belgium Singapore Tunisia Slovenia Canada Colombia Hong Kong | Denmark Brazil Austria Spain Switzerland Wales Poland Pakistan Tanzania | 13 14 15 16 17 18 | Lebanon Finland Monaco Greece Philippines Scotland Russia USA Guadeloupe | Netherlands Hungary Bangladesh Chinese Taipei Liechtenstein Romania Portugal Australia Luxemburg | 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 | France | Mexico India Germany Malta Venezuela Sweden Czech Republic Uruguay Cyprus | 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 | Italy Argentina Turkey Thailand | China New Zealand Botswana Malaysia Bulgaria Palestine La Reunion Ukraine Morocco |

ROUND 9

| | GROU | PA | | GROUI | PB | | GROU | P C | | GROUI | PD |
|-----|---------------|-----------|----|----------------|-------------|----|----------------------|------------|----|-------------|--------------|
| - 1 | Denmark | Croatia | П | Netherlands | Finland | 21 | Mexico | Israel | 31 | China | Martinique |
| 2 | Brazil | Belgium | 12 | Hungary | Monaco | 22 | India | Latvia | 32 | New Zealand | Bermuda |
| 3 | Austria | Singapore | 13 | Bangladesh | Greece | 23 | Germany | San Marino | 33 | Botswana | Italy |
| 4 | Spain | Tunisia | 14 | Chinese Taipei | Philippines | 24 | Malta ['] | France | 34 | Malaysia | Argentina |
| 5 | Switzerland . | Wales | 15 | Liechtenstein | Romania | 25 | Venezuela | Sweden | 35 | Bulgária | Palestine |
| 6 | Ireland | Canada | 16 | Lebanon | Russia | 26 | Egypt | Yugoslavia | 36 | Norway | Thailand |
| 7 | Poland | Colombia | 17 | Portugal | USA | | Czech Republic | Indonesia | 37 | La Reunion | Iceland |
| 8 | Pakistan | Hong Kong | 18 | Australia | Guadeloupe | 28 | Uruguay ['] | Japan | 38 | Ukraine | South Africa |
| 9 | Tanzania | Slovenia | 19 | Luxemburg | Scotland ' | 29 | Cyprus' | England | 39 | Morocco | Turkey |

ROUND 10

| | GROU | PA | | GROU | PВ | | GROL | JP C | | GROU | P D |
|-----|-----------|-------------|----|-------------|----------------|----|------------|----------------|----|--------------|---------------------|
| - [| Belgium | Denmark | П | Monaco | Netherlands | 21 | Latvia | Mexico | 31 | Bermuda | China |
| 2 | Singapore | Brazil | 12 | Greece | Hungary | 22 | San Marino | India | 32 | Italy | New Zealand |
| 3 | Tunisia | Austria | 13 | Philippines | Bangladesh | 23 | France | Germany | 33 | Argentina | Botswana |
| 4 | Wales | Spain | 14 | Romania | Chinese Taipei | | Sweden | Malta ´ | 34 | Palestine | Malaysia |
| 5 | Slovenia | Switzerland | 15 | Scotland | Liechtenstein | 25 | England | Venezuela | 35 | Turkey | Bulgária |
| 6 | Canada | Croatia | 16 | Russia | Finland | 26 | Yugoslavia | Israel | 36 | Thailand | Martinique |
| | Colombia | Ireland | 17 | USA | Lebanon | 27 | Indonesia | Egypt | 37 | Iceland | Norway [*] |
| 8 | Hong Kong | Poland | 18 | Guadeloupe | Portugal | 28 | | Czech Republic | 38 | South Africa | La Reunion |
| | Tanzania | Pakistan | 19 | Luxemburg | Australia | 29 | Cyprus | Uruguay · | 39 | Morocco | Ukraine |

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

| | ROUND 9 | | | | | ROUND 10 | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | GROU | PA | | GROU | P B | | GRO | OUP A | | GRO | JP B |
| 42 43 44 45 46 | Hong Kong Italy Austria Denmark Sweden Spain | Russia Japan Israel England USA Brazil | 52 53 54 55 56 | Czech Republic Pakistan China Egypt Mexico Scotland | Turkey India Venezuela Greece Morocco South Africa | 42 43 44 45 46 | Japan Israel England USA Brazil Finland | Hong Kong Italy Austria Denmark Sweden Spain | 52 53 54 55 56 | India Venezuela Greece Morocco South Africa France | Czech Republic Pakistan China Egypt Mexico Scotland |
| 48 49 | Chinese Taipei New Zealand Croatia Ireland | Norway Indonesia Jamaica Finland | 58 59 | Netherlands Poland Canada Australia | Wales Argentina Germany France | 48 49 | Norway Indonesia Jamaica Ireland | Russia Chinese Taipei New Zealand Croatia | 58 59 | Wales Argentina Germany Australia | Turkey Netherlands Poland Canada |

Australia

France

| | ROUND II | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|-----------|----|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|
| | GROU | P A | | GROU | PВ | | |
| 41 | Hong Kong | Israel | 51 | Czech Republic | Venezuela | | |
| | | England | 52 | Pakistan ['] | Greece | | |
| | Austria | UŠĂ | 53 | China | Morocco | | |
| 44 | Denmark | Brazil | 54 | Egypt | South Africa | | |
| 45 | Sweden | Spain | 55 | Mexico | Scotland | | |
| 46 | Japan | Norway | 56 | India | Wales | | |
| | Russia | Indonesia | 57 | Turkey | Argentina | | |
| 48 | Chinese Taipei | amaica | 58 | Nethérlands | Germany | | |
| | ' . | | | | | | |

59 Poland

60 Canada

Croatia

New Zealand

49

Íreland

Finland

| | | ROUND | 12 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UNIVERSITY TEAMS PROGRAM | 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 | Latvia China USA Denmark Belgium France Poland Norway England Japan Germany | Hong Kong Chinese Taipei Botswana Ireland Netherlands Czech Republic Yugoslavia Indonesia Singapore Austria Italy |

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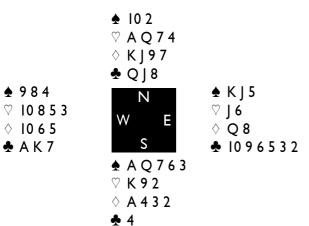
Norway v Bulgaria

ROUND

All riled up

onday's round-four match in the Open series featured two teams that seemed to be going in opposite directions. Norway had clobbered Palestine, 96-31, in round three, while Bulgaria had been roughed up by La Reunion, 76-20. Clearly, it doesn't pay to make the Bulgarian squad mad. They jumped out to a 20-0 lead early on and never looked back, winning handily, 65-24.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Isporski | Austberg | Al-Shati | Helgemo |
| | 1♦ | Pass | I♠ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2 ◊ ⁽¹⁾ |
| Pass | 2♡ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3◊ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |
| | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Game-forcing relay



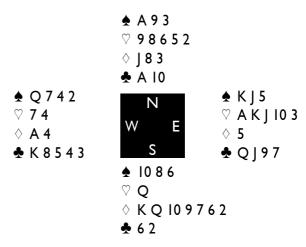
Dessislava Popova, Bulgaria

Valentin Al-Shati started with the ♣2 to Vladislav Isporski's king. He continued with the ♣A and another club, establishing the suit. Per Erik Austberg combined his chances, cashing the top three hearts to see if the suit split favorably. When hearts proved to be 4-2, Austberg made the normal play in diamonds, taking the finesse and going down one for minus 50.

At the other table, Dessislava Popova and Rossen Gunev played in 4% with the North/South cards, bringing it home for plus 420 and a 10-IMP gain.

Another 10 IMPs went into Bulgaria's account when Geir Helgemo missed the killing opening lead against a 5 - 4 contract.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



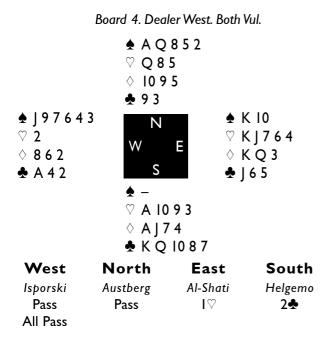
| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Brogeland | Popova | Saelensminde | Gunev |
| | | ΙΫ́ | Pass |
| I♠ | Pass | 2♣ | 2◊ |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4 ♦ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 5.00 | All Pass | | |

Gunev led the ${}^{\heartsuit}Q$, and the issue was settled quickly. Popova won the first round of clubs with the ace and gave her partner a ruff. The ${}^{\clubsuit}A$ was still to come for down one.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Isporski | Austberg | Al-Shati | Helgemo |
| | | Ι♡ | Pass |
| I♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 5♣ | All Pass | | |

Helgemo's choice of leads was decidedly unusual: the $\lozenge 2!$ That was enough for Al-Shati to bring home 11 tricks. He won the $\lozenge A$ in dummy and immediately played a club. Austberg won the $\clubsuit A$ and played the $\heartsuit 9$, hoping that the reason Helgemo didn't lead a heart was that he didn't have one. Al-Shati rose with the $\heartsuit A$, however, and soon was claiming for plus 400.

An aggressive pre-empt cost Norway on this deal:

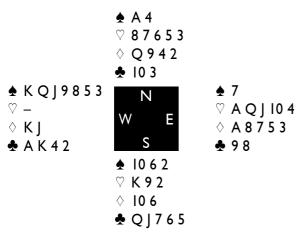


Blessed with lots of good spots and a 3-3 club break, Helgemo took nine tricks despite never reaching the dummy. Isporski led his singleton heart: five, jack, ace. The \clubsuit K was next, taken by Isporski. Any lead from that point was going to help declarer. Indeed, the diamond continuation helped Helgemo pick up that suit as well. Helgemo won the diamond and played the \clubsuit Q, followed by a low club, conceding two more tricks for plus 110.

Those same good spots came to the aid of the defenders in the other room, as Brogeland opened 24 in first seat and was punished for minus 500 when Gunev balanced with a double in fourth seat and Popova passed. That was another 9 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Another $13\ IMPs$ went to Bulgaria on this very interesting deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Isporski | Austberg | Al-Shati | Helgemo |
| | | Ι♡ | Pass |
| I♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3 ♠ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 5◊ | Pass |
| 6♣ | Pass | 6♡ | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

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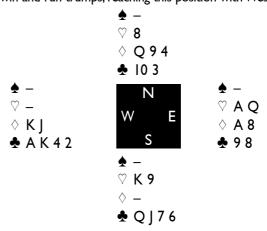
Austberg's low heart lead made the slam easy, as Isporski put in dummy's queen and ruffed out the king, establishing enough discards to handle the low clubs. Isporski claimed after driving out the trump ace and cashing a high trump.

At the other table, the Norwegians did not get past game.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Brogeland | Popova | Saelensminde | Gunev |
| | | IΫ́ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4 ♦ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

North led the ♣10 and Brogeland took no chances with his contract, playing spades immediately, giving up on the club ruff. He finished at plus 650 for a 13-IMP loss.

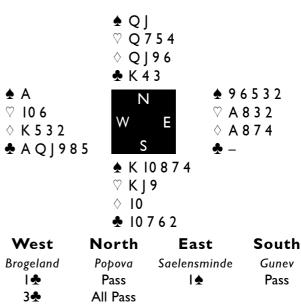
At first glance, it might seem that a trump lead would defeat 6Φ , depriving West of a club ruff, but in fact no lead can defeat the slam. Should North start with a spade - the ace or a low one – West can win and run trumps, reaching this position with West on lead.



On the $\Diamond K$, South can spare a club, but when declarer plays a diamond to dummy's ace, South must surrender.

On the following deal, Al-Shati played well to overcome a bad trump split and earn another swing for his side.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Brogeland might have made this awkward contract, but he finished down one for minus 50.Al-Shati did better in the diamond

fit despite the bad trump split.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------|---------|
| Isporski | Austberg | Al-Shati | Helgemo |
| 2♣ (I) | Pass | 2 � ⁽²⁾ | Pass |
| 3♦ | All Pass | | |

- (1) Natural, limited hand (Precision club)
- (2) Forcing inquiry

Helgemo led a low spade, taken in dummy with the ace as North followed with the queen. Al-Shati played the A, shedding a heart, and followed with the Q, covered by Austberg and ruffed in the East hand. Al-Shati then played the A and a diamond to dummy, discovering the bad trump split.

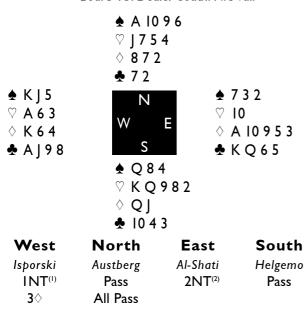
Al-Shati cashed the \$\\ \Delta \bigcup_1\$, pitching another heart, and played a fourth round of clubs, which appeared to doom the contract. North discarded his \$\Delta \bigcup_1\$ on the fourth round of clubs and, although Al-Shati was able to use his last trump to ruff the clubs good in dummy, it seemed that he could not reach dummy to use them. If he tried to ruff a spade to dummy, North would overruff and pull dummy's last trump. Al-Shati would then have to lose three more tricks.

Al-Shati found a solution, however. He played a low spade from his hand and pitched a heart. Helgemo, holding the trick, played the Δ K. Again, if Al-Shati ruffed, North could overruff and kill the contract. Again, however, Al-Shati discarded instead of ruffing, this time pitching a club.

Helgemo had no more options at that point. If he played a spade away from his ten, Al-Shati would pitch from dummy and make North use one of his trumps. If Helgemo played the €10, Al-Shati would ruff, not caring if North overruffed because the €9 would be established for the ninth trick.

Helgemo finally exited with a heart to Al-Shati's ace. Declarer then ruffed his low heart in dummy for trick nine and plus 110, good for a 4-IMP gain. Norway was trailing 49-5 when they finally made a significant gain.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



^{(1) 14-16}

Isporski took 10 tricks after the opening heart lead, losing two spades and a diamond. Brogeland and Saelensminde found a better spot.

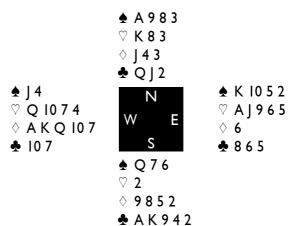
| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|---------------|----------|
| Brogeland | Popova | Saelensminde | Gunev |
| INT | Pass | 3 ♡(I) | Pass |
| 4♡ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

⁽I) Shortness

South led the \heartsuit K, taken in dummy with the ace. Saelensminde then drew trumps, ending in dummy, and cashed the \diamondsuit K, felling South's queen. Declarer made the play dictated by the rule of restricted choice, playing a diamond to the nine. Gunev won the jack and exited with the \clubsuit 8. Saelensminde guessed correctly, putting in the jack. Plus 400 was good for a 7-IMP pickup, but time was running short on the Norwegians.

Another swing went Bulgaria's way with Al-Shati at the wheel. He guessed brilliantly to land a shaky contract.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|---------|
| Isporski | Austberg | Al-Shati | Helgemo |
| | Pass | Pass | ♣ |
| $INT^{(1)}$ | Dble | 2NT ⁽²⁾ | Pass |
| 3◊ | Pass | 3♡ | Pass |
| 4♡ | All Pass | | |

- (1) A four-card major and a five-card or longer minor
- (2) Indicating at least 4-4 in the majors with game interest

Helgemo led the $\clubsuit A$ and continued with a low club to Austberg's jack after North had played the $\clubsuit Q$. Austberg put it to Al-Shati at trick three by switching to a low spade. Considering Helgemo's opening bid (albeit in third seat) and the fact that Al-Shati needed the $\heartsuit K$ to be with North, VuGraph commentators figured it was long odds that Al-Shati would make the right play in spades.

After considering his play carefully, Al-Shati wowed the Vu-Graph audience by going up with the $\P K$, passing his first test. The next question was, given that North had showed up with so much already, whether Al-Shati might despair of North's holding the $\heartsuit K$ and try to drop it singleton in the South hand. He got that one right, too, entering dummy with a diamond and running the $\heartsuit I 0$. He played two more rounds of hearts and, apparently so happy just to make the contract, forgot to ruff his club to dummy, whereupon he could have played top diamonds, getting rid of all his spades. Instead, he exited with a spade but still scored up plus 420, a 10-IMP gain because $4 \heartsuit$ was defeated in the other room.

Norway got back 10 IMPs when Austberg brought home 4% doubled while declarer in 2% at the other table managed only eight tricks, but the Bulgarians had come back from a disappointing loss to soundly defeat one of the strongest teams in the field.

⁽²⁾ Transfer to diamonds

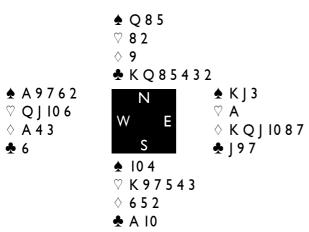
Twenty-First Century Bridge

by Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Poland

Women's Teams Round 3

las, here in Maastricht I am without my wife, so as a grass widower I took my chance to observe the ladies, in play of course. It was a good decision, since I spotted a fabulous hand signifying we are approaching the twenty-first century.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|----------|----------------|---------|
| Levit-Porat | Senior | Zur-Campanilla | Penfold |
| I♠ | 3♣ | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4 ♦ | Pass | 4♡ | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6◊ | All Pass | | |

I suspect Six Diamonds was a typical contract, and after a trump lead the contract depends on a successful spade finesse that produces twelve easy tricks.

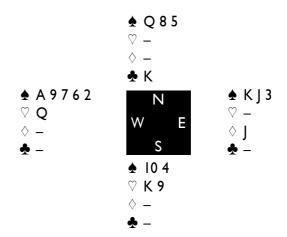


Sandra Penfold, England

However, in the match between England & Israel, Sandra Penfold tried to persuade the declarer to find a losing line. She led the ace of clubs to the first trick, and continued with a second club.

If she had switched to a diamond at trick two, declarer would still have been able to ruff two clubs in the dummy, and they would have provided two entries to the table, enabling her to ruff two hearts in hand. Declarer would then know that South had started with six hearts, three diamonds and two clubs, and knowing of only two spades would surely finesse against the spade queen.

However, declarer had to ruff the second club, taking away an entry. At trick three she played the ace of hearts and then played her remaining club. Sandra ruffed with the five of diamonds, forcing declarer to ruff with the ace, and removing the second entry. Declarer could only ruff one heart and, having done so, she cashed her remaining trumps to leave this four-card ending:



It was obvious that East was playing for a squeeze in the majors. As the brilliant Krzysztof Martens tips:

'If declarer plays for a squeeze that you like, pretend to be squeezed.'

So now, when East plays her last diamond, if Sandra plays the four of spades I would suggest she would be a candidate for the best defence of the tournament, if not the year. Wouldn't declarer be inclined to place South with three spades and the king of hearts, and play for the drop in spades?

Alas, Sandra played the nine of hearts, making it clear she had the king, and only two spades. That was enough for declarer to take the spade finesse.

If we ever get to the point where from the first trick a defender deliberately tries to convince declarer to adopt a losing line, we are surely in the twenty-first century!

Major injury for Senior

In Tuesday night's indoor cricket match, Brian Senior's attempt to impersonate Dennis Lillie was not a total success, as he suffered a calf strain. The injury was so severe that in order to get from the bulletin office to the VuGraph to cover yesterday's opening match he had to leave at 09.15, a mere 45 minutes before the match was due to start.

WOMEN

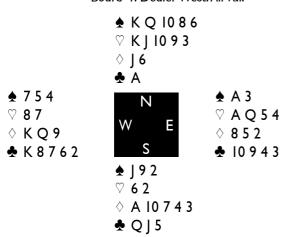
Canada v Egypt

By Barry Rigal

ROUND

orty years ago the first ever Women's teams Olympiad was won by the United Arab Republic, and the winning team included a number of the players representing Egypt in these championships in Maastricht. The Egyptians had a poor start, losing their first two matches, and needed to find improved form for their third match against Canada.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

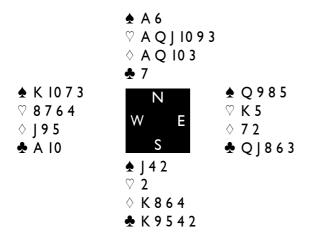


In both rooms North/South bid 1 - 2 - 4. In the Open Room, Katie Thorpe led a diamond and the contract was one down; +100 to Canada.

In the Closed Room, Maud Khoury led the ten of clubs to the queen, king and ace - an interesting pair of plays from dummy and West. At trick two, Rhoda Habert played a low spade towards dummy and Khoury rose with the ace. Declarer was able to pitch a diamond on the established club and the contract made ten tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to Canada.

I believe that, if East ducks the spade at trick two, and declarer plays on hearts himself, repeated heart plays may set the contract while, if he draws trumps, he may be forced to defeat the contract.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

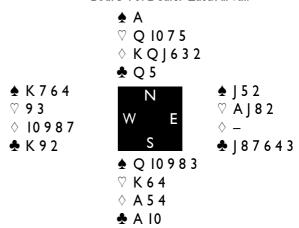


In USA v Japan in the Women's Championship, Robin Klar/Joan Jackson bid to the diamond slam for a big gain. Habert/Beverley Kraft, for Canada, had the embarrassment of bidding: I \heartsuit - I NT - $2 \diamondsuit$ - Pass.

The slam is made after the lead of the queen of clubs, ducked, and a spade switch to the ace, by playing ace of hearts and ruff-

ing a heart, ruffing a club, and playing the ace of diamonds followed by a diamond to the king. The king of clubs is ruffed and over-ruffed, and now declarer plays four rounds of hearts to pitch the black losers. If West does not ruff the king of clubs, declarer's spade loser goes away and he can just draw the last trump and cash the hearts.

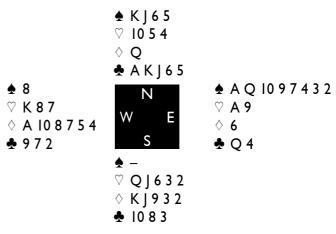
Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



In the Closed Room, Kraft/Habert bid 1 - 2 - 2 - 3, and now Kraft bid 4, not unreasonably, which led to 5, and that was one down after a club lead.

In the Open Room, Samya Shatila/Marguerite Homsy bid $1 - 2 \lozenge - 3 \lozenge - 3 \heartsuit - 3$ NT. Even on the lead of the two of clubs and a misguess, the suit is blocked! The 49 lead might set it, but Dianna Gordon led the wrong nine - the heart. Now declarer had no problem in coming to nine tricks; 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



In the Closed Room, Egypt played the normal 4♠ down one. There was more action in the Open Room:

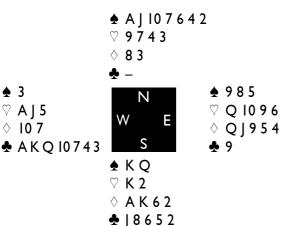
| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Gordon | Homsy | Thorpe | Shatila |
| 2♦ | Dble | 2NT ⁽¹⁾ | 3♡ |
| Pass | 4♡ | 4♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 5♡ |
| All Pass | | | |
| ^(I) Puppet to 3♣ | | | |



Lily Khalil, Egypt

Homsy's raise to 4% was an aggressive bid, given that she had already made a take-out double of the weak two bid. Despite that, Shatila's removal of the penalty double of $4\clubsuit$ was a highly questionable action and it turned a plus score into a minus. Five Hearts went four down, giving Canada a 10 IMP swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



In the Open Room, Habert overcalled Lily Khalil's 1. opening with a pre-emptive 3. call and Kraft converted to 3NT. Nothing could prevent Kraft from making nine tricks for +600.

In the Closed Room, Homsy overcalled only 2♠ and Shatila also responded 3NT. Now Homsy went back to 4♠, ending the auction. Homsy ruffed the club lead and played a heart to the king and ace. How should West defend? Best is a spade, but it is tempting to think that a top club may eventually promote a trump trick by force. Gordon chose to play back a club and Homsy ruffed with the four and was over-ruffed. Now a trump switch would lead to minus two, but Thorpe played a heart to the jack and back came another club. Now declarer could play a high cross-ruff and come to ten tricks; +620 and 1 IMP to Egypt.

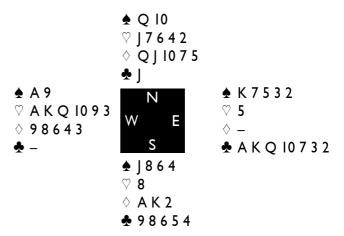
The Canadians ran out winners by 46-36 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

Best lead makes best result

by Qiang Cheng, China

hina defeated four teams that did not play at their best on the first day of the University Teams Bridge Cup, and then met the USA in Round 5. That represented a real challenge for the boys from the Tsinghua University.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

3♡

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Zhou | Lasota | Bai | Hong |
| ΙŸ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♡ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |
| Open Room | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Greenberg | Hu | Bathorst | Zhao |
| ΙΫ́ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |

Although the bidding looks identical, the meaning is quite different.

3NT

All Pass

Pass

In the Closed Room, East's Two Spades was fourth-suit forcing, saying nothing about spades. That made the lead an obvious spade, the only suit that has not been mentioned by East/West. The declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed three top hearts, and when South discarded a club, he had twelve tricks.

In the Open Room, East's Two Clubs was game forcing, and Two Spades was therefore a natural bid. Zhao decided to lead dummy's second suit, and his choice of the king of diamonds produced a swift one down and 11 IMPs.

China went on to defeat the powerful American team by $17-13\,\text{VPs}$.

Opening Times

During the Round Robin phase the venue will be open between 08.00 and 22.00.

Appeal No. 3

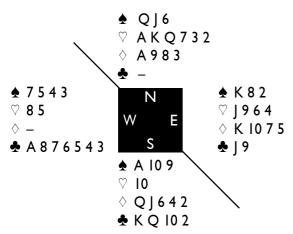


Israel v France

Appeals Committee:

John Wignall (Chairman, New Zealand), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England), Dan Morse (USA), Nissan Rand (Israel).

Open Teams Round 3 Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Kalish | Levy | Podgur | Chemla |
| Pass | ΙŸ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ ^(I) | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♡ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 5♣ ⁽²⁾ | Pass | 6◊ |
| All Pass | | | |

Comments:

- (1) explained by North to East as 'values, support ♦, short ♣'; explained by South to West as 'not sure, maybe splinter'
- (2) explained by North as 'void', by South as 'cuebid'

Contract:

Six Diamonds, played by South.

Lead:

Ace of Clubs.

Result:

12 tricks, N/S +920.

The Facts:

Three Spades was explained differently at both sides, obviously incorrectly at the South/West side. West claimed he would have led differently with correct information. Well after the session, West came to the Director to state that he might have led

a small club. On that lead, there is a chance that declarer would go down.

The Director:

Found that since the lead of the small club was not mentioned immediately, it would not be taken into consideration. With any other lead, South is expected to always make 12 tricks.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws:

Law 75D2.

East/West appealed.

The Players:

East/West, by means of their captain, pointed out that West was a world-class player, for whom the lead of the small club was a possibility. With the explanations that he received, West was so certain to find the king of clubs in dummy, that he did not think very long about his lead. East/West found it very strange that South bid three no-trumps naturally, opposite what he explained to be a singleton spade.

South explained that three no-trumps was a sort of a relay, although he admitted he had not alerted it. He apologised for his wrong explanation. He usually plays fragments showing the ace, and since he held that card himself, he was confused.

North added that it would have been unheard for him to bid five clubs on the king alone.

The Committee:

Found that South had been wrong in not explaining the three spade bid correctly, not alerting his three no-trumps, and not explaining the meaning of the bidding before the lead.

All this added up to mean that West had been denied his chance at brilliancy.

The Committee did not want to quantify this chance, and chose to express their views into IMPs directly.

The original IMP balance had been +11 to the team of North/South (50 made at the other table).

The Committee's decision:

Score adjusted to +7 IMPs to the team of North/South.

Deposit:

Returned.

Note from the Appeals Committee

As is currently the practice in many top events, all appeals are being written up. They are numbered consecutively. The bulletin only publishes those appeals that are deemed of interest to the general public, but the numbers are conserved.

Seniors Changes

- The two sessions scheduled for Saturday will now be played on Wednesday and Friday. This means four sessions on each of these days.
- 2) There will be a meeting for any interested Seniors to discuss any suggestions for future Seniors Olympiads on Saturday at 10.00 in the current playing room.
- 3) There will be a Seniors Transnational Pairs Championship on Saturday. There will be two sessions 12-14.30 and 15.00 17.30. Any Seniors player, or NPC, or any person associated with the organisation of the Seniors, is welcome to play with any partner (not necessarily from the same Country).

It will be of considerable assistance to the organisers if you could register your intention to play as soon as possible.

New schedule:

Today - Wednesday

| Round 12: | 10:00 - 11:45 |
|-----------|---------------|
| Round 13: | 13:30 - 15:15 |
| Round 14: | 15:45 - 17:30 |
| Round 15: | 18:00 - 19:45 |

Thursday

| Round 16: | 10:00 - 11: 4 5 |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| Round 17: | 13:30 - 15:15 |
| Round 18: | 15:45 - 17:30 |
| Round 19: | 18:00 - 19:45 |

Friday

| Round 20: | 10:00 - 11:45 |
|-----------|---------------|
| Round 21: | 13:30 - 15:15 |
| Round 22: | 15:45 - 17:30 |
| Round 23: | 18:00 - 19:45 |

Whose opinion is it anyway?

These Championships are being followed over the Internet by bridge players from every corner of the globe. This is a typical example of the of comments we receive:

Dear Editors

I'd like to thank you heartily for the fine job you are doing with bulletins from major bridge events. I follow your work since Lille 98. Since then I also harbour a polite request to the Editors - who are always more than one person - please sign your articles! They abound in personal notes like 'in my opinion', etc. and the reader doesn't know who's opinion it is.

Vladimir Atanassov

The long-standing tradition is that the Editors do not sign their work, thereby protecting both the innocent and the guilty! However, regular followers of the Bulletins can usually recognise the individual styles of the authors. The spelling of certain words readily identifies the work of our American Editor, the inability of one Editor to spell at all another, and the regular use of the comma accounts for the other English speaking writer.

Captain, my captain - hey, it's Bob Hamman



Shawn Quinn and Bob Hamman, USA

Bob Hamman has been showing up at world bridge championships since the mid-sixties, so it's no surprise to see him in Maastricht.

The big difference at this tournament is that when Hamman gets near a table, he won't be holding playing cards. That's not to say he isn't very busy, however.

As non-playing captain of the U.S. women's team in the 11th World Team Bridge Olympiad, Hamman has his hands full trying to keep the women - including his wife, Petra – focused yet relaxed. "You're not going to teach them to play bridge at this stage of the game," Hamman says.

Monday afternoon, an hour before game time, Hamman had chosen his line-up, submitted the form to the directors and was intent on getting two members of the squad - Petra and Peggy Sutherlinto take it easy. "Go rest," he told them, fussing over them like a mother hen as he ushered them from the convention center.

"They need all the energy they can muster," Hamman says. "The game is more about energy and concentration than anything else."

Mildred Breed, one of Hamman's charges, has nothing but praise for her npc. "He's doing great," Breed says. "You can have a 13-IMP loss and he will say that what you did was very reasonable." That, says Breed, is a great boost to morale.

The rest of the team is Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn and Joan Jackson. Hamman says the fact that his wife is a member of the team makes no difference. "It's not a factor," he says.

Hamman got his feet wet in the npc job during the women's team trials, won by his squad earlier this year. He had been drafted for the job last year, but when his team won the open trials to play in the Bermuda Bowl, he had to bow out.

He agreed to be npc this year on the condition that he was available. That came to pass when the Nick Nickell team lost in the open trials in Memphis in June.

Hamman says he would do the job again. "It's okay," he says. "I'd be game for it."

You can tell, however, that the world's No. I-ranked player would rather be at the table working on squeezes and endplays.

"Captaining," Hamman says in all honesty, "is a poor second to playing."

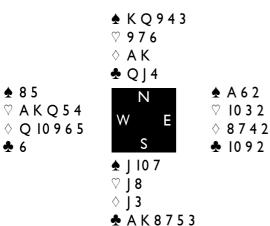
Deadly Duboin



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

rgentina defeated Italy 17-13 in Round 5 of the Open series, but it was Giorgio Duboin of Italy who was the star of the show on two back-to-back boards in the middle of the match. The first board came on defence.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------|
| Bianchedi | Lauria | Rizzo | Versace |
| | I♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| 2♠ | 2NT | 3♦ | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

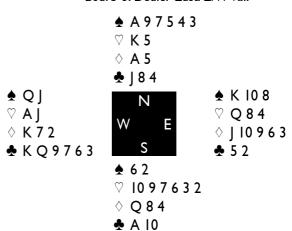
Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Duboin | Lambardi | Bocchi | Lucena |
| | I♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| 3♡ | 4♠ | All Pass | |

In the Closed Room, the opening lead was the two of hearts to the queen. Alejandro Bianchedi cashed the ace of hearts and, remembering the bidding, switched to the ten of diamonds - ten tricks for +620.

Norberto Bocchi also led the two of hearts in the Open Room. Duboin also won the queen of hearts and cashed the ace. He noted that Bocchi followed with the $\heartsuit 3$ on the second round. That should be a suit preference signal for clubs rather than diamonds, and Duboin duly put his trust in partner to switch to his singleton club. When Bocchi won the first round of trumps, he was able to give Duboin a ruff for down one - 100 to Italy and 12 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East, E/W Vul.



In the Closed Room, the Argentinian East/West pair played in 3 \diamondsuit , down one for 100 to Italy. Duboin found himself in 3NT after Carlos Lucena had opened with a weak 2 \heartsuit bid on the South cards.

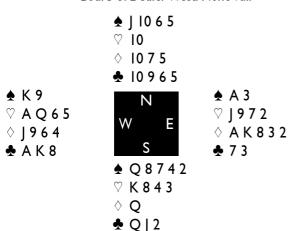
Pablo Lambardi did not lead his king doubleton heart, preferring to lead from his own long suit. He led a low spade and Duboin made a good start when he went up with dummy's king. Now came a low club. Had Lucena played the ten, Duboin would have had to play an honour then lead a low one back to drop the ace. However, Lucena rose with the ace of clubs to lead a spade through. Lambardi won the ace and cleared the spades and now Duboin had to make his next critical decision. He was in dummy for the last time and it must have been tempting to take the heart finesse through the weak two opener. But, of course, North could have allowed the queen of spades to hold, preventing dummy's ten from becoming an entry. Might he not have found that defence, had he feared that his partner held a card that could be finessed against? After some thought, Duboin decided to run all his club winners. Lambardi bared the king of hearts smoothly and early, but Duboin was not about to get this ending wrong. He cashed the ace of hearts and, as Lucena had thrown a number of hearts away, had three heart tricks and ten in all. That was a splendid +630 and 12 IMPs for Italy.

Very nicely played!

Dragons have teeth

by Maggie Pearce, Wales

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Lusk | Clench | Tully | Woodruff |
| IΫ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♦ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5◊ | Pass |
| 5♡ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6◊ | Dble | 6♡ | All Pass |

- 3♣ Range finding
- 40 maximum with diamonds
- 4♠ cuebid / 4NT KCB / 5♦ 0/3
- 5♥ Trump queen ask
- 5♠ Yes, but no side king (as explained by West)

With East/West bidding strongly to Six Diamonds, and with an unpromising hand, Jilly Clench could see that the only significant missing card was the queen of diamonds. The only hope of defeating the contract was if she could persuade partner to lead a heart, and declarer finesse into partner's queen of diamonds, which was likely to be a singleton. Partner could then give her a heart ruff. So she doubled a cold contract.

East, suspecting a heart void and an adverse lie of the trump suit, retreated to Six Hearts, leaving Clench on lead. The spade lead was taken by dummy's ace, and North was now hoping that declarer would play South for the ten of hearts. However, declarer finessed the queen of hearts, played a heart to the jack and king, won the spade retun and drew trumps ending in hand. Confident that North held $\lozenge Q \, I \, 0x$, she ran the jack of diamonds, losing to the singleton queen! With no trumps remaining, South was able to cash two spade tricks for three down, and 15 IMPs, as in the other room the Welsh pair bid as follows:

| West | East |
|-----------|------------|
| Kurbalija | Casey |
| I | 2NT |
| 3NT | 4 ♦ |
| 4♠ | 5♡ |
| 6♡ | All Pass |

Declarer made no mistake this time, but then she was not opposed by a Dragon!

World Seniors International Cup

Butler Standings after 10 rounds

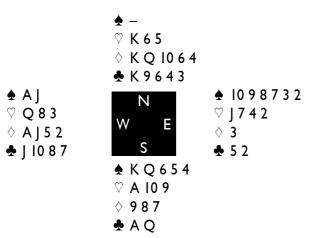
| | Butler Standings after 10 rounds | | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--|--|
| N | r Pair | Team | Boards | Imps | Imps/ board | | |
| 1 | K. Baxter-R. Bennett | Scotland | 24 | 74 | 3,08 | | |
| 2 | | Germany | 72 | 163 | 2,26 | | |
| 3 | G. Maci-C. Mismetti | San Marino | 12 | 24 | 2,00 | | |
| 4 | K. Baxter-J. MacLaren | Scotland | 72 | 137 | 1,90 | | |
| 5 | K. Stanley-W. Townsend | England | 72 | 97 | 1,35 | | |
| 6 | | USA | 72 | 89 | 1,24 | | |
| 7 | | Scotland | 84 | 98 | 1,17 | | |
| 8 | | USA | 84 | 97 07 | 1,15 | | |
| 1 9 | 8 | Sweden Poland | 84 84 | 97 79 | 1,15 0,94 | | |
| Ιij | J. Pochron-L. Wesolowcki B. von Gyorffy-N. Chmeik | Germany | 72 | 66 | 0,92 | | |
| Ιiż | | Scotland | 24 | 22 | 0,92 | | |
| l iŝ | | USA | 84 | 74 | 0,88 | | |
| | C. Delmouly-J. Roudinesco | France | 72 | 61 | 0,85 | | |
| 15 | A. El Shafie-M. Kamel | Egypt | 108 | 86 | 0,80 | | |
| 16 | A. Morath-H Gothe | Sweden | 84 | 63 | 0,75 | | |
| | F. Badir-C. Wannufel | Belgium | 108 | 70 | 0,65 | | |
| | F. Weiss-L. Weiss | Switzerland | 120 | 77 | 0,64 | | |
| 19 | | Australia | 84 | 52 | 0,62 | | |
| 1 20 | G. Jepson-P. Littlewood | England | 84 | 51 | 0,61 | | |
| 21 | H. Hallen-L. Backstrom S. Radwan-O. Sharif | Sweden | 72 108 | 43 64 | 0,60 0,59 | | |
| 22 | | Egypt Ireland | 72 | 39 | 0,59 | | |
| | M. Ricciarelli-F. Baroni | Italy | 60 | 32 | 0,54 | | |
| 25 | E. Bankoglu-A. Yalman | Turkey | 48 | 25 | 0,53 | | |
| 26 | P. Schwartz-F. Hoffer | Canada | 12 | 6 | 0,50 | | |
| 27 | W. Schneider-W.Gromoller | Germany | 84 | 41 | 0,49 | | |
| 28 | I. Ketenci-E. Korkut | Turkey | 36 | 17 | 0,47 | | |
| 29 | F. Leenhardt-C. Mari | France | 84 | 38 | 0,45 | | |
| 30 | P. Adad-M. Aujaleu | France | 84 | 31 | 0,37 | | |
| 31 | | Australia | 84 | 24 | 0,29 | | |
| 32 | | Germany | 12 | 3 | 0,25 | | |
| 33 | | England | 84 04 | 19 | 0,23 | | |
| 34 | | ltaly Israel | 84 96 | 17 18 | 0,20 0,19 | | |
| 36 | | Poland | 70 72 | 12 | 0,17 | | |
| 37 | | Czech Republic | 84 | 12 | 0,17 | | |
| 38 | | Australia | 72 | 8 | 0,11 | | |
| 39 | D. Liggat-R. Bennett | Scotland | 36 | Ĭ | 0,03 | | |
| 40 | O. Dan-N. Saxon | Israel | 72 | -4 | -0,06 | | |
| 41 | A. Bardin-G. Maci | San Marino | 108 | -7 | -0,06 | | |
| 42 | !! !! . | Netherlands | 96 | -8 | -0,08 | | |
| 43 | | Belgium | 72 | -8 | -0,11 | | |
| 1 44 | T. Honkavuori-R. Honkavuori | Finland | 108 | -12 -6 | -0,11 | | |
| 1 43 | B. Araz-A. Yalman G. Resta-E. Longinotti | Turkey San Marino | 48 120 | -6 -17 | -0,13 -0,14 | | |
| 47 | P. Schwartz-R.Cohen | Canada | 108 | -22 | -0,14 | | |
| 48 | | Canada | 48 | -12 | -0,25 | | |
| 49 | | Wales | 60 | -19 | -0,32 | | |
| 50 | S. Śzenberg-Á. Wilkosz | Poland | 84 | -30 | -0,36 | | |
| 51 | B. Araz-E. Bankoglu | Turkey | 24 | -10 | -0,42 | | |
| 52 | W. Achterberg-H. Bigat | Switzerland | 120 | -51 | -0,42 | | |
| 53 | L. Capodaglio-M. D'Andrea | Italy | 96 | -41 | -0,43 | | |
| 54 | | Netherlands | 84 | -36 | -0,43 | | |
| 55 | | Ireland | 84 | -37 | -0,44 | | |
| 56 | | Aruba Noth Antillon | 108 | -52 -61 | -0,48 -0.51 | | |
| 57 | | Neth. Antillen Canada | 120 24 | -61 -13 | -0,51 -0,54 | | |
| 59 | | Turkey | 48 | -13 -26 | -0,5 4 | | |
| 60 | | Aruba | 108 | -65 | -0,60 | | |
| 61 | | Netherlands | 60 | -41 | -0,68 | | |
| 62 | | Venezuela | 72 | -64 | -0,89 | | |
| 63 | J. Patrick-D. Patrick | Wales | 96 | -89 | -0,93 | | |
| 64 | | Israel | 72 | -68 | -0,94 | | |
| 65 | | Czech Republic | 84 | -82 | -0,98 | | |
| 66 | | Finland | 108 | -107 | -0,99 | | |
| 67 | | Ireland | 84 40 | -86 | -1,02 | | |
| 68 | | Canada Neth. Antillen | 48 120 | -50 -132 | -1,04 -1,10 | | |
| 70 | | Wales | 84 | -132 | -1,10 -1,40 | | |
| 71 | J. Henri-G. Jauniaux | Belgium | 60 | -86 | -1,43 | | |
| 72 | I. Ketenci-S. Sarmiskci | Turkey | 36 | -53 | -1,47 | | |
| 73 | | Venezuela | 72 | - | -1,54 | | |
| 74 | | Czech Republic | 72 | -130 | -1,81 | | |
| 75 | M. Bernazzani-M. Tagliavia | Venezuela | 96 | -211 | -2,20 | | |
| 76 | H. Kreijns-T.Valk | Aruba | 12 | -27 | -2,25 | | |
| 77 | P. Sisselaar-A. Verhees | Aruba | 12 | -35 | -2,92 | | |
| $\overline{}$ | | | | | | | |

Misdirection

n American football, there is a set play that relies on a concept called misdirection. The idea is that the offensive play begins in such a way to convince the defenders that the ball carrier is going one way, while in fact he is going the other way. The idea is to catch the defenders heading in the wrong direction. When the play is successful, a nice gain is usually the result.

On this deal from the fifth round of the Open series, it was a Belgian defender who came up with a classic example of misdirection. The result helped Belgium to a 59-51 victory over Wales. The deal was reported by Hans Gelders.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|--------------|-------|
| Engel | Goodman | van Middelem | Rees |
| | | Pass | I♠ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Zvi Engel, holding the West cards, did not like his choices for the opening lead. The black suits, having been bid, were out, and a lead from the diamond suit also did not look attractive. Finally, Engel made his choice: the $\heartsuit Q!$ It had a devastating effect on declarer, Tim Rees.

Naturally, Rees believed Engel to be leading from the $\heartsuit Q$ J, so he took the opening lead in his hand with the $\heartsuit A$. Next came a diamond to dummy's king, a club to the ace, and a diamond to the queen.

Back in hand with the $\P Q$, Rees played the $\P 10$, letting it ride. Boom! There went the contract. Guy van Middelem won the $\P 1$ and played a spade to the king and Engel's ace. Engel exited with a heart, and dummy was dead. Rees's only hope was that clubs divided 3-3 but, when they did not, he had to settle for down one and minus 100. He lost a heart, two diamonds, a spade and a club.

In the other room, the opening lead was a low heart, and South scored up plus 630 for a 13-IMP gain.

Time Passes, Values Change

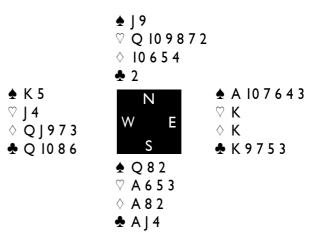
by Ron Klinger, Sydney, Australia

ver the years, values have been eroded in so many areas: morality, courtesy, integrity . . . and it appears that even bridge has succumbed.

When I started playing, 26 points was de rigeur for bidding 3NT. It was not long before 25 points became acceptable and soon 22-23 points were all right when one of the hands contained a long suit. Now it is the year 2000 and if you do not bid your 18-point 3NT games you have to settle for a double-figure IMP loss. Witness:

Open Teams Round 5 Australia v Hungary

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



The auction was the same at both tables:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|---------|------|------------------------------|
| | Gal | | Vikor |
| | Burgess | | Marston ♣ ⁽¹⁾ |
| Pass | 2♡(2) | 2♠ | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

- (1) Artificial, 15+ points
- (2) Very weak, 6+ hearts

No swing. Standard result for the 2000 Olympiad.

Smoking rules

Players, please note that smoking is not allowed in the inner building of the MECC. The inner building includes the trajectum, the lobby, the promenade and auditorium. Also, smoking is prohibited in the toilets during play. Players caught smoking in prohibited areas are liable for penalties.

Ton Kooijman

Operations Manager



Code of Practice 'Lausanne Group'

The members of the group that met in Lausanne, and which formulated the WBF Code of Practice, are invited to a private meeting (no observers) in the Euphrates Room at 10.15 on Thursday August 31st. The purpose will be to discuss privately the progress made, and the creation of the desired 'jurisprudence'.

For the Chairman

Grattan Eddicott

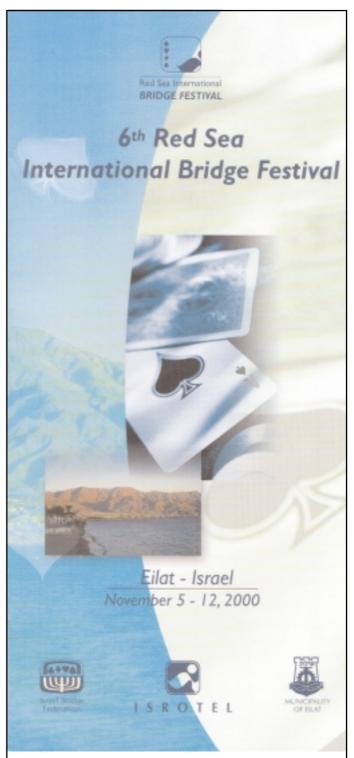
Penalty Phones

As you all (should) know, mobile phones are not allowed in the playing areas. Not only using them is forbidden, also bringing them. We understand that some of you can't leave home without your phone, and we have to accept that. Therefore we offer you the following possibility to avoid penalty points.

If you hand your mobile phone over to the hospitality desk with your name on a sheet of paper added to it, the ladies there will look after it. Maybe you will even discover that it is possible to live without it.

Ton Kooijman

Operations Director



David Birman will be happy to deal with enquiries about this event. He will be here until 3 September, and can usually be found in the ebridge office located next door to the Daily Bulletin.

WBF Systems Committee

There will be a Meeting of the WBF Systems Committee at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd September in the WBF Meeting Room (Room 2.1, Promenade Floor).

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

| Home Team 85 Netherlands | Visiting Team | Imp's | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 85 Netherlands | | | VP 's |
| 86 Finland 87 Sweden 88 Venezuela 89 Poland 90 Germany 91 Scotland 92 England 93 Italy 94 Belgium 95 Australia 96 Ireland | Canada USA France Egypt Wales Turkey Czech Republic Israel Neth. Antillen Switzerland Aruba San Marino | 26 - 14 21 - 30 6 - 33 8 - 69 56 - 6 38 - 12 45 - 15 21 - 8 69 - 13 22 - 12 51 - 13 | 18 - 12 13 - 17 8 - 22 1 - 25 25 - 3 22 - 8 23 - 7 19 - 11 25 - 1 18 - 12 25 - 5 14 - 16 |
| 70 II Ciarid | Jan Harmo | 11 = 17 | 11 - 10 |

| | ROUND 9 | | |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP 's |
| Latvia | Norway | 31 - 50 | 10 - 20 |
| Yugoslavia | Japan | 50 - 31 | 20 - 10 |
| Czech Republic | Italy | 37 - 22 | 19 - 11 |
| Ireland | Singapore | 50 - 33 | 20 - 10 |
| France | Indonesia | 61 - 13 | 25 - 3 |
| USA | Poland | 55 - 23 | 23 - 7 |
| Hong Kong | Denmark | 16 - 41 | 8 - 22 |
| Belgium | Austria | 11 - 52 | 4 - 25 |
| Chinese Taipei | Botswana | 55 - 12 | 25 - 4 |
| Germany | England | 35 - 31 | 16 - 14 |
| Netherlands | China | 41 - 21 | 20 - 10 |
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| ROUND 10 | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP 's | | |
| 85 Finland | Venezuela | 36 - 6 | 23 - 7 | | |
| 86 Aruba | USA | 6 - 47 | 4 - 25 | | |
| 87 Switzerland | Neth. Antillen | 36 - 37 | 15 - 15 | | |
| 88 Egypt | Australia | 19 - 12 | 17 - 13 | | |
| 89 Netherlands | Sweden | 12 - 39 | 8 - 22 | | |
| 90 Wales | France | 20 - 60 | 5 - 25 | | |
| 91 Italy | Czech Republic | 23 - 40 | 10 - 20 | | |
| 92 Israel | Belgium | 31 - 36 | 14 - 16 | | |
| 93 Poland | Ireland | 55 - 10 | 25 - 4 | | |
| 94 San Marino | England | 4 - 28 | 9 - 21 | | |
| 95 Canada | Germany | 12 - 46 | 6 - 24 | | |
| 96 Turkey | Scotland | 10 - 58 | 3 - 25 | | |

| | | ROUND 10 | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------|--------------|
| | Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP 's |
| 7 I | Austria | Latvia | 76 - 2 | 25 - 0 |
| 72 | Poland | Ireland | 71 - 31 | 24.5 - 4.5 |
| 73 | Germany | USA | 60 - 9 | 25 - 2 |
| 74 | Norway | Belgium | 28 - 33 | 14 - 16 |
| 75 | Chinese Taipei | Italy | 29 - 9 | 20 - 10 |
| 76 | Japan | Netherlands | 48 - 23 | 22 - 8 |
| 77 | Indonesia | Hong Kong | 28 - 45 | 10 - 20 |
| 78 | England | China | 28 - 41 | 11 - 19 |
| 79 | Denmark | France | 29 - 46 | 10 - 20 |
| 80 | Singapore | Yugoslavia | 32 - 22 | 18 - 12 |
| 81 | Botswana | Czech Republic | 4 - 44 | 5 - 25 |
| | | | | |

| ROUND II | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP 's | | | |
| 85 Venezuela | Canada | 4 - 39 | 6 - 24 | | | |
| 86 Belgium | Germany | 36 - 16 | 20 - 10 | | | |
| 87 Czech Republic | France | 15 - 40 | 8 - 22 | | | |
| 88 Finland . | Israel | 44 - 23 | 21 - 9 | | | |
| 89 San Marino | Turkey | 24 - 26 | 14 - 16 | | | |
| 90 USA | Scotland | 30 - 12 | 20 - 10 | | | |
| 91 Wales | Australia | 4 - 66 | 0 - 25 | | | |
| 92 Sweden | Italy | 4 8 - 5 | 25 - 4 | | | |
| 93 Aruba | Poľand | 0 - 34 | 6 - 24 | | | |
| 94 Ireland | Netherlands | 33 - 27 | 16 - 14 | | | |
| 95 England | Switzerland | 37 - 10 | 22 - 8 | | | |
| 96 Neth. Antillen | Egypt | 9 - 60 | 2 - 25 | | | |

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|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Home Team | Visiting Team | lmp's | VP's |
| 71 Latvia | China | 23 - 55 | 7 - 23 |
| 72 Netherlands | Norway | 29 - 41 | 12 - 18 |
| 73 Singapore | Japan . | 32 - 35 | 14 - 16 |
| 74 Austria | England | 53 - 8 | 25 - 4 |
| 75 Denmark | USA | 70 - 27 | 25 - 4 |
| 76 Ireland | Botswana | 20 - 34 | 11 - 19 |
| 77 Italy | Indonesia | 70 - 17 | 25 - 2 |
| 78 Yugoslavia | Czech Republic | 5 - 37 | 7 - 23 |
| 79 Hong Kong | Chinese Taipei | 23 - 46 | 9 - 21 |
| 80 Belgium | Poland | 11 - 60 | 3 - 25 |
| 81 France | Germany | 32 - 26 | 16 - 14 |

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

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| 85 | England | Venezuela | 85 | Netherlands | Venezuela | 85 | Venezuela | San Marino | 85 | Ireland | Venezuela |
| 86 | ltaly | Switzerland | 86 | Wales | Czech Republic | 86 | USA | Australia | 86 | Germany | Israel |
| 87 | Australia | Scotland | 87 | Israel | Egypt | 87 | Sweden | Finland | 87 | Turkey | Canada |
| 88 | Canada | Sweden | | England | Turkey | 88 | Netherlands | Neth. Antilles | | San Marino | France |
| 89 | | Neth. Antilles | 89 | Poland | France | 89 | Aruba | Scotland | 89 | Belgium | Egypt |
| 90 | Germany | Egypt | | Switzerland | Finland | 90 | Czech Republic | Canada | 90 | Australia | Egypt England |
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| 94 | Poland | San Marino | 94 | Aruba | Ireland | 94 | Belgium | Poľand | 94 | Italy | Aruba |
| 95 | Netherlands | Czech Republic | 95 | San Marino | Australia | | Ireland | Israel | 95 | Poland | Sweden |
| 96 | France | Finland . | 96 | Scotland | Canada | 96 | Egypt | England | 96 | Finland | Netherlands |



from left: Panos Gerontopoulos, Lode Lambeets, Paul Magerman, Fernand Bottelberghs, Roch Campana, José Damiani and Gianarigo Rona

Today Mr Roch Campana, Secretary General of the FISU (Federation des Sports Universitaires) and Mr Fernand Bottelberghs, Secretary of the FISU International Control Committee, visited the university bridge championship. They were welcomed by José Damiani, Gianongo Rona and Panos Gerontopoulos and afterwards shown round the various rooms and offices by Lode Lambeets, Liaison Officer FISU and Paul Magerman.

They were deeply impressed by the organization of the championship.

It has been agreed upon that **José Damiani**, on behalf of the WBF, will reapply to FISU to recognize bridge worldwide as a university sport and to organize an official university world championship in Bruges (Belgium) in 2002.

Paul Magerman

VUGRAPH

| Auditorium I (Dutch commentary) | Time | Auditorium II (English commentary) |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| Lebanon v The Netherlands (OPEN) | 10.00 | England v Sweden (OPEN) |
| Brazil v Belgium (OPEN) | 14.00 | England v Austria (WOMEN) |
| The Netherlands v Germany (WOMEN) | 17.30 | Iceland v Norway (OPEN) |



Koos Nobel op de Olympiade

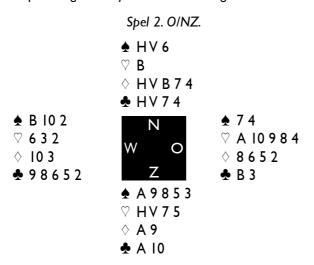
Behalve dat hij vrijwel het hele toernooi automatiseert, is Koos Nobel ook nog eens non-playing captain van het Nederlandse junioren team dat aan de University Team Cup deelneemt.

Hij vat zijn taak uitermate serieus op en staat altijd klaar voor 'zijn jongens'. Gestart als een van de favorieten voor goud moest Nederland een flinke tegenslag incasseren. Na twee wedstrijden had het team pas twaalf van de mogelijke 50 punten verzameld.

Op zulke momenten is Nobel op zijn best. Hij praat, lacht, instrueert en weet het beste uit zijn spelers naar boven te halen. Dit is een unieke kwaliteit die voor weinig captains is weggelegd. Het is mooi om te zien hoe het juniorenteam na zo'n desastreus begin eensgezind de schouders recht en een fraaie zegereeks neerzet. Van de volgende vijf wedstrijden worden er vier met maximale cijfers gewonnen.

In de vijfde ronde tegen Botswana staat het team na een spel al met 11-0 achter. In de resterende 11 spellen wordt deze achterstand omgezet in een 106-11 overwinning! Bijna tien imp per spel.

Het volgende spel draagt fors bij aan de monsterzege.



| West | Noord | Oost | Zuid |
|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|
| Sjoert Brink | | Bas Drijver | |
| | | 2 ♡(I) | doublet |
| 2♠ | 3♡ | pas | 3SA |
| pas | pas | pas | |

⁽i) Muiderberg, 6 - 10 punten, 5% en 4+ in een lage kleur.

West, Sjoert Brink gooit een 'babypsych'in de strijd. Hij kan zien dat de tegenpartij minstens een manche kan maken en doet net of hij een schoppenkleur heeft. Het bieden van Botswana loopt hierna helemaal vast en eindigt in 3SA.

Aan de andere tafel bieden OW niet mee en bereikt Nederland vlot 6♠ wat precies gemaakt wordt. I3 IMP voor Nederland.

Glunderend loopt Nobel door het Mecc Congrescentrum. Zijn kanjers zijn op stoom en aan het winnen. 's Avonds is hij prominent aanwezig in de bar van het hotel en vertelt aan iedereen die het maar horen wil prachtige verhalen over zijn jonkies. Pas als de laatste lamp uitgaat in de bar van het hotel zoekt hij tevreden zijn bed op.

(Bridge) culture in the MECC

In the Lobby of the MECC (floor 0) the Dutch Bridge Museum exposes some curiosities which illustrate the development of bridge. For example, bridge boards, books and games. Just go and see a small part of the collection of the only Bridge Museum in Holland. From 1st September the Dutch Bridge Museum will be on the Internet: www.hilte.com/museum

Watch the top players or play bridge yourself

Vugraphs: in the MECC you can watch the top players. There are two vugraphs in the Auditoria of the MECC. Auditorium I is the Dutch vugraph, where Dutch experts comment the games. Naturally, most matches of the Dutch teams are shown there. For English commentary you should pay a visit to Auditorium II.

Pub drives: on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 13.30 until 18.00. Starting point: The Mandarin Restaurant, Maasboulevard, Maastricht. Subscription at the Hospitality Desk (MECC) until 12.30 on the day of the drive, or between 13.00 and 13.30 in The Mandarin Restaurant. Prizes: dinner coupons, wine and surprise prizes.

every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 20.00 in the Golden Tulip Hotel (next to the MECC). Subscription at the Hospitality Desk (MECC) or at entrance.