Five teams hoping for Magic Spray!

With sixteen boards to go, three of the quarter-finals are one sided. Two of them are in the Open series, with Italy and USA having commanding leads over Brazil and Austria respectively.

In the Women’s series, Germany are out of sight in their encounter with China.

Attention will focus on the other five matches, which are by no means decided. Having looked down and out at one point, Iceland have fought back tremendously against Poland, to keep their hopes alive. In their bridge mad country, you can be sure every card will be followed in today’s final session.

England have been playing a blinder against the mighty Norwegians, and they only have to hold their nerve to reach the semi-finals.

In the Women’s contest, the lead in the match between Canada and South Africa has already changed hands several times, and may do so again before the winner is known.

The USA and The Netherlands have been involved in some heavy exchanges, but at the moment the initiative is with the Americans. Chinese Taipei and Norway are also involved in a very close encounter.

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No registration will be accepted from any team without a receipt from Mrs Francin. Mrs Francin will be available from 10.00 - 12.00 today.
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The Poles had surprised a few people, including your reporter, by choosing to play against France. However, they went into the second session of the match with a lead of 13 IMPs.

**Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.**

- **West**: Palau
- **North**: Balicki
- **East**: Allegrini
- **South**: Zmudzinski

| ♠ | Q | 8 |
| ♦ | K | Q | 2 |
| ♣ | 10| 6 | 2 |
| ♥ | 10| 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 |

- **West**: ♠ A J 7 6 3
- **North**: ♦ A J 6 5
- **East**: ♣ 7 3
- **South**: ♥ K 9

According to the convention card, 2NT promised 10-15 with a fit. There were twelve easy tricks, +480. It did not take long to see a more cultured approach from the Poles.

This time 2NT was game forcing, and Tuszynski introduced his second suit. Jassem marked time, and when his partner rebid his clubs, he cue bid his heart control. When Levy doubled, Jassem was able to confirm he had a first round control. When his partner admitted to a diamond control, he went to the excellent slam. That was a well-deserved +980, and 11 IMPs to Poland.

**Board 19. Dealer South. All Vul.**

- **West**: Palau
- **North**: Balicki
- **East**: Allegrini
- **South**: Zmudzinski

- **West**: ♠ J 9 6 3
- **North**: ♦ J 10 6 4
- **East**: ♣ A 8 4 2
- **South**: ♥ Q 7

West’s 2NT was a transfer to clubs. The part score was very sound, and declarer made nine tricks; +110.

Two Diamonds was a transfer to hearts, and enabled Jassem to bid the suit as a takeout request. Declarer could not be prevented from scoring nine tricks, for +150 and an IMP.

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Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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Was East overly aggressive when he tried Blackwood over his partner’s jump to game? It got his side to an uncomfortable level, but the situation was such that it was easy enough to survive, +650.

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Two Diamonds promised a weakish two-suiter, with at least one major. 2NT was game forcing, and the Poles were not hard pressed to stop at a comfortable level. The same eleven tricks were made, so there was no swing.

In the match between the USA and Argentina, one East player declared One Heart (!) - perhaps after North opened One Diamond and East made a rather powerful overcall a la Mike Lawrence. +80 did not compensate for the missed game.


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Two Hearts was weak in either major - I’m sure you would get votes for other actions as well, and after discovering, surprise, surprise, that East’s suit was spades, West decide to try for the nine trick game. East overruled him, and had no real problems in arriving at ten tricks for +620.

After the game forcing Two Diamonds, the response promised an ace in a minor suit. The meaning of Four Clubs is not entirely clear, but if West had been able to rebid Two No-Trumps, Three Clubs would have been Stayman. However you interpret the auction, the final contract was not without its chances.

North led the five of clubs - low from a doubleton - and declarer won with the ace and took the heart finesse. When it held, he played three more rounds of the suit, discarding two spades from dummy, as North discarded the four of spades and the five of diamonds. The Polish pair play Suit Preference, low (lower suit), high (higher suit) when discarding. South switched to the five of spades after winning with the queen of hearts, and although declarer can get home by going up with the ace and playing for the spade diamond squeeze, he not unreasonably took the finesse and was one down.

Suppose after the heart finesse holds, declarer goes back to the club suit, cashing the ace, and then overtaking the queen with the king. He now knows that North started with a doubleton club, and when he subsequently discovers that North also started with only two hearts, he might at least consider the possibility of the squeeze when South switches to a spade.

One Club was three way, natural, prepared or strong, and the response was a positive. The Poles stopped at a safe level, and recorded eleven tricks, for +460 and 11 IMPs, pushing the Polish lead to 39 IMPs.

One final thought, if the West hand could have been ♠Ax ✧AKQJ8 {K97 }AQ2, then there would be twelve top tricks.
the contract fulfilling trick. Poland +140.

Should West have got this problem right?

He knew his partner had a singleton club, and East had ped-
tered in hearts, presumably showing three. If East had started
with four spades, then it was clear that the contract could be de-
feated by going up with the ace of diamonds, and continuing with
the king and jack of clubs. East would ruff, and cash the king of
spades.

Open Room

West  North  East  South
Jassem  Levy  Tuszynski  Chemla

3♣  All Pass

Jean-Paul Meyer assures me that Paul Chemla does not like
preempting, but he had enough for a super solid French style
weak two bid. That made life very awkward for Jassem, and the
final contract was not a success. Declarer arrived at six tricks,-
300 and 4 IMPs for France.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

[Card details]

Closed Room

West  North  East  South
Palau  Balicki  Allegretti  Zmudzinski
Pass  Pass  Pass  All Pass
Pass  3NT  All Pass

After a Polish Club and a negative response, Balicki took a
shot at game, probably hoping to leave the defenders in the dark.
His prayers were answered when East led the queen of hearts,
but his first hope vanished when West discarded on the second
round of diamonds, and the second string to his bow did not ma-
terialise when the spades did not come in. Declarer took his
seven tricks and resigned, two down, -100.

Open Room

West  North  East  South
Jassem  Levy  Tuszynski  Chemla
Pass  Pass  Pass  2♦
Pass  3♦  Pass  3♠
Pass  4♦  Pass  5♦
All Pass

Would Chemla rebid his spades or raise diamonds? He pre-
ferred the latter, and Tuszynski rapidly led the queen of spades.
That would certainly have been a killer, as he would be able to
get a ruff later on. However, it was not his lead, and on the other
side of the screen Jassem, forgetting that Chemla had responded
Two Diamonds, was gazing into space, and clearly had no inten-
tion of leading anything. Eventually Chemla reminded him it was
his turn to start, and of course he played the ace of clubs. There
was no defence from this point, and Chemla scored +400 to col-
lect 11 IMPs, reducing the deficit to 24 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S.

[Card details]
Two Diamonds followed by Two-No Trumps showed 19-23 points, so perhaps North's leap to slam was a little hasty. Chemla won the heart lead in dummy and played the seven of diamonds. East played a surprising nine, and the queen collected East's jack. Declarer was in with a chance now, and after establishing four diamond tricks by playing low towards the ten, Chemla asked about the location of the king of spades. When West claimed possession of his majesty, France had recorded another poor result at the slam level. 12 IMPs to Poland made the score 74-38 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

- East - West - South
- ♠ J
- 10 9 8
- ♦ A K J 7 6 4
- ♣ 8 7 4
- ♠ 10 7 5 3
- ♦ Q J 6 5 3 2
- ♣ 8
- ♠ 5 3
- ♦ A K Q 6 4
- ♣ 10 9 5 3
- ♠ J 6

East's opening bid gave the Poles a problem they could not solve. It was easy to take eleven tricks for +150.

The response of Six Clubs showed the ♥ Q and the ♦ K.

The New Zealanders were in great form, being the only pair to get to the top spot on this deal:


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

PUB Drive

The winners!

Yesterday's drive was played at the restaurant Bokes in a pleasant atmosphere, and included players from both the Open and the Women's series. The leading places went to:

- Smith - Barclay  NZ 66.56
- Barlund - Savolainen  FIN 58.92
- Balakian - Kleyn  NL 55.66

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- ♣ A K Q 6 2
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- ♦ 10 4
- ♣ 6 4

The next, and last, pub drive will be organised on Thursday 7 September. You can register at the hospitality desk until 12.30.
Entering the third set of the round of 16, USA held an 88-60 lead over Argentina. The Americans did nothing to change the view that they are one of the favorites in the 11th World Team Bridge Olympiad. USA won the set 55-17 on their way to a 184-108 victory that sent them into the quarterfinal round against Austria.

The rout started with the first board.

**Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.**

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Larry Cohen started with a low club, taken by Mooney in hand with the 10. Cohen ducked when declarer played a club to the jack, and Mooney used the ♠K to get back to his hand to play more clubs. Cohen won the ♦A and shifted to the ♦Q. Mooney ducked the heart, winning the next heart and ran his clubs. He tried the wrong finesse for his ninth tricks, however, playing a spade to the queen. David Berkowitz won and cashed out the hearts for two down.

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Steve Garner got the opening lead of the ♥Q. Looking at all the cards, the correct play is to win the first trick or duck twice. Garner, as did Mooney, got it wrong, winning the second, but Garner survived anyway.

He led a club to the jack at trick three and a club back to his hand. Bianchedi won the ♦A and shifted to a spade. Garner went up with the ace, played a diamond to his king and cashed the clubs. Rizzo and Bianchedi discarded well, giving little information to Garner, but after long thought he took the diamond finesse to make his contract for an 11-IMP pickup.

Another 8 IMPs went to the USA when Bianchedi and Rizzo were unable to sort out the auction to find their vulnerable game.
Monsegur led the ♦K to the ace, and Cohen ruffed a diamond in hand. He followed with the ♦9, taken by South with the king. Another diamond forced Cohen’s hand again, and he went to dummy’s ♠Q and played a heart to his ace and another heart. In with the ♥K, South played a fourth round of diamonds, but Cohen ruffed in dummy, discarding a club from his hand, and cashed the ♥Q, pitching a spade. He lost two spades and a heart for plus 620.

East-West had too much firepower for Howard Weinstein to survive despite the nine-card diamond fit, and he went off two for minus 300 and a nice gain. East might have considered that if West had enough to double 1NT, they might have enough for a game. Considering the vulnerability, perhaps Bianchedi should have made a stab with a 2♦ bid.

The South Americans put a dent in the USA lead a couple of boards later, outbidding their opponents to find the right game.


East: 4

West North East South
Berkowitz Mooney Cohen Monsegur
Pass INT Pass 2♦ Pass 3♣ All Pass

How helpful to have an unimpeded auction, and a well-judged one at that. 3NT has no play at all on a heart lead. Monsegur had no difficulty with the club game and duly scored up plus 400.

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Monsegur led a diamond to partner’s ace, won the diamond return and gave his partner a diamond ruff. When Mooney got out with a spade, Cohen misguessed, putting up the king. Monsegur won the ♦A and switched accurately to a club. Cohen had no choice but to put in the queen. When that lost to the king, North cashed the ♦Q for down one.
West North East South
Rizzo Garner Bianchedi Weinstein
1NT Pass 3NT Pass
2NT Pass 1NT Pass
3NT Pass 2NT Pass
4NT Pass All Pass

(1) Checkback

He Bianchedi and Rizzo been able to apply the brakes, they would have cut further into the USA lead. Garner helped the declarer with an opening lead of a low club, but Rizzo was still doomed. Weinstein won the ♦A at trick two and switched to a diamond. North-South collected two diamond tricks and a diamond ruff, but there were two trump tricks coming anyway for down one and a push.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

1NT 2NT (1) Pass 3NT All Pass

The Argentinians went to the 5♣ well once too often, and the silly contract went down two after Cohen led the ♦9. Mooney won the ace when Berkowitz inserted the ♦J. The ♦A was ducked, and the ♦Q taken by the ace. The bad trump split doomed the contract, and when Cohen switched to the ♦K, Mooney played low from dummy to try to maintain control. The defenders took four tricks for plus 100.


1NT 2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Mooney had to lose one trick in each suit for minus 100.

West North East South
Rizzo Garner Bianchedi Weinstein
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
4NT Pass All Pass

A heart lead would have scuttled the contract, but that’s a tall order for West on the bidding. Rizzo led the ♦10 to Weinstein’s queen. Weinstein played a club to the queen and East’s ace. Since the diamond could have been from K 10 9 x (x), Bianchedi returned his partner’s suit. Weinstein won in dummy with the ♦A and, having noted the fall of the ♦8 earlier, simply drove out the 10 to get home with four clubs, three diamonds and the major-suit aces. Another 11 IMPs to USA.

USA gained another 6 IMPs when Berkowitz and Cohen were able to stop in 2♣ on the auction 1♠ (strong) - Pass - 2♣ (weak), while Bianchedi and Bianchedi judged this hand

♠ 10
♥ K 9 8 6 5 4 3
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ 7
to be worth a 4♠ bid after partner opened 1♠. A bad trump split made eight tricks the limit, so USA gained another 5 IMPs to increase their lead to 136-77.

USA gained 6 IMPs in most curious fashion on the following deal.
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After a poor second set, England trailed China by 41 IMPs (97-56) at the half-way stage of their Round of 16 encounter. However, first blood in Set Three went to England:

**Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.**

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In the Closed Room, England reached 5♣ and the spotlight was on Ming Sun in the North seat. If she had led a top diamond or her trump, 5♣ would have been defeated but, fortunately for England, she led a spade and Heather Dhondy could pitch her losing diamond on dummy’s ♠A and just lose a trump and a heart; +600 to England.

**West**

- ♠5 3 2
- ♥10 9 7 5 4
- ♦K Q 5 2
- ♣J

**North**

- ♠A 10 9 8 7 6
- ♥K
- ♦J 8 7
- ♣6 4 2

**East**

- ♥A K J 4
- ♦A 3
- ♣10 6 4 3
- ♠Q 10 9

**South**

- ♦10 8 7
- ♥K J 2
- ♣Q 5
- ♠Q 9 5 4

In the Open Room, China stopped in 4♥, which was perhaps just as well since Michelle Brunner led the ♠K and Wenfei Wang was held to ten tricks. However, that was still 10 IMPs to England.

**Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.**

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In both rooms North/South bid 1♦ - 2♣ - 2♥ - 3NT. Where Brunner was the declarer for England, East led a friendly ♢3. Brunner won with the ♣9 and dislodged the ♠A. Yu Zhang switched to the ♦K and Brunner ducked two rounds of the suit and won the third round. She then crossed to the ♠A, conceded a trick to the ♠10 and claimed nine tricks.

Where Sun was the declarer for China, East led the ♠8 to the jack and ace. Declarer started on clubs and Smith took the second round and also switched to the ♦K. Hoping that the defence could not unscramble the heart suit, declarer rose with the ♦A and led the ♠Q from dummy. However, Dhondy took the ♦K and played a low heart to Smith's jack and two more rounds of hearts sank the contract.

The 10 IMP gain to England reduced the margin to 27 IMPs, but a misunderstanding then cost them 11 IMPs on Board 12. However, the next two boards tightened up the match considerably.

In the Closed Room, China bid 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♣ - 3♥ - 3NT. Dhondy had doubled 3♣ and Smith would have been happy to have led a club, but as it was she was faced with an unappetising choice and eventually settled for the ♦9. Clearly, all declarer has to do is rise with dummy's jack and she is home and dry but, possibly misled by the lead, she won in hand with the ♦K instead and could not recover. She went one down for +100 to England.

In the Open Room, England bid 2NT - 3NT and Yu Zhang was faced with the same awkward lead problem as Smith. She eventually chose the ♠Q and Brunner won with the ♣A and crossed to dummy's ♦A as East discarded the ♦6. A finesse of the ♦J followed as East discarded the ♦4. Declarer now had eight tricks and the ninth trick would have to come from the red suits. With a future endplay on East in mind, Brunner now exited with the ♠6 and East rose with the ♠Q and played a second round of hearts to Brunner's king. Declarer continued the elimination process by ducking another spade and this time West won and switched to the ♦10. However, declarer's plan now came to fruition as she won the ♦A and cashed the ♦K and ♦A. East had thrown the ♦8 on the ♦K, so Brunner played king and another diamond and East had to concede the ninth trick to declarer's ♦9.

That well played hand was worth 12 IMPs to England and there was more to come on the next board.


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---|---|---|---
Dhondy | Sun | Smith | H. Wang
---|---|---|---
2♦ | 4♣ | 6♦ | Pass
All Pass

Smith's jump to 6♣ put the spotlight on Sun once again. It takes a club lead to defeat the slam, but when she selected the ♠A, Dhondy had twelve tricks and England had +920.

In the other room, the forcing 1NT response lost the diamond suit and Brunner was left to play in 4♥ doubled. That contract has four obvious losers, but the defence slipped up. Yu Zhang led the ♦2 and Wenfei Wang won with the king and switched to a trump. Brunner finessed the ♦Q and then played ♦A and ♦9 to West's king. West switched to the ♦9 and East took declarer's king with the ace and mistakenly played a second diamond. A grateful declarer ruffed, drew the last trump and discarded her spades on dummy's clubs; +590 and 17 IMPs to England, putting them only 9 IMPs behind.

Three more IMPs to England on the last two boards meant that they had won the set by 73-38 and now trailed by only 6 IMPs (135-129).
Ongoing into the last 16 deals of the Round of 16 in the Women’s event, the closest of the eight matches was that between China and England, where China led by just 6 IMPs. Meanwhile, Scotland were holding USA to only a 7 IMP lead. Could either of the two new nations, created by the split up of the British Bridge League earlier this year, pull back their small deficits and make it to the next round?

**Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.**

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

England had closed to trail China by only 4 IMPs when this board was reached and they missed a great chance to move into the lead when the Chinese pair in the Open room stopped in game on the sequence:

**West**

Yalan Zhang

1♦

2NT

4♣

**East**

Ling Gu

1♥

3♠

Pass

One Club was strong and 1♥ a natural positive. Presumably, Yalan Zhang had to rebid 2NT on her near minimum balanced hand because 1NT would have been an asking bid. If 2NT did show a minimum strong club opener, then perhaps West should cuebid on the way to 4♠.

In the Closed Room, Nevena Senior opened 1♣ and Sandra Penfold responded 2NT, showing a game-forcing spade raise. Senior rebid 3NT, 15+ balanced, and Penfold simply bid 4♠, suggesting a minimum 2NT bid. Senior had a little to spare in high-card terms but was completely balanced and slam looked very unlikely if partner could not find a cuebid over 3NT - and surely Penfold should cuebid 4♠, which does not commit her side to going past game. Senior would cuebid 4♥ in reply and Penfold could sign-off in 4♠ now to show that she didn’t have that good a hand. But Senior is worth another try and the small slam should be reached.

Just a flat board then in England v China, but a huge swing in Scotland v USA. The American East/West pair stopped in game, leaving an opening which Liz McGowan and Fiona McQuaker exploited to the full:

**West**

McGowan

1♥

2NT

4NT

7♣

**East**

McQuaker

2♣

4♠

5♣

Pass

McGowan’s 2NT rebid was forcing and McQuaker completed her Delayed Game Raise by jumping to 4♠. Knowledge that she was facing a five-card heart suit as well as prime spade support was the key for McGowan. She checked on key cards and, on finding her partner with two plus the queen of trumps, could bid the grand slam, confident that it would be at worst on a 3-2 heart split.

I believe that McGowan and McQuaker were the only pair in either series to reach the grand slam. Very nicely done and 17 huge IMPs to Scotland.

**Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.**

| ♠ – |
| ♦ K 10 9 5 4 |
| ♦ A 9 6 4 2 |
| ♦ J 4 3 |
| ♠ A 6 4 3 |
| ♠ A 9 7 |
| ♠ Q 9 8 7 2 |
| ♠ J 10 3 |
| ♠ Q 10 8 5 |
| ♠ K 9 5 |
| ♠ Q 6 3 2 |
| ♠ K 6 2 |

Both Easts in England v China declared 4♠, but there was a crucial difference in the auctions. Ming Sun had opened 2♣ on the North cards, showing hearts and a minor and a weak hand. That was enough to convince Hongli Wang to make the attacking lead of the king of diamonds from the South hand. After taking her diamond ruff, all Wang had to do was to make a passive exit in either major to defeat the game; minus one for 100 to China.

Nicola Smith, England
That should have been a game swing to China because in the other room, facing a silent partner, and hearing the opposing auction 2♣ - 4♣, Heather Dhondy led a low club to the jack and queen. Ling Gu led the queen of spades and, when Dhondy ducked smoothly, started to think. If spades were 2-1, the only way she could go down was to take a losing trump finesse then run into a diamond ruff. Finally, Gu went up with dummy’s ace, and could no longer make her contract. She actually played a second spade and Dhondy won and switched to king and another diamond to get her ruff.

It might seem that it would be better for declarer to cash the ace of hearts to throw a diamond before playing the second trump, but three rounds of diamonds promotes the ♦9 for the same one down. Correct play is to lead low to the ♦A at trick two then throw a diamond on the ♦A. Declarer can now play to ruff two clubs in dummy without having to worry about a possible diamond ruff, and if the defence do play three rounds of diamonds when they finally get in with the ♦K declarer’s trumps are good enough that she can afford to ruff high. It is the oldest story in the book - think before playing to trick one, or in this case trick two, as otherwise it may be too late.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A Q 9
♥ A K J
♦ K 10 7 5 4
♣ 9 7

♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ J 8 6 5

♣ J 7 6
♥ Q 9 8 5 3 2
♦ Q J
♣ Q 4

Dhondy opened an ugly weak 2♦ on the South cards and Nicola Smith raised her to game. Zhang found the killing lead of a spade and Dhondy had no option but to finesse. Gu won and cashed two top clubs then switched to a diamond - down one for -100.

In the other room, Wang did not open the South hand and Sun opened a strong club. Wang judged her hand to be a negative, with its doubleton queen, jack and lack of aces and kings, and Sun rebid 1NT. Transfer sequence now saw the Chinese pair bid to game but, crucially, from the North hand. There was no way to get at the spade trick now and China had picked up 12 IMPs.


♠ K 3
♥ 10 9 8 4 3
♦ K 10 8
♣ 10 8 5

♠ A Q 4 2
♥ Q 7
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ 6 3

♠ 9 7 6
♥ K 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ K J 7 4 2

China still led by only 10 IMPs with two boards to play so English hopes were still very much alive. Board 31 finally put an end to those hopes, however.

In the Open Room, Zhang/Gu bid the East/West cards 1♦ - 1♠ - 2♣ - Pass. Even with both black kings offside, there was no defence to 2♣. Dhondy led a club, giving the overtrick.

That looked good for China because a weak no trump and Stayman auction rated to get England too high in the other room. Sure enough, Senior opened one no trump and Penfold responded 2♣. But Wang doubled to show clubs and now, when Senior showed her spades, there was a strong case for Penfold downgrading her club values and passing 2♣. Alas for England, Penfold was of the opinion that England needed a good board or two and decided to gamble out 4♣ anyway. Senior went one more down than was strictly necessary, but it didn’t matter. Three down meant -150 and 7 IMPs to China. The match was over. China gained a further 4 IMPs on the final deal and ran out winners by 21.
An Norwegian Artist at Work

by Jon Sveindal, Norway

Quarterfinals
Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

When this board came up in the Vu Graph, it was easy to see how all thirteen tricks could be taken on a diamond lead. By taking the ruffing finesse in spades, you win four spade tricks in addition to the seven clubs and two aces.

However, after the auction above, Tor Helness received a low heart lead, which took away the entry to the spade suit. But Tor, an artist in the World Bridge Circus and on the Norwegian Open team for more than 20 years, once again demonstrated his magic skills. The ace of hearts was followed by six rounds of clubs. North had to cling to his four spades to prevent Tor from establishing the suit by ducking a round. North’s two other cards were the king of hearts and a diamond. Tor cashed his diamond ace, and the spade ten was covered by the queen and ace. A heart ruff eliminated North’s last exit card, and a spade was ducked. North could take his jack, but had to give dummy the last two spade tricks. Had South played low to the ten of spades, Tor would take the ace, ruff a heart, and play the king of spades and another. The nine of spades would still yield the extra trick - and the contract.

Brilliant!

A spectacular plea

I have inadvertently left my flat focus spectacles, used to read computer screens, in somebody’s hospitality bag or around the press room. They are in a brown case and the name of the optician is inside (Jonathan Kay of Liverpool).

I would like to retrieve them if possible.

Gratian Endicott
Last time these two teams met in a World Championship knock-out match, Italy blew Brazil away in the final of the Rosenblum in Lille. Brazil's first goal was to prevent that from happening again, then they could set about trying to win the match.

Italy picked up an overtrick IMP on Board 1, then came a well bid and played flat board:

**Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.**

| ♠ | A 6 4 2 |
| ♦ | – |
| ♣ | Q J 7 |
| ♤ | A Q J 4 3 |

| ♠ | K J 10 |
| ♦ | J 10 9 3 |
| ♣ | 10 4 3 |
| ♤ | K 10 6 |

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Both Joao Paulo Campos and Giorgio Duboin led a spade against the slam. Alfredo Versace and Marcelo Branco both rose with dummy’s ace and played the ace of clubs followed by the queen of clubs, pitching their losing spade. With both minors behaving perfectly, there were 12 easy tricks now; +1370 and a flat board.

We do not have the full play record from the Closed Room, but on vugraph it appeared that Branco was a little fortunate. He ruffed the spade return and crossed to the queen of diamonds then ruffed a club high. That line requires diamonds to break 3-2. Better is to play ace of diamonds and a diamond to the queen. If East has four diamonds declarer may be able to survive now if clubs divide evenly by running the suit through him. If East ruffs, declarer simply over-ruffs and the ♦ J is an entry back to the remaining clubs.

**Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.**

| ♠ | K 5 |
| ♦ | Q 8 6 2 |
| ♣ | J 8 7 2 |
| ♤ | J 4 3 |

| ♠ | J 6 3 |
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| ♣ | A Q 10 6 3 |
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As Duboin’s 2♦ bid was a transfer to diamonds, the auctions were effectively identical as far as the pre-emptive heart raise. Now Bocchi was willing to go quietly while Miguel Villas-Boas took a shot at 3NT. Branco lost the obvious six tricks in 3♦ after a low club lead; -100. Three No Trump was equally hopeless and Villas-Boas was also two down after a heart lead; -200 and 7 IMPs to Italy.

**Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.**

| ♠ | J 7 2 |
| ♦ | 9 4 |
| ♣ | 4 |
| ♤ | A Q 10 8 7 6 5 |

| ♠ | A 8 5 4 |
| ♦ | A K Q 7 |
| ♣ | Q 5 3 2 |
| ♤ | 9 |

| ♠ | K Q 6 3 |
| ♦ | 10 2 |
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Even facing a simple overcall, Versace was willing to be persuaded by the double that his 3NT bid had perhaps been ill-judged. Villas-Boas led a spade against 4♥ and Campos won and switched to a trump, allowing Lorenzo Lauria to get one of his heart losers away on the fourth spade; +130.

I find Branco’s decision to stand for 3NT doubled, facing a weak jump overcall, utterly incomprehensible in the Open Room. Duboin led out his top hearts and the defence quickly took seven tricks for -500 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

Even the small slam is nothing special on the East/West cards - it just happens to make - and the Italians didn’t even look at it. After a club lead, Duboin made all 13 tricks when the defenders threw too many hearts away; +520.

As for the Closed Room auction, perhaps Campos was a little optimistic in launching into Blackwood so quickly, but when he checked for kings, how could Villas-Boas be confident that there would be 13 tricks just because he held a sixth diamond? Seven Diamonds was down two as declarer tried desperately to find a way home; -100 and 12 IMPs to Italy.
After a diamond lead, 3NT required the diamonds to split evenly or, perhaps, for there to be an unlikely blockage. All was well, and Versace soon had his nine tricks for +600. In the Open room, the weak no trump (12-14) was severely punished when Branco had a double and that ended the auction. Branco led spades and Bocchi held up until the third round and, on winning the ace, tried a low club from hand. Gabriel Chagas overtook Branco’s eight to return a second club, thereby avoiding the danger that the defence might be misled into thinking that declarer was interested in clubs so that they would attack a different suit. Branco won the }Q and cashed the 13th spade, Chagas throwing a low diamond. Now Branco cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a low heart to the ace, allowing Chagas to cash the remaining clubs. A diamond through completed the rout - five down for -1400 and 13 IMPs to Brazil.

When Bocchi’s 9-12 no trump was doubled, Duboin gave up on thoughts of game, even when Bocchi was able to raise the hearts in competition. Chagas led king and another club, and Duboin had an easy ten tricks for +170. The Brazilians reached game in the other room after a normal strength opening bid of 1 NT. Lauria led a spade to declarer’s king and Campos led a heart to the ace then a spade to his queen. A second heart to the ace was followed by the ace of spades, ruffed by South. The contract could no longer be made, because declarer had one trump less than was needed for a complete cross-ruff, and he could not establish clubs because he could not lead up towards his hand twice to pick up the jack. A definite chance missed by Brazil; down one for -50 and 6 IMPs to Italy.

Both Souths declared 1NT on the lead of a low heart. Both misguessed by rising with dummy’s king and both Easts won the ace. Bocchi continued with a second heart now, to the ten and queen. Though Duboin found a low diamond switch, ducked by Bocchi, it was too late. Branco had seven tricks for +90 without needing to play on clubs.

In the other room, Villas-Boas found the killing diamond switch at trick two. He ducked the diamond return and the defence had four diamonds, two hearts and one club for down one; -50 and 4 IMPs to Brazil.

That made the final set score 52-31 in favour of Italy. Some might suggest that Brazil deserved to be more than 21 IMPs behind, after making a number of pretty strange decisions.

**Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.**

| ♠ | 10 6 3 |
| ☀ | A 7 |
| ♦ | J 8 3 |
| ♣ | K J 10 7 3 |

| ♠ | A 7 5 |
| ☀ | Q 8 2 |
| ♦ | A Q 10 7 |
| ♣ | 9 6 5 |

**Closed Room**

**West**

Campos

**North**

Lauria

**East**

Villas-Boas

**South**

Versace

Pass

All Pass


**Open Room**

**West**

Duboin

**North**

Chagas

**East**

Bocchi

**South**

Branco

1NT

Dble

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**Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.**

| ♠ | J 7 6 4 2 |
| ☀ | 8 |
| ♦ | 10 7 6 5 4 |
| ♣ | K 8 |

| ♠ | A 10 9 8 |
| ☀ | A K 9 5 |
| ♦ | J 9 2 |
| ♣ | 9 4 |

**Closed Room**

**West**

Campos

**North**

Lauria

**East**

Villas-Boas

**South**

Versace

1ılıyor

Pass

All Pass


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**Appeal No. 9**

**Yugoslavia v Israel**

**Appeals Committee:**
Joan Gerard (Chairman, USA), David Stevenson (Scribe, England), Herman De Wael (Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England), Jeffrey Polisner (USA).

Open Teams - Round 10
Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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**Comments:**
1. Alerted, strong, 23+ HCP or up to four losers
2. Alerted, two-suiter, both minors
3. Alerted, one ace, diamonds or spades
   Other calls natural

**Contract:**
Four hearts, played by North.

**Result:**
11 tricks, N/S +450

**TD's statement of Facts:**
I was called at the end of play by North who complained because the explanations by their opponents were different on the two sides of the screen.
1. East alerted 2NT according to his system as a two-suiter (minors). Note: the system card and the written note from the North/East side of screen were presented to the Committee. But West described 2NT only as "two-suiter".
2. East's description does not correspond with his hand (he has ♦ and ♠).
3. Why did West bid 3♦ if he did not know that 2NT showed both minors?

**The Director:**
In these conditions it seems very difficult to reach the correct contract of 6♣.

North had correct explanation according to East/West's convention card. So, no infraction and no redress.

**Ruling:**
Result Stands.

**Relevant Laws:**
Law 75B, example 2.

**North/South appealed.**

**Present:**
All players except South.

**The Players:**
At the Committee, East said he made a mistake. He described the sequence of events as First, he bid 2NT: then he alerted: then he was asked: then he wrote "Two-suiter": then he realised his mistake: then he wrote "Minors".

**The Committee:**
There was no problem in Law: the Director's ruling was clearly correct. The deposit was returned because it was not obvious that the players understood the Law. The Committee comments that a screening process would be helpful to avoid this sort of appeal.

According to the Law, a player has a right to get a correct explanation of the meaning of his opponents' calls, and is entitled to redress if he is damaged by an incorrect explanation. However, there is no redress when a player gets a correct explanation but his opponent has misbid because he forgot the meaning: making mistakes in bidding is just bridge!

**The Committee's decision:**
Director's ruling upheld.

**Deposit:**
Returned.

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The Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony takes place on Wednesday, 6th September at 10 a.m. in room 2.1 on the top floor of MECC (the WBF Meeting Room). The AGM will be followed by a lunch hosted by the Dutch Bridge Federation, to be held in the Golden Tulip Hotel (next door to MECC, the Garden Restaurant of Barbizon Room) at 1 p.m. All IBPA members are cordially invited and must register in the Press Room if they wish to attend.

Please note: The next Meeting of the IBPA Executive will take place at 9.30 am on Monday, 4th September. Meet in the Press Room.

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Ed's Column door Ed Hoogenkamp

Operatie geslaagd, patient overleden

In de kwartfinale speelde het Nederlands vrouwenteam gisteren tegen de VS. In de eerste ronde van 16 spellen kwam een spel voor met een opvallende speelfiguur. De leider speelde een klein slem wat u en ik met onze ogen dicht maken. We zouden namelijk gewoon onze voor de hand liggende vijftig procent kans hebben genomen voor twaalf slagen. Wereldkampioene Anneke Simons beschikte over meer dan voldoende kwaliteiten om een spel goed te doorzien. In dit geval werkte dat tegen haar. Zij zag nog iets anders. Het spel ligt een kwartslag gedraaid voor het gemak van de lezer.


In het bieden had oost een schoppenbieding van noord gedoubleerd, maar op een latere hartenbieding van noord gepast. West kwam dus met schoppen uit, via de heer voor het aas van zuid. De voor de hand liggende speelwijze is: troeftrekken en een harten uit de dummy spelen, richting vrouw. Dit leidt moeilijk to tot twaalf slagen omdat ♦H goed zit. Simons, die het niet was ontgaan dat oost 4♠ niet had gedoubleerd, zag een andere mogelijkheid. Ze trok de troeven, Incasseerde ♦V, speelde ♣A en ♠H en ging van slag met de derde klaveren. Beide zwarte kleuren waren nu geëlimineerd. Simons had bedacht dat de tegenstander die aan slag zou komen met ♦V, gedwongen was harten na te spelen (Op een naspel in een zwarte kleur zou ze ♦6 weggooien in de dummy en claimen.) Ze speelde er dus op dat ♦H bij ♦V zat (50 procent).

Elegant gespeeld en in haar ogen een betere kans dan spelen op het goedzitten van ♦H vanwege het uitblijven van een doublet op 4♠. Haar goede spel werd niet beloond. West had ♦V maar niet ♦H. Harten kwam door voor de heer van oost. Een down.

Gelukkig voor Nederland had de Amerikaanse leider aan de andere tafel een volledige blackout en ging ze down in 6SA zodat het spel uitsloeg.

Voor meer Nederlandstalige verslagen:
www.bridgeolympiad.nl/vandagtotdag.html

Exhibition of linoleum art

At Forbo-Krommenie’s initiative and thanks to its sponsoring on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, an exhibition on the history of lithography was held at the Amstelveen Cobra Museum. More than 150 works were on display including lithographs by Picasso, Matisse, Escher, Corneille and Kandinsky.

In order to emphasize the future-oriented character of linoleum and Forbo-Krommenie, the company has commissioned one large and one small linoleum art print from four artists from the four continents in which Forbo-Krommenie is active.

Some of the exhibits are currently on display at the MECC, at the second floor gallery. The various styles and techniques make a visit worthwhile.

This week’s visitors drives

Golden Tulip Drives: every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 20.00 hrs. in the Golden Tulip Hotel (next to the MECC). Subscription at the Hospitality Desk (MECC) or at 19.30 hrs. in the Hotel.