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### Thrills and Spills

It was a day of mixed emotions for several teams on day two of the 4<sup>th</sup> IOC Grand Prix for the Generali Trophy as dramatic reverses sometimes followed impressive victories. With time running out for the teams not currently occupying one of the qualifying places, it was clear that the tension was affecting some of the players, as there were a number of spectacular accidents. There are likely to be more today, as no team is completely safe in either the Men's or Women's Teams.

In the former event **Italy** have moved to the top of the table ahead of **Norway, Canada** and **Indonesia**. The key number for the Italian team is the 20.5VP lead they hold over fifth placed **Poland**.

The Women's event is immensely strong, a fact evidenced by the three-way tie at the top of the table between **Germany, The Netherlands** and **USA**. **Austria** are fourth, but only just ahead of **France** and **China**. Only 13VP separate the top six teams, so an exciting finish is assured.

In the Junior Teams, two matches have now been completed and so far the European teams hold sway, with **Europe North** leading from **Europe South**.

#### A valet by any other name

As you view the hand records from the 4<sup>th</sup> IOC Grand Prix, you may be slightly confused by the R's, D's and V's you're seeing in place of the more familiar K's, Q's and J's.

To help you sort things out, remember that French is one of the official languages of the World Bridge Federation, and the hand records have been prepared with symbols representing the French names for the face cards.

An R represents *Roi*, the French word for King. So where you see R, think King.

Playing cards in Europe often have a D to represent the Queen. The D is for *Dame*. So where you see the D, think Her Majesty.

Finally, we have the V for *Valet*, the word the French use for Jack.

Just remember, a suit headed by the RDV is a good one indeed

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#### VuGraph Matches

Match 7:	USA v Poland (Men)
Match 8:	Austria v Great Britain (Women)
Match 9:	To be decided
Semi Final I:	To be decided

## Results

### Match 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	IMPs	VPs	VPs
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#### Mens Teams

Australia	Canada	11	41	7	23
USA	Brazil	31	28	16	14
India	Indonesia	18	32	11	19
Egypt	Poland	23	10	19	11
Norway	Italy	24	15	17	13

#### Women's Teams

The Netherlands	Japan	49	23	22	8
China	Canada	23	32	13	17
Great Britain	USA	18	35	10	20
France	Germany	26	24	16	14
South Africa	Austria	20	28	13	17

#### Junior Teams

Team	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Total	VPs
Americas	42	35	14	91	10
North America	13	52	59	124	20
Europe - South	26	47	9	82	13
Europe - North	49	28	21	98	17

### Match 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	IMPs	VPs	VPs
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#### Mens Teams

Indonesia	Australia	55	12	25	4
India	USA	37	29	17	13
Poland	Brazil	51	17	24	6
Italy	Egypt	31	26	16	14
Canada	Norway	35	49	11	19

#### Women's Teams

USA	The Netherlands	31	13	20	10
Great Britain	China	16	40	9	21
Germany	Canada	38	22	19	11
Austria	France	28	42	11	19
Japan	South Africa	21	40	10	20

#### Junior Teams

Team	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Total	Vps
Americas	26	0	0	26	0
Europe - South	51	0	0	51	0
North America	13	0	0	13	-0.5
Europe - North	34	0	0	34	-0.5

## Ranking Lists

### Mens Teams:

1	Italy	113
2	Norway	105.3
3	Canada	101.7
4	Indonesia	94
5	Poland	92.5
6	India	86.5
7	USA	79
8	Brazil	76
9	Australia	73
10	Egypt	71

### Women's Teams

1	Netherlands	106
1	Germany	106
1	USA	106
4	Austria	95.3
5	France	95
6	China	93
7	Great Britain	82
8	South Africa	79
9	Canada	69.3
10	Japan	60

### Junior Teams:

1	Europe - North	40
2	Europe - South	31
3	North America	27
4	Americas	22

## Today's Programme Men's Teams

### Mens Teams Match 7 - 14.00 hours

#### Table No

1	Australia	v	Italy
2	USA	v	Poland
3	India	v	Norway
4	Egypt	v	Indonesia
5	Brazil	v	Canada

### Mens Teams Match 8 - 16.10 hours

#### Table No

1	Brazil	v	Australia
2	Indonesia	v	USA
3	Italy	v	India
4	Poland	v	Canada
5	Norway	v	Egypt

### Mens Teams Match 9 - 18.20 hours

#### Table No

1	Australia	v	India
2	USA	v	Italy
3	Poland	v	Indonesia
4	Brazil	v	Norway
5	Canada	v	Egypt

### Mens Teams Semi-Final

#### Session 1 - 21.30 hours

## Results (continued ..)

### Match 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	IMP's	VPs	VPs
<b>Mens Teams</b>					
Australia	USA	17	14	16	14
India	Poland	43	3	25	5
Indonesia	Norway	6	28	9	21
Brazil	Egypt	38	19	20	10
Canada	Italy	7	42	6	24

### Women's Teams

The Netherlands	China	18	11	17	13
Great Britain	Germany	6	19	11	19
USA	South Africa	22	28	14	16
Canada	France	0	51	2	25
Japan	Austria	8	23	11	19

### Junior Teams

Team	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Total	Vps
Americas	26	45	0	71	0
Europe - South	51	18	0	69	0
North America	13	0	0	13	-0.5
Europe - North	34	23	0	57	-0.5

### Match 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	IMP's	VPs	VPs
<b>Mens Teams</b>					
Poland	Australia	55	21	24	6
Norway	USA	33	7	22	8
Egypt	India	39	40	15	15
Canada	Indonesia	31	26	16	14
Italy	Brazil	44	26	20	10

### Women's Teams

Germany	The Netherlands	30	27	16	14
South Africa	China	24	24	15	15
France	Great Britain	18	0	20	10
Japan	USA	9	34	8	22
Austria	Canada	44	29	19	11

### Junior Teams

Team	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Total	VPs
Americas	26	45	15	86	12
Europe - South	51	18	40	109	18
North America	13	0	17	30	7
Europe - North	34	23	26	83	23

## Today's Programme Women and Junior Teams

### Women's Teams Match 7 - 14.00 hours

#### Table No

6	Netherlands	v	Austria
7	China	v	Germany
8	Great Britain	v	South Africa
9	France	v	USA
10	Canada	v	Japan

### Women's Teams Match 8 - 16.10 hours

#### Table No

6	Canada	v	Netherlands
7	USA	v	China
8	Austria	v	Great Britain
9	Germany	v	Japan
10	South Africa	v	France

### Women's Teams Match 9 - 18.20 hours

#### Table No

6	Netherlands	v	Great Britain
7	China	v	Austria
8	USA	v	Germany
9	Canada	v	South Africa
10	Japan	v	France

### Women's Teams Semi-Final

#### Session 1 - 21.30 hours

### Junior Teams Matches

#### Round 7, 8 & 9 - 14.00; 16.10; 18.20;

#### Table No

11	Americas v Europe North
12	Europe South v North America

### Junior Teams Matches

#### Final and Play off, Session 1 - 21.30

## World Bridge Championships - Montreal August 16 - 31 2002

### Flights , Hotels and Reservations

Air Canada is the official carrier for the Championships, and is offering 15% and 20% discounts off air fares from outside North America, 5% to 15% within North America. Please quote Convention N° CV 664436

Hotel reservations must be made through the 2002 World Bridge Championship Housing Bureau:

Tel: +1 514 844 0848; Fax: +1 514 844 6771; Email: [reservations@tourisme-montreal.org](mailto:reservations@tourisme-montreal.org)

Please note that the number of rooms at the venue hotels is limited and **you are advised to book early** if you wish to stay in either of the venue hotels - The Queen Elizabeth is already sold out for 15th & 31st August and you are urged to make your reservations as soon as possible.

Prices are per room (double or single occupancy), per night and payable in Canadian dollars. The rates shown do not include 7% Canadian tax, 7.5% Quebec tax and a \$2 per room per night guestroom tax. (At the present time the 7% rate is refundable to non-Canadian visitors). Conversion to US\$ is calculated on the basis of US\$1 = Cnd \$1.60. On the list below, US \$ prices are shown in brackets.

Hotels	Walking Distance	Standard Rooms	Deluxe Rooms	Concierge	Suites	Cutoff date for reservations	Remarks
<b>Host Hotels</b>							
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel	0 mins	\$173 (\$108)	\$194 (\$121)	\$234 (\$146)	\$294 (\$184)	15 July	Tournament Venue
Montreal Bonaventure Hilton	0 mins	\$213 (\$133)	\$267 (\$167)		\$450 (\$281)	15 July	Tournament Venue
<b>Nearby Hotels</b>							
Château Royal Hotel Suites	9 mins	\$135 (\$85) \$189 quad (2br) (\$118)				01 July	Apartment style hotel
Day's Inn	10 mins	\$119 (\$75) \$129 triple (\$81) \$139 quad (\$87)				15 July	10 <sup>th</sup> night free after 9 nights
Hotel du Fort	15 mins	\$160 (\$100)	\$185 (\$116)			15 May	Complimentary taxi once a day to venue
Le Cantile	8 mins	\$165 (\$103)				15 May	
Le Nouvel	12 mins	\$155 (\$97)				15 May	Free Parking for at least 10 nights' stay
Novotel	6 mins	\$159 (\$99) \$174 triple (\$109) \$189 quad (\$118)				2 July	
Marriott	2 mins	\$195 (\$122)					Available for 28/31 Aug

## Schedule of Events

Fri	16 August	Invitation Par Contest			<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
Sat.	17 August	Mixed Pairs - qualifying 1/2			
Sun	18 August	Mixed Pairs: 3rd qualifying & 1st Final Sessions	Zonal Mixed Pairs		
Mon	19 August	Mixed Pairs 2nd & 3rd Sessions Final	Zonal Mixed Pairs		
Tue	20 August	Rosenblum/McConnell		Junior Teams	
Wed	21 August	Rosenblum/McConnell		Junior Teams	
Thur	22 August	Rosenblum/McConnell		Junior Pairs	
Fri	23 August	Rosenblum (64)/McConnell (32)	Zonal Teams	Junior Pairs	Senior Teams
Sat	24 August	Rosenblum (32)/McConnell (16)	Zonal Teams	Junior Individual	Senior Teams
Sun	25 August	Rosenblum (16)/McConnell (8)	Pairs Qualifying		Senior Teams
Mon	26 August	Rosenblum (8)/McConnell (4)	Pairs Qualifying		Senior Teams
Tue	27 August	Rosenblum (4)/McConnell (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Senior Pairs
Wed	28 August	Rosenblum (2)	Pairs - Semi Final	Zonal Pairs	Senior Pairs
Thur	29 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs *	Senior Pairs
Fri	30 August		Pairs - Final	IMP Pairs *	Senior Pairs
Sat	31 August		Pairs - Final		<b>Closing Ceremony</b>

\*Will declare Open and Senior winners

**An ACBL Regional Tournament will be conducted in conjunction with the World Championships.**  
It will begin at 8pm on **16 August** with a 1-session mixed pairs event and end on **02 September 2002**

## Entry Fees

Event	Price US\$	Length of event
Mixed Pairs	240	Three days
Open and Women's Pairs	400	Four days
Players not qualifying for the Semi Finals may play free of charge in Zonal Pairs		
Open and Women's Pairs Final	80	2 1/2 days
Rosenblum and McConnell Teams	800	10/11 days; teams are guaranteed to play at least 5 days
Senior Teams **	640	Four days
Senior Pairs	320	Four days
IMP Pairs (50% discount to participants from the Open & Women's Pairs)	160	Two days
Juniors in Junior World Championship events	free	Six days
Can-Am Regional (per Player/per Session)	10	Every day

\*\* Senior players qualified for the Zonal Teams may enter the Senior Teams for an fee of \$320 instead of \$640

## Further information

During the IOC Grand Prix, players seeking additional information should contact **George Retek** at the Hilton Hotel (Room 1604)

After the tournament, for full and up to date information, please consult the WBF website at [www.bridge.gr](http://www.bridge.gr)



## North American All Stars Game



The featured match in Round 2 of the IOC Grand Prix for the Generali Trophy was the match between the Women representing USA and Canada. The opening deal saw both teams in a sacrificial mood:

### Dealer North. All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kearse</i>	<i>Silverman</i>	<i>Osberg</i>
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Dble	2♠	Pass
3♠	4♣	4♠	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Four Spades is a certainty so it was right for South to press on. East led the king of spades and it did not take declarer long to arrive at ten tricks, -200.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♦*	3♣	4♠	5♣
5♠	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The East/West bidding at this table looks more convincing, East taking the view that once West had shown a decent hand with support for spades she was worth game. This in turn made it easy for West to go on to the five level. Five Spades would not have been defeated, so North was right to go on. However, USA were assured of a swing, and when declarer made a mistake she finished three down, -800 and 12 IMPs away.

### Dealer South. North/South Vul

♠ 10 6 2 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ 8 7 4 2  ♠ K 4 ♥ J 9 6 5 3 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ J 5 3  ♠ A Q 8 ♥ K 8 7 4 2 ♦ A J 7 ♣ K 9	♠ J 9 7 5 3 ♥ — ♦ K 9 6 2 ♣ A Q 10 6
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Seventeen points facing eight would normally see an attempt for game being made, but at both tables South opened INT and North passed. A reasonable decision? 3-3-3-4 is the worst distribution, but North does have three tens. The main lesson of this hand is for North to know what to do when the opening bid arrives on that side of the screen. A smooth pass might well see East enter the auction to the benefit of North/South.

Game is nothing special, but with West likely to lead a heart and the cards well placed, nine or ten tricks are likely. It was Canada who recorded ten to claw back an IMP.

Canada scored rather more heavily on this deal:

### Dealer West. All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kearse</i>	<i>Silverman</i>	<i>Osberg</i>
1♥	2♠	3♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North's overcall was very timid and came back to haunt her in the play.

North led the king of spades and declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the king and a low club. South went in with the king and placing her partner with a six-card suit for the weak jump overcall played a spade. Curtains, as it was now easy for declarer to establish a club trick for a diamond discard. +850.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

Four Clubs was Namyats. It is a matter of style as to the action North should take. Four Diamonds was a relay and combined with the Five Heart bid was enough to persuade West that East had visions of a slam. The net result was that Canada picked up 16 IMPs.

The match was still in the balance as the last two deals approached.

### Dealer South. All Vul

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

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kearse</i>	<i>Silverman</i>	<i>Osberg</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Two No-Trumps was an entirely reasonable place to play, but the cards were very well placed for declarer. The opening lead was the queen of clubs, taken by dummy's ace and South took the jack of hearts with the ace, and played the jack of clubs to East's king.

The nine of diamonds was covered by the king and ace

and declarer came to ten tricks for +180.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The difference here was that West wanted the bonus for game. She was right this time and collected 10 IMPs for her efforts.

### Dealer West. None Vul

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

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kearse</i>	<i>Silverman</i>	<i>Osberg</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West led the ace of diamonds and followed it with a second diamond, declarer winning with the king and discarding a club from hand. A spade to the jack, a club to the ace and a spade saw East go in with the ace. Shortly afterwards declarer claimed ten tricks.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Gordon</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Two spades was invitational and Three Clubs showed a maximum with a doubleton spade. There were no problems in the play so this time declarer recorded +420 and 6 IMPs.

Canada had won by 7 IMPs, 17-13VP.





## Slippery slopes



Norway-Italy, in round three of the IOC Grand Prix, was a rematch of last fall's Bermuda Bowl semifinal match between the two squads. It appeared in the early going that the Italians might gain a measure of revenge against Norway, the winner of the match in Paris. It didn't work out for Italy, however, as the missed chances and errors piled up like so many penalty points in ice hockey.

This deal, the first of the match, confounded every opening leader in the event, including Giorgio Duboin and Terje Aa.

### Dealer North. None vul

<p>♠ A 10 4 3 2 ♥ K J 7 4 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 9 7 5 ♥ 5 ♦ J 7 4 3 ♣ K J 10 5 4</p> <p>♠ Q J 8 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ A 8 7 6</p>	<p>♠ K 6 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ Q 9 3</p>
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The contract at both tables was 6♠ by North, and it is obvious that a heart lead will defeat the slam because West cannot be prevented from getting a heart ruff. The deal was played 12 times, and the only North declarer to go down was the one in 7♠. Aa led a club after his partner, Glenn Grotheim, doubled a club bid for the lead during a long, complex auction by Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace. On VuGraph, Dano De Falco did not have the chance to double for a club lead, so Duboin made the normal looking lead of a diamond, hoping to set up a trick that would cash when he got in with the ♠K.

After the diamond lead, Tor Helness took 12 tricks for a push.

The next board provided Italy with a major opportunity, and while they did score a double-digit gain, it could have been better.

### Dealer East. NIS vul

<p>♠ Q 10 4 2 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ 8 7 6</p> <p>♠ K 9 8 7 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ J 10 8 7 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ A 6 ♥ K J 6 5 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ A Q 4 3</p>	<p>♠ J 5 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A K Q ♣ K J 10 9 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Versace</i>
2♥	Pass	1NT (1)	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♠	Pass

(1) 14-16.

Aa finished down one in his notrump game after Versace led a heart. At the other table, Jon-Egil Furunes found himself skating on very thin ice. Italy did not realize its maximum potential gain, however:

West	North	East	South
<i>DeFalco</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
Redbl	2♣	1NT	Dble
Dble	Redble	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
			All Pass

Furunes' decision to enter the auction at unfavorable vulnerability was daring, if not rash, and although the route was circuitous, the Italians put themselves in a position to make him pay dearly for his mistake. De Falco started with his singleton club, which went to the 9 and queen. Furunes next played the ♣A, ruffed by De Falco, who could have held declarer to five tricks by exiting with a diamond. Duboin could then have played a heart through Furunes' hand, allowing De Falco to take two hearts out of dummy. In with another diamond, Duboin could have played a third round of trumps, limiting declarer to two hearts, one club and one ace for down four and minus 1100.

Instead, De Falco, after ruffing the ♣A, played the ♥A



and the ♥Q, allowing Furunes to get out for two down and minus 500. It was an 11-IMP gain for Italy, but it could have been 15.

Norway was trailing 11-0 when they broke their duck in an unexpected way.

**Dealer North. N/S vul**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Versace</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥ (1)	Pass	3♥	All Pass

(1) Non-forcing.

The Italians had 25 high-card points but could not prevent Grotheim from taking 12 tricks for a slightly awkward plus 230. The Norwegians light opening style allowed the Italians into the bidding, but they didn't capitalize on their chance for another bid gain.

West	North	East	South
<i>DeFalco</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
	1♣	2♣ (1)	2♥ (2)
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(1) Majors.

(2) Club raise.

Italy had plus 500 within their grasp, but De Falco went quietly. The result was a disquieting plus 200 — a surprising 1-IMP gain for Norway.

The Scandinavians earned a bigger gain on the next deal.

**Dealer East. E/W vul**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1♦	Dble	INT	All Pass

Versace led the ♠Q against Aa's INT, and all Aa had to do was duck to create what is known as a "frozen suit" — neither side can lead it from that point without losing themselves a trick. At any rate, Aa managed eight tricks for plus 120.

West	North	East	South
<i>DeFalco</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Although the spade suit was "frozen" at the other table, De Falco, in a way, melted it — and the defense's chance of defeating the contract — by leading a low trump against Furunes' partial.

The lead went to the 6, 10 and jack, and Furunes cashed the ♥A and played a low heart. When De Falco ducked, Furunes took full advantage. He won the ♥J in dummy, ruffed a heart, played a club to the ace and ruffed dummy's last heart. He then exited with a club. From there, he could not be prevented from winning all three of dummy's trumps. Furunes won a trump in hand, two heart tricks, two heart ruffs, three trumps in dummy and the ♣A for nine tricks, plus 140 and a 6-IMP gain for Norway.

**Mormon Tabernacle Choir**

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is famous the world over and was a natural attraction for bridge players visiting Salt Lake City for the 4<sup>th</sup> IOC Grand Prix. The performance Sunday represented the 3,781<sup>st</sup> broadcast of the choir's performance.

The choir began in 1847. It now has 360 members and has performed worldwide. The MTC has released more than 150 albums. The choir broadcasts on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and rehearses Thursdays at 8 p.m.

The team went ahead on the next deal as Aa made two overtricks in 2♠ while Furunes bid and made 4♣ against De Falco and Duboin. Norway was up 14—11. Norway used superior bidding judgment to add to their lead on the next deal.

**Dealer West. None vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Grotheim</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Versace</i>
4♦ (1)	4♥	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

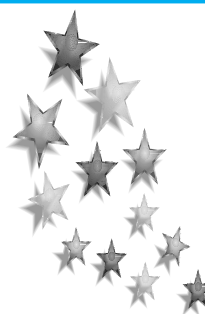
(1) Good hand, long spades.

Lauria was unlucky to find himself with three losers, but they were inescapable and he went quietly down one for minus 50. At the other table, De Falco took matters into his own hands – and paid the price.

West	North	East	South
<i>DeFalco</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Furunes</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

De Falco's unilateral bidding might have worked out, but he was visibly annoyed when dummy appeared with a heart trick – and when both opponents followed to the first round of trumps. His only hope was that the opponents had no club losers. It didn't take long to determine that the North-South limit in hearts was 10 tricks. De Falco finished minus 300, and Norway had an 8-IMP gain

Norway, with Geir Helgemo still to make an appearance at the IOC Grand Prix, finished with a 24-15 win.



## Meet the Stars !

### Introducing the USA Men's Team

**David Berkowitz** – Lives in Old Tappan, New Jersey, and works in the stock market. One of the top players in the USA for decades. Has won numerous North American champi-

onships with regular partner Larry Cohen. The two excel at pairs games but are among the perennial contenders in team events also. Wife Lisa is a former world champion. Has co-authored a book on Precision (to be published this year). Often called upon to join vVuGraph panels.

**Larry Cohen** – Formerly of New Jersey but now one of the many bridge experts who have migrated to Florida, where he spends much of his free time on the golf course. His credentials as a player are well known, and he has participated in many prestigious invitational tournaments, including the Cap Gemini and the Cavendish. Cohen is also well known as an author, in particular for his influential best-seller, *To Bid or Not to Bid: The Law of Total Tricks*.

**Richard Freeman** – Lives in Atlanta and is vice president of an investment company. Former Quiz Kid on radio and a college graduate as a teenager. Owner of many North American championships and two world titles – the Bermuda Bowl in 1995 and 2000. For one stretch in the Nineties, was a member of the squad which won six of seven Spingold Knockout Teams.

**Bob Hamman** – One of the all-time great players in the world and No. 1 player in WBF rankings since 1985. Owner of 10 world titles. Lives in Dallas and runs a prize promotion business – SCA Promotions. Won most world championships with Bobby Wolff but has won a host of other titles with a variety of partners. Wife Petra is a former world champion.

**Nick Nickell** – Captain and sponsor of arguably the USA's most successful bridge team of the past decade. Particularly dominant in the Spingold Knockout and Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Winner of the Bermuda Bowl in 1995 and 2000. President of Kelso & Co., a New York merchant banking business. Longtime partner of Freeman.

**Ron Smith** – Bridge professional who lives in San Francisco. Winner of numerous North American championships and a regular in all high-level bridge contests in the USA. An accomplished pianist. One of the most well-liked players at major tournaments in North America.