Team Magic upsets Walvick

Walt Walvick and Co., Bermuda Bowl winners in 1995 and runners-up in both 1996 (Olympiad) and 1997 (Bermuda Bowl) were sent packing yesterday by Team Magic, the Swedish team captained by Tomas Brenning. Sweden pulled away at the end to win easily, 132-84, in the Round of 32 match in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams.

The histrionics of 1-IMP victories was not repeated - all but one match was decided by a double-digit margin. The exception - the American team captained by Bart Bramley had to pull out all the stops to eliminate Berry Westra’s team from the Netherlands, 113-106.

Today’s matches:

Sweden (Team Magic, Tomas Brenning) vs. Great Britain (Paul Hackett)
United States (George Jacobs) vs. Sweden (Magnus Lindkvist)
Brazil (Gabriel Chagas) vs. Germany (Reiner Marsal)
Sweden (P.O. Sundelin) vs. Poland (A. Zakrzewski)
France (Pierre Adad) vs. Denmark (Lars Munckgård)
United States (Bart Bramley) vs. South Africa (Maurice Joffe)
Italy (Francesco Angelini) vs. Italy (Mr. Bernasconi)
Netherlands (Anton Maas) vs. Great Britain (Gus Calderwood)

China scores gigantic win in Louis Vuitton McConnell

The Chinese team captained by Gang Liu scored just under 4 IMPs per board to ring up a convincing 219-61 victory over the Netherlands team led by Betty Speelman. China faces a rugged foe today - the powerful Austrian squad led by Maria Erhart. In a battle of American giants, Alan Truscott’s squad edged the team captained by Kathie Wei-Sender by only 6 points.

Today’s matches:

China (Gang Liu) vs. Austria (Maria Erhart)
United States (Alan Truscott) vs. United States (Karen Allison)
Germany (Sabine Auken) vs. United States (John Solodar)
France (Véronique Bessis) vs. United States (Nadine Wood)

Marino, Pagani of Italy tie in Junior Triathlon

Paolo Marino and Daniele Pagani of Italy tied for the Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon Championship. They compiled the best total scores in the teams, pairs and individual.

R. Jagniewski of Poland averaged just under 67% for three sessions to score a solid triumph in the Lipton Ice Tea Junior Individual, which drew 112 players. M. Schollaart of the Netherlands was next with 61.15%. Tom Carmichael of the United States took third place with 60.52%.

Orlow leads in Elf Senior Teams

The team captained by Andrzej Orlow of Poland pulled away to a 7 Victory Point lead in the Elf Senior Teams after two days of play. The four teams at the top of the standings after today’s play will qualify for tomorrow’s semifinals. ORLOW, with 158 VPs is the only team that has won all eight of its matches.
VIVENDI ROSENBLUM CUP
(Knockout Phase of 32)

1. WALVICK USA TEAM MAGIC SWE 21 40 19 32 29 21 15 39 84 132
2. HACKETT GBR ARMSTRONG GBR 19 63 47 3 44 0 25 53 135 119
3. JACOBS USA ELIASSEN SWE 45 34 32 33 23 3 29 29 129 99
4. ROBINSON USA LINDEKVIST SWE 28 30 7 32 17 45 34 6 86 113
5. CHAGAS BRA SAPORTA FRA 25 10 58 24 31 28 24 15 138 77
6. MARINO ITA MARSELL DEU 17 11 31 27 29 41 25 26 102 105
7. SUNDELIN SWE WESTERHOF NLD 22 1 25 32 26 13 35 27 108 73
8. ZAKRZEWSKI POL BIRMAN ISR 28 18 11 9 50 13 19 39 108 97
9. BURGAY ITA ADAD FRA 27 47 29 33 28 15 19 29 103 124
10. ELLIA FRA MUNKSAARD DNK 0 43 41 28 23 35 52 21 116 127
11. WESTRA NLD BRAMLEY USA 49 20 10 30 23 32 24 31 106 113
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13. ANGELINI ITA SOSLER USA 45 18 39 18 45 33 33 16 162 85
14. BERNASCONI ITA POLETYLO POL 25 6 40 19 36 45 40 29 141 99
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16. CALDERWOOD GBR EKEBLAD USA 21 36 40 17 41 31 26 23 128 107

LOUIS VUITTON McConnell CUP
(Knockout Phase of 16)

1. LIU CHN SPEELMAN NLD 77 17 63 2 50 9 29 33 219 61
2. ERHART AUT VANDONI ITA 25 35 54 32 36 7 31 21 146 95
3. WEI-SENDER USA TRUSCOTT USA 30 40 40 36 32 29 23 26 125 131
4. ALLISON USA BLOQUIT FRA 70 16 21 12 20 19 47 29 158 76
5. AUHEN DEU KITABGI FRA 33 11 20 30 26 29 14 7 93 77
6. BAHNIK CZE SOLODAR USA 3 51 28 17 13 34 20 27 64 129
7. FRANKEN NLD BESSIS FRA 21 11 21 16 22 11 12 77 76 115
8. WOOD USA MC GOWAN GBR 37 6 29 34 8 46 39 7 113 93

The Aberlour VIP Club News

Pierre Mauroy the Senator Mayor of Lille and a former Prime Minister of France, was the latest celebrity to visit the Aberlour VIP Club during his visit to the Championships yesterday.

IBPA 40th anniversary dinner

The dinner at which the International Bridge Press Association will celebrate its 40th anniversary will take place Monday at 20:45 at La Laiterie. All IBPA members are invited to sign up for the dinner with Evelyn Senn at the IBPA Desk in the Press Room on the seventh floor. When Evelyn is away from her desk, the list will be on the table - just sign up.

There will be no charge for the dinner. The restaurant is located some distance away, so a bus will be available at the Grand Palais to transport the journalists who do not have cars.

The Zonal Teams Championships

The results of both divisions of the Zonal Team Championships will be printed in tomorrow's Daily News.
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Hold the Front Page!
by Pony Nehmert, Germany

There is a tradition that at every major championship at some point Patrick Jourdain will rush into the Bulletin room with the cry ‘I have the hand of the tournament! Hold the front page.’ Its high time someone else got there first. What do you think of this defensive play?

E/W Vul. Dealer East.

West North East South

Schwerdt 1 Pass 1NT Pass 2NT All Pass

Declarer ducked the lead of the ♦J but took the club continuation with the ace and ran the ♦10. South won with the jack and switched to the ♦Q! Declarer won in hand with the ace and played on hearts. When South came in with his king and played a spade declarer naturally put in the ten. He was amazed to see it lose to the jack and he could not avoid three down.


Weston in Lille:
34-36 rue Grande, Chaussée, Lille

The EBL Seniors Meeting

The Chairman, Dr. Nissan Rand, members of the EBL Seniors Committee, and delegates from a dozen nations met on Wednesday, 26th August in Lille. Dr. Rand reported that 40 Senior teams were expected in Lille and 120 Senior Pairs. Mr. Beneix detailed the format and the Chairman said this met the aim of giving respect to the Seniors event.

Mr. Orlow reported on the European Senior Pairs to be held in Warsaw next March. Brochures about travel and hotels would be available later in the week. After discussion it was agreed to have a qualifying round of three sessions followed by a final of about 40 pairs also of three sessions with a Consolation. There would be one session of play per day. The first day would be an evening session, the last a morning session, with one other morning session in between; precise details to be discussed with Mr. Beneix.

The Meeting then discussed the European Senior Teams to be held in Malta next June. Each NCBO has the right to send two teams. Nations who cannot raise a full team may have a pair from another country to create an entry. The days of play are the same as for the Ladies Teams. The target was 24 senior teams.

Dr. Rand reported that the EBL President, Bill Pencharz, had approached Jose Damiani, in the hope that there could be a Senior event in Bermuda in January 2000 alongside the Bermuda Bowl. The USA had already expressed interest in sending a team. Teams qualifying from Europe could be determined by results in Malta. If NCBOs did not provide financial assistance Dr. Rand said there might be other ways of overcoming financial problems.
Rosters of Vivendi Rosenblum Teams in Round of 32

UNITED STATES - Walte Walvick, npc; Nick Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth

SWEDEN - Team Magic: Tomas Brenning, Lars Andersson, Tommy Gullberg, Hans Gothe, Lars Goldberg

GREAT BRITAIN - Paul Hackett, Tony Forrester, David Mossip, Justin Hackett, Jason Hackett, Tony Waterlow

GREAT BRITAIN - John Armstrong, Andrew Dyson, Phil King, Les Steel, John Collins, Martin Jones


NETHERLANDS - Jan Westerhof, Piet Jansen, Jan Jansma, Jan van Cleef

POLAND - Andrzej Zakrzewski, Krzysztof Martens, Marek Szymanski, Krystian Rudo, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski

ISRAEL - David Birman, Salom Zeligman, Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst

ITALY - Leandro Burgary, Soldano DeFalco, Carlo Mariani, Gianni Ruspa, Enrico Guerra, Massimo Moritsch

FRANCE - Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, Michel Bessis, Nicolas Dechelette, Francois Leenhardt, Jerome Rombaut

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NETHERLANDS - Antoon Maas, Vincent Ramondt, Huub Bertens, Bart Nab, Mr. Tammens

GREAT BRITAIN - Augus Calderwood, Dick Shek, Neil Rosen, Andrew McIntosh

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World Team Winkle

by Patrick Jourdain (GB)

The Greek team playing in the first day of the Zonal Teams must have thought it a tough draw to find themselves against three of the Rosenberg blum winners from Albuquerque. A spectator, Luis Lantaron of Spain, reported this fine play by Michael Rosenberg to earn a humble IMP:

All Vul. Dealer South.

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

North

Zia Rosenberg

South

1 NT

1 E

2 D

2 C

3 C

3 S

Pass

Opening leads are undoubtedly one of the toughest parts of the game, but the task is simplified considerably when one is dealt a sequential holding such as Q109 or partner goes out of his way to indicate the winning lead. Or is it?

Try your hand on the following lead problems from the Vivendi Rosenblum Round Robin. To receive full credit you need not only to find the right lead but also give the right reason.

Hey, quizzes cannot be too easy.

1. All Vul.

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

West North East South

4 NT Pass Pass 6 ♦

All Pass

Opening leads (1) shows spades

1. No doubt you resisted the automatic heart lead. After all, it is a quiz.

But why?

Dummy is virtually certain to be 6-6 in the minors. If dummy’s singleton is in spades, you need to lead a spade, but if dummy’s singleton is in hearts, the king of hearts lead is correct.

Are you beginning to see the light? At trick one you must lead the ace of trumps in order to take a look at dummy. When dummy hits with 1-0-6-6 shape the shift to a spade, the suit in which partner holds the ace, is easy. If you lead a heart, declarer pitches dummy on his heart ace.

2. It is fairly easy to find the winning lead on this deal as all leads work except that of a club.

Pass 4 ♦ Pass 5 ♦

But what is your reasoning?

Declarer’s shape is likely to 6-5 in the round suits to justify his bidding. Still, you will never hear the end of it if declarer’s precise shape is 2-6-0-5 and you have two spading spades to go with your trump ace. Again the counterintuitive lead of the trump ace will allow you to see dummy. On the actual deal dummy held among his values the ♦ AK, and a spade lead would have let declarer shed his two losers. After the trump ace the diamond lead through dummy’s Qxx is marked. However, there is another valid strategy for defeating the contract. If partner has a singleton club (with a void in clubs he presumably would have doubled) and a doubleton heart, then a club lead followed by a second club lead when you win the ace of trumps may be good enough. The lead of the Ace of hearts will frustrate this plan, however. On the other hand, a club lead, even when partner has the hoped for singleton and two trumps, may lose if declarer is able in the meanwhile to rid himself of his side suit loser. For example, with a void in spades, declarer may win the club lead in dummy and discard his diamond losers on partner’s singleton, which would explain his bidding. There are obviously no guarantees, and both the lead of the trump Ace and a club have merit. On the actual deal all leads work except that of the suit that partner went out of his way to bid for your benefit.
Many of you will have seen Max and fellow Dutchman Anton Maas playing Go during the quiet moments of major championships. Max is strictly an amateur player, but has reached the 5th Dan - and there are only nine in all!

Before clocks were introduced there was no time limit for the making of moves and the record of one master game states that 'On the morning of the third day only two moves were made!'

For some years we have seen former backgammon, poker, chess and checker-champions playing in the World Bridge Championships. But did you know we now have one of the world's strongest professional Go players among us?

It is the Chinese player Weiping Nie.

As most of you might know, Go is an oriental mind sport which is more than 4000 years of age. It is the most popular mind sport in countries like China, Japan and Korea.

Cup Go, as Go is his living. He is the coach of the professional Chinese Go team, which was very successful in international events in the Far East.

Comparing Bridge and Go, he thinks that Go is more difficult to master, but he thinks he himself is much better in Go than Bridge. He plays Bridge with different partners and he uses Precision as well as Standard American.

The following hand was played in China this year and he was very proud of the bidding. Weiping Nie was in the South seat.

A big difference with for instance chess and checkers is that the two players, black and white, are beginning with an empty 19x19 board and put their stones alternatively on one of the 361 cross-points, where they stay until the end of the game, unless captured. The game is won by the player who surrounds the most empty cross-points added to the number of stones or strings of stones captured by complete surrounding.

Weiping Nie, now 46 years old, learned Go at the age of 8. He became Chinese champion in 1975 and reached the highest professional degree, 9th Dan, in 1982. In the early 80’s he was very successful internationally when he defeated the top three Japanese players in a row during the yearly China-Japan Go-encounter.

He learned bridge from his Go teacher at the age of 14 and has won numerous Chinese titles since. This is the first time he has played championship bridge outside Asia. Tomorrow he will leave for Korea to play in the World Bridge Championships.

There was a hand in Wednesday’s bulletin - Blackwood in Both Rooms - that reminded me of a deal that also occurred in the Vivendi Rosumblum qualifiers, COVO v SPENCER. It too featured a six-six hand but after that the details separate:


West North East South

Spencer Chawner

1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 4NT (1)

Pass 5♦ Pass 5♠

All Pass

A disappointed South was obliged to sign off after the one key card response. The poor lie in trumps meant -50 for SPENCER in 5♠.

Closed

West North East South

Chambers Gobert

2♣ Pass 4♥ (1) 4♦

4NT (1) 5♦ Pass (3) Pass

6♦ Pass Pass 6♦

Dble All Pass

4♥ was fit and that meant a lot of tricks about. There was some doubt in my mind as to our agreements over intervention once we are forced to the five level. We play ‘DOPE’ as the partnership finds this easy to remember but here partner had ‘DOPI’ed not ‘DOPE’ed. In any case neither side could take the risk that the other could make their contract and the music finally stopped in 6♦-2 for +300 for SPENCER – captained by Paul Spencer. That was only 6 IMPs where our alter egos managed 11.

Compaq sponsors the Par Contest.
This is a continuation of the report on the Round of 16 Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup match between the teams captained by Sabine Auken and Jo Morse.

First an apology. When reporters get things wrong, profuse apologies should be in order. So what can I say? I misread Barbara Stawowy’s surname and misprinted it throughout yesterday’s report. In addition, although this is not your reporter’s fault, Katrin Reps’ badge bears her maiden name. She is now known as Katrin Farwig.

In yesterday’s Daily News, the first 28 hands were covered. Here is my report on the next two sets which were very wild indeed in places.

Both Reps-Stawowy and McCallum-Baker bid 6♦ with:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{A Q J 10 7 5} \\
\text{A K 4 2} \\
\text{A 8 6 3} \\
\end{array}
\]

On a club lead West as declarer must cash two diamonds to pitch the clubs, then play a trump, more in hope than expectation. With ♦ K-J-x wrongly placed, McCallum picked up 3 IMPs by saving an undertrick.

Another declarer play problem followed.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{A Q 5} \\
\text{J 10 9} \\
\text{A Q 8 6} \\
\text{A 10 9 5} \\
\end{array}
\]

With both the ♦K and ♦K offside, 4♠ had little play until South led the ♦K and a second heart. Disa, as Hjordis Eythorssdottir is better known, won and played the ♦Q, ruffed with the 9. Radin had to be careful to pitch a club from ♣ K-x ♦ Q 9 ♦ 10 ♦ 9 7 ♦ x x x x. Now declarer can’t strip the clubs and play the ♦A and a second spade to endplay North. As it was, declarer lost a trick to the ♦K and then finessed into the ♦K for one down. This was a flat board.

Then along came another wild deal.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{A Q J 5 4 2} \\
\text{J 10 9} \\
\text{A Q 8 6} \\
\text{A K 6 4} \\
\end{array}
\]

Farwig came in with 2NT over a 1♠ open- ing, which perhaps should not have caused her opponents any problem. But this was the bidding:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Q 9 3} \\
\text{A Q J 6 5 4} \\
\text{A K 6 4} \\
\text{A 10 7 2} \\
\end{array}
\]

Farwig ducked the first heart. Disa shifted intelligently to the ♦Q. On the diamond lead at the other table, Baker was able to wrap up 10
tricks for 10 IMPs.
Morse had a slightly fortunate gain on Board 13 when Reps was pushed to a thin game and misjudged the ending.

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit 10 \\
\heartsuit 10 7 6 \\
\diamondsuit J 4 \\
\clubsuit 10 5
\end{array} \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit 6 \\
\heartsuit A J 8 7 4 3 \\
\diamondsuit Q 8 2 \\
\clubsuit J 4
\end{array} \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit K Q 9 5 2 \\
\heartsuit K 4 \\
\diamondsuit 10 5 \\
\clubsuit K 9 7 2
\end{array} \]

West North East South
Disa Radin
2 Pass 4 Pass
5 All Pass

West North East South
Baker Aukén McCallum von Arnim
2 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass
2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass
4 All Pass

Baker’s 4\(\heartsuit\) fetched plus 150. Farwig misjudged the ending in her game contract and played to drop the heart honors to go one down. 6 IMPs to Morse instead of 10 the other way.

But the last swing of the set went back to Aukén to give them the edge on the set.

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit K Q J 10 9 \\
\heartsuit 6 \\
\diamondsuit K 8 7 \\
\clubsuit K Q 9 6
\end{array} \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit 8 6 5 4 3 \\
\heartsuit 9 8 2 \\
\diamondsuit J 10 7 5 \\
\clubsuit A 7 2
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\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit – \\
\heartsuit A K Q 4 3 \\
\diamondsuit Q 10 6 5 4 3 \\
\clubsuit 8 2
\end{array} \]

West North East South
Disa Radin
2 Pass

West North East South
Baker Aukén McCallum von Arnim
2 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass
2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass
4 All Pass

Aukén produced the required club control, but the heart suit problem was insoluble and she had to go down one. While one can sympathise with von Arnim, who was hoping for better hearts or an extra diamond opposite, perhaps this was a dangerous approach in a match where she wanted to avoid swings.

Seeking to keep up her advantage, on the next deal, McCallum opened 3\(\spadesuit\) with:

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit J 10 x \\
\heartsuit Q x \\
\diamondsuit K Q J x x x \\
\clubsuit K x
\end{array} \]

This was almost a perfect psyche in the context of her partnership’s highly frivolous preempts. Alas, it backfired:

Morse raised to game more in hope than expectation, holding:

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit A K Q x x \\
\heartsuit – \\
\diamondsuit 10 x x x \\
\clubsuit A Q 10 x
\end{array} \]

and there were twelve tricks. Morse could have used 4\(\heartsuit\) as Keycard, but slam seemed highly unlikely under the circumstances.

Stawowy/Farwig had a completely different auction:

West North East South
Disa Stawowy Radin Farwig
1 Pass 4 Pass
6 All Pass

Perhaps Stawowy should have bid 5\(\heartsuit\) just in case, but 6\(\heartsuit\) would always have been the final contract.

A couple of boards later, came the final nail in the coffin for MORSE. Holding:

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit A K J 10 x x \\
\heartsuit A Q 10 \\
\diamondsuit K x x \\
\clubsuit A 8 6 3
\end{array} \]

Would you respond with both sides vulnerable after: Pass - Pass - 1\(\heartsuit\) - 1\(\heartsuit\) - Pass - ? Morse passed and that ended the auction. Alas, partner held:

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\spadesuit A K J 10 x x \\
\heartsuit A Q 10 \\
\diamondsuit K x x \\
\clubsuit x
\end{array} \]

and the cards lay very well. 1\(\heartsuit\) made an embarrassing +260, while at the other table Stawowy/Farwig bid:

West North East South
Disa Stawowy Radin Farwig
1 Pass 2 Pass
6 All Pass

And that was +680 and 10 IMPs to AUKEN. Although a fair number of IMPs changed hands after this, the match result was pretty much set by now, and AUKEN ended up winning by 59 IMPs.
Appeal No. 9
Reported by Herman De Wael (Belgium)

Appeals Committee:
Steen Møller (Denmark, Chairman), Grattan Endicott (Great Britain), Herman De Wael (Belgium).

Junior Teams Round 6
Germany v Italy

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vulnerable.

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West North East South

Pass Pass 2♠(A) Pass
2♦ Pass 2NT(A) Pass
3♠(A) Pass 4♦ Pass
5♠(A) Pass 5♦ All Pass

Facts:
2♠ = relay
2NT = relay (fit ♦)
3♠ = 5♣, 4♣, minimum
5♠ = odd number of keycards cuebid in ♠.
5♣ was apparently not correctly explained by East to North.

Lead: ♦7

Result at table: 5♦ making.

TD’s decision: 5♦ down one.

Appellant: East/West appealed.

The players:
North stated that, when asked, East only explained the 5♠ as maximum. East claims he also said it was a cuebid.

North claims she could have led a diamond with a correct explanation, causing the contract to go down.

Facts:
The TD was called by East at the end of play. The 1♥(1) bid showed 11-15 HCP with at least five spades, saying nothing about hearts. After the bid of 2♠(2), North alerted East, although South did not alert West. When North was asked, he described the 2♠ as “Stayman, maybe Stayman”. There was no description of the meaning of West’s pass of 1♥ on the convention card, nor was it alerted. 1♥ - 1♠ would be a puppet to 1NT, and 2♦ after that would be signoff, so the actual sequence suggested some other place to play apart from 2♦.

TD’s decision:
Table result stands.

Appellant:
East/West appealed.

The players:
East said that a pass over 1♥ was similar to a pass over a natural 1♠ that was limited to 11-15 HCP. He said he did not realise that West could have hearts once he was told that 2♠ was Stayman.

West said he passed 1♥ because he did not think there was a game. He did not double 2♠ because he and his partner had not discussed the meaning of this double.

North was surprised that the pass of 1♥ did not show hearts. He would have expected 2♠ to be natural if he had known this.

The Committee:
The Committee said that there is a special obligation on people who play unusual systems to disclose their methods fully (Law 75A). East/West did not do so and the resulting confusion over the effect of West’s pass led to the problem. There was a majority view to retain the deposit but the minority view prevailed. The Committee was surprised that East-West did not know the meaning of double over 2♠.

Given the meaning of pass over 1♥ (and similarly over 1♣) this must appear on the convention card and must be alerted.

The Committee’s decision:
The Committee ruled: Table score stands (2♦ minus one). Deposit returned.

Appeal No. 10
Reported by David Stevenson (England, GB)

Appeals Committee:
Joan Gerard (Chairman, USA), Chris Compston (USA), Naki Bruni (Italy), Barbara Nudelman (USA), David Stevenson (England, GB).

Rosenblum Round 2
France v Israel


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West North East South

Pass Pass 1♥(1) Pass
Pass 1NT Pass 2♠(2)
2♦ All Pass

Result at table: 2♦ minus one.

Appeal No. 11
Reported by David Stevenson (England, GB)

Appeals Committee:
Rich Colker (Chairman, USA), Naki Bruni (Italy), David Stevenson (England, GB).
West said that a double of 2♣ would show extra values (not necessarily long clubs) and a willingness to defend. He said it would be the same if the INT opening had been strong: after a double, redouble, taken out to 2♠ by opener, double would show extra values (not necessarily long clubs).

The Committee:
The Committee decided that, had North bid 2♠ and East doubled, West would double South’s 2♣ a majority of the time. So in order to achieve equity under Law 12C3 they decided to assign a weighted score. The Committee pointed out that with screens it is desirable to write down the range of a INT opening if there is any possibility at all that it would be misunderstood otherwise.

The Committee’s decision:
The Committee ruled: North/South would get -800 in 2♣ doubled two-thirds of the time. North/South would get -110 in 2♠ one-third of the time. Deposit returned.

Appeals - Law 12C3
By David Stevenson (England, GB)

According to Law 12C3, an Appeals Committee may vary an assigned adjusted score to achieve equity. This may lead to more than one score being assigned, as in the following example case.

Suppose North/South are misinformed and double 4♣ as a result, which makes. The Appeals Committee decide that if they were not misinformed they would not have doubled 4♣, but would have bid 4♠, which makes two overtricks. But would they have bid a slam? If they probably would have, then the Appeals Committee will assume it, and assign a score of slam making.

Now consider: if they would probably not have reached slam, but it was just possible, what is fair? To give them the slam, which they would probably not have reached, is a gift? Or to assign them a score in game, which means they never had the chance to reach slam, which they might have done? According to Law 12C3, there is a compromise: the Appeals Committee could assign them a percentage of the slam making, and a percentage of the game with overtricks. For example, they might give them 35% of +980, 65% of +10, and for 980 against 500 (+10), and they would get 65% of -1 plus 35% of +10, which is +3, which seems a fair result.

Appeal No. 12
Reported by David Stevenson (England, GB)

Appeals Committee:
Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Nissan Rand (Israel), Herman De Wael (Belgium), David Stevenson (England, GB).

McConnell Teams Round 8
USA v Sweden

Result at table:
1NT redoubled minus two.

Facts:
North lost 1000 in INT redoubled and then South called the TD. The double of INT was described by East to North as four cards in a major and five cards in a minor, or strong. The double of INT was described by West to South as 14+ HCP. West’s description was correct. N/S played that if the double of INT is for penalties, then redouble asks North to correct. N/S played that if the double of 1NT was described by West to South as 14+ HCP. West’s description was correct. N/S played that if the double of 1NT was described by West to South as 14+ HCP. West’s description was correct.

Result at table:
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Result at table:
1NT redoubled minus two.
The players:

East said that when she was asked the meaning of $5\spadesuit$ she immediately realised she had made the wrong bid. She made this clear to North. She was not influenced by the hesitation - in fact she was barely aware of it. She agreed that the question was asked, answered and she realised that she had gone wrong. She indicated this between sending the tray across after her $5\spadesuit$ bid and the time it came back. She would not expect partner to have fewer than three aces to bid 4NT. She had played RKCB for many years.

North said it was a long hesitation: there was a question, an answer, and expressions of surprise while the tray was away. Whatever the likelihood of three aces, it became completely clear after the hesitation.

The Committee:

The Committee believed that the hesitation made it easier to get the final decision correct, though different members of the Committee saw different reasons for this. One view of it was: Even if the players can prove that within the system, the bid is the only rational alternative, Law 16 talks of logical alternatives. The Committee felt that if the tray had returned promptly, it might well have happened that the player might go wrong a second time.

The Committee's decision:

The Committee ruled: $5\spadesuit$ plus one, N/S -480. Deposit returned.

Appeal No. 13

Reported by David Stevenson (England, GB)

Appellate Committee:

Joan Gerard (Chairman, USA), Claire Tornay (USA), Sabine Auken (Denmark), Barbara Nudelman (USA), Naki Bruni (Italy).

Rosenblum Teams Round 6

Norway v France


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Result at table:

6♠ making, N/S +920.

Facts:

The Director was called at the point where the tray was on the S/W side of the screen after the final pass. 4NT was described as for the minors on the S/W side of the screen, but on the N/E side it was described as Roman Key Card Blackwood, and $5\spadesuit$ as a response thereto. As North bid 6♦ he corrected his earlier explanation and told East that 4NT was for the minors.

TD's decision:

Table result stands. Laws 75D and 40C. It is felt that East was not damaged, and would not have acted in front of partner.

Appellant:

East/West appealed.

The players:

East said that if he had been correctly informed as to the meaning of 4NT he might have taken another action over $5\spadesuit$.

The Committee:

Although somewhat confused by different information on both sides of the screen, there is an obligation to continue to play bridge and not rely on the Committee. For this reason the deposit was forfeited.

Players should not use Appeals Committees as a "Rescue Squad"!

The Committee's decision:

The Committee ruled: Table result (6♠ making, N/S +920) stands. Laws 75D and 40C. Deposit forfeited.

Best dummy entry ever?

David Kent and Doug Heron of Canada believe they have found the most amazing dummy entry ever - a singleton 6.

World Championship Book 1998

The book of these championships in Lille is scheduled to appear in January next year. Yes, I know we never seem to achieve our target date, but this time we will really try to do so.

It will be of the same general size and format as the 1997 book, with a minimum of 300 pages. There will be coverage of all the various championships being played here, with an extensive results service and many photographs.

The major analysts will be Eric Kokish, Rich Collier, Barry Rigal, and Brian Senior, who also edits the book. There will also be several guest writers.

On publication, the cover price will be $30 plus postage and packing, but orders paid for in advance here in Lille will cost only the special price of $25 including postage.

To place an order, please see Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room.
Look before You Leap  
by Chris Chambers

Try your hand at this play problem from the Vivendi Rosenblum qualifiers. After a transfer sequence you declare 6♦ from the South cards:

♠ A Q 5 3  
Δ A  
◊ A J 10 7 6 4  
♣ 10 5  

♠ J 6 2  
Δ K Q J 9  
◊ Q 9 3  
♣ K Q J 1

West leads ♠6, consistent with four low or two low, East plays the ace and returns the suit. What’s your play?

It is tempting once you have spotted the delicious unblock - pitch the ♠A on the club then the spades on the ♠KQ - to set about it immediately, but look what happened to declarer. At trick three the club was ruffed with the deuce and the lack of entries left her with no alternative but to try the ♠A to no avail, West having ♠K82 originally.

Yes you can afford one round of trumps and you should. After running the ♠Q (or 9) you can now set about your plan. If West ruffs the club you are home as you can over-ruff, draw trumps and now unblock the ♠A. However a devious West will discard a heart. You will have to discard the ♠A and could now be a trick short. On some lies (West 5-3-3-2 without the ♠10 for example), you may still go down when West compresses your tricks further by ruffing a heart but the spade finesse will be favourite then. Our team played three no-trump in the other room so were rather fortunate that declarer did not spot her extra chance.

Oh, and I trust you noticed that it would be a gross error as the hand way played to ruff the club at trick three with ♠852 That would force declarer, having taken the poorer line, to lay down the ♠A felling your partner’s singleton king.

From sad to glad  
by Larry Cohen

On this deal from the Vivendi Rosenblum round-robin, I was playing with David Berkowitz against a strong team from Germany. Both David and I were expecting to go minus at least 800... but bridge is a strange game.


♠ 7 2  
Δ 5  
◊ K 7 6 5  
♣ K Q J 9 6 3  

♠ A K Q J 8 3  
Δ W E  
◊ A Q 8 3  
♣ 10 9 5  

Δ A 7  
◊ W E  
♣ 9 8 6 2  

Δ W E  
◊ A Q 9  
♣ 10 8 3 2  

Δ W E  
◊ A 10  
♣ 6 4  

Δ W E  
◊ K Q J 10 4 3  

Δ W E  
◊ J 14  

Δ W E  
◊ 8 5 2

West North East South
Germany Cohen Germany Berkowitz
Pass Pass Pass Pass
Dble Pass Pass! Pass

Yes, East decided to leave in the takeout double. He knew his opponents had a passed hand opposite a preempt and I suppose he hoped his partner could take a lot of tricks. Meanwhile, think how the other three players felt. West was checking the backs of the cards, probably expecting to beat someone 1100 or so. I was regretting that I had never bid my clubs and I was expecting to go for a huge number. David, with his balanced garbage, was not happy either.

West led two high spades and switched to ace and a diamond. David won the king and played on trumps, at which point he had control of the hand. The defence won the ♦A and tapped David, but he drew trumps and knocked out the ♦A. On this lie of the cards there was no way to defeat the contract. Plus 670 added to the game bid by our teammates at the other table led to a 14-IMP gain. I’m still trying to figure out how both my partner and I could have such awful hands, hate the auction, and end up plus 670!

Kevin Comeau, a Director of Orbis Investment Management Limited, takes time out from his holiday in France to meet with José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation. Orbis Investment Management is the sponsor of Bermuda Bowl 2000, which will be held in Bermuda January 7-21, 2000.

Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday September 1st 1998, 10.00 a.m.
In “Eurotop” room 3rd floor,
Starting with the presentation of the Annual IBPA Awards

The 33rd Israel Bridge Festival

This tournament will be held in the Israel Convention Center, Tel Aviv, from January 28th to February 6th 1999.
The program includes Mixed and Open teams, an Individual, Women’s/Men’s Pairs, IMP Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Open Pairs, and an Expert Invitational Tournament.
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I doubt that Johan Sylvain was too thrilled when PO. Sundelin corrected his 2♥ bid to 2♦, but there was little he could do about it. Westerhof led his king of spades and switched to the ♦J. This was ducked to Sundelin's queen and he played a heart to dummy's queen then the ♦K. Piet Jansen won the ace and played a heart to dummy's queen then the ♦K. Sundelin and Jansma cashed a top spade and, when Sylvain continued with a low spade to the nine and ten. Dummy's two kings now allowed declarer to pick up the spades and then the diamonds for ten tricks and a flat board.

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Larsson did not see an opening bid in the East cards but could not then bring himself to defend 2♣. Though he had nothing to spare in terms of high cards, Jansma liked his four defensive tricks enough to double 2♠. He led the ace of hearts and switched to a spade to dummy’s bare king. Larsson took his ace and played two rounds of trumps. Jansma won, cashed his remaining trump and played queen and another diamond. Declarer gave up a heart then had the remainder for down one; -200 and 7 IMPs to WESTERHOF.

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

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West North East South
Westerhof Sylvain Jansen Sundelin
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
Dble All Pass
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The 2♣ rebid was basically natural, but could be bid on two or three cards with a 15+ hand, meaning that Westerhof’s pass showed long clubs but a very poor hand. Sylvain reopened with a double and it was clear for Sundelin to pass for penalties. There was no way for declarer to avoid losing a trick in each side suit plus three trump tricks for one down; -200.

**Open Room**

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West North East South
Lindquist van Cleef Larsson Jansma
1♠ 2♥ 2♣
All Pass
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Van Cleef opened a thin 1♠ with the North cards, promising five cards, and when Larsson overcalled 2♥ Jansma competed with 2♣. That bought the contract and Larsson started with ace and another trump. Van Cleef had no real chance of bringing this contract home. He managed to establish the long diamond, but lost two tricks in each of spades, hearts and diamonds to go one down; -100 and 7 IMPs to SUNDELIN.

On the last board of the set Sundelin/Sylvain stopped in partscore, making, while Jansma/van Cleef bid to game going one down. That was 6 IMPs to SUNDELIN who had extended their lead to 27 IMPs with 14 boards to play.

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**Q Plus**

Mr. Leber will sell signed copies of Q-pus (and answer any questions about play software) today between 14.00 and 16.00 in the ‘Computer Jungle’ which is located in the Jannersten stall.

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**Thy Brothers’ Keeper**

by Herman De Wael

Playing in an Individual, you are always a bit more than usual dependent on the actions of your partner of the moment.

So Tim De Roos might well be excused for complaining after the first session of the Lipton Ice Tea Junior Individual that “this **##!!@@ Belgian cost me a top when he bid 7NT with an ace outside!” The partner was his younger brother Steve…

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**1999 European Teams and Women’s Pairs Championships**

Mario Dix, organiser of the European Championships in Malta from June 12th to 27th next year, will be available to help all those with accommodation queries for either the European teams (Open, Ladies, seniors), or Women’s Pairs.

You can contact Mario in the Press Room on the seventh floor of Grand Palais at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning (August 29th).

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Memories of Lille (1)
by David Stevenson (England, GB)

There are some events that are not really news, but are the strange effects of different people getting together. It was fascinating to hear someone, on seeing Anna Gudge’s fingernails, which are painted bright green, saying to Anna “Are those your own nails?”

I saw Tommy Sandsmark pay a bill for a few drinks with some of his friends by credit card. After the waitress had returned the card and he had signed the chit, he took hold of her hand, and held it. She looked surprised, but he was holding the hand open in front of Peter Lund: eventually Peter gave in, and found a 100 franc note which he put in her hand!

However, my evening with the notorious Herman De Wael had the strangest ending. Even though we finished up about five minutes walk from my hotel, I did not know in which direction, so I allowed myself to be persuaded by Herman that he would drive me. We found his car easily enough, and it was about three minutes drive by car... so I cannot explain why forty minutes (Herman says it was 20, but it was at least 30) later we were 20 km from Lille, and going further away on the motorway!

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