Swedish teams advance

Two Swedish teams have advanced to the quarterfinals in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams. The team captained by Magnus Lindkvist ousted George Jacobs of the United States, 183-80, and P. O. Sundelin’s squad eliminated the only remaining Polish team, captained by A. Zakrzewski, 111-88.

Both halves of both Italian teams played the first set of boards in the same direction, so the results had to be discarded. They played the set again after everyone else had left, and the winner was Francesco Angelini, 167-64, over Bernasconi.

In the match between the teams captained by Bart Bramley of the United States and Maurice Joffe of South Africa, Joffe withdrew after the third quarter. Bramley was the victor, 154-68.

Today’s quarterfinal matches:

- Great Britain (Paul Hackett) vs. Sweden (Magnus Lindkvist)
- Brazil (Gabriel Chagas) vs. Sweden (P. O. Sundelin)
- Denmark (Lars Munksgaard) vs. United States (Bart Bramley)
- Italy (Francesco Angelini) vs. Netherlands (Anton Maas)

French lead Open Pairs, Swiss ahead in Women’s

Pierre-Jean Louchart and Michel Duguet of France led after one day’s play in the Société Générale Open Pairs qualifying, with Doug Simson and Eric Rodwell of the United States running second.

In the Louis Vuitton Women’s Pairs, the leaders are Darina Langer and Madeleine Gerstel of Switzerland, with Pony Nehmert and Wiesla Miroslaw of Germany second.

2 Polish teams reach Senior Swiss semis

The Polish teams captained by Andrzej Orlow and S. Szenberg both qualified for today’s semifinals in the Elf Senior Teams. Orlow, who finished first, will play Karl Rohan of Austria. Szenberg, who finished third, will oppose Robert Rosen of the United States.

The semifinals will consist of 28 boards. In the afternoon the winners will play a 28-board final. The teams that failed to qualify will play four more Swiss matches today to determine additional placings.

Starting times for Pairs events

First session 11.00
Second session 16.00

Qualifying

In the Open Pairs approximately 200 pairs will qualify to play in the semi final together with approximately 30 pre-qualified pairs.

The final will be played with 72 pairs of which approximately 64 will qualify from the semifinal.

In the Women’s Pairs approximately 50 pairs will qualify for the semi final and approximately 10 pre-qualified pairs will play. The final will consist of 36 pairs including some pre-qualified pairs.

All the players eliminated in the Rosenblum or McConnell today or yesterday who want to play in the pairs semi final must register at the hospitality desk before the end of the day today!
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Memories of Lille (2)
by David Stevenson (England, GB)

It is strange to change countries so easily. I like trams and trains, so I took a day off finding a tram to Tourcoing, and then at the local station a train to Antwerp. Since I was thirsty, I tried to buy a Coke, using my French francs of course... "Mais, monsieur, c’est Belgique!"

Kojak told me that the team Bye is doing well. After three rounds they are on zero, of course, but they are ahead of the team that got 0, 0 and 1, and then was fined 2 VPs!

Steen Møller found a machine that would change his money for him. So he put $200 dollars in, and then it was just like Las Vegas! It paid out 112 ten-franc coins, and one five-franc coin! He was waiting for the flashing lights and loud music!
The Hand That Did Not Make The Daily News

Ron Tacchi – couldn’t have stopped in S

A pair that arrived early for the Pairs Competition to watch some Vu-Graph by chance bumped into one of the Daily News editors (whom we shall refer to as “MH” for reasons of anonymity). MH, who was sporting a new Digital Camera, had on previous occasions partaken of a small glass of wine with this pair and so a beverage was purchased at the bar, whereupon the conversation turned to the camera and a demonstration ensued. MH said “Well now I have a picture to accompany your next brilliance during the event”.

As a consolation for not being able to watch any yugraph the pair decided to enter a Continuous Pairs session to tone up their system and card playing skills. Nothing was going well until on Board 16 of the 12th session when the following hand appeared:

| ♠ | Q 8 3 |
| ♦ | A Q J |
| ♣ | 9 |
| ♢ | A | 1 0 7 6 4 3 |
| ♠ | K 7 5 4 |
| ♦ | Q J 9 8 7 6 |
| ♣ | Q 9 2 |
| ♢ | A J 1 0 2 |
| ♤ | 1 0 |
| ♦ | A K J 1 0 6 5 |
| ♣ | K 8 |

After an auction in which South had cue bid his ♠A North became declarer in 6♠. The lead was the ♦9, upon enquiry it transpired that this lead could be just about anything as they tended to lead through cue bids and further questioning revealed to declarer that the ♣K was offside. After receiving this news and looking at dummy declarer thought “If I make this I will be in the Daily News.” Of course he took a line that failed dismally and the unmakeable contract peacefully failed and another bottom was recorded.

As a kibitzer asked about North’s call of pass over 6♥. “It must have been difficult to pass,” he said.

Fred’s answer: “He wasn’t invited to the party.”

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After a couple of drinks and a meal the pair retired to their hotel for a good night’s sleep to refresh themselves for another practice session the following day. Suddenly at 4.00 a.m. declarer awoke to discover he had found the only possible way to make the contract. At trick one he plays the ♠A and the ♦3 from hand, then cashes the ♣A and ♦K discarding the ♦Q. To the fourth trick he smoothly leads the ♦2 from the table and watches a slightly sleepy West play small and then look aghast as declarer’s ♠B wins the trick. He then cashes the ♠A and takes a ruffing finesse against the ♣K, cashes the ♣K and returns to hand to cash the ♠A, gives up a trump trick and his hand is high. Now he has a story for the Daily News. But declarer now realises he is just lying in his bed and it didn’t really happen and he will never know if West would have played low to the fourth trick.

What is the moral to this story? Well, declarer could not get back to sleep after this rude interruption to his slumber. Consequently he arrived for the bridge tired and irritable and played even worse than the previous day.

So enjoy a drink with members of the Daily News but never, ever, start to think about hands you are playing as suitable material.

Things world champions are made of

You as South hold a nice hand with a good long suit. So you open 1♠, and it comes back to you after bids of 1♥, 2♦ and 2♠. It’s now your call with:

| ♠ | K 6 3 |
| ♦ | A Q J 9 8 7 6 |
| ♣ | – |
| ♢ | Q 9 4 |

No problem - most players would just bid 4♣. But not Fred Hamilton, a world champion from the United States. He found a different call - 6♣! Naturally partner Arnie Fisher passed, and now it was up to Hamilton to make his 12 tricks. This was the complete hand:

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There’s a lot to be said about the bidding in both rooms. Arnie Fisher’s decision to bid where he lived was a key factor. Many players would make a ‘lazy’ negative double. “I wanted to show the meat of the hand,” said Fisher.

At the other table Zeke Jabbour thought it was their hand until Mike Levine passed 6♥. It wasn’t easy for him to go quietly, but in the end he did.

Hamilton ruffed the opening diamond lead and immediately played a heart to the 10. The slam is unbeatable now. If East leads a spade after taking his ♦K, declarer ruffs, draws trumps and runs clubs.

In the post mortem, a kibitzer asked about North’s call of pass over 6♥. “It must have been difficult to pass,” he said.

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Q Plus

Mr. Leber will sell signed copies of Q-plus (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.
THE YOUNGEST

Aurelien Gerard, 8, of France playing in the Minibridge Contest

The age range in the Minibridge game was 8-12. The youngest was Aurelien Gerard whose birthday is 5th March 1990, making her just 8 years old. 160 youngsters competed.

In the Schools Championship for proper bridge the age range was 12 to 19. The two youngest players both came from Belgium. The youngest boy Steven Eysenbrandts, 13, (born 4th September 1985) partners his sister. The youngest girl was Elke Ydens, 12, (born 3rd June 1986). 48 youngsters competed.

Endplayed . . . in spades!

Eric Greco of America's Klar team found a neat endplay on this deal from the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams Round of 64.

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West North East South
Duboin Hampson Bocchi Greco
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3NT
All Pass

This deal took place in the final quarter of the match. Klar was trailing by 17 as the fourth quarter got under way, and they were two down when this deal came along.

The line of play executed by Greco is the only one that figures to be successful on this tricky hand. It required precise timing and communication.

The opening lead of the ♠ 10 rode to Greco’s king, and he immediately went after hearts, leading to the king and losing to the ace. East, Bocchi, led a diamond, ducked, and a diamond was continued to the ace. Greco crossed to dummy with a club and led the ♠ Q. East took this and continued the attack on diamonds. But Greco cashed the ♦ Q after winning the diamond. Then he crossed to the ♠ K and then ducked a club to West, Duboin. West was forced to lead away from his ♦ 9-3 into dummy’s ♦ J-7, and that was the game. 3NT was set one trick at the other table.

Senior’s Conflict

Nissan Rand (Israel)

In the 8th round of the Senior series the leader Rosen (USA) faced Rohan (Isr/Aus).


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At both tables South declared 3NT. In the open room West led the ♦ J taken by declarer’s ace. He ran the ♦ Q which was allowed to win and then played a small heart to dummy’s queen. East won with the ♦ K and switched to the ♦ J. Declarer had no chance now and finished up three down.

In the closed room the play to the first two tricks was identical. Then declarer played the ♦ 10 and overtook it with dummy’s ace. Next came the ♦ Q taken by East’s king, West discarding an encouraging diamond. East switched to the ♦ J which was allowed to hold. East continued with the ♦ 10 and declarer won with the ace, discarding a heart from dummy. Now he cashed the ace of hearts and continued with a low one from both hands. East won but was now endplayed.

We discovered that the successful declarer was Nissan Rand whose team was one of those to reach the knock out stage. So he is for the moment still one of the holders!

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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.

Nissan Rand (Israel)
Making an unmakable slam  
by Philippe Brunel, France

Here is an unmakable slam that made.

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad 9 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad Q \, 9 \, 7 \, 2 \\
\spadesuit & \quad J \, 8 \, 6 \, 4 \\
\clubsuit & \quad A \, K \, Q \, 2
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad J \, 4 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad K \, Q \, 107652 \\
\spadesuit & \quad 8 \, 3 \\
\clubsuit & \quad 5 \, 4
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad K \, 9 \, 7 \, 2 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad A \\
\spadesuit & \quad J \, 9 \, 8 \, 7 \, 3 \\
\clubsuit & \quad A \, K \, J \, 10 \, 6
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad Q \, 10 \, 5 \, 3 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad 10 \, 6 \, 4 \\
\spadesuit & \quad A \, K \, 3 \\
\clubsuit & \quad 5
\end{align*} \]

When Morin ruffed his last two trumps, West had no answer – he either had to give up his club guard or throw away all his diamonds. East had to return a club instead of a fourth spade to break up the squeeze.

Morin and Dorfman of the Barbaroux team from France reached a small slam in hearts on this deal played against the Naniwada team from Japan in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams round-robin.

West led the \(\heartsuit J\) to the ace, and declarer, Dorfman, ruffed a spade. After coming to hand with a trump, he ruffed his last spade. He drew the remaining trumps with the queen and led a diamond, East being forced to win the ace. East couldn't lead another diamond, so he forced with another spade. When declarer ruffed, West was about to be in trouble for this was the position:

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad – \\
\diamondsuit & \quad A \, K \, Q \, 2 \\
\spadesuit & \quad J \, 8 \\
\clubsuit & \quad –
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad – \\
\diamondsuit & \quad Q \, 10 \, 7 \\
\spadesuit & \quad K \, 9 \\
\clubsuit & \quad J \, 9 \, 8 \, 7 \, 3
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad – \\
\diamondsuit & \quad A \, K \, J \, 10 \, 6 \\
\spadesuit & \quad Q \, 10 \, 5 \, 3 \\
\clubsuit & \quad 10 \, 6 \, 4
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad – \\
\diamondsuit & \quad A \, K \, 3 \\
\spadesuit & \quad 5
\end{align*} \]

A Bad Break Can Help  
by Alan Hiron

This deal from an early match in the Seniors Teams caught my eye. At the table were Boris Schapiro (at 89 the oldest competitor!) and Irving Gordon, opposed by Castellon and Francos of Spain.

N/S Vul. Dealer East.

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad 10 \, 9 \, 3 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad K \, 10 \, 9 \, 7 \, 5 \, 3 \\
\spadesuit & \quad A \, 9 \, 2 \\
\clubsuit & \quad 4
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad A \, K \, 8 \, 5 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad A \, 6 \\
\spadesuit & \quad 10 \, 4 \, 3 \\
\clubsuit & \quad Q \, J \, 10 \, 9
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\heartsuit & \quad Q \, J \, 7 \, 6 \, 4 \, 2 \\
\diamondsuit & \quad Q \, J \, 8 \\
\spadesuit & \quad 5 \\
\clubsuit & \quad A \, K \, 8
\end{align*} \]

West North East South

Gordon Schapiro

Pass 1\(\heartsuit\) Pass 2\(\heartsuit\) 2NT 3\(\heartsuit\) Pass 3\(\spadesuit\) 4\(\spadesuit\) Pass 5\(\spadesuit\) Pass Dble

All Pass

(1) Lead-directing

As Irving said afterwards, 'I nearly redoubled!' It was just as well that he didn't for it was not difficult for the defenders to find their diamond ruff and that was -300.

Then a player remarked, '4\(\spadesuit\) is a make but not 4\(\heartsuit\).’ This set me wondering. In spite of the bad trump break, the defenders can do nothing against 4\(\spadesuit\).

Furthermore, 4\(\spadesuit\) can be defeated if East gets a spade ruff. And how can he do that? Only by leading a trump!

At the other table West was very restrained.

West North East South

Gordon Schapiro

Pass Pass Pass Pass

The lead was the king of diamonds. Howard Cohen, as North, made no mistake. He won, ruffed a diamond and cashed the top clubs to discard a spade. Now, it was easy, and a useful gain for the British team.

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Par Contest - Problem 4

N/S Vul. Dealer West.

North
♣ A 4 3 2
♥ A 10 2
♦ 5 4 3 2
♠ 5 4

South
♣ J
♥ J 7 4 3
♦ 9
♠ A K Q J 10 9 2

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

West leads the ♠ K.
East overtricks the ♠ K and switches to a spade; South's jack is covered by the ♠ king and won by the ace.

Declarer can afford to lose only one heart trick, so he must hope for a favourable lie in the suit. A priori, any of the following combinations could see him home:

a) KQ on the left.

This can be ruled out as West would have opened with 13 HCP.

b) Doubleton ♠ KQ on the right.

This combination is highly improbable on a percentage basis alone. Besides, East shows up with a singleton trump, which would then give him a 5-2-5-1, 6-2-4-1 or 4-2-6-1 shape. Holding such a hand including the ♠ A and ♠ KQ, he would surely have entered the bidding.

c) Doubleton ♠ with a singleton trump, which would then give him 5-1-5-1 or 4-1-4-2 or 4-2-4-1 shape. Hold- ing such a hand including the ♠ A and ♠ KQ, he would surely have entered the bidding.

d) A singleton ♠ KQ on the right.

South leads small from dummy and whether East plays low or puts up the honour, guesses the position to score two tricks and ruff his fourth heart in the dummy.

However, the objections raised in case (b) apply here as well. Furthermore, the defence could defeat the contract by playing a trump at trick two and by allowing West to win the heart trick so that he can lead a second trump, preventing a heart ruff in the dummy.

d) A singleton ♠ KQ on the right.

Keeping in mind the bidding, this layout is certainly the most likely one. Declarer’s plan is to play a low heart from hand, intending to put in the ten, lose to East, then cash the ace, capturing West’s honour, and pick up East’s eight or nine on a finesse.

However, the defence can foil this plan.
West can put up his honour on the first round of hearts. Dummy must win and the entry required for the finesse against East’s heart spots is lost.

Since North now lacks the entry to pick up East’s hearts, declarer has to manoeuvre in such a way that East will be stripped of all his cards but hearts and eventually will have to lead the suit himself and present South with a free finesse.

Solution

Before attacking the heart suit, South plays off all but one of his trumps to reach the following position (East had to hang on to all four hearts):

♠ 4 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ 5 ♣ –
♥ 9 ♠ K 8 ♦ Q 10 ♠ –
♦ – ♥ 7 4 3 ♡ –
♠ 2

or:

♠ 4 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ 5 ♣ –
♥ 9 ♠ K 8 ♦ Q 10 ♠ –
♦ – ♥ 7 4 3 ♡ –
♠ 2

After leading the three of hearts, on which West puts up the king, won by North, declarer ruffs a spade or a diamond, the suit in which East keeps a non-heart card. A heart is now led to the ten and East is forced to win and play into south’s jack-seven tenace.

The only question left open is how declarer will know which card East has kept, a spade or a diamond, and so which suit he must ruff at trick ten.

The clue lies once again in the bidding, or rather in the absence of bidding by the opponents. Give West a five-card suit, or East a 5-4-3-1 or 3-4-5-1 distribution, and it is a near certainty that one of them would have found an overcall, especially with the favourable vulnerability. This leads to the conclusion that neither opponent has a five-card suit, giving East a 4-4-4-1 distribution.

The full deal:

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

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The match between a top Italian team and the Austrian squad started well for Italy when Erhart opened 2♣ (a weak two in hearts or spades plus a minor), then greedily doubled her opponents in 5♠ with ♦643 ♣QJ1086 ♢A73 ♥K. Declarer, who had an 11-card trump fit, would now have guessed trumps to be 1-1 I think, but Sylvia Terraneo, who had shown rather more values than she had, took out insurance in 5♥ for -500. However, Fischer-Weigkricht had brought home 430 with a heart stop of ♥K facing ♥73, to hold the loss to 2 IMPs.

The next board saw a nice piece of system for Rosetta-De Lucchi. After a Multi 2♦ by her RHO and a 2♥ reply, Rosetta passed with ♥Q9873 ♥A4 ♥1096 ♥A52. When De Lucchi reopened with a double, Rosetta could use 2NT as a shape relay and invite game showing 5+ spades. De Lucchi then judged well to bid game with ♥1065 ♥K ♥AKJ85 ♥K763 and brought home ten tricks easily when the ♥ was onsite.

It was harder for Erhart; after West North East South
2♥ Pass Pass Dble
2♥ Pass Pass
3♥

she bid 3♥ and collected +170 when Terraneo very reasonably let it go.

Terraneo effectively flattened the match by treating ♥J109432 ♥Q83 ♥J72 ♥Q5 as a mixed raise facing a potentially canapé 1♥ opening. She jumped to 3♥, and Ferlazzo passed timidly with ♥QA ♥Q9752 ♥AKQ84 ♥AQ and conceded -140. In the other room, Fischer over-called 1♠ and Rosetta drove her partner to 3♥, rather than letting her play 2♠.

That put Weigkricht on lead with the ♥Q5 and it was relatively easy to collect +200.

Terraneo was in the hot seat again with ♥62 ♥K86532 ♥Q76 ♥A62 over a 10 opening. She elected to pass, not everyone’s choice. Although she backed in over 2♣ with 2♥, it was tough for Erhart to envisage such an offensively orientated collection. When her right-hand opponent competed to 3♥, she bid only 3♥ with ♥AK107 ♥Q94 ♥KQ ♥Q987 to end the auction. Not that game is a bargain, but both spade honours were onsite and trumps were 2-2 so +620 was recorded and the Italians had 10 IMPs.

The Italians had a small lead going into Board 12 on which a lot of IMPs changed hands.

Fischer-Weigkricht had collected +200 on defence against 5♥, but Terraneo stopped off to double 4♠ when Erhart showed the red suits. The lead of the ♥K might have solved any problems for Erhart, but Terraneo led the ♥J. Erhart correctly covered the ♥10 with the jack, and declarer drew one trump, then led a low club. Erhart took the ace and fatally played a heart. Now declarer was home. It seems as if there would nevertheless have been considerable pressure on the defence if declarer had led a club from hand at trick two to try to ruff out the suit. South gets strangely squeezed when declarer ruffs a diamond. I think the contract can be made against any defence, but I leave it to the readers with more time to work it out!

All of this left Italy leading by 10 IMPs at the end of the first quarter.

The players returned to the same seats and Italy immediately received a stroke of luck.

The Italians had a relatively controlled auction after Manara as East passed as dealer. Terraneo opened 2♣ (♥+♥/♠ weak in ♥) and Ferlazzo doubled to show either hearts or a strong hand. Erhart bid 2♥ and Manara’s bid of 4♥ was followed by three passes. On a diamond lead she made 13 tricks. However, Fischer-Weigkricht defended 2♠ doubled after a multi 2♠ opening. As you can see declarer has just five trump tricks if the defence get their act together. In fact on a defence ideally suited to a Hammer Horror movie declarer emerged with seven tricks and that was 7 IMPs for Italy.

The next board saw the IMPs go back. Erhart-Terraneo reached a slam on these two hands:

The Italians had a small lead going into Board 12 on which a lot of IMPs changed hands.

N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

after the following auction:

North South
1♠
2♥ 3♥
3♥ 3NT
4♥ 4♥
4NT 5♥
6♥ All Pass

On a trump lead declarer might be struggling in theory. But even on the lead of the
Erhart also had a problem. She elected to go for the crossruff, but with all the suits lying exceptionally well and $\spadesuit$A6 outside everything works. That was 11 IMPs to Austria when Italy stopped in game. A couple of boards later Austria got a slightly lucky break. Terraneo declared $\clubsuit$4 from the South seat after some heart pre-emption over a strong club.

Terraneo-Fischer bid:

**West North East South**

- **Pass**
- **P**
- **P**
- **Pass**

**West**

- **Pass**
- **3}$
- **Pass**
- **P**

**East**

- **Pass**
- **3}$
- **Pass**
- **P**

**South**

- **Pass**
- **1}$
- **2NT**
- **Pass**

This was doubled and the full hand turned out to be:

- **2NT**
- **Q**
- **K**
- **Q**

and she finished up with +1470 when a club to the queen slipped through. In the other room the auction was **1NT-3NT** – a deserved 13 IMPs to Austria who led by 40 IMPs with a set over the final deals, but the hands were quiet, and the Austrians never seriously threatened to go.

There were a number of moderate swings over the final deals, but the hands were quiet, and the Austrians never seriously threatened to get back into the match. Austria picked up a game swing when they found the right 4-3 major-suit fit, and broke even on the rest of the set.

In the end Austria appeared to be an easy winner, but the Italians had played well and had made their opponents work hard.
Auken (Germany) v Solodar (USA)

The very experienced American quartet is comprised of Jacqui Mitchell and Amalya Kearse, Gail Greenberg and Sylvia Moss. They faced one of the world’s top pairs, in Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim, teamed up with a pair new to competition at this level, Katrin Farwig and Barbara Stawowy. A lot might depend on whether the young German pair could hold their own when the going got tough.

It wasn’t tough at all for the Germans in the first quarter as they piled up a 53 IMP lead.

**Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.**

- **Open Room**
  - **West**
    - ♠ 9 6
    - ♥ 10 7
    - ♦ AK 10 7 3
    - ♣ AQ 8 6
  - **North**
    - ♥ K 7 4 3
    - ♦ AK Q 5
    - ♣ Q 9 8
    - ♠ 5
  - **East**
    - ♠ K 9 7 3 2
    - ♠ Q 10 8 2
    - ♠ 8 6 2
    - ♠ ♠ ♣ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠
  - **South**
    - ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

**Closed Room**

- **West**
  - ♠ K 7 4 3
  - ♠ AK Q 5
  - ♠ Q 9 8
  - ♠ 5
- **North**
  - ♠ K 9 7 3 2
  - ♠ Q 10 8 2
  - ♠ 8 6 2
  - ♠ ♠ ♣ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠
- **East**
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
- **South**
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

- **All Pass**

If the ♦ raise in the Open Room put pressure on the East player, Barbara Stawowy’s ♦ raise made things even tougher. Jacqui Mitchell took the plunge in 5♦ and Katrin Farwig promptly doubled. Declarer did not get the trump suit right so was down two for -500 and 15 IMPs to the Germans.

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

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

Auken/von Arnim play an aggressive four-card major opening style and von Arnim opened 1♠ as dealer. That attracted a pre-emptive raise to 3♠ from Auken. It will not always be the winning bid, of course, but it seems to me that South should just shrug her shoulders and bid 4♥ now. In practice, Moss passed, and while Greenberg gave it a look on the way out, it was too much to ask her to do anything.

Gail Greenberg led the ♣K and switched to the ♦J. Moss won the ace and returned a club to the king and von Arnim ruffed a heart then passed the jack of spades. Greenberg won the queen and played two more rounds of spades. Von Arnim cashed the ♦Q and it was clear that the diamond length was more likely to be on her right, as North would probably have overcalled had she had the heart length. Finessing the ♦J led to one down; -100.

In the other room the West hand was not opened, and indeed unless you can open 1♣ in your methods there seems no good reason to open the hand. After three passes, Farwig opened 1♠, Amalya Kearse doubled and Stawowy raised to 4♥. Even holding five spades, Mitchell didn’t fancy bidding 4♠ at this vulnerability, and it is between 500 and 800 if the defence get their club ruff, so 4♥ was the final contract. There was nothing to the play; an easy +620 and 11 IMPs to AUKEN.

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

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

- ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

- ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
  - ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

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Barbara Stawowy (Germany)
time. She needed to take the club finesse now to get out for one down but actually played a second spade to her king. Greenberg next played a third spade and Aukén won, cashed her heart winner, and exited with a spade. Declarer had to give up a club at the end for two down; -300 and 6 IMPs to AUKEN.

Board 10. All Vul. Dealer East.

After two passes, both Wests opened 1♣, though only Kearse’s bid said very much about diamonds. Over the loose, strong club style 1♣ opening, Greenberg overcalled 2 NT, hearts and clubs, and Moss responded 3♦, ending the auction. Perhaps Moss might have done more, either jumping to 4♠ or, if that felt like too much, bidding 3♥ as a game try. Anyway, 3♥ just lost two diamond tricks at the end for a disappointing +200.

In the other room, 1♦ was natural and Stawowy overcalled a simple 1♥. After a pass by East, Farwig made an unassuming cuebid of 2♦. For any further details and hotel arrangements contact:

Jacqui Mitchell (USA)

Closed Room

West North East South
Kearse Stawowy Aukén Moss
Pass Pass Pass
Pass 1♥ 1♦ 2♣ 3♦
Pass Dble Pass 4♥
Dble 4♥ Dble All Pass

I wonder how many of the players who held the West hand managed to resist opening in third seat? Kearse passed and Stawowy opened 1♣, showing five, on the North hand. 2♣ was a constructive heart raise, and when Kearse competed with 3♣, Stawowy fell from grace by bidding 3♥ when she might have passed to show her minimum. 3♥ tempted Farwig to go on to game, but 4♥ had no chance as the cards lay and drifted one off for -50.

Open Room

West North East South
V Arnim Greenberg Aukén Moss
Pass Pass Pass
Pass Dble Pass 4♠
Dble 4♥ Dble All Pass

Von Arnim opened the West hand with a two-way 2♣, majors or minors, and Aukén responded 3♦, pass or correct. When that came back to Greenberg she doubled for takeout and Moss, perhaps expecting a better hand, cuebids 4♠. That gave Von Arnim an opportunity to double to show her maximum hand and that was enough for Aukén to take a pot at 4♥.

Aukén led the queen of clubs and Greenberg won dummy’s king and led a heart to the bare king. Von Arnim switched to the king of diamonds to dummy’s ace and Greenberg played a second heart. Aukén won and returned a diamond but Greenberg could ruff that. Declarer played the jack of spades to the queen and ace and was in dummy for the last minor or hearts, and Greenberg’s double was takeout of hearts. Aukén put on the pressure with a jump to 3♥; pass or correct and essentially pre-emptive. When that came back to Greenberg she cuebids 4♣, when a second takeout double looks better, and Moss bid a quiet 5♠. Von Arnim led a diamond and Aukén won her king and switched to a heart to the bare ace. Moss took one heart ruff then drew trumps. The third heart went away on the long spade for +400.

Closed Room

West North East South
Kearse Stawowy Aukén Moss
Pass Pass Pass
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♦
Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠
Pass 4♥ Pass 5♦
Pass 6♥ All Pass

Again the passive approach of the American team worked out badly for them as the Germans had a free ride to the excellent slam. The key was Farwig’s 2♠ response to the 1♦ opening, which she could afford to make because of her passed hand status. When she next gave diamond preference, Stawowy was always going to go to slam; +920 and 11 IMPs.

On the last board of the set, von Arnim uncharacteristically went down in a game she should have made while Kearse made no mistake, to give the Americans a 10 IMP swing, but the set score was still 6-4 to AUKEN; a very useful start indeed.

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APPEAL NO. 14
Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

Appeals Committee:
Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman), Grattan Endicott, England, Virgil Anderson, USA and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

Mixed Pairs Final
N/S: France
E/W: South Africa


West North East South
Å K 10 7
♥ K 10 J
搭 A 10 2
♠ A J 5 4

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

Pass
Pass Pass
Pass

(1) Transfer
(2) Alleged slow pass

Table result:
3 NT by North, 11 tricks: +200 N/S.

The Tournament Director:
The TD was called to the table after the bidding. The tray was at the W/S side of the table and West explained that it took South about 6-8 seconds before she passed over 3 NT. South denied having hesitated at all. After the play the TD was called to the table and asked for a ruling. The TD agreed with North's bid of 3 NT. Furthermore, he did not believe that a hesitation of 6-8 seconds with screens was enough to bar North anyway. Had it been 15-20 seconds, it would have been another story, and especially if the hesitation could be pinpointed to one particular hand. The TD therefore let the score stand. E/W appealed.

The Players:
EW: East maintained that the hesitation was more than 6-8 seconds, more like 10-12 seconds. In a demonstration of the felt length of the pause, West demonstrated a pause of about 20 seconds.
N/S: South categorically denying having paused at all. She stated that she did not even think about bidding on that hand.

The Committee:
East did the right thing when he called the TD when he believed North to have acted on South's change in tempo. The Committee believed South's hand to be the classic hand for a deliberation in this bidding sequence. The Committee believed there may have been a hesitation, but since this was not substantiated in any way, the Committee allowed the score to stand.

APPEAL NO. 15
Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway.

Appeals Committee:
Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman), Virgil Anderson, USA, Jean-Paul Meyer, France, Chris Compston, USA and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway.

Rosenblum, Round 5
N/S: J. Dhondy - I. Pagan, UK
E/W: Vega - Hernandez, Panama


West North East South
♠ A K 9 7
♥ K 3 2
搭 J 6
♠ K J 7 2

♥ 10 4
♥ J 10 6 4
搭 9 5 4 3
搭 5 4 3

♥ J 8 6 3
♥ A Q 9 8
搭 10 8
搭 A 10 6

Pass
Pass Pass
Pass

(1) 14-16
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Table result:
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The Committee:
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APPEAL NO. 16
Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway.

Appeals Committee:
Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman), Virgil Anderson, USA, Jean-Paul Meyer, France, Chris Compston, USA and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway.

Rosenblum, Round 6
N/S: Frederic Wrang - Gunnar Hallberg, UK
E/W: Marc Smith - Czerniewski, UK


West North East South
♠ 7 5 3 2
♥ 5
搭 A Q 7 5
♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10
♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3 2
搭 K J 9 3
♠ 5

Pass
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The Tournament Director:
E/W's convention card reads: "Against weak 1 NT: 2 NT shows the majors. East considered 14-16 as a weak NT, while West considered it as a strong NT. Thus North took the double for T/O and bid 2 NT. South doubled for values, and bid 3 NT on North's 2 NT bid, assuming that the ♠ would behave badly. North did not correct to 4 NT without a ♠ stopper.

The TD considered 14-16 to be a strong NT opening, and consequently, South had had the right information from West. He therefore allowed the table result to stand. N/S appealed.

The Players:
There was no dispute as to the facts. E/W had now agreed upon which range 14 would be.

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**APPEAL NO. 17**

Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman), Virgil Anderson, USA George Retek, Canada, Jean-Louis Derivery and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

Rosenblum, Round 5

N/S: B.K. Mohota - S.Kagarwaca, India

E/W: Kowalski - Romanski, Poland


| ♠ | 6 S |
| ♦ | A K 5 |
| ♣ J |
| ♥ A Q 10 8 6 5 3 |

The Tournament Director:

The Committee decided that even if South's explanation to West had been wrong, South had volunteered information about his hand which was more than adequate for West to make a correct decision on how to play the board.

If you have all the information necessary and misplay your hand, you should not expect the Appeals Committee to replay the hand for you. For this reason, the TD’s decision was upheld, the table result stood and the money was forfeited.

**APPEAL NO. 18**

Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman), Virgil Anderson, USA George Retek, Canada, Jean-Louis Derivery and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

Rosenblum Round 2

N/S: Buratti - Lanzarotti, Italy

E/W: Fawcett - Liggins, England

Board 6 E/W.

| ♠ | 9 7 5 |
| ♦ A Q 10 5 4 |
| ◇ 8 5 4 2 |
| ♥ K 10 6 2 |

The Tournament Director:

The TD was called to the table before the double regarding a slow pass by South. The TD found no proved infraction and let the table result stand. The table result therefore stands and the money was returned.

### 1st International Bridge Festival of Bad Griesbach

The first International Bridge Festival of Bad griesbach, Germany, will be held from June 5th to 11th 1999.

The program features a Welcome Pairs, Barometer Pairs, Open Pairs, Teams and Butler Pairs.

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For these reasons, the TD let the table result stand. E/W appealed.

**The Players:**

N/S: North stated that a 5-3-3-2 distribution on South's hand was excluded, for that hand would be opened 1NT. Thus, South had to hold an unbalanced hand. South maintained that owing to the fact that his partner would know that he held an unbalanced minimum opening hand, he had passed. North therefore bid 4♠. South did not agree to any hesitation and North stated that he would always bid 4♠ with this hand, regardless of any hesitation.

E/W: West claimed that the hesitation was at least 20 seconds, and West passed immediately, believing that 4♠ would be the contract. He had planned to double 4♠ while South was contemplating. He absolutely denied the TD's assurance that the statement "not crazy" was not made to deceive his opponents. South had called with the 4♠ because he believed that, at this point, if they were to beat the contract, it would have to be in clubs.

The Committee:

The Committee found that East had all the necessary information present. She tried to take advantage of a penalty card, but unfortunately for her, it backfired. The Appeals Committee upheld the TD's decision.

The Appeal:

Appeal No. 19
Reported by Tommy Sandsmark

Appeals Committee:

Joan Gerard, USA, Barbara Nudelman, USA, Chris Compton, USA, George Retek, Canada and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

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**The Amazing Thailand Bridge Festival and 20th Asian Bridge Club Championships**

These two events will be held together from December 2nd to 7th in the Montien Riverside Hotel, Bangkok. The program includes two Open Pairs competitions plus Open, Ladies, Youth and Mixed Teams championships. All teams will play in the same field and separated from the quarter-final stage onwards. The finals will be shown as an exhibition to demonstrate bridge to the officials and press of the Asian Games.

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**What a terrible hand!**

No doubt all of you have held a yarborough or two -- you know, a hand with nothing higher than a 9. Bart Bramley of the United States went two better -- he had nothing higher than a 7 on this deal from the Round of 64 in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams. He held:

- ♠ 5 4 2
- ♦ 7 6 4 2
- ♥ 6 3
- ♣ 4 3 2

Add up the pips -- only 53. The absolute minimum possible is 41. Bramley once before had a 55-pip hand, but he saw that record broken when Marc Jacobus had a 54-pip hand. And now the record is broken again.

No, Bramley didn't get to be declarer -- he didn't even bid. Usually partner makes a take-out double or a forcing 2♠ when you hold a hand like this. His partner competed to the three level in spades, but the opponents bought the hand for 4♣, just making, for a push.
Test your defense
by Alan Truscott

You are East in the Vivendi Rosenblum qualifying, defending 6 v on the following layout:

E/W: 10 8 7 5 2 9 8 7 3 5 4
N/S: K 9 4 A 2 Q 10 8 3 K 10 9 5

West North East South
1 10 4 6 Pass 2 3 5
Pass All Pass

The K is led, ruffed by South with the 10. When he leads the , West produces the jack, and when dummy plays the queen you win with ace. What next?

It seems safe to return a diamond, forcing another ruff. But the complete deal is this:

E/W: 10 8 7 5 2 9 8 7 3 5 4
N/S: K 9 4 A 2 Q 10 8 3 K 10 9 5

West North East South
1 10 4 6 Pass 2 3 5
Pass All Pass

After he is permitted two diamond ruffs, South can cross to dummy with a trump, ruff the last diamond, and play clubs. After cashing the ace and king, he ruffs a club and takes dummy's remaining two hearts. This squeezes East in the black suits.

But East can prevent the squeeze by returning a trump at the third trick, messing up the timing for the squeeze. Mike Lawrence, East for the Ross team, found the essential trump return for the right reason and earns a nomination for the best defence of the tournament.

Too tired to pass
by Barry Rigal

I asked Ruth Levit and Migri Tzu Albu whether they had any good hands to help them qualify. Migri immediately produced this deal from her penultimate match - which embodied no feature of good bridge but which demonstrated that their luck was working. They qualified by 1 IMP after scoring a blitz in their final match. Migri picked up:

East

7 6 5 4 2
A
K 10 6 2
K 9 4

West

A 9 8 7 6 5
K 10 9 8 3
A 2

South

J 9
K J 7 6 3
A 8 7 5
J 3

N/S

K Q 3
Q 10 8 4 2
Q 3

in third seat. After two passes, she passed and RHO opened 1 . LHO responded 1NT. At this point she looked at her bidding tray and discovered she had been too tired to pass on the first round. She had opened instead! Still, nothing too terrible had happened yet. She passed again, and Ruth reopened with a double, ending the auction. She led a spade, of course, and this was the full deal:

East

7 6 5 4 2
A
K 10 6 2
K 9 4

West

A Q 6 3
K 10 6 5 4
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A K J 4

South

J 9
K J 7 6 3
A 8 7 5
J 3

N/S

K Q 3
Q 10 8 4 2
Q 3

Declarer scrambled her way to six tricks for minus 100 and 3 IMPs to Israel. The deal was passed out in the other room, so it generated a Victory Point -- quite important in the final analysis.

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The 5th Malta Bridge Festival

The Festival will be held at The Radisson SAS Bay Point Resort, St. George’s Bay, St. Julians, Malta, from February 27th to March 5th 1999. This is also the venue for next year’s European Teams and Ladies Pairs Championships.

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