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SCHEDULE

Welcome Message by the WBF President Gianarrigo Rona

Mr. Filippo Fritelli, Mayor of Salsomaggiore; Mr. Gianni Medugno, President of Italian Bridge Federation; Mrs. Daniela Isetti, Chairman of the Organizing Committee; Mr. Ata Aydin, Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee; Mrs. Sevinç Atay, Chairman of the WBF Kids Committee; Authorities, dear friends and colleagues, dear young players, I am very pleased and honored to welcome you, both on behalf of the WBF and personally, to the Opening Ceremony of the 16th World Youth Bridge Teams Championships.

I would like to congratulate the City of Salsomaggiore Terme, the Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge, the Local Organizing Committee and the WBF Youth

BBO ♠ + ♣ ♠ ♣

BBO ♠ ONLY

10:00 - 12:00: Juniors, Youngsters, Kids	ITA-JPN (J)	FRA-AUS (J)	ARG-FIN (J)	ISR-BER (Y)	CHN-TPE (Y)
13:30 - 15:30: Juniors, Girls, Youngsters, Kids	NED-SWE (J)	GER-ARG (J)	ENG-HUN (J)	BRA-SWE (Y)	POL-FRA (G)
15:50 - 17:50: Juniors, Girls, Youngsters, Kids	EGY-HKG (J)	USA ₁ -USA ₂ (J)	NOR-SWE (J)	SIN-IND (Y)	ITA-POL (G)
18:10 - 20:10: Juniors	FIN-GER (J)	JAP-ENG (J)	NOR-EGY (J)	FRA-CAN (J)	COL-HKG (J)



Committee. I am sure that this event will be a success rewarding the excellent work done by them with passion and dedication. I am also pleased to thank our Sponsors-friends and in particular the Energy Group, because without their support this event would not have materialized.

Salsomaggiore is the Italian Bridge Capital Town and has had the privilege to host several World and European Championships, in particular a marvelous edition of the Bridge Olympiad in 1992.

I am confident that once again Salsomaggiore will welcome the participants with open arms and host them in accordance with its high standards of culture, history and hospitality. I am confident that you will

enjoy your play in this historical wonderful Palazzo dei Congressi and your stay here in Salso.

Dear young players, your participation here gives you the opportunity to enjoy a great bridge event in peace and harmony, all of you sharing, without discrimination, your passion and enthusiasm in a new, exciting and memorable bridge adventure.

Let me repeat that Bridge for Peace is our motto and here in Salso in order to defeat hatred, we play the Card of Peace.

Now the stage is yours. Enjoy and good luck.

*Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President*

PRESS CONFERENCE

Phillip Alder



Michela Cavatorta (Salsomaggiore Convention Bureau), Giovanni Medugno (FIGB President), Alessandra Bonati (Salsomaggiore Convention Bureau), Filippo Fritelli (Mayor of Salsomaggiore), Gianarrigo Rona (WBF President), Daniela Isetti (member of Salsomaggiore City Council), Sevinç Atay (WBF Executive Council), Ata Aydin (Championship Committee Chairman)

Yesterday morning, a press conference was held in the Town Hall. The guests of honour were Filippo Fritelli, the Mayor of Salsomaggiore; Gianarrigo Rona, the President of the World Bridge Federation; Gianni Medugno, the President of the Italian Bridge Federation; Ata Aydin, the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee; and Daniela Isetti, a member of the City Council of Salsomaggiore.

Mayor Fritelli said that it was one year ago that Salsomaggiore Terme had agreed to host these world championships, the first international bridge event to be held here since 2002. He was glad that everything has come to fruition. He was also very happy because he had seen many players taking photographs around the town and in the playing venue, enjoying all the beautiful frescos, paintings

and historic buildings.

President Rona mentioned that Salsomaggiore felt like a second home to him, because he has organized so many events here, starting when he was the President of the Italian Bridge Federation, then of the European Bridge League and continuing in his present position. He is particularly happy that teams have come from all eight WBF zones and the six populated continents. He also stressed BRIDGE 4 PEACE, that bridge players do not care about the nationality, race or religion of their opponents. They wish only to play bridge in a friendly and competitive atmosphere.

President Medugno said that he was very happy so many young players had come to Salsomaggiore for these championships. And speaking to a primarily partisan audience, he concluded with, "Go Italy!"

MATCHES TODAY

JUNIORS R 1

ARG FIN
SIN GER
EGY CHN
ENG NED
HKG POL
HUN NOR
ITA JPN
USA1 COL
CAN SWE
FRA AUS
BAN USA2

TIME: 10.00

JUNIORS R 2

NOR JPN
HKG FIN
NES SWE
CHN AUS
GER ARG
USA2 FRA
BAN CAN
SIN USA1
EGY ITA
ENG HUN
POL COL

TIME: 13.30

JUNIORS R 3

JPN COL
NOR SWE
POL AUS
ENG FIN
CHN FRA
GER CAN
USA2 USA1
BAN ITA
SIN HUN
EGY HKG
NED ARG

TIME: 15.50

JUNIORS R 4

FRA CAN
ARG USA1
AUS ITA
FIN GER
COL HKG
JPN ENG
NOR EGY
POL SIN
NED BAN
CHN USA2
SWE HUN

TIME: 18.10

GIRLS R 1

CHN ITA
NED USA
CHL HUN
POL FRA
AUS IND
NOR TPE
SIN Bye

TIME: 13.30

GIRLS R 2

TPE CHN
SIN CHL
ITA POL
USA AUS
HUN NOR
FRA IND
NED Bye

TIME: 15.50

YOUNGSTERS R 1

ISR BER
CHN TPE
USA POL
SWE HKG
ITA BRA
SIN NED
DEN GER
FRA IND
CHL LAT

TIME: 10.00

YOUNGSTERS R 2

TPE ISR
POL CHN
HKG USA
BRA SWE
NED ITA
GER SIN
IND DEN
LAT FRA
BER CHL

TIME: 13.30

YOUNGSTERS R 3

ISR POL
CHN HKG
USA BRA
SWE NED
ITA GER
SIN IND
DEN LAT
FRA CHL
TPE BER

TIME: 15.50

KIDS R. 1

ITA SWE
POL ISR
CHN1 CHN2
USA CAN
NED ENG
HUN CZE
FRA IND

TIME: 10.00

KIDS R. 2

IND POL
ITA CHN1
SWE USA
ISR NED
CHN2 HUN
CAN FRA
ENG CZE

TIME: 13.30

KIDS R. 3

IND ITA
SWE POL
ISR CHN1
CHN2 USA
CAN NED
ENG HUN
CZE FRA

TIME: 15.50

PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST!

PRACTICE MAKES LESS IMPERFECT



*With a good lead,
every battle is won
before it is fought.
(SUN TZU, Art of War)*

1. With only your side vulnerable, you pick up in third position:

Pairs. N/S Vulnerable.

- ♠ A 6 4 3
- ♥ K Q 6
- ♦ A 10 6 5
- ♣ A 3

The bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Partner</i>		<i>You</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	2♣ (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

- (a) Both majors
- (b) Relay

What would you lead?



Bridge is a bidder's game

2. Pairs. Both sides are vulnerable, and again in third position you hold:

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

The bidding starts like this:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Partner</i>		<i>You</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣ (a)
Pass	1♠ (b)	Dble	Redble (c)
Pass	2♣	Pass	??

- (a) Natural or any balanced hand outside the range for a one-notrump opening
- (b) Clubs
- (c) Strong hand

What would you do now?



Bridge is a bidder's game

3. With only the opponents vulnerable, your hand is:

- ♠ K Q J 10 2
- ♥ A J 6 2
- ♦ 10 8 5
- ♣ 10

The auction proceeds like this:

West	North	East	South
<i>You</i>		<i>Partner</i>	
	1♣	Pass	1NT
??			

What would you call?



?? Solutions on page 13. Or CLICK HERE on the web version

A REPRISE FROM OPATIJA...

Last year's world youth tournament took place in Opatija, Croatia, where the primary organizers were Goran Grguric and his wife, Branka. Since then, suddenly and very sadly, Goran died. In memory of him, here are three articles, one from each of the main contributors to last year's daily bulletins.

The Karlsson Show

by Micke Melander

Here come two boards from the final between Norway and Zlatan in the third and last segment of the match.

First, let's have a look at a deal where both declarers did a good job after arriving in six hearts.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

East led the seven of clubs: two, queen, ace.

With three top spades, four hearts and (now) three clubs, you have ten sure tricks. How would you proceed?

Each declarer took two rounds of trumps, getting the bad news. North then played two top spades and ruffed the six of spades high in hand, led a heart to dummy, and pulled East last trump. Declarer then cashed the queen of spades and continued with the king of clubs. When East, as expected, discarded, the club finesse was easy to make for the needed twelfth trick.

The play was identical in both rooms, so no imps changed hand on that board. But should East have led his singleton when he knew from the bidding that dummy had four hearts and a singleton diamond?

Of course, if partner's ace had been in clubs or hearts, the lead would have been perfect. Here, though, suppose East had instead chosen to kick off with a diamond to West's ace, and West played back another diamond. Now North would have been forced to ruff in dummy and couldn't have followed the same line of play. However, the chances of making the contract would still have been very good. In fact, it would have been just about finding the queen of clubs onside, provided declarer timed his play correctly.

North could have drawn two rounds of trumps ending in hand, with West discarding a spade. Now declarer could have ruffed his last diamond and finessed in clubs on the way back to his hand to give this position:

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

When declarer played his next heart and pitched a club from dummy, what would poor West have done? Nothing, except putting his cards back in the board and concede, since he would have been squeezed in the black suits. That would have been a more interesting play to watch than what happened when a club was led. But we can be confident that both declarers would have followed this line.



Time to have a look at the Johan Karlsson show on this deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Grude	Karlsson	Hegge
	Pass	1NT	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Karlsson's unorthodox notrump opening hit the Norwegians hard when South overcalled with two spades, showing spades and a minor. North asked for the minor, then made an invitational raise with four clubs. (A splinter with four hearts would have hit the jackpot and might have taken them to the slam in clubs.) Hegge, with clear extras, went on to game.

Hegge got a diamond led and ruffed in hand. A spade to the ace and a heart followed. Karlsson went up with the ace and returned a spade. Hegge won with the king, cashed the ace of clubs and king of hearts to pitch the last spade from dummy. He then ruffed a heart and ruffed a diamond in hand before trumping the third spade high in dummy and claiming when the spade suit broke 3-3. Plus 420.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Bakke	Hult	Eide	Ekenberg
	Pass	1♦	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

To bid slam when the opponents have opened the bidding and partner is a passed hand is very rare and not the easiest thing to do. Hult-Ekenberg found a way to get there when Hult leapt to four clubs and had a control-bid in hearts to give partner. That was enough for Ekenberg, who jumped to six clubs. Eide, sitting East with ace-queen in both red suits, couldn't keep his fingers away from the little red card with an X on in the bidding box.

Bakke led the seven of diamonds: eight, nine, ruff. As in the Open Room, declarer crossed to dummy with a spade and led a heart. East went up with the ace to return, in rocket speed, a low diamond!

Declarer thought for several minutes before finally ruffing high. He then cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy. Then came a spade to the king and another spade ruffed high in dummy. When the spades were 3-3 and the clubs 2-1, Ekenberg could claim.

"That wasn't particularly well played by me," Ekenberg confessed afterwards. "I should have discarded my spade loser at trick four, since I knew who held the ace of diamonds and the chances were probably higher that West held two diamonds than the spades would split 3-3 and the clubs 2-1."

That was 12 of the imps that brought Zlatan to victory in the final.



Therme


The Decisive Board

by Ram Soffer

Is it possible to speak of one decisive board in a long team match that is actually a sum of 48 separate contests?

The gold-medal Juniors match was very close, with both sides taking substantial leads in turn. Here is the “go-ahead” board, after which the winning team kept their lead for good. It was also very interesting bridge-wise due to a highly creative and successful bid by Daniel Gullberg.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

♠ 10 8 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ 10 7 4 3 2 ♣ 6		♠ K ♥ A K 6 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A Q 9 7 5 4 2	♠ Q J 9 ♥ 9 8 7 5 3 2 ♦ K Q ♣ K J ♠ A 7 6 5 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ 10 8 3
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First of all, let’s look at the Closed Room bidding, where the auction became a fight between the two major suits.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Ekenberg</i>
		1♣	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Everything was normal. East-West reached game with their nine-card heart fit. But North-South found a profitable sacrifice in four spades (minus 300 compared to minus 620 against four hearts). Eide decided to bid on with his highly offensive hand, but Bakke wasn't sure about the quality of East's clubs, so he removed five clubs to the “safe” five hearts.

Alas, the poor quality of West's heart suit told. There was no way to prevent the loss of two aces and a trump trick, and Norway went minus.

Surprisingly, at the other table, hearts were never mentioned.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
		1♣	1♠
1NT	3♠	3NT	All Pass

The star bid was undoubtedly Gullberg's heavyweight one-notrump response with 12 HCP and six hearts! In my opinion, it was the product of fine hand evaluation: The quality of the long suit was really bad, while the concentration of power in the short suits weakened the hand considerably, so Daniel downgraded it to 10 HCP.

Three notrumps made easily with two overtricks. Had Norway competed to four spades, Gullberg-Karlsson could have bid on to four notrumps or five clubs, registering a vulnerable game either way.

The 13 imps won here gave Zlatan a lead of 92-88. In the remaining boards, they outscored their opponents 22-1 and took the gold convincingly.



**We are taking photos of all the Teams!
 If you haven't had your Team's picture taken yet, come to the Bulletin Room
 (2nd floor, first door on your right) and set your meeting with the Photographer!**



Junior Teams Final Norway vs Zlatan

by David Stern

Friday morning and then there were two. Norway and Zlatan played three segments of 16 boards to decide who would win the gold medal and be crowned world champions.

Norway

Christian Bakke, Harald Eide, Tor Elvind Grude and Kristoffer Hegge


Zlatan

Daniel Gullberg (SWE), Johan Karlsson (SWE), Giuseppe Delle Cave (ITA) Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa (ARG), Simon Ekenberg (SWE) and Simon Hult (SWE)

Luckily, our Vugraph operator, Bas van Beijsterveldt, has played in some Swedish tournaments because all of the talk at one table was being transacted in Scandinavian.

After an overtrick imp to Norway, this was the second deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
		1♦	1♥
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
		1♦	Dble
3♦	3NT	All Pass	

In the Open Room, North and South took the low roads. South might have wanted to do more than rebid two hearts, but he had nothing appealing. And North chose not to risk punishing an enterprising intervention. Two hearts made with an overtrick.

At the other table, Delle Cave took the high road, advancing with three notrumps and hoping for the best — and the dummy was perfect. He took three spades, one diamond and five clubs for plus 600 and 10imps. Zlatan 10-1.

On this deal, one table had game aspirations while the other had blood on their mind.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	2♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
	2♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Bakke, North for Norway in the Open Room, passed first in hand, not having the methods to show a weak major-minor hand. This allowed East to open one diamond and rebid his suit at his second turn. I suspect that if North had bid two hearts rather two clubs, East would not have rebid his diamonds, but who knows? Had East passed a two-heart bid by North, South may have simply tried four spades, promoting for his heart holding. However, at the table, South, discouraged by his bare ace of clubs, opted for an invitational three spades and played it there. West led his singleton diamond and East did well to insert the ten. East won

the next trick with the ace of spades, cashed his two diamond winners, and only then gave partner his diamond ruff. West exited with a spade and waited for his king of hearts: one down. (Yes, if East wins the first trick and returns a diamond, and after ruffing West switches to a heart, the defenders can do even better, but that would not have looked so clever if West had started with a doubleton diamond.)

I am not sure what I would have done holding the South hand in the closed room. Is three diamonds doubled going to compensate me enough for a possible game in hearts or spades? Da Rosa, though, had no indecision – he doubled, seeking blood. The defence was punishing, holding declarer to five trumps and one spade for minus 500 and 12 imps to Zlatan, who now led by 24-1.

This was a well-deserved swing to Zlatan.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

	♠ A Q J 7 5		
	♥ 6 2		
	♦ A 7 5 4		
	♣ A 7		
♠ 10 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">N W S E S</div>	♠ 8 4 3	
♥ Q 4 3		♥ A 7 5	
♦ K J 10 6		♦ 9 3	
♣ K J 9 2		♣ Q 8 6 5 4	
	♠ K 9 6		
	♥ K J 10 9 8		
	♦ Q 8 2		
	♣ 10 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Eide</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Da Rosa</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Easts led a low club. In the Open Room, Gullberg (West), confident that his partner was not underleading the ace, put in the jack to find out who held the queen. Declarer won with his ace and proceeded to misguess hearts by playing low to dummy's eight. West now led a low club, and Karlsson (East), awake to the tune being played by his partner, won with his queen and promptly switched to a diamond. This established the defenders' setting diamond trick while they still controlled the heart suit.

In the Closed Room, Delle Cave showed excellent technique by ducking the first trick, which had the effect of preventing East from gaining the lead to play a diamond through. Declarer won the second club and misguessed hearts, but the defence was powerless. West tried a heart return to the ace, but it was too late.

Well done to Gullberg for playing the jack of clubs at trick one in the Open Room and to Delle Cave for his thoughtful duck of the opening club lead in the Closed Room.

From the Opening Ceremony





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Answers to the Quiz (page 4)

1. In Opatija last year in the youth pair events, Julie Arbit and Sean Gannon were the only United States players to win medals, coming third in the Junior Pairs. Here are three of their boards, with the answers to the initial quiz.

They defended well on this deal when their opponents did not end in the best spot.

Dealer East. E-W Vul.

	♠ K 10 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K J 3 2 ♣ J 10 9 6					
♠ A 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ A 10 6 5 ♣ A 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 7 5 ♥ 10 4 3 2 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ K 8 5	
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ Q J 9 8 ♥ A J 8 7 ♦ Q ♣ Q 7 4 2					
West	North Gannon	East	South Arbit			
1NT	2♣ (a)	Pass	Pass			
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦ (b)			
	(a) Both majors	All Pass				
	(b) Relay					

Obviously, two spades would have been a better spot, but North presumably wondered if his partner had 4=5 in the majors and that the 5-2 fit would be better than the 4-3.

Gannon, sensing what was happening, led a low spade. Declarer won with his queen and led the diamond queen. West won with his ace, cashed the ace of spades, and gave his partner a spade ruff. Arbit returned a club to her partner's ace, then, on the fourth round of spades, she overruffed dummy's nine of hearts with her ten. She cashed the king of clubs and shifted to a trump.

The defenders took one spade, two hearts, one diamond, one club and two spade ruffs for two down, plus 100. This was worth 33.44 out of 38 matchpoints. The only better results were two hearts doubled and made by East(!) and two diamonds doubled and made by East.

2. Now we turn to the first bidding problem. This was the full layout:

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North <i>Gannon</i>	East	South <i>Arbit</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ (a)
Pass	1♠ (b)	Dble	Redble (c)
Pass	2♣	Pass	??

- (a) Natural or any balanced hand outside the range for a one-notrump opening
- (b) Clubs
- (c) Strong hand

Arbit, having shown a very strong hand, trusted her partner and passed!

She then got the trumps right to lose only one spade, two hearts and one diamond to score plus 110. That gained 34.56 matchpoints out of 38.

3. This was the full deal from the second bidding problem:

Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

West	North <i>Gannon</i>	East	South <i>Arbit</i>
??	1♣	Pass	1NT

Gannon made a take-out double of clubs, and Arbit, eyeing the vulnerability, passed.

West led the king of spades, of course. He continued with the ten of spades to East's ace, took the third round with his jack, and cashed the queen of spades. Declarer discarded two clubs from the dummy, East pitched the six of clubs, low encouraging, and South released a low club.

West could not read his partner's card and was worried that South had started with five clubs and was ready to run the minor suits. So West switched to the jack of hearts, which was covered by the queen and king. East returned the nine of hearts. West took declarer's ten with the ace and cashed his last spade, but declarer claimed the rest.

The defenders were the eight of hearts away from that being a great defence. Or, if West had not played hearts, they would have got 500, but plus 200 was still worth 31.22 matchpoints out of 38. Three East-West pairs collected 500, against one notrump doubled, three clubs doubled, and four diamonds doubled!



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