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## THE HEAT IS ON

The sun beats down every day in Sanya, and things are warming up inside as well – for the bridge players, anyway. The field in the Rosenblum Cup was reduced to 16 teams on Monday and the surviving teams played the first of three 14-board matches to determine who goes through to the quarter-final round.

There were no surprises in the Open round of 32 and none in the offing after one match in the round of 16, which continues today.

While teams in the Open continue their knockout play, the McConnell Cup (women's teams) and Rand Senior Teams begin their head-to-head contests today. China Red led the Women's qualifying, and the Reese Milner team were tops in the Seniors.



*These four volunteers at the World Bridge Series were in the spirit of the occasion, playing everyone's favorite game during one of their breaks.*

### Women's Pairs and Senior Pairs starting times and location

The qualification stage will be played at the Hotel Sheraton, starting at 10.30.

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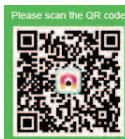
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### Today's Schedule

| Teams                     | Pairs                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                           | <b>Open</b>                        |
| 10:00 - 12:00 O16, W8, S8 | 10:00 - 11:30                      |
|                           | 11:50 - 13:20                      |
| 12:20 - 14:20 O16, W8, S8 | 14:30 - 16:00                      |
|                           | 16:20 - 17:50                      |
| 15:30 - 17:30 O8, W8, S8  | 18:10 - 19:40                      |
|                           | <b>Women, Seniors</b>              |
| 17:50 - 19:50 O8, W8, S8  | begins at 10:30<br>at the Sheraton |





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## Anti-doping tests

There will be anti-doping testing in both the Open and Women's categories.

All players, including those sitting out from the Open and Women's Teams participating in the knockouts, must be available for testing in the playing area for the KO teams, immediately following the end of the three last sessions (i.e., at 14.20, 17.30 and 19.50)

A list of players who are selected for testing will be published on information sheets.

Jaap Stomphorst & Finn Mikkelsen

WBF Medical and Prevention Commission

## Amendment to the Supplemental Conditions of Contest

### 11.2 Direct Knock-out.

In the two-round matches, the lower-numbered team will sit N/S in the open room and will choose to be home or visiting team or pass this choice to the opponents.

In the three-round matches there will be a coin toss. The winner of the toss may elect to **have seating rights in any one** of the three 14-board rounds.

**The opposing team then have seating rights in the remaining two rounds. Alternatively, the winner of the toss may pass the initial choice to their opponents, in which case the opponents chose any one round and the winner of the toss takes the remaining two rounds.**

In the four-rounds matches, there will be a coin toss. The winner of the toss may elect to be Home or Visiting team in one of the two 28-boards segments or may pass this election to the opposing team. Accordingly, each team shall be Home team for one segment and Visiting team for the other; either the Operations Director or the Head TD will determine how and where the line-ups will be submitted.



## !!!!!! Changes for Women's and Senior Pairs !!!!!!

Instead of qualifying rounds followed by semi-final and final sessions, the Women's Pairs and Senior Pairs will play **only qualifying rounds and the final**. Players in these events will still play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for qualifying.

The **Women's Pairs**, with 43 pairs entered as of Sunday night, will **qualify 18 pairs to the final**. The **Seniors**, with 28 pairs entered as of Sunday, will qualify 12 to the final.

Drop-ins from the teams events will receive carryover.

The number of boards to be played in the qualifying stages will be determined by the final number of pairs entered in the events.

# Hallberg's Anatomy

By Micke Melander

One of the more popular TV series of recent years is ABC's Grey's Anatomy, about a medical drama set at the fictional Grey Sloan Memorial Hospital in Seattle. The series covers the stories of the interns and residents as they try to balance their personal lives with the demands of their medical training. The main character is a student, Meredith Grey, who is married to a neurosurgeon at the hospital. The neurosurgeon could be likened to Gunnar Hallberg and his student Peter Bertheau.

Here comes their first operation with really sharp scalpels against ERA from Round 8 of the semifinals in the Rosenblum Cup.



**Dominik Filipowicz - Krzysztof Martens**

Only a heart (or a low diamond, which never will be led against that auction) defeats the contract. Bertheau put the seven of hearts on the surgeon's table, which went to the jack and declarer's king. The opening lead more or less squeezed dummy and forced declarer to an early decision.

Eventually, he discarded a diamond and continued with a club to the king, a spade to the ace and another club towards dummy. Bertheau put the jack on the table allowing declarer to win with the queen in dummy and on the third round of clubs Hallberg discarded the four of diamonds (upside down attitude). Bertheau continued with the queen of hearts, whereupon declarer threw away a spade from dummy, Hallberg following with the six and declarer with the two. South now followed partner's signal and returned the two of diamonds to North's king and when he returned his last heart the operation was over. Pachtman was helpless; he had to lose another trick in hearts and to the ace of diamonds, going one down.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Open Room

| West      | North    | East     | South    |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Tarnowski | Hallberg | Pachtman | Bertheau |
| 1♠        | Pass     | 1NT      | Pass     |
| 2♦        | Pass     | 2NT      | Pass     |
| 3♣        | Pass     | 3NT      | All Pass |



**Gunnar Hallberg**

Closed Room

| West      | North      | East      | South    |
|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Whittaker | Filipowicz | Patterson | Martens  |
| 1♠        | Pass       | 1NT       | Pass     |
| 2♣        | Pass       | 3♣        | All Pass |

In the Closed Room Whittaker and Patterson were sniffing at game but came to a stop in Three Clubs. North led a heart, declarer won in dummy, played a club to the king, a spade to the ace and two more spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. It didn't matter what the defense did, declarer losing one diamond and two clubs scoring 10 tricks, +130.

5 IMPs to BLACK and time for another operation in the Open Room.

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

|   |   |   |     |   |  |   |
|---|---|---|-----|---|--|---|
| ♠ A<br>♥ 10 8 4<br>♦ Q 10 9 6<br>♣ Q 10 9 6 4 | <table style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #e0f0e0; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ K 7 6 5 4<br>♥ K J<br>♦ 7 2<br>♣ A 7 5 2 | ♠ J 10 9 8 3<br>♥ A Q 6 2<br>♦ K 4 3<br>♣ 8 |
| N   |   |   |     |   |  |   |
| W E   |   |   |     |   |  |   |
| S   |   |   |     |   |  |   |

Open Room

| West      | North    | East     | South    |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Tarnowski | Hallberg | Pachtman | Bertheau |
|           | Pass     | 1♠       | Pass     |
| INT       | All Pass |          |          |

Hallberg led the seven of hearts, which went to the king, ace and declarer's four. Bertheau now shifted to the three of spades, ace and Hallberg unblocked the queen of spades from his hand, making it easy for Bertheau to see what was going on.

Tarnowski did the best he could, reading the situation correctly, and placing North with more clubs than South. Therefore he played the queen of clubs, hoping to get the singleton jack from South. Hallberg followed low, as did dummy and South. Declarer continued with clubs, winning with the ace in dummy, South discarding the two of hearts. On the next round of clubs, South discarded the six of hearts, Hallberg won with the jack and played the two of spades which declarer won with the king and had to see himself defeated. He could cash his established clubs but had to give up the remaining tricks going one off, -100.

Closed Room

| West      | North      | East      | South   |
|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Whittaker | Filipowicz | Patterson | Martens |
|           | INT        | Pass      | 2♣*     |
| Pass      | 2♥         | Pass      | 4♥      |
| All Pass  |            |           |         |

In the Closed Room Martens took a chance to play in Four Hearts after Filipowicz's mini INT opening. Even though declarer got some help from the defense when they led a diamond to the queen and ace it didn't matter. Declarer had to lose to two spades, a club and a heart, going one off. Another 4 IMPs to the BLACK team who won the match 10-8 IMPs or 10.92-9-08 VP.

Both teams went forward to the Round of 32.

## 7.2 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices



**Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be taken into the playing area and toilets.**

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Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and or electronic device into the playing area and toilets will cause his team to be fined 2 VPs, (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match) or, in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the matchpoints available on a board during the session, plus in all cases, a monetary fine, the amount of which will be announced to the participants before the start of the event. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of such electronic equipment.

See also Section 27.2 for restrictions pertaining to spectators.

The Head Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of players, captains and coaches to ensure that there is compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will bar the individual concerned from entry to the playing area and toilet area, and from remaining there.

Refusal to submit to these checks will result in the individual being barred from the playing area and toilet area for the duration of the match or until such time as the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the Championship Committee, shall decide.

## Amendments to the General Conditions of Contest

### Section 25 Screen Regulations

**In section 25.1, the following sentence is added:**

A player who removes one or more of his bidding cards from the tray in an apparent attempt to "pass" is indeed deemed to have "passed."

**At the end of 25.2 (c), the following sentence is added:**

Therefore the tournament director cannot make enquiries on a player's behalf on the other side of the screen during the auction or play.

**Section 25.3 (g) is amended as follows:**

Failure to do as (f) provides may persuade the Director it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorised information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not normally regarded as significant. If the players have not been randomising the tempo of the auction as desired by section 25.1 paragraph 3, then a delay of less than 20 seconds may well be regarded as being significant.

# The Night Shift

By Mark Horton

The Night Shift is an American medical drama series that premiered on May 27, 2014, on NBC. The series follows the lives of the staff who work the late night shift in the ER at San Antonio Medical Center.

The players here in Sanya have not quite been burning the midnight oil, but they are having to play long after the sun is over the yard arm.

In Round 8 of the McConnell, two powerful teams faced off, China Red and BAKER.

Board 22. Dealer East. All Vul.

|  |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 6<br>♥ K J 2<br>♦ J 9 7 5 4 2<br>♣ K 7 3   | <table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ K Q J 7 4 2<br>♥ A Q 4<br>♦ A K<br>♣ A 5 |
|  | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W  |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|  | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♠ 5<br>♥ 10 7 6 5 3<br>♦ 10 8<br>♣ Q J 8 6 2 |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

Open Room

| West  | North                                     | East  | South |
|-------|---|-------|-------|
| Brock | Zhang                                     | Smith | Wu    |
|       |   | 2♣*   | Pass  |
| 2♦*   | Pass                                      | 2♠    | Pass  |
| 3♦    | Pass                                      | 3NT   | Pass  |
| 4NT   | All Pass                                  |       |       |
| 2♣    | Weak 2♦ or 23+ balanced or any game force |       |       |
| 2♦    | To play facing diamonds                   |       |       |

South led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace, cashed the top diamonds, went to dummy with a heart and forced out the queen of diamonds, +630.

Closed Room

| West | North   | East | South      |
|------|---------|------|------------|
| Lu   | Wortel  | Wang | Michielsen |
|      |         | 1♣*  | 1♥         |
| 2♦   | Pass    | 2♠   | Pass       |
| 2NT  | Pass    | 3♠   | Pass       |
| 3NT  | Pass    | 4♦   | Pass       |
| 4♥*  | Pass    | 4NT  | Pass       |
| 5♦   | Pass    | 6NT  | All Pass   |
| 4♥   | Cue bid |      |            |

North led the nine of hearts and declarer won with the jack, played a spade to the king and the queen of spades. When South discarded declarer needed diamonds to

deliver six tricks. When they did not the contract finished one down, -100 and 12 IMPs for BAKER.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

|  |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ 8<br>♥ A Q 8 5<br>♦ A K 9 3<br>♣ K Q 9 7   | <table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ K J<br>♥ J 7 6 3<br>♦ Q J 10 8 7<br>♣ 8 3 |
|  | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| W  |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| ♠ A 10 9 7 5 4<br>♥ K<br>♦ 4 2<br>♣ A 10 4 2 |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |

Open Room

| West  | North      | East  | South |
|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| Brock | Zhang      | Smith | Wu    |
|       |            |       | 1♠    |
| Dble  | 3♠*        | Dble* | 4♣    |
| Dble  | All Pass   |       |       |
| 3♠    | Preemptive |       |       |
| Dble  | Responsive |       |       |

West led the eight of spades and declarer took East's jack with the ace and played the king of hearts. West won with the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds, continuing with the three when East played an encouraging seven.

East won with the ten and returned the eight of clubs and West won with the queen and exited with the five of hearts. Declarer ruffed East's jack and played a spade. East won and played a club, three down, -500.



Marion Michielsen and Meike Wortel

Closed Room

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Lu          | Wortel       | Wang        | Michielsen   |
| Dble        | 3♠*          | 4♥          | 1♠           |
| Pass        | 4♣           | Pass        | Pass         |
| 5♥          | All Pass     |             |              |

Declarer could not avoid the loss of a spade, a heart and a club, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to BAKER.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

|            |  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|------------|--|----------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------|
|            | ♠ J 8 7  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♥ Q  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♦ 10 9 6 3   |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♣ K Q J 7 2  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♠ K Q 10 6 | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |                | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ A 3 2 |
|            | N  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| W          |  | E              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | S  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♥ J 2      |  | ♥ A 10 8 6 5 4 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♦ K Q 7 2  |  | ♦ J 4          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♣ 10 9 5   |  | ♣ A 4          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♠ 9 5 4  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♥ K 9 7 3  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♦ A 8 5  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|            | ♣ 8 6 3  |                |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |

Open Room

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Brock       | Zhang        | Smith       | Wu           |
| 1♣*         | Pass         | 1♦*         | Pass         |
| 1♥*         | Pass         | 4♥          | All Pass     |

1♣ All weak NTs open 1♣ unless 5M, may be 4-4-4-1 11-14

1♦ Transfer

1♥ Weak no trump type

North led the king of clubs and declarer ducked, won the next club, played a spade to the king and a low heart for the queen and ace. South took the next heart with the king, cashed the ace of diamonds and waited for a trump trick, one down, -50.

If declarer was going to play the trumps in this fashion it works better to win the ace of clubs at trick one. Then after a spade to the king and a heart to the ace declarer can play three more spades, discarding dummy's remaining club, losing only two hearts and a diamond.

Closed Room

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Wang        | Wortel       | Wang        | Michielsen   |
| Pass        | Pass         | 1♥          | Pass         |
| 1♠          | Pass         | 2♥          | Pass         |
| 2NT         | Pass         | 3♠          | Pass         |
| 4♥          | All Pass     |             |              |

South led the three of clubs and declarer won and played the four of diamonds. South went up with the ace and played a club and North won and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed, overtook the jack of diamonds with

dummy's king and played the jack of hearts for the queen and ace. A spade to the king was followed by a heart, two down, -100 and 2 IMPs to BAKER.

It's worth noting that the technical line in the trump suit is to play the jack, which results in one loser 36.73% of the time.



Yu Zhang

## Video Corner

now online



Prize Giving in Mixed Events

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cb9lvmjlc>

The Final in the Mixed Pairs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qkhh3ra6Jmo>

Press Conference Mixed Pairs Gold Medal

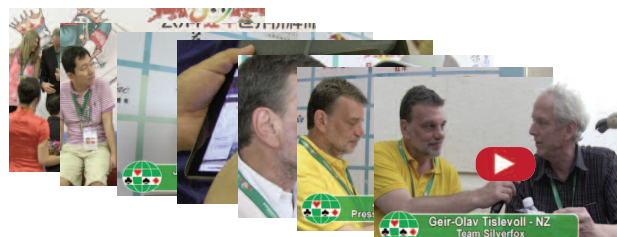
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB7YQ9x2CP8>

Interview with Juan Carlos Ventin - Team Ventin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Se2dhYgfK-4>

Interview with Vincent Demuy - Lebron Team

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tH9YTJZvZo0>



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# Play bridge with a World Champion

By Micke Melander


Gunnar Hallberg, a very well-known professional on the Bridge circuit, and winner of gold medals for England in both Sao Paolo and Philadelphia with the English senior team, gave two boards with problems that he thought were obvious plays or actions that is, if you want to understand what this game is about more from a psychological point of view.

In the first example you have:

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

With no one vulnerable, you are in first seat and pass with that “lump,” and so does LHO. Your partner opens in third seat with One Heart and RHO overcalls 1♠. What do you bid?

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| ♠ 9 3 2<br>♥ Q J 9 7 5<br>♦ J 7 5<br>♣ 9 5  |  | ♠ 5<br>♥ A 10 8 6 3<br>♦ A K 10 3<br>♣ A K 10 |
| ♠ Q J 10 8<br>♥ K 4 2<br>♦ 9 6<br>♣ 8 7 4 2 |   | ♠ A K 7 6 4<br>♥ —<br>♦ Q 8 4 2<br>♣ Q J 6 3  |

| West     | North    | East | South |
|----------|----------|------|-------|
| Hallberg |          |      |       |
| Pass     | Pass     | 1♥   | 1♠    |
| INT!     | 2♠       | Dble | Pass  |
| 4♥       | All Pass |      |       |

“It’s the most natural and obvious INT bid you can make”, Gunnar says. You have to remove the opponent’s interest in bidding spades over your eventual game in hearts. You don’t have a clue to which level they can afford to bid. But we would like to buy the board as cheaply as possible.


This hand was from the Round 8 in the qualification round and earned Hallberg and his Black team 4 IMPs when his teammates sacrificed in Four Spades at the other table for 300.

On the next example from round 7 you are going to lead away from the following hand against Four Spades:

- ♠ J 9
- ♥ A 6
- ♦ Q 9 8 6 5 3
- ♣ Q 10 9


You know that dummy is going to arrive with four spades, a balanced hand 8-12 HCPs. You also know that declarer is holding four spades, five hearts and 16+ HCP when you have bid diamonds... What to lead?

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| ♠ J 9<br>♥ A 6<br>♦ Q 9 8 6 5 3<br>♣ Q 10 9 |  |
|---|--|

Again Gunnar says: “It’s rather obvious that they are going to make game, if we are to find anything we probably have to get it with help from the clubs.” Hallberg therefore led the ten of clubs on which he got an encouraging three from partner and declarer won the trick with the ace. Declarer then played the three of spades. What is your plan seeing the dummy above?

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| ♠ J 9<br>♥ A 6<br>♦ Q 9 8 6 5 3<br>♣ Q 10 9  |  | ♠ K Q 8 4<br>♥ J 7 3<br>♦ K J 10<br>♣ J 7 3 |
| ♠ A 10 5 3<br>♥ K Q 10 5 2<br>♦ A 2<br>♣ A 5 |   | ♠ 7 6 2<br>♥ 9 8 4<br>♦ 7 4<br>♣ K 8 6 4 2  |

“I just followed with the jack of spades, said Gunnar. A play that never will cost anything. Declarer won with the king and called for the jack of hearts from dummy, I ducked in tempo, and declarer played a second round of hearts. This I won and played a club to my partner who then could give me a ruff in hearts!”

That was 1 IMP for Black when their teammates had played Four Hearts to make eleven tricks on the other table. At pairs it would most probably have been worth all the matchpoints!



## Strong finish

By Brent Manley

At the start of play on Sunday in the Open Teams Semifinal A, the DIAMOND and LAVAZZA teams were lying seventh and eighth, respectively, and not far apart in victory points. They were matched as opponents in the first round of the day. LAVAZZA sent Alejandro Bianchedi/Ernesto Muzzio and Agustin Madala/Norberto Bocchi against John Diamond/Brian Platnick and Sjoert Brink/Bas Drijver.

The match started quietly, with a push on the first board and a 3-IMP swing on this one:

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

|   |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| ♠ 7 5 2<br>♥ Q 6<br>♦ Q J 2<br>♣ K J 10 6 3 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ A 8 4 3<br>♥ A J 4 2<br>♦ A 5<br>♣ 9 8 4 | ♠ K J 10<br>♥ 10 5 3<br>♦ 9 8 3<br>♣ A Q 5 2 |
|   | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| W   |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|   | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|   | ♠ Q 9 6<br>♥ K 9 8 7<br>♦ K 10 7 6 4<br>♣ 7   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |

| West           | North         | East            | South            |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Diamond</i> | <i>Muzzio</i> | <i>Platnick</i> | <i>Bianchedi</i> |
| Pass           | 1♣            | Pass            | Pass             |
| Pass           | 2♥            | Pass            | 1♥               |
| Pass           |               | All Pass        |                  |

Diamond led the ♠2, ducked to Platnick's king. The ♣A was next, and Bianchedi ruffed the club continuation and played a diamond to the ace. He ruffed another club, cashed the ♥K and played another heart to the queen and ace. The ♥J picked up the last outstanding trump. Next



**Sjoert Brink and Bas Drijver**

came the ♦K and a diamond ruff. The 3-3 split meant declarer had the rest for plus 200.

| West          | North          | East          | South        |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Madala</i> | <i>Drijver</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
| Pass          | Dble           | INT           | Pass         |
| Pass          |                | All Pass      |              |

Brink led a low diamond and Bocchi was delighted to see dummy's club suit. Bocchi put up dummy's queen and the opponents cleared the suit, but Bocchi had five clubs and the diamond trick for minus 100.

The score was 3-2 for LAVAZZA when this deal came along.

Board 4. Dealer None. Vul.

|   |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 10 8 5<br>♥ 5<br>♦ K 9 8 4 3<br>♣ 9 7 6 4 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ A 9 7 6<br>♥ J 9 8 7 3<br>♦ 7 6 2<br>♣ 5 | ♠ Q J 4<br>♥ K Q 2<br>♦ A Q J<br>♣ Q 10 3 2 |
|   | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W   |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | ♠ K 3 2<br>♥ A 10 6 4<br>♦ 10 5<br>♣ A K J 8  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

| West           | North         | East            | South            |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Diamond</i> | <i>Muzzio</i> | <i>Platnick</i> | <i>Bianchedi</i> |
| Pass           | Pass          | INT             | All Pass         |

Bianchedi led the ♣K, switching accurately to a low heart at trick two. Platnick took the ♥J with the king and ran five rounds of diamonds, South reducing to the singleton ♠K, ♥A 10 6 and the ♣A. Platnick played a spade from dummy and Muzzio went up with the ace, felling his partner's king, but he pushed a heart through the West hand and the defenders took the rest of the tricks. There was a lot more action at the other table.

| West          | North          | East          | South        |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Madala</i> | <i>Drijver</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
| Pass          | Pass           | INT           | Dbl          |
| Reddbl        | Pass           | 2♣            | Pass         |
| 2♦            | 2♥             | Pass          | 3♥           |
| Pass          | 3♠             | Pass          | 4♥           |
| All Pass      |                |               |              |

Obviously, Bocchi/Madala put the mini-INT to the side when vulnerable. Brink doubled to show a good hand and the redouble was a runout with a long suit. Bocchi had a

good hand, but so did Brink, and the heart game was reached. Bocchi started with the  $\diamond A$  and continued with the queen then the jack, ruffed in dummy. Drijver was not troubled to take 10 tricks with the location of virtually every high card known, thanks to the bidding. He lost two diamonds and a heart for a well-earned plus 620. That was 11 IMPs to Diamond, now leading 13-3.

That score held up until the penultimate board of the set.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

|  |  |   |         |   |   |
|--|--|---|---------|---|---|
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> A J 4<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> K 8 5 4 3<br/> <math>\diamond</math> 5 3<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 8 7 3</p>   | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N   | W     E | S | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> 10 9 2<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> J 9 7<br/> <math>\diamond</math> A J 8 6<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 9 6 2</p> |
| N  |  |   |         |   |   |
| W     E  |  |   |         |   |   |
| S  |  |   |         |   |   |
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> K Q 8<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> Q 10 6<br/> <math>\diamond</math> K Q 9<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> A Q 10 4</p> |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> 7 6 5 3<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> A 2<br/> <math>\diamond</math> 10 7 4 2<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> K J 5</p> |         |   |   |

| West           | North  | East          | South     |
|----------------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Diamond        | Muzzio | Platnick      | Bianchedi |
| $1\clubsuit^*$ | Pass   | $1\diamond^*$ | Pass      |
| INT            | Pass   | 3NT           | All Pass  |

Diamond's Precision  $1\clubsuit$  and rebid of INT showed the strong balanced hand. North started with a low heart to Bianchedi's ace, Diamond following with the queen. The heart return was ducked by North to maintain communication (in case Bianchedi started with three hearts). Diamond won with dummy's jack and called for the  $\clubsuit 9$ , taking some time before playing from hand after Bianchedi followed low. Finally, Diamond played the  $\clubsuit Q$ , ending his chances to make the contract. Without four club tricks, he had to play on spades. Muzzio took the  $\spadesuit A$  and cashed three hearts for plus 100.



Agustin Madala

| West         | North   | East            | South    |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Madala       | Drijver | Bocchi          | Brink    |
| $2\clubsuit$ | Pass    | Pass            | Pass     |
| 2NT          | Pass    | $2\spadesuit^*$ | Pass     |
|              |         | 3NT             | All Pass |

$2\spadesuit$  West to bid 2NT if he has a balanced hand

The opening lead was the same at this table and the suit was continued and ducked. Madala won in dummy and played the  $\clubsuit 9$ , letting it run when Brink followed low. Madala was soon claiming plus 600 for a 12-IMP gain. Lavazza was now up 15-13. They tacked on another double-digit swing on the final board.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

|   |  |  |         |   |  |
|---|--|--|---------|---|--|
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q J 4<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> A 9 2<br/> <math>\diamond</math> 7<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> K J 10 9 7 6</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N  | W     E | S | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> K 9 6 2<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> J 10 4<br/> <math>\diamond</math> Q J 10 5<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 4 3</p> |
| N   |  |  |         |   |  |
| W     E   |  |  |         |   |  |
| S   |  |  |         |   |  |
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> A 10 7 3<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> Q<br/> <math>\diamond</math> K 9 8 6 3<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> A Q 2</p> |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> 8 5<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> K 8 7 6 5 3<br/> <math>\diamond</math> A 4 2<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 8 5</p> |         |   |  |

| West    | North         | East        | South         |
|---------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Diamond | Muzzio        | Platnick    | Bianchedi     |
| INT     | Pass          | Pass        | Pass          |
| Dbl     | $2\heartsuit$ | $3\diamond$ | $2\diamond^*$ |
| Pass    | $3\heartsuit$ | All Pass    | Pass          |

Platnick led the  $\diamond Q$  to the ace. Muzzio played a spade to his queen and Platnick's king. A club went to Diamond's ace. Muzzio ruffed when West continued with the  $\diamond K$ , then played the  $\heartsuit A$  and a heart to the king, following with a club to his 10 and the  $\clubsuit K$ , ruffed by Platnick. He still had one more trick to lose but could claim plus 140.

| West          | North         | East          | South         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Madala        | Drijver       | Bocchi        | Brink         |
| Dbl           | $3\heartsuit$ | $3\spadesuit$ | $2\heartsuit$ |
| $4\spadesuit$ | All Pass      |               | Pass          |

Brink led a heart to Drijver's ace and a heart was returned. Bocchi ruffed in dummy when his  $\heartsuit J$  was covered by the king. He played a low spade from dummy, winning with the king when Drijver played the queen. Bocchi then played the  $\spadesuit 8$  to dummy's 10 and Drijver's jack. At that point, with two tricks in, Drijver could have defeated the contract by switching to his singleton diamond, taking a ruff. Instead, he exited with his third trump. Bocchi won and had only to knock out the  $\diamond A$  to claim 10 tricks and plus 620, good for a 13-IMP swing to LAVAZZA, winners by a score of 28-13.

# Dutch Delight

By Barry Rigal

The 12th round of the women’s qualifying event for the McConnell trophy saw the Dutch, who were climbing steadily to the top of the table, taking on Platinum. Ania Sarniak and Cathy Baldysz in one room against Laura Dekkers/Judith Nab, with Jet Pasman/ Anneke Simons against Jessica Larsson and Katherine Bertheau.

The E/W pairs at both tables did extremely well to reach 3NT with 23 HCP on the first deal for a more than honorable push. After a possibly short club from North, the route to 3NT was clear enough, but after a natural diamond 3NT was a far less attractive spot since it needed the opponents’ diamonds to be 4-4, which they were. Only four pairs managed the task in the women’s event so this was indeed a nice result for each pair.

Not to be outdone, Dekkers/Nab went one step better on the next deal.



Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

|  |   |   |          |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|----------|---|--|--|
| <p>♠ 4 3 2<br/>♥ 5<br/>♦ Q 8 3<br/>♣ Q 7 5 4 3 2</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W      E | S | <p>♠ K Q 10 7<br/>♥ K J 9<br/>♦ A K 10 6 5<br/>♣ K</p> | <p>♠ J<br/>♥ A Q 10 8 7 4 2<br/>♦ 9 7<br/>♣ A 10 6</p> |
| N  |   |   |          |   |  |  |
| W      E   |   |   |          |   |  |  |
| S  |   |   |          |   |  |  |
| <p>♠ A 9 8 6 5<br/>♥ 6 3<br/>♦ J 4 2<br/>♣ J 9 8</p> |   |   |          |   |  |  |



Anna Sarniak

| <i>Judith Nab</i> |          |         |         |
|-------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| West              | North    | East    | South   |
| Baldysz           | Nab      | Sarniak | Dekkers |
| 1♠                | Dble     | 1♥      | Pass    |
| Pass              | 2NT      | 2♥      | Pass    |
| All Pass          |          | Pass    | 3NT     |
|                   |          |         |         |
| West              | North    | East    | South   |
| Pasman            | Bertheau | Simons  | Larsson |
| Pass              | Dble     | 4♥      | Pass    |
| All Pass          |          | Pass    | 4♠      |

How should one play 4♠ by South on three rounds of hearts? My guess would be to ruff high and take a spade finesse by running the ♠9, though leading low to the ten or even taking the diamond finesse first are all reasonable options. Larsson opted for running the ♠9 and found that she had both created a spade loser and locked herself out of hand. Very unlucky – but not as unlucky as Baldysz, whose investment in a 1♠ response kept her opponents out of their best game in theory, but allowed them to play a game that couldn’t be defeated in practice. Sarniak led a heart and declarer somewhat to my surprise played diamonds from the top. Baldysz won and shifted to a club, but Sarniak won her ace and shifted to spades, letting declarer claim +630 and a gain of 14imps.

Baldysz’ luck changed on the next deal, when she accidentally passed an 18-count. The deal was passed out, and you or I would discover that we had missed a vulnerable game or slam. No, partner had a four-count, and while at double-dummy one could come close to making a game with the combined cards, in practice normal play saw the Dutch misguess the play badly in the other room and

lose 100. That made it 14-3.

The next deal saw the East-West pairs somewhat unluckily compete voluntarily to 3♥ and catch their partner with just the wrong hand for that decision, although both defences had to be accurate to hold declarer to eight tricks; no swing.

Then came a board discussed by Mark Horton elsewhere, which perhaps is too difficult a problem for the defenders...or maybe not?

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

|  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| ♠ 10 5 2<br>♥ K 10 3 2<br>♦ 4<br>♣ A 10 9 5 2                      | <table style="margin: auto; border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N  | W  | E | S | ♠ J 4<br>♥ 9 8 4<br>♦ A K 7 6<br>♣ J 8 4 3 | ♠ K Q 8 6 3<br>♥ A J 7 6 5<br>♦ 9 8 5<br>♣ — |
| N  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| W  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| E  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| S  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| <b>West</b><br><i>Baldysz</i><br><i>Pasman</i><br>Pass<br>All Pass | <b>North</b><br><i>Nab</i><br><i>Bertheau</i><br>1♦<br>2♣   | <b>East</b><br><i>Sarniak</i><br><i>Simons</i><br>Pass<br>Pass | <b>South</b><br><i>Dekkers</i><br><i>Larsson</i><br>1♠<br>4♣ |   |   |  |  |



Cathy Baldysz

Both tables followed the approved route to 4♠ (none of this Gallic temporizing with club suits for our Norths!). both Wests led their singleton diamond, received the ruff (East knew she needed to cash the second top diamond as she had no re-entry, but could give suit preference to deny a heart card). Now what was West to do? The universal and unsuccessful action was to try to cash the ♣A. Result: misery!

Mark's point that declarer is relatively unlikely to have a 6-3-3-1 shape (because of East's failure to overcall with five hearts at favorable vulnerability) is a good one. But as we saw, West believed in Oscar Wilde's dictum that he could resist everything but temptation. The ♣A hit the table and West's jaw hit the floor.

The next board saw more misery for the E/W pairs, this time on opening lead.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| ♠ Q 4 3<br>♥ A K Q 5 4<br>♦ J 10 3<br>♣ 4 2 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W | E | S | ♠ K J 9 7 5<br>♥ 8 3<br>♦ 7 6 5<br>♣ Q 6 5 | ♠ A 10 6<br>♥ 10 9 2<br>♦ 9 4<br>♣ A J 10 9 3 |
| N   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| W   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| E   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| S   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| ♠ 8 2<br>♥ J 7 6<br>♦ A K Q 8 2<br>♣ K 8 7  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |

Both tables reached 4♥, Larssonas South after opening 1♣ (clubs or balanced might have five diamonds) and receiving a transfer response to hearts. Here one can hardly blame Pasman for leading a trump. In the other room Sarniak as East heard 1♦-1♥-2♥-4♥ and one could certainly raise more of an eyebrow at her failure to lead a black suit. She too led a trump and conceded 420, again for no swing.

Again, though the results from the other tables were somewhat surprising to me. A grand total of four tables defeated game here in the McConnell. Three tables led a club, one led a spade. In the Seniors, five tables beat 4♥ by North (three times on a club lead, twice on a spade lead) while one table scooped the matchpoint pool by cashing the first ten tricks against 3NT.

A quiet partscore deal saw Netherlands win 14-3 and continue their trek towards the top.

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## Dodging the Bullet

To successfully avoid a very serious problem

By Mark Horton

The bullet catch is an illusion in which a magician appears to catch a bullet fired directly at them - often in their mouth, sometimes in their hand or sometimes caught with other items such as a dinner plate.

Chung Ling Soo was the stage name of the American magician William Ellsworth Robinson.

Chung's most famous illusion, partly because of his death while performing it, was called *Condemned to Death by the Boxers*. In this trick Chung's assistants took two guns on to the stage. Several members of the audience were called up to mark a bullet that was then loaded into one of the guns. Attendants fired the gun at Chung, and he seemed to catch the bullets from the air and drop them on a plate he held up in front of him.



The trick went wrong when Chung was performing at the Wood Green Empire, London, on March 23, 1918. After each performance, to avoid expending powder and bullets, he had never unloaded his guns properly. Rather than firing them off or drawing the bullets with a screw-rod, as was normal practice, he removed the bullet and powder by dismantling the breeches of the guns. Over time, a residue of unburned gunpowder was able to form in the channel he had made which allowed the flash to bypass the barrel and only ignite a blank charge in the ramrod tube. On the fateful night, the flash from the pan also ignited the charge behind the marked bullet in the barrel of the gun being used. Consequently, the bullet was fired in the normal way, hitting Chung in the chest. His last words were spoken on

stage that moment, "Oh my God. Something's happened. Lower the curtain." It was the first and last time since adopting his persona that he had spoken English in public.

When I asked Barry Rigal to look out for a deal where a defender had avoided a fatal pitfall, thereby dodging the bullet, he almost instantaneously suggested this deal from Round 13 of the McConnell:

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

|              |  |             |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
|--------------|--|-------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-------------|
| ♠ A 9 7      |  | ♠ J 4       |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♥ Q          |  | ♥ 9 8 4     |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♦ Q J 10 3 2 |  | ♦ A K 7 6   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♣ K Q 7 6    |  | ♣ J 8 4 3   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♠ 10 5 2     | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |             | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ K Q 8 6 3 |
|              | N  |             |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| W            |  | E           |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
|              | S  |             |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♥ K 10 3 2   |  | ♥ A J 7 6 5 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♦ 4          |  | ♦ 9 8 5     |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |
| ♣ A 10 9 5 2 |  | ♣ —         |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |             |

In the match between China Red and Dezhouqiaoxie (Pushi) 4♠ was rapidly reached at both tables (as it was virtually everywhere else).

In the Open Room, West led her diamond and East won, cashed a second diamond and gave her partner a ruff. When West tried to cash the ace of clubs declarer was home free, +620.

4♠ was defeated only four times out of 22, once where North was the declarer, making it much easier to avoid playing the ace of clubs.

(It was a similar story in the Seniors where 4♠ was defeated only twice in eighteen attempts.)

Clearly the West players were worried that declarer might discard one or more losing clubs on dummy's diamonds, but did they miss something?

Suppose declarer held ♠KQ863 ♥AJ76 ♦985 ♣3? It is safe to exit with a trump, as declarer cannot cover all the losers.

It is only when declarer has something like ♠KQJ863 ♥AJ7 ♦985 ♣3 that it is essential to cash the ace of clubs after taking the ruff.

Hard to resist the temptation to lead the singleton diamond but leading a trump at trick one puts the defenders in charge even if declarer has six trumps, so whilst the few who resisted the temptation to try and cash the ace of clubs get an honourable mention, the winner of my Chung Ling Soo award for the best opening lead of the Championships is Wei Wang of China Orange, as she was the only one in the McConnell to start with a trump and defeat the contract.

# Master Play

By Mark Horton

Piotr Gawrys is one of Poland's superstars. A WBF Grand Master, he has won three world championships, the 1984 World Team Olympics, the Transnational Mixed Teams 2000 and the Transnational Open Teams 2005. His other first places include the Generali World Masters Individual in 1992 the European Teams Championships 1993 and the European Open Pairs 1995.



**Piotr Gawrys**

On this deal from the Rosenblum round of 32 he afforded us a glimpse of his skill.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

|   |  |   |         |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---------|---|---|--|
| ♠ J 10 8 4<br>♥ K 8<br>♦ K 6<br>♣ A Q 6 5 2 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ 9 2<br>♥ Q 4<br>♦ A J 3 2<br>♣ K J 10 8 3 | ♠ A K 7<br>♥ A J 9 6 5<br>♦ Q 8 7 5 4<br>♣ — |
| N   |  |   |         |   |   |  |
| W     E                                     |  |   |         |   |   |  |
| S   |  |   |         |   |   |  |

Open Room

| West         | North       | East   | South     |
|--------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Mazurkiewicz | Silverstein | Jassem | Rosenthal |
| Pass         | 2♣          | Pass   | 1♥        |
| Pass         | 2NT         | Pass   | 2♦        |
| Pass         | 3♥          | Pass   | 3♦        |
| All Pass     |             | Pass   | 3NT       |

East led the three of clubs and declarer took West's nine with the queen, pitching a diamond from dummy and played a heart to the jack. When that held he played a heart to the king, a spade to the ace and cashed the ace of hearts pitching a club. So far, so good but when declarer exited with a heart West won and returned the seven of clubs. With East holding the ace of diamonds the contract was doomed, one down, -50.

Closed Room

| West      | North  | East     | South     |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Lorenzini | Gawrys | Bessis   | Klukowski |
| Pass      | 2♣     | Pass     | 1♥        |
| Pass      | 2NT    | Pass     | 2♦        |
| Pass      | 3NT    | All Pass | 3♦        |

Play started in an identical fashion, East leading the three of clubs, declarer taking West's nine with the queen, pitching a diamond from dummy and playing a heart to the jack, playing a heart to the king, a spade to the ace, cashing the ace of hearts and pitching a club.

Rather than play a heart declarer played a diamond to his king. East took the ace and returned the king of clubs, but declarer ducked, discarding one of dummy's hearts, won the spade switch with dummy's king, cashed the queen of diamonds and exited with a heart.

West won with the nine, but had no good move.

If he exited with a club declarer would win and return a spade, forcing West to surrender the game going trick.

Saving time, West cashed the queen of spades and declarer claimed the last two tricks, +400 and 10 IMPs to Mazurkiewicz.



**Thomas Bessis**

# Four is enough

By Brent Manley

It's tough to play four-handed in an event that features as many boards and as many days as the Rosenblum Cup (open teams), but the LEBRON squad is a young group with plenty of stamina. They had enough energy to cope with the formidable Nick Nickell team in their Semi-final A match in the third round.

The affair was close through the first three boards, Nickell ahead 3-0, when this deal came along.

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

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

| West       | North    | East    | South   |
|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Meckstroth | Demuy    | Rodwell | Kranyak |
| 3♠         | All Pass | 2♠      | Pass    |

Jeff Meckstroth's preemptive raise of Eric Rodwell's weak two-bid did the trick, Demuy going quietly. John Kranyak started with the ♣K and continued with the ♣A before switching to a diamond. Demuy won the ♦A and played a second diamond to the king in dummy. The ♠A and a second spade picked up North's queen, and Rodwell cashed the ♦Q and ruffed a diamond. He lost two clubs, a diamond and a heart for plus 140.

At the other table:

| West | North | East       | South   |
|------|-------|------------|---------|
| Hurd | Katz  | Wooldridge | Nickell |
| Pass | 3♥    | 2♠         | Pass    |
|      |       | All Pass   |         |

John Hurd's pass allowed Ralph Katz to enter the auction at the three level. Joel Wooldridge started with a low diamond, which went to the 6, 4 and 8. Katz played a club to dummy and a heart to his 10. He took another heart finesse after getting back to dummy with the other high club. A second heart finesse revealed the trump loser, but Katz lost only two spades, one heart and one club for plus 140. The net plus of 280 gave Nickell a 7-IMP gain and a 10-0 lead.

The lead evaporated on the next board.

Board 19. Dealer S. E/W Vul.

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

| West       | North | East    | South   |
|------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Meckstroth | Demuy | Rodwell | Kranyak |
| 2♦         | 3♠    | 4♣      | 4♠      |
| All Pass   |       |         |         |

Kranyak lost a diamond, a club and a heart but had his 10 tricks and plus 420. At the other table, Hurd and Wooldridge found the excellent save despite the unfavorable vulnerability.

| West     | North | East       | South   |
|----------|-------|------------|---------|
| Hurd     | Katz  | Wooldridge | Nickell |
| 2♦       | 3♠    | 4♣         | 4♥      |
| 5♣       | Pass  | Pass       | 5♠      |
| All Pass |       |            |         |



John Kranyak

North-South can take no more than three tricks against 5♣, so even Wooldridge had been doubled in 5♣, the minus 200 would still have been a gain for them. When Nickell went on to 5♠ - he might have been the one who was saving – the aggressive bidding paid off. Nickell could not avoid three losers, which meant 10 IMPs to LEBRON. The match was tied at 10 at that point.

LEBRON took the lead on the penultimate board.

Board 20. Dealer West-. Both Vul.

|  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| ♠ 9 8 5<br>♥ K 8<br>♦ K J 9 5 4<br>♣ J 10 8  | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W | E | S | ♠ K 7 4<br>♥ A 6 5<br>♦ 7 2<br>♣ K 9 7 4 3 |
| N  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| W  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| E  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| S  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| ♠ Q J 3<br>♥ 9 7 3 2<br>♦ A 10 8<br>♣ A Q 5  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| ♠ A 10 6 2<br>♥ Q J 10 4<br>♦ Q 6 3<br>♣ 6 2 |  |   |   |   |   |  |

| West       | North | East    | South    |
|------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Meckstroth | Demuy | Rodwell | Kranyak  |
| 1♦         | Pass  | INT     | All Pass |

Rodwell's INT was normal. He could have been held to eight tricks, but on the opening lead of the ♥J, he took the ace (lest the opponents find the diamond switch), played a couple of rounds of clubs to confirm that the suit was breaking, then knocked out the ♠A to collect nine easy tricks. At the other table:

| West | North    | East       | South   |
|------|----------|------------|---------|
| Hurd | Katz     | Wooldridge | Nickell |
| 1♣   | Pass     | 2♦         | Pass    |
| 2NT  | Pass     | 3♣         | Pass    |
| 3NT  | All Pass |            |         |

At the other table, Hurd opened 1♣ and Wooldridge, with his five-card support, made a limit raise in clubs and the game was reached.

Katz led a low diamond to Nickell's queen, which held the trick. Another diamond went to the 10 and jack. At that point, if Katz could have seen his partner's hand, he would have switched to the ♥K, the killing thrust. Declarer could duck a couple of times, but he would eventually have to try for a couple of spade tricks, and the hand with the setting trick would be in. Katz, however, played another diamond and Hurd escaped with nine tricks. Plus 600 meant another 10 IMPs to LEBRON, who finished with a 20-12 victory.

## Championship Diary

Chatting with the President of the EBL, Yves Aubry, he mentioned that he had made more than 100 flights in the last year, a testament to the work that he has to undertake on behalf of the League.

He also mentioned the possibility of staging a 'Midnight Pairs' in Tromsø - in the open air, naturally.



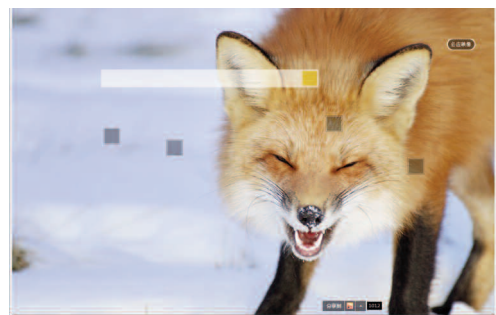
**Xie Dandan, Tong Tong, Zhan Danni, three of the huge crowd of Chinese helpers who all attend Qiongzhan University**

While constructing the article *Dodging the Bullet* I asked Barry Rigal if he had any idea who Chung Ling Soo was. His first guess was the man who invented Bird's Nest Soup. His next that he was a partner in the firm of lawyers, Soo Grab it and Run. His final despairing attempt was that it related to the eponymous hero of the Johnny Cash hit *A boy named Soo*.

If you can add to those do let us know.

Yesterday the web browser Bing created a home page in honour of one of the World Champions competing here in Sanya - can you name her?

Here is your clue:





# Back from the brink

By Brent Manley

In the final match of the Open Teams Semi-final A, the Nick Nickell team needed a big set to make it to the round of 32. They came through, winning 36-1 against a Chinese team to jump from 36th place – out of qualifying – to 20th, making the top 27 teams that went forward to the round of 32 along with the top five teams from Semi-final B.

Nickell and company continued to steamroll the opponents in the knockout phase, pounding the Hemant Jalan team 47-6 in the first of three sets and taking a 140-29 lead with 14 boards to go.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ 10 9 8 7<br>♥ A 8 2<br>♦ K Q 4<br>♣ A 7 4 | <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N<br/>W   E<br/>S                 </div> | ♠ 4 3 2<br>♥ K J 10<br>♦ A 10 9 6<br>♣ Q 10 8 |  |
| ♠ K Q J 6<br>♥ Q 6<br>♦ 7 5<br>♣ K J 9 3 2  |  | ♠ A 5<br>♥ 9 7 5 4 3<br>♦ J 8 3 2<br>♣ 6 5    |  |

| West              | North         | East           | South          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Meckstroth</i> | <i>Bendre</i> | <i>Rodwell</i> | <i>Thakral</i> |
| 1♠                | Pass          | 1♦*            | Pass           |
| 2♦*               | Pass          | 2♠             | Pass           |
| 2NT               | All Pass      |                |                |
| 1♦ Precision      |               |                |                |
| 2♦ Checkback      |               |                |                |

Sundeep Thakral led a low heart to the 6, 8 and jack. Eric Rodwell played a low club to the king and North's ace. North followed with the ♥A and another heart, establishing the suit. Rodwell played a spade from hand and South went in with the ace to cash his heart winners. Meckwell had stopped on a dime for plus 120.

| West         | North        | East            | South            |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Jalan</i> | <i>Levin</i> | <i>Malhotra</i> | <i>Weinstein</i> |
| 1♣           | Pass         | Pass            | Pass             |
| 2♣           | Dbl          | INT             | Pass             |
|              |              | 3♣              | All Pass         |

Bobby Levin, North, started with the ♠10. Steve Weinstein won the ace and returned the suit. Declarer at that point should have played on hearts to establish a discard for his losing diamond, but he played a trump instead. Levin went in with the ace and gave his partner a spade ruff. When Weinstein returned a diamond, declarer could not avoid one down. Nickell was ahead 5-0.

More IMPs went Nickell's way on the next board.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| ♠ J 10 8 4<br>♥ K 8<br>♦ K 6<br>♣ A Q 6 5 2  | <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N<br/>W   E<br/>S                 </div> | ♠ 9 2<br>♥ Q 4<br>♦ A J 3 2<br>♣ K J 10 8 3  |  |
| ♠ Q 6 5 3<br>♥ 10 7 3 2<br>♦ 10 9<br>♣ 9 7 4 |  | ♠ A K 7<br>♥ A J 9 6 5<br>♦ Q 8 7 5 4<br>♣ — |  |

| West              | North         | East           | South          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Meckstroth</i> | <i>Bendre</i> | <i>Rodwell</i> | <i>Thakral</i> |
| Pass              | INT           | Pass           | 1♥             |
| Pass              | 2♠            | Pass           | 2♣             |
| Pass              | 3NT           | All Pass       | 3♦             |

Rodwell led the ♣10. Declarer, Kaustubh Bendre, discarded a diamond from dummy and won the ♣Q in hand. At trick two, North played a low heart to dummy's jack, returning to hand with the king. He then played a spade to dummy, cashed the ♥A and played a heart to Jeff Meckstroth's 10. At that point, declarer was down to the ♣A 6. Meckstroth returned a club, ducked by declarer. Rodwell cleared the suit and waited with the ♦A to take the setting trick in clubs for plus 50 to Nickell.

| West         | North        | East            | South            |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Jalan</i> | <i>Levin</i> | <i>Malhotra</i> | <i>Weinstein</i> |
| Pass         | 2♣           | Pass            | 1♥               |
| Pass         | 2NT          | Pass            | 2♦               |
| Pass         | 3NT          | All Pass        | 3♠               |

Ashish Malhotra also started with a club, which ran to Levin's queen. He played the ♥K at trick two, Malhotra falsecarding with the queen, but then played a diamond from hand. East had to duck or Levin would have two diamond winners to go with four hearts, two clubs and two spades. The ♦Q held the trick, and Levin made another astute play – a low heart from dummy. Jalan won the ♥10 and returned a club, but Levin was in control. He took the ♣A and entered dummy with the ♠A to cash three heart tricks for plus 400 and 10 IMPs to his side.

The score was 16-0 for Nickell when Meckwell got to show of the power of their Precision system.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

|  |  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ 8 7 4 3<br>♥ J 9 4<br>♦ 7 5<br>♣ A K 10 6  | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N   |  | E | W |  | S | ♠ 6<br>♥ A K 3<br>♦ K 9 8 2<br>♣ J 8 7 5 4 |
| N  |  | E   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| W  |  | S   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| ♠ A K J 9<br>♥ 10 8 7<br>♦ A Q J 10 3<br>♣ 9 |  | ♠ Q 10 5 2<br>♥ Q 6 5 2<br>♦ 6 4<br>♣ Q 3 2 |  |   |   |  |   |  |

| West              | North         | East           | South          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Meckstroth</i> | <i>Bendre</i> | <i>Rodwell</i> | <i>Thakral</i> |
| 1♣*               | Pass          | 1NT*           | Pass           |
| 2♥*               | Pass          | 3♣*            | Pass           |
| 3♠*               | Pass          | 4♦*            | Pass           |
| 5♣*               | Pass          | 6♦             | All Pass       |

- 1♣ Strong, usually 16+.
- 1NT Five or more clubs, game forcing
- 2♥ Five or more hearts
- 3♣ Four-card diamond support
- 3♠ "Undiscussed"
- 4♦ Roman Key Card Blackwood for diamonds
- 5♣ Two key cards and the trump queen

Thakral started with a low heart to the 7, 9 and ace. Rodwell cashed the ♥K at trick two and played a spade to the ace. Rodwell's losing heart went away on the ♠K. A spade ruff was followed by a low club from hand. Thakral won with the ♣Q and played a trump, but Rodwell could cruise in from there with an easy 12 tricks for plus 920.

An initial trump lead would not have helped the North-South cause. In that case, declarer could give up a club, win



**Eric Rodwell**

the trump return and establish a club trick by ruffing out the suit. He would win five diamonds in dummy, two ruffs in hand, two high spades, two high hearts and a long club for the same 12 tricks.

It was a 13-IMP swing because of what happened at the other table.

| West         | North        | East            | South            |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Jalan</i> | <i>Levin</i> | <i>Malhotra</i> | <i>Weinstein</i> |
| 1♦           | Pass         | 1♥              | Pass             |
| 1♠           | Pass         | 1NT             | Pass             |
| 2♥           | Pass         | 3♦              | Pass             |
| Pass (!)     | Pass         |                 |                  |

Obviously, something went wrong in the auction. Malhotra took the same 12 tricks as Rodwell, but his added up to only plus 170.

Jalan finally broke into the plus column on this deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

|  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ 3<br>♥ Q 6 4<br>♦ A K 8 6 4<br>♣ J 7 6 3 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N  |  | E | W |  | S | ♠ 2<br>♥ A 7 5 3<br>♦ Q 7 5 3<br>♣ A 9 8 4 |
| N  |  | E  |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| W  |  | S  |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|  |  | ♠ K Q J 10 8 6 5<br>♥ K J<br>♦ 10 9<br>♣ 5 2 |  |   |   |  |   |  |

| West              | North         | East           | South          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Meckstroth</i> | <i>Bendre</i> | <i>Rodwell</i> | <i>Thakral</i> |
| All Pass          |               | Pass           | 3♠             |



**Ashish Malhotra**

Bendre's pass worked out well for his team. There were only nine tricks in spades and scarcely any way for the opponents to screw up the defense. Plus 140 to Jalan.

| West     | North | East     | South     |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Jalan    | Levin | Malhotra | Weinstein |
| Pass     | 3♦    | Pass     | 1♠        |
| All Pass |       | Pass     | 4♠        |

Weinstein considered his hand too good for a preempt in spades and he went for the vulnerable game after getting a four-card limit raise from Levin. East-West took their tricks for plus 100 and 6 IMPs, their only gain of the set.

The next board produced 7 IMPs for Nickell with an odd auction at one table and expert declarer play at the other.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



| West       | North    | East    | South   |
|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Meckstroth | Bendre   | Rodwell | Thakral |
| Pass       | 1♣*      | 1♦      | Pass    |
| 2♣         | All Pass |         | Pass    |



Kaustubh Bendre



Sundeep Thakral

Despite holding 25 high-card points between them, North-South seemed flummoxed by the opposition bidding. Some action by North seems warranted over Meckstroth's 2♣, South's pass over 1♦ notwithstanding.

Meckstroth played the 6-0 fit for six tricks, going minus 100. At the other table, Levin made the most of his and South's assets.

| West     | North | East     | South     |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Jalan    | Levin | Malhotra | Weinstein |
| Pass     | 2NT   | Pass     | 3♣        |
| Pass     | 3♦    | Pass     | 3NT       |
| All Pass |       |          |           |

There were no misunderstandings about who had what on this auction. Malhotra started with a low diamond to the 3, 10 and ace. Levin led a diamond right back at trick two, taken by East with the queen. East then played the ♠J: 3, 4, king. Levin returned a spade to the 9, ducked by West. In dummy, Levin played the ♦J to East's king. East got out with a spade to the queen and ace. Down to only hearts and clubs, West exited with a heart to Levin's king. He cashed two more hearts, reducing West to only clubs, and played a low club from hand, inserting the 8 when East showed out.

West won but had to lead away from the ♣K, which rode around to dummy's queen, where the good ♦9 was waiting to be cashed. Levin took three hearts, two spades, two diamonds and two clubs for plus 400.



# OPEN TEAMS



## Round of 32

## Round of 16

| Round of 32          |       | Round of 16         |       |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Team                 | Score | Team                | Score |
| MONACO               | 152   | Segment 1           |       |
| GUANGZHOU PEARL RIVE | 59    | MONACO              | 28    |
| CHINA OPN(B)         | 98    | BLACK               | 24    |
| BLACK                | 107   |                     |       |
| LEBRON               | 110   |                     |       |
| LORENTZ              | 63    | LEBRON              | 34    |
| LEVINE               | 82    | GUADELOUPE          | 7     |
| GUADELOUPE           | 108   |                     |       |
| MARK GORDON          | 96    |                     |       |
| YUETAO OF GUANGZHOU  | 106   | YUETAO OF GUANGZHOU | 27    |
| CHINA OPN(A)         | 83    | FORMIDABLES         | 48    |
| FORMIDABLES          | 112   |                     |       |
| VITAS                | 125   |                     |       |
| SOUTH AFRICA         | 7     | VITAS               | 15    |
| DIAMOND              | 112   | DIAMOND             | 38    |
| HUBEI JINPAI         | 70    |                     |       |
| NICKELL              | 165   |                     |       |
| HEMANT JALAN         | 55    | NICKELL             | 19    |
| ROSENTHAL            | 92    | MAZURKIEWICZ        | 13    |
| MAZURKIEWICZ         | 122   |                     |       |
| WEINSTEIN            | 110   |                     |       |
| ZAWADA               | 61    | WEINSTEIN           | 16    |
| FLEISHER             | 104   | FLEISHER            | 50    |
| JILINDINGYUAN        | 79    |                     |       |
| VENTIN               | 178   |                     |       |
| NORWAY JUNIORS       | 83    | VENTIN              | 35    |
| LITTLE MECK          | 160   | LITTLE MECK         | 13    |
| MCMULLIN             | 66    |                     |       |
| YEH MIX              | 32    |                     |       |
| ERA                  | 126   | ERA                 | 15    |
| LAVAZZA              | 148   | LAVAZZA             | 33    |
| REDBULL              | 57    |                     |       |

# WOMEN'S TEAMS AFTER ROUND 25



| CHN   | USA   | CHN   | INA   | CHN   | NED   | CHN   | BAK   | JOE   | PLA   | CHN   | CHN   | CHN   | CHN   | CHN   | TPE   | MAR   | JPN   | USA   | CHN   | SIN   | KOR   | CHN   | RSA   | GWA   | ARG | Pen                  | Team  | Total | Rank |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----------------------|-------|-------|------|
| 6.69  | 10.92 | 13.65 | 13.99 | 15.22 | 17.62 | 3.23  | 0     | 19.56 | 9.53  | 16.77 | 12.94 | 6.35  | 9.53  | 13.31 | 11.35 | 10.92 | 15.54 | 14.63 | 13.99 | 18.01 | 15.22 | 16.53 | 20    | 17.62 | 0.5 | CHINA RED TEAM       | 323.1 | 1     |      |
| 13.31 | 8.65  | 18.01 | 2.58  | 7.43  | 3.23  | 14.93 | 3.96  | 7.82  | 12.18 | 17.21 | 5.37  | 6.01  | 8.23  | 12.94 | 12.94 | 12.94 | 17.21 | 15.5  | 17.62 | 16.04 | 20    | 15.22 | 17.82 | 19.8  |     | MOSS                 | 309.2 | 2     |      |
| 9.08  | 11.35 | 10.47 | 9.53  | 15.78 | 10.47 | 2.38  | 6.01  | 11.77 | 6.69  | 16.99 | 7.43  | 13.99 | 19.29 | 20    | 16.53 | 11.35 | 14.93 | 19.92 | 18.69 | 2.79  | 13.31 | 6.01  | 14.32 | 20    |     | DEZHOUQIAOXIE(PUSHI) | 309.1 | 3     |      |
| 6.35  | 1.99  | 9.53  | 3.71  | 3.01  | 6.35  | 15.78 | 1.99  | 16.77 | 19    | 19.68 | 17.62 | 14.63 | 13.65 | 19.29 | 19.8  | 3.23  | 15.5  | 16.29 | 7.82  | 17.21 | 19.43 | 7.43  | 13.31 | 17.62 |     | PERTAMINA EP         | 307   | 4     |      |
| 6.01  | 17.42 | 10.47 | 16.29 | 20    | 13.65 | 0.08  | 8.65  | 14.93 | 10.92 | 9.53  | 4.78  | 20    | 9.53  | 15.22 | 5.37  | 13.31 | 16.53 | 17.42 | 7.82  | 14.63 | 8.23  | 18.19 | 14.32 | 13.65 |     | CHINA ORANGE TEAM    | 307   | 5     |      |
| 4.78  | 12.57 | 4.22  | 16.99 | -0.5  | 7.06  | 7.06  | 16.04 | 14.32 | 19    | 15.5  | 18.53 | 3.46  | 18.01 | 14.63 | 19.43 | 18.19 | 14.63 | 7.43  | 16.53 | 19.15 | 5.07  | 15.78 | 7.43  | 10.47 | 1   | NETHERLANDS          | 305.8 | 6     |      |
| 2.38  | 16.77 | 9.53  | 13.65 | 6.35  | 12.94 | 3.47  | 8.65  | 0     | 13.31 | 10.47 | 18.19 | 11.35 | 15.78 | 6.35  | 17.42 | 3.23  | 15.28 | 17.82 | 18.19 | 15.22 | 8.08  | 7.82  | 16.04 | 16.53 | 1.5 | COFCO YALONG BAY     | 284.8 | 7     |      |
| 16.77 | 5.07  | 17.62 | 4.22  | 19.92 | 12.94 | 16.53 | 8.65  | 9.53  | 14.63 | 5.68  | 7.06  | 17.21 | 1.99  | 18.19 | 2.38  | 7.82  | 9.03  | 17.62 | 15.5  | 8.23  | 0.57  | 16.04 | 13.65 | 17.62 | 0.5 | BAKER                | 284.5 | 8     |      |
| 20    | 16.04 | 13.99 | 18.01 | 11.35 | 2.96  | 11.35 | 11.35 | 13.31 | 7.43  | 12.94 | 6.19  | 11.35 | 13.65 | 12.57 | 5.68  | 3.96  | 8.23  | 7.06  | 18.69 | 12.57 | 12.57 | 2.58  | 17.82 | 7.06  | 1.5 | JOEL                 | 278.7 | 9     |      |
| 0.44  | 12.18 | 8.23  | 3.23  | 5.07  | 5.68  | 20    | 10.47 | 6.69  | 13.31 | 7.43  | 9.08  | 13.31 | 18.85 | 16.04 | 16.53 | 19.8  | 3.47  | 5.37  | 7.06  | 10.92 | 6.69  | 20    | 13.65 | 5.37  |     | PLATINUM CEM         | 258.9 | 10    |      |
| 10.47 | 7.82  | 13.31 | 1     | 9.08  | 1     | 6.69  | 5.37  | 12.57 | 6.69  | 3.96  | 10.92 | 17.21 | 7.82  | 7.43  | 16.53 | 9.53  | 17.21 | 13.31 | 15.22 | 17.21 | 15.5  | 13.31 | 10    | 7.43  |     | BEIJING SHARE SUN    | 256.6 | 11    |      |
| 3.23  | 2.79  | 3.01  | 0.32  | 10.47 | 4.5   | 9.53  | 14.32 | 7.06  | 12.57 | 16.04 | 11.35 | 20    | 3.23  | 10    | 18.01 | 12.18 | 15.22 | 18.19 | 10.47 | 11.77 | 18.19 | 12.18 | 4.78  | 6.01  |     | CHINA YELLOW TEAM    | 255.4 | 12    |      |
| 7.06  | 14.63 | 12.57 | 2.38  | 15.22 | 1.47  | 1.81  | 12.94 | 12.81 | 10.92 | 9.08  | 8.65  | 12.94 | 2.18  | 5.68  | 13.65 | 12.57 | 15.28 | 9.53  | 5.07  | 17.62 | 16.29 | 7.43  | 12.57 | 13.65 | 1   | SHANDONG             | 254   | 13    |      |
| 11.65 | 13.99 | 6.01  | 5.37  | 0     | 15.54 | 8.65  | 2.79  | 8.65  | 6.69  | 2.79  | 0     | 7.06  | 14.63 | 12.57 | 1     | 14.32 | 9.53  | 15.22 | 14.32 | 9.08  | 9.08  | 20    | 16.04 | 9.08  | 2.5 | KUNMING LIJIAN       | 234.1 | 14    |      |
| 10.47 | 11.77 | 0.71  | 6.35  | 10.47 | 1.99  | 4.22  | 18.01 | 6.35  | 1.15  | 12.18 | 16.77 | 17.82 | 5.37  | 16.04 | 2.18  | 4.5   | 2.79  | 12.57 | 13.65 | 1.47  | 15.78 | 17.42 | 13.99 | 7.43  | 2   | THE GOURMET PLACE    | 231.5 | 15    |      |
| 6.69  | 7.06  | 0     | 0.71  | 4.78  | 5.37  | 13.65 | 1.81  | 7.43  | 3.96  | 12.57 | 10    | 14.32 | 7.43  | 3.96  | 15.78 | 6.01  | 15.5  | 9.53  | 17.82 | 13.99 | 20    | 11.35 | 5.07  | 9.08  |     | CHINESE TAIPEIRUYI   | 223.9 | 16    |      |
| 8.65  | 7.06  | 3.47  | 0.2   | 14.63 | 0.57  | 2.58  | 17.62 | 14.32 | 3.47  | 3.47  | 1.99  | 6.35  | 19    | 17.82 | 4.22  | 13.31 | 14.93 | 0.32  | 6.69  | 15.22 | 14.63 | 12.18 | 7.82  | 13.31 |     | MOROCCAN WOMEN TEAM  | 223.8 | 17    |      |
| 9.08  | 2.79  | 8.65  | 16.77 | 6.69  | 1.81  | 16.77 | 12.18 | 16.04 | 0.2   | 10.47 | 7.82  | 7.43  | 5.68  | 15.5  | 13.99 | 6.69  | 2.58  | 13.31 | 14.32 | 2.79  | 10.47 | 2.18  | 16.77 | 2.18  |     | JAPAN LADIES         | 223.2 | 18    |      |
| 3.46  | 4.5   | 5.07  | 4.5   | 3.47  | 5.37  | 3.72  | 9.97  | 11.77 | 16.53 | 2.79  | 4.78  | 3.72  | 10.47 | 17.21 | 4.5   | 5.07  | 17.42 | 4.5   | 4.5   | 14.63 | 8.65  | 9.08  | 14.63 | 19.92 | 2   | POLLACK              | 210.2 | 19    |      |
| 5.37  | 2.38  | 0.08  | 1.71  | 2.58  | 12.57 | 2.18  | 2.38  | 12.94 | 14.63 | 6.69  | 1.81  | 10.47 | 4.78  | 7.43  | 10.47 | 19.68 | 6.69  | 15.5  | 2.18  | 18.85 | 17.62 | 8.65  | 3.96  | 18.36 | 2   | HUBEI YIHUA          | 210   | 20    |      |
| 6.01  | 3.96  | 1.31  | 12.18 | 12.18 | 3.47  | 1.81  | 4.5   | 1.31  | 12.94 | 4.78  | 9.53  | 14.93 | 5.68  | 6.35  | 2.18  | 13.31 | 5.68  | 15.5  | 17.82 | 2.58  | 1.99  | 15.5  | 15.5  | 14.63 |     | SINGAPORE            | 205.6 | 21    |      |
| 1.99  | 0     | 17.21 | 2.79  | 5.37  | 0.85  | 4.78  | 11.77 | 7.43  | 9.08  | 2.79  | 8.23  | 2.38  | 10.92 | 16.53 | 6.01  | 4.78  | 17.21 | 5.37  | 1.15  | 17.42 | 11.77 | 15.78 | 5.37  | 18.19 |     | SCTY                 | 205.2 | 22    |      |
| 4.78  | 4.78  | 6.69  | 0.57  | 11.77 | 14.93 | 7.92  | 19.43 | 7.43  | 13.31 | 4.5   | 1.81  | 3.71  | 10.92 | 4.22  | 0     | 5.37  | 9.53  | 11.35 | 2.38  | 18.01 | 8.23  | 14.32 | 6.01  | 12.18 | 3   | CHINA PINK TEAM      | 204.2 | 23    |      |
| 3.47  | 4.78  | 13.99 | 12.57 | 1.81  | 4.22  | 12.18 | 3.96  | 17.42 | 0     | 6.69  | 7.82  | 12.57 | 0     | 2.58  | 8.65  | 7.82  | 17.82 | 10.92 | 11.35 | 4.5   | 4.22  | 5.68  | 7.43  | 17.42 |     | BLOOM                | 199.9 | 24    |      |
| 0     | 2.18  | 5.68  | 6.69  | 5.68  | 12.57 | 3.96  | 6.35  | 2.18  | 6.35  | 10    | 15.22 | 7.43  | 2.96  | 6.01  | 14.93 | 12.18 | 3.23  | 5.37  | 16.04 | 4.5   | 14.63 | 13.99 | 12.57 | 7.43  | 1   | GWADAGIRLS           | 198.1 | 25    |      |
| 2.38  | 0.2   | 0     | 2.38  | 6.35  | 9.53  | 3.47  | 2.38  | 12.94 | 14.63 | 12.57 | 13.99 | 6.35  | 10.92 | 12.57 | 10.92 | 6.69  | 17.82 | 0.08  | 1.64  | 5.37  | 1.81  | 7.82  | 2.58  | 12.57 |     | EL ROSARIO           | 178   | 26    |      |

# SENIOR TEAMS AFTER ROUND 21

| MIL  | INA  | HAC  | USA  | USA  | MAR  | JPN  | LEW  | CHN  | HKG  | USA  | JPN  | HUN  | MAG  | HKG  | CHN  | CAN  | SIN  | CHN  | CHN  | IND  | CHN  | Pen | Team                 | Total  | Rank |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|----------------------|--------|------|
|      | 8.65 | 11.8 | 8.23 | 10   | 15.5 | 15.2 | 16.3 | 16.8 | 16.3 | 16.3 | 16.5 | 7.82 | 20   | 17.4 | 14.6 | 18.5 | 12.6 | 9.5  | 12.9 | 17.4 | 16.3 | 0.5 | MILNER               | 298.66 | 1    |
| 11.4 |      | 5.68 | 1.31 | 7.43 | 8.23 | 11.8 | 18   | 15.5 | 9.97 | 12.6 | 10   | 16.3 | 18.4 | 9.53 | 18.5 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 18.5 | 17.8 | 17.6 | 18.9 | 0.5 | INDONESIA            | 270.45 | 2    |
| 8.23 | 14.3 |      | 11.8 | 9.08 | 0.44 | 4.22 | 17.4 | 4.22 | 16   | 6.35 | 11.8 | 18.4 | 13.7 | 17.8 | 19.6 | 17.6 | 18   | 13.7 | 9.53 | 14.3 | 16   |     | HACKETT              | 262.42 | 3    |
| 11.8 | 18.7 | 8.23 |      | 8.23 | 8.23 | 17.4 | 10.5 | 16   | 9.53 | 7.82 | 13.7 | 14   | 8.65 | 8.15 | 6.35 | 16.8 | 7.06 | 12.2 | 18.9 | 16.5 | 15.8 | 0.5 | STERNBERG            | 254.39 | 4    |
| 10   | 12.6 | 10.9 | 11.8 |      | 8.65 | 8.65 | 11.8 | 10.5 | 20   | 3.71 | 15.8 | 5.68 | 2.18 | 10.5 | 14.9 | 19.7 | 16.8 | 7.43 | 17.2 | 15.5 | 19.7 |     | LYNCH                | 253.82 | 5    |
| 5.37 | 11.8 | 19.6 | 11.8 | 11.4 |      | 8.65 | 15.5 | 5.37 | 2.73 | 13.2 | 4.22 | 17   | 7.43 | 16   | 20   | 13.3 | 18.7 | 11.8 | 3.47 | 15.2 | 11.8 | 1.9 | MARKOWICZ            | 244.13 | 6    |
| 4.78 | 8.23 | 15.8 | 2.58 | 11.4 | 11.4 |      | 11.8 | 12.6 | 18.7 | 7.82 | 6.35 | 7.43 | 13.7 | 10   | 13.7 | 18.4 | 1.64 | 16.3 | 15.8 | 18.2 | 13.3 |     | IMAX                 | 239.57 | 7    |
| 3.71 | 1.99 | 2.58 | 9.53 | 8.23 | 4.5  | 8.23 |      | 19.2 | 8.23 | 15.5 | 11.4 | 16   | 18.7 | 7.43 | 14.3 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 17.2 | 19.6 |     | LEWIS                | 235.69 | 8    |
| 3.23 | 4.5  | 15.8 | 3.96 | 9.53 | 14.6 | 7.43 | 0.85 |      | 18.2 | 14.6 | 7.43 | 9.08 | 9.53 | 16.8 | 7.06 | 17.8 | 12.6 | 17.6 | 8.65 | 15.5 | 18.2 | 0.5 | XINYUAN SENIOR TEAM  | 232.99 | 9    |
| 3.71 | 9.03 | 3.96 | 10.5 |      | 16.3 | 1.31 | 11.8 | 1.81 |      | 15.2 | 16.8 | 16   | 11.8 | 15.5 | 16.5 | 4.57 | 18   | 12.9 | 16.5 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 1.5 | HK SENIOR FRIENDS    | 232.07 | 10   |
| 3.71 | 7.43 | 13.7 | 12.2 | 16.3 | 5.85 | 12.2 | 4.5  | 5.37 | 4.78 |      | 9.53 | 3.71 | 3.71 | 16   | 12.6 | 12.6 | 11.8 | 17.6 | 14   | 19   | 20   | 0.5 | LORTZ                | 226.45 | 11   |
| 3.47 | 10   | 8.23 | 6.35 | 4.22 | 15.8 | 13.7 | 8.65 | 12.6 | 3.23 | 10.5 |      | 4.5  | 15.2 | 19.4 | 15.8 | 7.43 | 7.82 | 7.43 | 19.7 | 17.6 | 12.6 |     | PLATINUM             | 224.1  | 12   |
| 12.2 | 3.71 | 1.64 | 6.01 | 14.3 | 3.01 | 12.6 | 3.96 | 10.9 | 3.96 | 16.3 | 15.5 |      | 8.65 | 15.8 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 12.2 | 10   | 17.6 | 13.3 | 17.4 |     | HUNGARY              | 219.97 | 13   |
| 0    | 1.64 | 6.35 | 11.4 | 17.8 | 12.6 | 6.35 | 1.31 | 10.5 | 8.23 | 16.3 | 4.78 | 11.4 |      | 1.99 | 14.3 | 3.71 | 6.35 | 6.35 | 16   | 10   | 8.23 |     | MAGIC EYES           | 175.5  | 14   |
| 2.58 | 10.5 | 2.18 | 10.9 | 9.53 | 3.96 | 10   | 12.6 | 3.23 | 4.5  | 3.96 | 0.57 | 4.22 | 18   |      | 11.4 | 13.7 | 16.3 | 18.9 | 3.96 | 5.07 | 7.08 | 2.5 | MASTER MINDS         | 172.88 | 15   |
| 5.37 | 1.47 | 0.44 | 13.7 | 5.07 | 0    | 6.35 | 5.68 | 12.9 | 3.47 | 7.43 | 4.22 | 9.53 | 5.68 | 8.65 |      | 12.6 | 17   | 9.53 | 16   | 4.03 | 18.7 | 0.8 | WUHAN                | 167.8  | 16   |
| 1.47 | 7.82 | 2.38 | 3.23 | 0.32 | 6.69 | 1.64 | 7.82 | 2.18 | 14.4 | 7.43 | 12.6 | 9.53 | 16.3 | 6.35 | 7.43 |      | 9.08 | 6.69 | 14.3 | 12.9 | 15.5 | 0.5 | CANADA               | 166.11 | 17   |
| 7.43 | 9.08 | 1.99 | 12.9 | 3.23 | 1.31 | 18.4 | 7.82 | 7.43 | 1.99 | 8.23 | 12.2 | 7.82 | 13.7 | 3.71 | 3.01 | 10.9 |      | 6.01 | 1.81 | 9.53 | 12.2 |     | SINGAPORE            | 160.63 | 18   |
| 9.5  | 1.47 | 6.35 | 7.82 | 12.6 | 8.23 | 3.71 | 6.69 | 2.38 | 7.06 | 2.38 | 12.6 | 10   | 13.7 | 1.15 | 10.5 | 13.3 | 14   |      | 9.08 | 0.32 | 7.82 | 0.5 | SICHUAN DAHE COMPANY | 160.52 | 19   |
| 7.06 | 2.18 | 10.5 | 1.15 | 2.79 | 16.5 | 4.22 | 8.23 | 11.4 | 3.47 | 6.01 | 0.32 | 2.38 | 3.96 | 16   | 3.96 | 5.68 | 18.2 | 10.9 |      | 7.06 | 15.2 |     | HAINAN OLD MAN       | 157.19 | 20   |
| 2.58 | 2.38 | 5.68 | 3.47 | 4.5  | 4.78 | 1.81 | 2.79 | 3.46 | 5.07 | 1    | 2.38 | 6.69 | 10   | 14.9 | 12.5 | 7.06 | 10.5 | 19.7 | 12.9 |      | 2.79 | 3.3 | ENGINEERS            | 136.93 | 21   |
| 3.71 | 1.15 | 3.96 | 4.22 | 0.32 | 8.23 | 6.69 | 0.44 | 1.81 | 5.07 | 0    | 7.43 | 2.58 | 11.8 | 8.92 | 1.31 | 4.5  | 7.82 | 12.2 | 4.78 | 17.2 |      | 2   | HUBEI QIAOXIE        | 114.1  | 22   |