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## TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN - OR TEAM



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*Always there for you: the team from the hospitality desk*

*Silvia Valentini, Branka Grguric, Joanna Kowalczyk, Virginia Chediak, Urszula Kedzierska, Gildana Caputo*

Albert Einstein once said that "time is an illusion." For teams looking longingly at the qualifying spots in their respective events at this tournament, time is very real – and it's running out for many hopefuls. In the Open and Women's series, there are five matches left: three today, two tomorrow. Seven matches remain in the Seniors and Mixed Teams: four today, three tomorrow.

Teams with hopes of making the cut to the knockout phases of their events must make the best of the remaining opportunities.

In the Open series, for example, the strong USA team captained by John Diamond ended the day in qualifying position for the first time since the round robin started on Sunday. Monaco, meanwhile, finished Wednesday in eighth place and must hustle to make the cut.

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Today's Programme

**Open & Women's Teams:**

RR 13-15 (start 10:30)

**Seniors & Mixed Teams:**

RR 17-20 (start 10:00)



Bank Polski

### WBF CONGRESS MEETING

The WBF Congress Meeting will be held **today at 09:00** in the **Vu-Graph Auditorium** at Centennial Hall.

All delegates are kindly requested to arrive in time to sign in and collect documents so that the meeting can start promptly at 09:00.

**Tea, coffee and pastries will be available before the meeting.**





## BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph  
BBO 8 is also OURGAME*

### 10:30

OC	Sweden v Austria	BBO 1
OB	USA v Tunisia	BBO 2
OC	New Zealand v Netherlands	BBO 3
OB	Argentina v Japan	BBO 4
OB	Norway v Belgium	BBO 5
WB	Italy v New Zealand	BBO 6
WA	Sweden v Australia	BBO 7
OA	France v South Africa	BBO 8

### 14:00

OA	Russia v India	BBO 1
OC	Austria v Denmark	BBO 2
OA	Finland v Greece	BBO 3
OC	Lithuania v New Zealand	BBO 4
OB	Belgium v Argentina	BBB 5
OB	China HK v USA	BBO 6
WB	New Zealand v USA	BBO 7
WA	China v Japan	BBO 8

### 16:50

OB	Poland v Iceland	BBO 1
OA	Italy v Australia	BBO 2
OA	Israel v Switzerland	BBO 3
OB	Pakistan v Monaco	BBO 4
OB	USA v Latvia	BBO 5
WB	Denmark v Germany	BBO 6
WA	Norway v Turkey	BBO 7
OC	China v UAE	BBO 8



## GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURE SCHEDULE

Thursday 8

### MIXED

Chinese Taipei	11.55
Russia	12.00
Turkey	14.40
UAE	14.45
USA	16.55

### WOMEN

India	10.10
Japan	10.15
Jordan	10.20
Korea	13.35
Mexico	13.40
New Zealand	13.45
Pakistan	16.30
Palestine	16.35
South Africa	16.40

### SENIORS

China Hong Kong	17.00
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The meeting point is outside the front door.  
Thank you very much for your cooperation!

## No smoking or drinking policy



Please be reminded  
that smoking and drinking is prohibited at  
any time and in any place during sessions.

## No cell phones allowed

No cell phones will be allowed in the playing area,  
but players can leave them at the registration desk.



## Championship Diary

*Back by popular demand*

I happened to be behind the desk at hospitality when a player arrived to explain that she had left her badge in her hotel. No problem I explained as she could get a new one for €5. While it was being prepared she said that she would no doubt make the same mistake again. Quick as a flash I told her not to worry - she could take advantage of our special offer - buy four badges now and get the fifth one free.

USA Mixed Team member Sue Picus left the playing area to get a taxi back to her hotel. As she opened the door of the car parked at the entrance she asked to go to her hotel. The policeman sitting inside offered a polite 'No.' Should have gone to Specsavers.

On the Live Bridge Site we are keeping the thousands of visitors entertained (at least we hope so) by running the odd competition. Yesterday we invited entries to late arrivals at the Bridge Players Gala Dinner. Here are some of the entries:

Nick Simms: From Italy, Mr & Mrs Donna and their beautiful daughter, Bella.

Mikael Grönkvist: Mr & Mrs Stayman and their three sons, Checkback, Puppet and Muppet

## Dealing machines and cards

The Duplimates used for the duplication during the championship are sold for 2280EUR. You are strongly advised to order as soon as possible, because they will probably be sold out very quickly. Contact Jannerstens at the bridge stall in the Reception area, or drop a line to per@jannersten.com.

The (new) Wroclaw cards that you are playing with will be sold after usage for 163EUR per 240 decks. Other quantities on request in the book stall.

### Championship cards



The championship cards that you play here are for sale for €0.68 (bulk rate) in the book stall so long as supply lasts.

## The Yeh Online Bridge World Cup

We now know the exact composition of the teams who will contest the first Yeh Online World Cup, 31 October - 2 November 2016 under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation.

Team **Europe-Lavazza** (based in Turin at the headquarters of Lavazza) will comprise **Maria Teresa Lavazza**, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin and Augustin Madala alongside the women who currently hold the top two positions in the world rankings, Sylvie Willard and Bénédicte Cronier.

Team **USA-BBO** team (based in Seattle) will be **Bob Hamman** (the all-time number 1 in the world rankings) playing with Jill Meyers (number 2 on the all time women's list) Fred Gitelman and Sheri Winestock and **Bill Gates** and Sharon Osberg.

Team **CCBA** (based in Beijing) will comprise **Mr Zeng Peiyan**, former vice premier for economy and general secretary of the Asian Economic Forum, Mr Guo Jinlong, former mayor of Beijing alongside Zhang Bangxiang, Li Jianwei and World Champions Gu Ling and Sun Shaolin.

Team **Chen Yeh** (also based in Beijing) will be led by **Mr Yeh Chen** who will be joined by World Champions Shih Juei-Yu, Chen Dawei, Sun Ming, Zhang Ya-Lan & Wang Ping

At each venue, remotely controlled webcams will monitor each player, streaming live images across the Internet. Every match will be broadcast live using BBO and Ourgame. The best bridge journalists from around the world will cover the event with voice and written commentaries and there will be instant Daily Bulletins online. Social media will be utilised to the fullest extent with dedicated accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Website : <http://bridgeonlineworldcup.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bridgeonlineworldcup>

Twitter : @BridgeWorldCup



# Schedule

## Senior Teams

## Mixed Teams

### RR 17 - 10:00

51	USA	NEW ZEALAND
52	BRAZIL	ENGLAND
53	SPAIN	JAPAN
54	NORWAY	SWEDEN
55	DENMARK	PAKISTAN
56	TURKEY	ITALY
57	ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI
58	CHINA	MEXICO
59	GERMANY	INDIA
60	EGYPT	AUSTRALIA
61	FRANCE	CHINA HONG KONG
62	CANADA	POLAND

71	IRELAND	NEW ZEALAND
72	GERMANY	BULGARIA
73	CHINA	AUSTRALIA
74	CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKEY
75	JAPAN	RUSSIA
76	POLAND	ISRAEL
77	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	FRANCE
78	HUNGARY	ITALY
79	SWEDEN	INDIA
80	NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL
81	USA	DENMARK
82	ENGLAND	BYE

### RR 18 - 12:15

51	NEW ZEALAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
52	ITALY	MEXICO
53	PAKISTAN	INDIA
54	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA
55	JAPAN	CHINA HONG KONG
56	ENGLAND	POLAND
57	USA	CANADA
58	BRAZIL	FRANCE
59	SPAIN	EGYPT
60	NORWAY	GERMANY
61	DENMARK	CHINA
62	TURKEY	ISRAEL

71	NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE
72	ISRAEL	ITALY
73	RUSSIA	INDIA
74	TURKEY	BRAZIL
75	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK
76	BULGARIA	ENGLAND
77	GERMANY	USA
78	CHINA	NETHERLANDS
79	CHINESE TAIPEI	SWEDEN
80	JAPAN	HUNGARY
81	POLAND	UAE
82	IRELAND	BYE

### RR 19 - 15:00

51	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND
52	CANADA	EGYPT
53	POLAND	GERMANY
54	CHINA HONG KONG	CHINA
55	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL
56	INDIA	TURKEY
57	MEXICO	DENMARK
58	CHINESE TAIPEI	NORWAY
59	ITALY	SPAIN
60	PAKISTAN	BRAZIL
61	SWEDEN	USA
62	JAPAN	ENGLAND

71	USA	NEW ZEALAND
72	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
73	DENMARK	HUNGARY
74	BRAZIL	UAE
75	INDIA	POLAND
76	ITALY	JAPAN
77	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI
78	ISRAEL	CHINA
79	RUSSIA	GERMANY
80	TURKEY	IRELAND
81	AUSTRALIA	BULGARIA
82	NETHERLANDS	BYE

### RR 20 - 17:15

51	NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN
52	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
53	USA	PAKISTAN
54	BRAZIL	ITALY
55	SPAIN	CHINESE TAIPEI
56	NORWAY	MEXICO
57	DENMARK	INDIA
58	TURKEY	AUSTRALIA
59	ISRAEL	CHINA HONG KONG
60	CHINA	POLAND
61	GERMANY	CANADA
62	EGYPT	FRANCE

71	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA
72	BULGARIA	TURKEY
73	IRELAND	RUSSIA
74	GERMANY	ISRAEL
75	CHINA	FRANCE
76	CHINESE TAIPEI	ITALY
77	JAPAN	INDIA
78	POLAND	BRAZIL
79	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	DENMARK
80	HUNGARY	ENGLAND
81	NETHERLANDS	USA
82	SWEDEN	BYE

## Rankings

### Seniors Teams

After Round 16

TEAM	VP
1 USA	240.21
2 CHINA	222.69
3 SWEDEN	205.14
4 EGYPT	192.29
5 DENMARK	190.01
6 TURKEY	180.31
7 FRANCE	179.27
8 CHINESE TAIPEI	176.14
9 ITALY	171.18
10 CANADA	169.95
11 POLAND	167.97
12 INDIA	165.98
13 AUSTRALIA	164.04
14 CHINA HONG KONG	163.71
15 ISRAEL	162.89
16 GERMANY	160.79
17 ENGLAND	146.50
18 BRAZIL	143.12
19 NORWAY	139.75
20 PAKISTAN	115.74
21 NEW ZEALAND	100.75
22 JAPAN	96.62
23 SPAIN	93.64
24 MEXICO	82.31

### Mixed Teams

After Round 16

TEAM	VP
1 NETHERLANDS	218.14
2 BULGARIA	210.22
3 RUSSIA	209.54
4 FRANCE	200.97
5 DENMARK	195.71
6 AUSTRALIA	193.44
7 GERMANY	180.80
8 JAPAN	178.93
9 ISRAEL	174.82
10 POLAND	173.39
11 USA	172.87
12 CHINA	171.90
13 ITALY	168.08
14 NEW ZEALAND	155.98
15 TURKEY	152.16
16 IRELAND	136.88
17 SWEDEN	131.92
18 ENGLAND	129.97
19 INDIA	125.44
20 HUNGARY	122.88
21 BRAZIL	115.96
22 CHINESE TAIPEI	106.48
23 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	82.52

### Seniors and Mixed Teams coverage

Timetables for play and hands for the Senior Teams and Mixed Teams are not the same as for the other events, which precludes coverage in the Daily Bulletin until next week.

### The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA)

IBPA is a club for the world's bridge media people and you may also join as Associate Member.

The main service is a monthly Bulletin edited by John Carruthers with the best of the best. Members may also enjoy the Press facilities at championships.

The annual IBPA subscription is US\$42 (€38). New members joining in Wroclaw pay US\$52.50 (€48) for 2016 and 2017. You can apply, and pay, in the Press Room.

Current members paying late for this year, or early for next, can clear their dues in the Press Room.

The Annual General Meeting on Saturday (the 10th) will start at 09:00 a.m. (precisely) in the Vugraph Theatre (where the Opening Ceremony was).



Per Jannersten  
Chairman

#### Directions to Press Room

Orbit the playing area 90 degrees counter clockwise until you reach Entrance A where you find a large stairwell to the right. The Press Room is at the top of the stairs in Sala Cesarska.

## RR 13 - 10:30

## RR 14 - 14:00

## RR 15 - 16:50

## Open Teams Group A

1 SINGAPORE	BRAZIL
2 JORDAN	ITALY
3 ESTONIA	GERMANY
4 INDIA	AUSTRALIA
5 GREECE	RUSSIA
6 CHINESE TAIPEI	FINLAND
7 FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA
8 ISRAEL	PHILIPPINES
9 UKRAINE	SWITZERLAND

1 ITALY	SINGAPORE
2 GERMANY	JORDAN
3 SWITZERLAND	ESTONIA
4 AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL
5 RUSSIA	INDIA
6 FINLAND	GREECE
7 SOUTH AFRICA	CHINESE TAIPEI
8 PHILIPPINES	FRANCE
9 UKRAINE	ISRAEL

1 SINGAPORE	GERMANY
2 JORDAN	ESTONIA
3 ITALY	AUSTRALIA
4 BRAZIL	RUSSIA
5 INDIA	FINLAND
6 GREECE	SOUTH AFRICA
7 CHINESE TAIPEI	PHILIPPINES
8 FRANCE	UKRAINE
9 ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND

## Open Teams Group B

11 PAKISTAN	LEBANON
12 KUWAIT	POLAND
13 BOSNIA HERZ.	MONACO
14 MEXICO	ICELAND
15 ARGENTINA	JAPAN
16 NORWAY	BELGIUM
17 USA	TUNISIA
18 ENGLAND	CHINA HK
19 LATVIA	TURKEY

11 POLAND	PAKISTAN
12 MONACO	KUWAIT
13 TURKEY	BOSNIA HERZ.
14 ICELAND	LEBANON
15 JAPAN	MEXICO
16 BELGIUM	ARGENTINA
17 TUNISIA	NORWAY
18 CHINA HK	USA
19 LATVIA	ENGLAND

11 PAKISTAN	MONACO
12 KUWAIT	BOSNIA HERZ.
13 POLAND	ICELAND
14 LEBANON	JAPAN
15 MEXICO	BELGIUM
16 ARGENTINA	TUNISIA
17 NORWAY	CHINA HK
18 USA	LATVIA
19 ENGLAND	TURKEY

## Open Teams Group C

21 BANGLADESH	HUNGARY
22 GUADELOUPE	CHINA
23 NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS
24 CANADA	UAE
25 SAN MARINO	EGYPT
26 DENMARK	IRELAND
27 SWEDEN	AUSTRIA
28 SCOTLAND	LITHUANIA
29 SPAIN	BYE

21 CHINA	BANGLADESH
22 NETHERLANDS	GUADELOUPE
23 LITHUANIA	NEW ZEALAND
24 UAE	HUNGARY
25 EGYPT	CANADA
26 IRELAND	SAN MARINO
27 AUSTRIA	DENMARK
28 SCOTLAND	SPAIN
29 SWEDEN	BYE

21 BANGLADESH	NETHERLANDS
22 GUADELOUPE	NEW ZEALAND
23 CHINA	UAE
24 HUNGARY	EGYPT
25 CANADA	IRELAND
26 SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA
27 SWEDEN	SCOTLAND
28 SPAIN	LITHUANIA
29 DENMARK	BYE

## Women's Teams Group A

31 KOREA	NORWAY
32 JAPAN	NETHERLANDS
33 PAKISTAN	CHINA
34 JORDAN	SOUTH AFRICA
35 BRAZIL	TURKEY
36 SPAIN	SAN MARINO
37 ENGLAND	EGYPT
38 SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA
39 MEXICO	FINLAND

31 NETHERLANDS	KOREA
32 CHINA	JAPAN
33 FINLAND	PAKISTAN
34 SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY
35 TURKEY	JORDAN
36 SAN MARINO	BRAZIL
37 EGYPT	SPAIN
38 AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND
39 MEXICO	SWEDEN

31 KOREA	CHINA
32 JAPAN	PAKISTAN
33 NETHERLANDS	SOUTH AFRICA
34 NORWAY	TURKEY
35 JORDAN	SAN MARINO
36 BRAZIL	EGYPT
37 SPAIN	AUSTRALIA
38 ENGLAND	MEXICO
39 SWEDEN	FINLAND

## Women's Teams Group B

41 CHINESE TAIPEI	DENMARK
42 CHINA HK	POLAND
43 ICELAND	FRANCE
44 INDIA	GERMANY
45 SCOTLAND	IRELAND
46 USA	TUNISIA
47 ITALY	NEW ZEALAND
48 CHILE	CANADA
49 PALESTINE	BYE

41 POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
42 FRANCE	CHINA HK
43 CANADA	ICELAND
44 GERMANY	PALESTINE
45 IRELAND	INDIA
46 TUNISIA	SCOTLAND
47 NEW ZEALAND	USA
48 CHILE	ITALY
49 DENMARK	BYE

41 CHINESE TAIPEI	FRANCE
42 CHINA HK	ICELAND
43 DENMARK	GERMANY
44 PALESTINE	IRELAND
45 INDIA	TUNISIA
46 SCOTLAND	NEW ZEALAND
47 USA	CHILE
48 ITALY	CANADA
49 POLAND	BYE

# Open Teams

## Open A after R 12

	TEAM	VP
1	FRANCE	179.84
2	ITALY	162.75
3	ISRAEL	153.45
4	RUSSIA	142.86
5	SWITZERLAND	139.90
6	AUSTRALIA	137.07
7	INDIA	130.23
8	GERMANY	120.93
9	UKRAINE	119.07
10	GREECE	116.70
11	SINGAPORE	113.97
12	ESTONIA	105.49
13	FINLAND	98.31
14	SOUTH AFRICA	95.27
15	BRAZIL	87.91
16	JORDAN	87.72
17	CHINESE TAIPEI	84.66
18	PHILIPPINES	75.41

## Open B after R 12

	TEAM	VP
1	POLAND	160.76
2	ENGLAND	157.39
3	JAPAN	156.09
4	USA	142.36
5	ICELAND	140.22
6	ARGENTINA	137.58
7	TURKEY	135.21
8	MONACO	131.54
9	LATVIA	129.95
10	NORWAY	122.20
11	TUNISIA	110.24
12	PAKISTAN	108.88
13	BELGIUM	105.69
14	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	100.89
15	LEBANON	93.74
16	MEXICO	85.80
17	CHINA HONG KONG	74.45
18	KUWAIT	67.01

## Open C after R 12

	TEAM	VP
1	AUSTRIA	170.23
2	SPAIN	161.12
3	NETHERLANDS	160.09
4	SWEDEN	152.30
5	DENMARK	149.73
6	IRELAND	141.15
7	CANADA	141.08
8	NEW ZEALAND	133.85
9	HUNGARY	129.17
10	LITHUANIA	120.61
11	CHINA	119.46
12	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	105.07
13	EGYPT	98.54
14	SCOTLAND	96.71
15	GUADELOUPE	84.30
16	BANGLADESH	56.54
17	SAN MARINO	40.55

# Women's Teams

## Women's A after R 12

	TEAM	VP
1	CHINA	162.23
2	NORWAY	158.24
3	TURKEY	156.00
4	SWEDEN	151.58
5	NETHERLANDS	149.95
6	ENGLAND	148.42
7	AUSTRALIA	137.58
8	BRAZIL	128.36
9	SPAIN	119.76
10	FINLAND	113.33
11	MEXICO	108.78
12	EGYPT	105.41
13	JAPAN	100.29
14	SOUTH AFRICA	96.64
15	KOREA	96.00
16	JORDAN	77.59
17	SAN MARINO	75.12
18	PAKISTAN	71.72

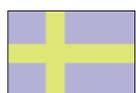
## Women's B after R 12

	TEAM	VP
1	FRANCE	175.99
2	USA	174.29
3	GERMANY	165.44
4	ITALY	152.84
5	POLAND	148.36
6	NEW ZEALAND	146.47
7	DENMARK	134.96
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	132.92
9	SCOTLAND	126.22
10	CHILE	122.79
11	CANADA	120.40
12	CHINA HONG KONG	108.25
13	IRELAND	97.93
14	ICELAND	94.32
15	INDIA	62.53
16	PALESTINE	56.20
17	TUNISIA	42.09

## Badges !!

Players, please note that without a badge you will not be allowed into the playing area. If you lose your badge, replacing it will cost you 5 Euros.

# Huge Slam Swings (W RR7)



## Sweden v Japan



By Micke Melander

The match between Sweden and Japan in the Women's series started off slowly, but then it was as if Mount Fuji had exploded, as IMPs went flying here and there.

Before the slam session starts, let's see what happened when Sweden scored the first swing on board four. Ida Grönkvist held as South: void, Queen-ten to five, ace-third and Ace to five. Do you open in fourth seat when it goes pass-pass-pass to you?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sugiyama</i>	<i>Övelius</i>	<i>Iwahashi</i>	<i>I Grönkvist</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	2♥	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Ida Grönkvist did open, and got rewarded when the Japanese finally came to stop in Three Spades. When it was doubled and there were no way for declarer to make it, there was bound to be a swing for Sweden, since the board was passed out in the Open Room.

Sugiyama actually went two down after receiving two rounds of clubs on the opening lead. She tried to make her contract by attempting to pull trumps. That eventually resulted in her losing control of trumps when the defense changed their strategy and attacked hearts. Two down was 11 IMPs for the Swedish Women.

In the Vugraph match, after a very similar start to the one above, Roy Welland was allowed to play 3♥ on a spade lead to the queen and ace. He ruffed and ducked a club. West won the ♣Q to play the ♥A and another heart. When declarer tried to ruff out the clubs, he was sunk by the bad

lie of the minor suits. What he needed to do was pointed out to me by Kevin Castner – the German npc. Instead of playing a club, ruff a spade, play ♣A and ruff a club, then ruff another spade. This is the ending:

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

Declarer ruffs the spade, draws the last trump and exits in clubs to East, who is endplayed to lead back a diamond away from his King.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ahlesved</i>	<i>Shimazaki</i>	<i>M. Grönkvist</i>	<i>Tsubaki</i>
2♣	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sugiyama</i>	<i>Övelius</i>	<i>Iwahashi</i>	<i>I Grönkvist</i>
1♣	1♠	2♥	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The second swing of the set come on board eight. Shimazaki pre-empted and brought the bidding up all the way up to the five level. East, who didn't like to pass out with such a nice seven card heart suit, competed to Five Hearts and South went on with Five Spades.

A club to the ten and jack and a heart to the king and ace began the play. If East would have worked out to cash a second heart and play a third round, West would have been able to ruff high to promote an extra trump trick for East's singleton king. West can facilitate that by discarding a discouraging club at trick three. When that didn't happen, the contract was one off, as declarer made no mistake either in pulling trumps or with the finesse in diamonds. One down.

What about the Closed Room, where it really mattered how the defense would co-operate? Answer, copy and paste, 10 tricks for declarer and another 11 IMPs for the Swedish women. One might think that if West believes that there had been a second trick to win in the club suit, (having started with only five) that she would have known to cash it before the heart was returned in trick two.

Then came the slam session... and we can be pretty sure that Shimazaki-Tsubaki holds one of the longest bidding auctions so far in these championships. It is fascinating that a hand holding 4 HCPs manages to bid eight times including the finishing pass...

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Emma Övelius, Sweden

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	Shimazaki	M. Grönkvist	Tsubaki
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♦
Pass	7♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sugiyama	Övelius	Iwahashi	I Grönkvist
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
Dble	6♥	All Pass	5♠

Apparently there were too many Japanese bids and something went completely wrong. A grand slam without the ace of trumps is rarely a good idea... and not this time either. When the Swedes stopped in six at the other table it was another 14 IMPs in their direction

Board 12 Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	Shimazaki	M. Grönkvist	Tsubaki
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sugiyama	Övelius	Iwahashi	I Grönkvist
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The Japanese team struck back on the next board. Six Spades didn't present any real problem for declarer after a heart lead. When her jack of hearts held the trick, declarer simply cashed two trumps and could cross-ruff for twelve tricks. A nice line – one that you might follow on a diamond lead as well? Here, though, you would need to guess the play when the ♠Q did not fall and diamonds were not 3-3.

Board 13. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	Shimazaki	M. Grönkvist	Tsubaki
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sugiyama	Övelius	Iwahashi	I Grönkvist
	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Dble	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Övelius initially knew that South held 5-5 in the minors and a singleton heart with at least game-forcing values. Later on when she thought she had ten minor-suit winners and ace-king-ace in the majors she simply jumped to the grand slam since she could count to thirteen. Right she was.

When the diamonds broke nicely for declarer and neither of them had any problem scoring 13 tricks it was another 13 IMPs to Sweden.

Back to the Vu-Graph match between Germany and Chinese Taipei. My favourite Blackwood hand of the event so far came up when Auken-Welland bid this hand as follows:

1♣-1♠(GF relay)-INT-3♥(5-5 minors splinter in hearts) - 4♦(KCB for ♦). At this point Welland started counting on his fingers, eventually removing his shoes and using his toes as well. Finally he emerged with 5NT. This showed precisely Kx/x/KQ(?)xx/AKQxx. After showing two keycards and the trump queen he promised in order the club king, spade king, club queen and no spade queen. All in one bid! But I guess we would all bid the same way...

The match finally ended 53-24 to Sweden or 16.58-3.42, which put the team on more secure grounds in the standing to get to the top eight; but there is still a long way to go.

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## Open Teams Group B RR7



Monaco v Norway



By Ram Soffer

Monaco, one of the favourites to qualify from Group B, had a poor start to the tournament. After six of 17 rounds, they were languishing in 14th place, but there was still time to get back on track for a top-five finish. In round 7 they faced Norway.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 9 8 7 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q 9 7 4 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ A 10 6 2 ♥ A K 9 7 6 3 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 5	♠ 4 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ A K J 9 ♣ A J 10 6 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>L. Eide</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Ellingsen</i>
Dble	Rdbl	1♥ 3♠	2♣ All Pass

West held one of those hands, which can either bid a negative double or try a trap pass. Two clubs doubled might be defeated by one trick, but the defence would have to be very accurate. In addition, North-South might run away to two diamonds, making four.

As Helgemo's clubs were not particularly good, he preferred a negative double with four spades and heart tolerance. Helness invited game with 3♠, and that became the final contract.

Beating this contract demanded precise defence. The first requirement was cashing two diamond tricks early, but Ellingsen led the ♦A and continued with ♣J and another club. Helness ruffed and cashed three rounds of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy while North ruffed with a natural trick. The rest was easy – declarer lost just one more spade. Monaco +140.

West	North	East	South
<i>Graesli</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>P. Eide</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
1♠ 4♠	Pass All Pass	1♥ 3♠	Pass Pass

Zimmermann preferred to pass 1♠, so Norway enjoyed

an uncontested auction. Yet West overbid at his second turn, getting his side to a hopeless game. Monaco did cash two diamonds early and eventually got five tricks for +100 and an early 6-0 lead.

By the time the following board was played, Monaco had added 2 overtrick IMPs to their score.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 ♥ A J 7 6 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ Q 6 5 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ K 8 3 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ A 8 3 2 ♣ J 8 7	♠ A Q 10 5 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ A 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>L. Eide</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Ellingsen</i>
<i>Graesli</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>P. Eide</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2♦ 3♣	Pass Pass	INT 2♥ 4♥	Pass Pass All Pass

Both Easts opened INT with 14 HCP, and the auctions to 4♥ were identical.

Ellingsen led a low spade, to the king and East's ace. Helness played a diamond to the king, which lost to North's ace, won the next spade and played ♣A and another club. South won ♣K and played a third spade, ruffed. Now declarer entered his hand with ♦Q and the



**Petter Eide, Norway**

trump finesse lost, but he was still guaranteed ten tricks.

At the other table, Zimmermann also led a spade, and the first three tricks were identical. Then Eide finessed trump before touching clubs. The next spade was ruffed and now declarer didn't wish to continue trumps before clarifying the club position. When Zimmermann won the ♣K he played a fourth round of spades. Declarer could still make it by ruffing high in dummy, but for some reason he allowed North to overruff and Norway lost 12 more IMPs because of careless play.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 7 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 9 5 2 ♣ A K J 8 5 2	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 ♥ A Q J 10 8 3 2 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ 6 4	♠ A 10 9 6 5 4 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ 7
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>L. Eide</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Ellingsen</i>
Graesli	Multon	P. Eide	Zimmermann
1♣	1♠	4♥	All Pass

Once again, identical auctions got both Easts to a 4♥ contract, which only Monaco managed to make. This time the swing was due to a defender's fault rather than declarer's. By the way, one must note that both N/S pairs did poorly in the bidding since 4♠ was very hard to beat on normal play (and indeed was bid and made at many tables). Perhaps it was worth bidding more than 1♠ with the North cards.

In this match, both Souths led their partner's suit against 4♥, East dropping his singleton king under the ace. Lars Eide may have suspected that Helness was falsecarding from ♠KQ8. He continued spades, and the Monaco declarer took advantage of the opportunity by ruffing, entering dummy in clubs, finessing hearts, dropping North's trump king in the next round and finally finessing clubs for +420.

Petter Eide, declaring at the other table, was less fortunate as Franck Multon accurately switched to a low diamond (the only chance in view of dummy's strong clubs and his own fragile trump holding). When Zimmermann won the trick with ♦A and continued with the ♦J, it was all over. Thus Monaco took a commanding 35-0 lead at half time.

Even though Norway got on the scoreboard on Board 9, the trend continued. The final six boards contained no fewer than two small slams and two grand slams. Monaco's pairs got it right every time, while Norway faltered twice.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q J 10 4 ♥ A 5 ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q J 6 4 3	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ 9 8 5 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ 9 7 5 2	♠ 7 6 ♥ Q 10 8 6 4 2 ♦ Q 9 6 4 2 ♣ —
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	S											

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>L. Eide</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Ellingsen</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

South had 24 HCP of pure controls, a huge hand in a slam context. After 2NT, North transferred to hearts at the three level and raised to game. According to most good pairs, this is a mild slam invitation. The logical conclusion is that with such a prime hand South should have explored further. At the table he didn't – Norway +480.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Graesli</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>P. Eide</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



Action in the Closed Room

Zimmermann-Multon used the Kokish relay on the way to 2NT. Multon liked his hand more than his Norwegian counterpart, as after the three level transfer he jumped to 5♣, indicating a void. In my opinion, Zimmermann could now ask for trump honors with 5NT. Instead he cue-bid twice, also showing grand-slam interest, but his partner's hand was not good enough. After the trump jack dropped in the second round, Monaco scored +980.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ A 8 4 3 ♦ A J 8 3 ♣ A K 10 7 3	<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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 5 3 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ 5 2 ♣ 5 4 2	♠ A K Q J 8 4 2 ♥ K Q J ♦ K 7 ♣ Q
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W E						
S						

This should have been one of the easiest deals in this set. E/W have 37 HCP and 13 top tricks in notrump even in the case of a bad spade break. However, the Norwegian E/W pair messed it up.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>L. Eide</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Ellingsen</i>
1♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Helgemo-Helness used an old-fashioned strong jump shift and it worked pretty well, since Helness remembered to ask for aces before the bidding got past 4NT. Facing a hand with three aces, he had an obvious 7NT bid.

West	North	East	South
<i>Graesli</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>P. Eide</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

1♥ was a transfer to spades, and 2♦ was artificial and forcing, after which 3♠ showed a game-forcing hand with 6+ spades. Petter Eide's next bid of 4♦ was most unfortunate, but perhaps he didn't have an ace-asking bid, as many partnership play 4NT over 3NT as natural and invitational. In general, modern slam-bidding theory downgrades the importance of using Blackwood, yet in some hands this good old convention is a must!

After East's 4♦, his partner thought that he had real diamonds and bid 6♦. This was disastrous, as East could no longer ask for aces and he had no particular reason to believe that his partner had all three of the missing ones.

This 13-IMP swing completed a 67-7 rout. Monaco managed to get all 20 VPs at the expense of Norway, vastly improving their standings, but they still have a lot of work to do to qualify for the next stage.



Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco

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# Open Teams RR 8



Ireland v Austria



By Jos Jacobs

After seven rounds of play, Austria were leading group C and Ireland were in fourth position, so this match looked a good one to watch. My idea that the teams would provide action proved entirely mistaken (for the time being) as after eight boards, on no less than six of which Austria had scored, since the score stood at 9-0 to Austria. Good for board-a-match, not so good for IMPs...

But on board 25 the Austrian scoring moved into slightly higher gear when the Irish overbid a bit in the Open Room:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Terraneo</i>	<i>Moran</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Boland</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
	4♥	All Pass	

There is actually no game on for N/S and their combined balanced hands do not contain sufficient HCP to convincingly bid it. Still, 3NT would have come home easily on a spade lead by East, but when N/S reached 4♥ instead, East's trump lead immediately ended all declarer's hopes. Austria +50.

In the other room, the Austrians were not tempted when North opened INT.

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>F. Terraneo</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Bieder</i>
	INT	All Pass	

On the now almost automatic spade lead, Franz Terraneo easily came to nine tricks, Austria +150 for another 5 IMPs, by far the biggest swing of the match at that point.

Would the tide turn? Yes, it would!

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Terraneo</i>	<i>Moran</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Boland</i>
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
Dble	3♦	Dble	2♣
All Pass		Pass	4♥

1♦ showed at least a doubleton and East's double of 2♥ showed exactly three spades. This should have been a board without history but it was not, as we shall see.

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>F. Terraneo</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Bieder</i>
1♠	3♥	1♦	Pass
		All Pass	

When N/S were not on the same wavelength, 3♥ suddenly became the final contract.. East led a Rusinow ♦J, which actually enabled declarer to make 12 tricks for +230 but still a 9-IMP swing back to Ireland.



**Wolfgang Bieder, Austria**

On the next board, Ireland took the lead:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 8 ♥ A 10 8 7 5 4 ♦ K 8 7 2 ♣ 9	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <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	♠ Q 10 6 5 4 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 6 5 4	♠ J 9 7 2 ♥ J 9 ♦ A J 6 ♣ K 10 8 7
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W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Terraneo</i>	<i>Moran</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Boland</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

After a natural bidding (2♠ being 4th suit) North called it a day when partner showed only one key card. On the actual layout of the hand, he was quite right. Boland then showed a fine safety-play. He won the spade lead in hand, led a diamond to the king which held and then played on hearts. It would have been only if West had been able to ruff the ♥K and cash the ♦A that he would have gone down but in that case, he would have gone down whatever he did. A disciplined auction to a deserved +400 to Ireland.

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>F. Terraneo</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Bieder</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

South's 1♠ rebid showed 5-4 in the minors and North's 2♠ thus was 4th suit. The rest was natural with a cue-bid here and there. When South heard about partner's three keycards, he bid the slam with some confidence, only to find out that he could not bring in the trump suit for one loser without being helped by inspiration – or by an opposing double, as we saw in another match where declarer made an overtrick in 5♦ doubled. One down, Ireland another +50 and 10 more IMPs to lead 19-14 at this point.

The next board was another slam:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 5 2 ♥ A 6 ♦ K 10 9 5 ♣ Q J 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <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	♠ 10 7 ♥ K J 10 9 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 10 9 8 6 3	♠ Q J 8 6 4 ♥ 7 ♦ A J 7 6 3 ♣ A 2
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S							

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Terraneo</i>	<i>Moran</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Boland</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West, with his minimum INT, showed a good hand for a spade contract with his jump but then signed off at his first chance to do so. Slam by East is not terrible, but by West is rather ambitious as it would need the trumps to come in without a loser, as well as the diamonds coming in for five tricks or a working club finesse on a club lead by North.

Austria +450 when declarer won the club lead, drew trumps in two rounds and continued ♦K and another, finessing the ♦Q through North – an interesting but at teams a basically irrelevant matchpoint play.

In the other room, declarer had some more indications:

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>F. Terraneo</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Bieder</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

The Irish were in the ambitious slam and here, too, North led the ♣10. Declarer had to finesse, so South won the king and returned a heart. Declarer won his ace and ruffed his last heart in dummy, noting the fall of the ♥10 9 with interest. Trumps were drawn and now, it looked as if North would have more empty spaces than South, so at this table as well, declarer tried the diamond finesse through North. One off, Austria another + 50 and 11 IMPs back to immediately regain the lead.

Note that if slam is played by East he can draw trump and then play a diamond to the king, and take the diamond finesse in complete confidence. If South wins he will be endplayed.

The next board settled the issue in improbable fashion, taking into account that the match was transmitted live on BBO.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 3 ♣ 7 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ A 5 4 2 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ 10 ♣ A 10 9 8 4	
♠ Q 3 ♥ J 9 6 5 2 ♦ 4 ♣ Q J 5 3 2		♠ J 10 9 7 6 ♥ A Q ♦ K J 9 5 2 ♣ K	

West	North	East	South
C. Terraneo	Moran	Simon	Boland
	Pass	2♦	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

East's 2♦ showed a three-suited opening bid with short diamonds, so Christian Terraneo had no trouble in jumping straight to game after the 2♠ overcall. Diamonds were thus mentioned in the auction by East only...

North made the unlucky lead of the ♠K. Declarer won the ace and led a low trump off the board to South's queen. The ♠J came back and now, North ruffed declarer's ♠Q and cashed his ♦A before the revoke had been dealt with. As a consequence of the subsequent penalty tricks, declarer did not need to drop the blank ♣K any more but he later told me that he definitely would have done so, in view of the earlier bidding and play, had it been necessary. The score was registered as +620 to Austria.

West	North	East	South
Carroll	F. Terraneo	Garvey	Bieder
	Pass	2♦	2♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass



Mark Moran, Ireland

In the other room, we saw another Irish accident. After the same start of the auction, North did find a raise to 4♠, but he did not quite choose the right moment. Or did he?

West led a heart to the king and ace and declarer tried the effect of a spade to dummy's king. (Yes running the jack was better). East, holding ♠A x x x, had an automatic duck but when declarer continued the suit, he fell from grace and played his ace. Suddenly, declarer was in full trump control so the forcing game in clubs could not hurt him any longer. One overtrick, Austria another +990 and 17 more IMPs to lead 42-19

Please note that neither N/S pair came anywhere near the cold 5♦ contract...

The penultimate board proved a classic case of judgement:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 2 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ Q 10 4 3 ♣ 8 7 4 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ K 10 9 8 4 ♥ J ♦ K J 6 5 2 ♣ A 9	
♠ 7 6 3 ♥ K 9 8 4 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 10 6 3		♠ A Q J ♥ 10 6 5 3 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q J 5	

West	North	East	South
C. Terraneo	Moran	Simon	Boland
	Pass	2♥	1♥
4♠	Dble	3♥	4♥
		All Pass	

After East's 3♠ two-suited overcall, it was no surprise that everybody was in the dark – as you can see from the subsequent bidding.

North made the best lead of a trump. South won and continued the ♣K won by declarer. ♥J to North's queen and two more rounds of trumps, followed by the top clubs. As declarer could not avoid the loss of one diamond trick as well, he was down three with no game on for N/S. Ireland +500.

West	North	East	South
Carroll	F. Terraneo	Garvey	Bieder
	Pass	2♥	1♥
All Pass		Dble	3♥

When Garvey made a more modest noise over 2♥ than his Austrian counterpart, Carroll was not tempted. Three Hearts made in peace for +140 to Austria but 8 IMPs to Ireland who thus lost 27-45 or 5.4 – 14.6 VP. Austria would stay top of the group table for the time being.

## Women's Teams Group B RR9



### Chinese Taipei v USA



By David Stern

As a journalist, choosing which match to cover is usually a bit of a crap shoot. One tries to find matches that are important in terms of qualifying or which have players of interest or teams with which one has an affinity.

For the current match however, my selection was based on a desire to become more immersed in the Women's tournament rather than the more traditional Open or even Seniors where I am captaining the Australian Team.

Having just blitzed China Hong Kong in Round 8 of the Women's Championship, USA were sitting in 2nd place while Chinese Taipei, having just lost 20 IMPs to Italy, held the last qualifying 8th spot in the Group.

After ten boards I turned to Brent Manley and suggested that, with the scores at 10 IMPs for both teams, perhaps my selection may have been less than optimal. Was I wrong! Strap yourself in and let's go.

Board 1 saw a game swing.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K J 5 4 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ J 5 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ Q 6 4 2 ♦ A Q J 3 ♣ K 10 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 3 ♥ A ♦ K 7 6 5 2 ♣ A Q 9</p>
		<p>♠ 10 9 2 ♥ K J 10 9 3 ♦ 10 ♣ 8 7 6 4</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Wu	Deas	So
1♠	1♦	Dble	Rdbl
	2♥	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Palmer	Lin	Shi
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♥
2♠	2♥	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

In the Closed Room East, Lin for Chinese Taipei doubled twice to show her 19 count and having 'forced' a 2♠ bid from partner, which in fairness could have been a three-

card suit after the opponents claimed the red suits already, saw little future in the hand – making nine tricks and +140.

In the Open Room, Deas took a much rosier view of her hand, jumping straight to 4♠ when West, Sanborn for USA, volunteered a 1♠ bid over South's redouble. In fairness, an influencing factor in the 4♠ bid was probably that the opening bid was on her right and that this could prove positive for the play of the hand – making 10 tricks +420 and 6 IMPs for the USA.

Board 3 saw 4 IMPs for Chinese Taipei when they rested in 2♥ making, while the USA bid to 3♥ and failed by a trick. Chinese Taipei 4 – USA 7.

Board 4 saw a reversal of what took place on Board 1 when USA when the USA paid out 7 IMPs for an aggressive reach to 4♠.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 10 5 4 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A K J 5 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ A 8 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ K J 10 4 ♣ Q 9 6 2</p>
<p>♠ K 9 ♥ 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ 10 8 7</p>		<p>♠ Q J 7 3 2 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A 9 3 2 ♣ 4</p>

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Wu	Deas	So
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Palmer	Lin	Shi
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the Open Room playing Precision, North opened 1♦, which could have been as short as zero in that suit. North rebid INT after hearing 1♠ from partner. It isn't clear from their methods whether N/S raised on three card suits, but South opted to rebid 2♠ having consideration for the fact that partner could possibly hold just three clubs. If methods allowed, some would likely consider an invitational checkback on the South hand, which has marginal game values that certainly improve if partner has three-card support and a maximum.

In the Closed Room, Palmer for U.S.A took an optimistic view of her hand after partner's raise to 2♠, perhaps in part encouraged by her length in diamonds and partner's possible shortage in that suit. The defense was accurate, playing three rounds of trumps after getting in with a diamond. when they won the second diamond and played three rounds of trumps denying declarer any diamond ruffs. That was -200 together with the -110 and 7 IMPs to Chinese Taipei for an 11 - 7 lead.

A few minor blows saw us arrive at Board 11 with the same 4 IMP margin (14-10 for Chinese Taipei) and here the action started.

Let's examine Board 11 as a lead problem. Sitting South you hear the following auction and hold:

♠ Q 10 8 ♥ 10 6 5 3 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ Q 8 6

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Your lead! Partner didn't double 4♠ and the club looks dangerous, so it seems to be down to the red suits. In the Closed Room Shi, South for USA, led the ♦6 and that proved fatal when the defense had a cashing ace which evaporated without that suit being led.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Sylvia Shi, USA

The Open Room played the optimal contract of 6♦, so Chinese Taipei gathered 11 IMPs for the fortunate lead in the Closed Room. Chinese Taipei was up 25-10.

Things got worse for the USA on the following board.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Both Rooms played in 3NT after an unopposed auction – by South in the Open Room and North on the Closed Room.

In the Open Room, South received the heart lead, East winning the queen and West ducking the continuation. Declarer won the heart, cashed five rounds of clubs and exited with hearts hoping for something good to happen. West cashed the last heart and exited with diamonds giving declarer her ninth trick in this ending:

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

If East had held on to ♠Q 7 6 and ♦A after the last heart was cashed, declarer could have won a spade from West ducked by East and either cashed a spade and exited with a diamond or played a low diamond.

In the Closed Room East led a diamond and declarer won the second round and quite reasonably finessed West for the ♠Q losing five tricks and 12 more IMPs to Chinese Taipei who led 37-10.

The Americans struck back on board 13.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Wu	Deas	So
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Palmer	Lin	Shi
			INT
2♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Interestingly, both Souths opened INT, notwithstanding the singleton ♥K. I have undertaken some simulations on this theme and it is a winner to consider opening INT in this situation so I won't offer an opinion on the bid.

West in the Open Room showed four clubs and a five-card major. It isn't clear whether Deas' 4♥ response was correctible to partner's major, but in this case it didn't matter. Liu, West for Chinese Taipei in the Closed Room, bid 2♦ to show a single-suited major, following which East took a less-optimistic approach by bidding just 3♥.

One could probably imagine this contract going down on many occasions, but this was not one of them. With hearts and diamonds behaving for declarer, Deas made +650 while Lin scored +170 and 10 IMPs for the USA. Chinese Taipei 37 – USA 20.

As bridge journalists, we strive to be sympathetic with players' actions at the table and polite and courteous in describing them in text. On this occasion, the struggle is too great.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Wu	Deas	So
		2♦	4♦
5♦	5♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Palmer	Lin	Shi
		Pass	1♠
3♦	4♠	7♦!!!!!!	Dble
All Pass			

It's taking a big position to bid 7♦ with the East hand. It's true that North-South are cold for 7♥, but they had not even bid a small slam at that point. The resulting minus 1400 is no surprise – and it would have been worse if they had pushed the opponents to the grand. You could argue that North in the other room should also have done more, of course. That was 13 IMPs to USA: Chinese Taipei 37 – USA 33.

On Board 15 would you consider opening with ♠7 ♥K 10 8 6 5 ♦6 ♣A Q 9 6 5 2?

It certainly wouldn't be everybody's cup of tea.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Wu	Deas	So
			1♥
Dble	1♠	2♦	3♣
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♣
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Palmer	Lin	Shi
			Pass
1♣	1♠	INT	All Pass

While the scoresheet shows 4♣ failing by three tricks, the play record shows that it failed by just two tricks.

Anyway, USA gained 31 IMPs on boards 13, 14 and 15, losing 42-41 when they dropped 5 IMPs on the final board.

## Taking the fifth (OB RRI 0)



USA v Iceland



By Brent Manley

This headline is a reference to the U.S. legal principle that an accused person cannot be made to testify against himself (the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution). In the context of the World Bridge Games, it's a reference to the goal of teams now in the round robin: finishing fifth place or higher so as to make it to the knockout stage.

Going into round 10 of the qualifying, USA in the Open Series (Group B) were in need of a boost. Despite a near blitz against Pakistan in the ninth round, the Americans were lodged in seventh place and looking to move up.

Hoping to keep the Americans down were the fourth-place team from Iceland. USA sent Kevin Bathurst and Justin Lall against Adalsteinn Jorgensen and Birkir Jonsson. At the other table, Iceland's Karl Sigurhjartarson and Snorri Karlsson went against Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson.

The Americans drew blood on the first deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Jorg'sen	Lall	Jonsson
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Dble*
Pass	2♥	4NT	Dble
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Lall's 1♣ was Precision: 16+ HCP, any hand. South's double showed the majors.

Lall ruffed the opening lead of the ♥A and played the ♣K, ducked by South. Lall cashed three high diamonds and exited with a low club. Jonsson won but could do no better than cash his ♠A. That was plus 550 for USA, good for 4 IMPs (East played the same contract undoubled at the other table).

Iceland took the lead on this deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

♠ J 9 3 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ 10 7 5 2 ♣ Q 7 2			
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In the closed room, Sigurhjartarson and Karlsson stopped in 4♠ with the East/West cards, making six. Declarer got a diamond lead to his jack. He ruffed a low diamond, pulled trumps and later led the ♣J, putting up the king when North played low: plus 680 for Iceland.

Bathurst and Lall were more ambitious in the open room.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Jorg'sen	Lall	Jonsson
1♣*	1♥	Dble	2♥
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Note that the first time spades were bid was at the six level. Now all Lall had to do was make it. Dummy's ace won the opening heart lead. Lall cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart and ruffed another diamond. He



**Karl Sigurhjartarson, Iceland**



**Justin Lall, USA**

then pulled trumps and called for the ♣J. North followed low smoothly. After long thought, Lall let the jack ride. The defenders quickly took their two club tricks for one down and 13 IMPs to Iceland.

The score was 14-5 for Iceland when this board came along:

**Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.**

♠ A 5 4 2 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ A 9 4 3 ♣ 10 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ J ♥ Q 7 6 3 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ A K 5 4 3	♠ 9 7 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ K 7 6 2 ♣ Q J 9 2
N						
W     E						
S						
	♠ K Q 10 8 6 ♥ K 8 5 2 ♦ J 5 ♣ 8 6					

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sigur'son</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Greco</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Sigurhjartarson won the opening lead of the ♣J in dummy and played the ♦10, ducked all around. He played a diamond to the jack and his ace and continued the suit. North won the ♦K and played a spade: jack, queen, low. A second spade was ducked and a third round cleared the suit. The ♣10 went to the queen and dummy's king and another club put North on lead to exit with the ♥4, which went to declarer's 10, South playing low. Declarer took three

diamonds, two clubs, two hearts and the ♠A for plus 120.

The auction for Lall and Bathurst went awry at the other table as they landed in an awkward, no-play contract of 5♦, which finished two down for minus 100 and 6 IMPs to Iceland, now up 20-6.

The USA comeback began on board 28, when the Americans went plus at both tables to gain 4 IMPs and pull to within 22-10. This deal, the penultimate, put the Americans ahead:

**Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.**

♠ K 8 ♥ 5 3 2 ♦ K J 7 2 ♣ A 9 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ A 6 2 ♥ Q ♦ A Q 10 8 4 ♣ Q J 4 3	♠ 7 5 3 ♥ 9 8 7 4 ♦ 9 6 5 3 ♣ 7 5
N						
W     E						
S						
	♠ Q J 10 9 4 ♥ A K J 10 6 ♦ — ♣ K 10 6					

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Jorg'sen</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

Lall had no trouble with this contract. Jonsson started with a high heart, switching to the ♠Q at trick two. Lall won the ♠A, cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♣Q, covered by the king and ace. He ruffed a heart at trick five then cashed the ♣J and gave up a club. He scored plus 400, losing only a heart and a club.

At the other table, East-West reached a silly contract and were duly punished.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sigur'son</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Diamonds never entered the picture for Sigurhjartarson and Karlsson. It was over quickly. Greco cashed five heart tricks for plus 50 and a 10-IMP swing to USA, now leading 30-23.

USA put the icing on the cake on the final board of the match, scoring plus 400 on misdefense against 3NT while declarer in the same contract at the other table went down two tricks. That was 11 IMPs to USA, 41-23 winners after trailing for much of the match.

Despite the win, USA did not move up in the Group B standings, but Iceland fell from fourth to ninth.

## Senior Teams

## Mixed Teams

## RR 13

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	EGYPT	NEW ZEALAND	32	19	13.97	6.03	71	NETHERLANDS	NEW ZEALAND	37	20	14.93	5.07
52	FRANCE	GERMANY	30	19	13.45	6.55	72	USA	SWEDEN	44	0	19.24	0.76
53	CANADA	CHINA	28	24	11.38	8.62	73	ENGLAND	UAE	35	29	12.01	7.99
54	POLAND	ISRAEL	27	45	4.85	15.15	74	DENMARK	POLAND	24	17	12.31	7.69
55	CHINA HK	TURKEY	19	13	12.01	7.99	75	BRAZIL	JAPAN	21	30	7.10	12.90
56	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	5	19	5.78	14.22	76	INDIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	14	34	4.42	15.58
57	INDIA	NORWAY	49	10	18.66	1.34	77	ITALY	CHINA	16	57	1.10	18.90
58	MEXICO	SPAIN	35	13	15.99	4.01	78	FRANCE	GERMANY	21	24	8.95	11.05
59	CHINESE TAIPEI	BRAZIL	12	43	2.44	17.56	79	ISRAEL	IRELAND	35	17	15.15	4.85
60	ITALY	USA	8	18	6.82	13.18	80	RUSSIA	BULGARIA	25	33	7.39	12.61
61	PAKISTAN	ENGLAND	15	10	11.70	8.30	81	TURKEY	AUSTRALIA	28	11	14.93	5.07
62	SWEDEN	JAPAN	57	20	18.41	1.59	82	HUNGARY	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

## RR 14

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	NEW ZEALAND	PAKISTAN	19	45	3.27	16.73	71	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA	13	37	3.63	16.37
52	SWEDEN	ITALY	32	12	15.58	4.42	72	TURKEY	ISRAEL	55	22	17.86	2.14
53	JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI	24	29	8.30	11.70	73	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	26	64	1.46	18.54
54	ENGLAND	MEXICO	28	22	12.01	7.99	74	BULGARIA	ITALY	58	4	20.00	0.00
55	USA	INDIA	21	31	6.82	13.18	75	IRELAND	INDIA	22	27	8.30	11.70
56	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA	15	18	8.95	11.05	76	GERMANY	BRAZIL	51	8	19.13	0.87
57	SPAIN	CHINA HK	23	41	4.85	15.15	77	CHINA	DENMARK	38	49	6.55	13.45
58	NORWAY	POLAND	39	6	17.86	2.14	78	CHINESE TAIPEI	ENGLAND	35	31	11.38	8.62
59	DENMARK	CANADA	49	4	19.34	0.66	79	POLAND	USA	35	24	13.45	6.55
60	TURKEY	FRANCE	21	24	8.95	11.05	80	UAE	NETHERLANDS	29	63	2.00	18.00
61	ISRAEL	EGYPT	34	16	15.15	4.85	81	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	26	8	15.15	4.85
62	CHINA	GERMANY	56	11	19.34	0.66	82	JAPAN	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

## RR 15

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND	6	23	5.07	14.93	71	SWEDEN	NEW ZEALAND	54	25	17.24	2.76
52	EGYPT	CHINA	7	24	5.07	14.93	72	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	38	0	18.54	1.46
53	FRANCE	ISRAEL	37	12	16.55	3.45	73	USA	UAE	34	13	15.79	4.21
54	CANADA	TURKEY	19	20	9.64	10.36	74	ENGLAND	JAPAN	20	15	11.70	8.30
55	POLAND	DENMARK	15	10	11.70	8.30	75	DENMARK	CHINESE TAIPEI	39	7	17.71	2.29
56	CHINA HK	NORWAY	17	21	8.62	11.38	76	BRAZIL	CHINA	44	22	15.99	4.01
57	AUSTRALIA	SPAIN	21	6	14.46	3.54	77	INDIA	GERMANY	25	11	14.22	5.78
58	INDIA	BRAZIL	37	19	15.15	4.85	78	ITALY	IRELAND	15	23	7.39	12.61
59	MEXICO	USA	17	38	4.21	15.79	79	FRANCE	BULGARIA	5	13	7.39	12.61
60	CHINESE TAIPEI	ENGLAND	17	20	8.95	11.05	80	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	10	36	3.27	16.73
61	ITALY	JAPAN	16	3	13.97	6.03	81	RUSSIA	TURKEY	21	7	14.22	5.78
62	PAKISTAN	SWEDEN	3	11	7.39	12.61	82	POLAND	BYE	0	0	12	0.00

## RR 16

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA HK	16	4	13.71	6.29	71	NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	2	40	1.46	18.54
52	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	45	6	18.66	1.34	72	BRAZIL	ENGLAND	16	55	1.34	18.66
53	INDIA	CANADA	2	20	4.85	15.15	73	ITALY	USA	26	12	14.22	5.78
54	MEXICO	FRANCE	3	63	-6.00	20.00	74	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	41	12	17.24	2.76
55	CHINESE TAIPEI	EGYPT	6	25	4.63	15.37	75	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	24	40	5.30	14.70
56	ITALY	GERMANY	25	26	9.64	10.36	76	RUSSIA	HUNGARY	50	6	19.24	0.76
57	PAKISTAN	CHINA	8	38	2.60	17.40	77	TURKEY	UAE	32	11	15.79	4.21
58	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	35	23	13.71	6.29	78	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	33	36	8.95	11.05
59	JAPAN	TURKEY	6	50	0.76	19.24	79	BULGARIA	JAPAN	33	22	13.45	6.55
60	ENGLAND	DENMARK	0	10	6.82	13.18	80	IRELAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	42	30	13.71	6.29
61	USA	NORWAY	53	5	19.64	0.36	81	GERMANY	CHINA	3	24	4.21	15.79
62	BRAZIL	SPAIN	42	18	16.37	3.63	82	INDIA	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

## RR 10

Match		VPs	
1	CHINESE TAIPEI SINGAPORE	7.97	12.03
2	GREECE JORDAN	18.44	1.56
3	INDIA ESTONIA	12.03	7.97
4	BRAZIL GERMANY	13.52	6.48
5	SWITZERLAND ITALY	7.45	12.55
6	AUSTRALIA FRANCE	5.61	14.39
7	RUSSIA ISRAEL	2.41	17.59
8	FINLAND UKRAINE	3.58	16.42
9	SOUTH AFRICA PHILIPPINES	19.61	0.39

## RR 11

Match		VPs	
1	SINGAPORE GREECE	1.34	18.66
2	JORDAN INDIA	19.34	0.66
3	ESTONIA BRAZIL	11.20	8.80
4	GERMANY ITALY	0.31	19.69
5	CHINESE TAIPEI AUSTRALIA	5.00	15.00
6	FRANCE RUSSIA	14.80	5.20
7	ISRAEL FINLAND	16.26	3.74
8	UKRAINE SOUTH AFRICA	9.09	10.91
9	PHILIPPINES SWITZERLAND	11.20	8.80

## RR 12

Match		VPs	
1	INDIA SINGAPORE	6.03	13.97
2	BRAZIL JORDAN	15.56	4.44
3	ITALY ESTONIA	5.20	14.80
4	SWITZERLAND GERMANY	13.04	6.96
5	AUSTRALIA GREECE	19.69	0.31
6	RUSSIA CHINESE TAIPEI	19.77	0.23
7	FINLAND FRANCE	1.34	18.66
8	SOUTH AFRICA ISRAEL	6.72	13.28
9	PHILIPPINES UKRAINE	3.58	16.42

## Open Teams Group A

## Open Teams Group B

Match		VPs	
11	NORWAY PAKISTAN	11.76	8.24
12	ARGENTINA KUWAIT	19.61	0.39
13	MEXICO BOSNIA HERZ.	11.76	8.24
14	LEBANON MONACO	7.71	12.29
15	TURKEY POLAND	18.21	1.79
16	ICELAND USA	5.40	14.60
17	JAPAN ENGLAND	16.73	3.27
18	BELGIUM LATVIA	4.08	15.92
19	TUNISIA CHINA HK	15.00	5.00

Match		VPs	
11	PAKISTAN ARGENTINA	7.97	12.03
12	KUWAIT MEXICO	7.71	12.29
13	BOSNIA HERZ. LEBANON	6.25	13.75
14	MONACO POLAND	2.97	17.03
15	NORWAY ICELAND	5.20	14.80
16	USA JAPAN	10.31	9.69
17	ENGLAND BELGIUM	17.45	2.55
18	LATVIA TUNISIA	12.55	7.45
19	CHINA HK TURKEY	7.97	12.03

Match		VPs	
11	MEXICO PAKISTAN	4.62	15.38
12	LEBANON KUWAIT	0.00	20.00
13	POLAND BOSNIA HERZ.	6.48	13.52
14	TURKEY MONACO	7.45	12.55
15	ICELAND ARGENTINA	15.74	4.26
16	JAPAN NORWAY	13.97	6.03
17	BELGIUM USA	1.91	18.09
18	TUNISIA ENGLAND	2.41	17.59
19	CHINA HK LATVIA	3.91	16.09

## Open Teams Group C

Match		VPs	
21	DENMARK BANGLADESH	18.77	1.23
22	SAN MARINO GUADELOUPE	6.72	13.28
23	CANADA NEW ZEALAND	8.80	11.20
24	HUNGARY NETHERLANDS	8.24	11.76
25	LITHUANIA CHINA	10.91	9.09
26	UAE SWEDEN	0.00	20.00
27	EGYPT SPAIN	9.39	10.61
28	IRELAND SCOTLAND	20.00	0.00
29	AUSTRIA BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
21	BANGLADESH SAN MARINO	15.19	4.81
22	GUADELOUPE CANADA	3.74	16.26
23	NEW ZEALAND HUNGARY	10.31	9.69
24	NETHERLANDS CHINA	17.85	2.15
25	DENMARK UAE	18.33	1.67
26	SWEDEN EGYPT	16.42	3.58
27	SPAIN IRELAND	5.82	14.18
28	SCOTLAND AUSTRIA	3.27	16.73
29	LITHUANIA BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
21	CANADA BANGLADESH	16.88	3.12
22	HUNGARY GUADELOUPE	13.75	6.25
23	CHINA NEW ZEALAND	11.76	8.24
24	LITHUANIA NETHERLANDS	0.00	20.00
25	UAE SAN MARINO	17.45	2.55
26	EGYPT DENMARK	5.00	15.00
27	IRELAND SWEDEN	8.24	11.76
28	AUSTRIA SPAIN	6.03	13.97
29	SCOTLAND BYE	12.00	0.00

## Women's Teams Group A

Match		VPs	
31	SPAIN KOREA	10.61	9.39
32	BRAZIL JAPAN	17.59	2.41
33	JORDAN PAKISTAN	10.91	9.09
34	NORWAY CHINA	19.61	0.39
35	FINLAND NETHERLANDS	4.44	15.56
36	SOUTH AFRICA ENGLAND	0.07	19.93
37	TURKEY SWEDEN	4.81	15.19
38	SAN MARINO MEXICO	4.44	15.56
39	EGYPT AUSTRALIA	11.76	8.24

Match		VPs	
31	KOREA BRAZIL	4.44	15.56
32	JAPAN JORDAN	6.96	13.04
33	PAKISTAN NORWAY	3.91	16.09
34	CHINA NETHERLANDS	18.21	1.79
35	SPAIN SOUTH AFRICA	13.04	6.96
36	ENGLAND TURKEY	5.82	14.18
37	SWEDEN SAN MARINO	12.29	7.71
38	MEXICO EGYPT	1.79	18.21
39	AUSTRALIA FINLAND	19.43	0.57

Match		VPs	
31	JORDAN KOREA	6.72	13.28
32	NORWAY JAPAN	9.69	10.31
33	NETHERLANDS PAKISTAN	17.45	2.55
34	FINLAND CHINA	9.69	10.31
35	SOUTH AFRICA BRAZIL	4.81	15.19
36	TURKEY SPAIN	15.74	4.26
37	SAN MARINO ENGLAND	5.20	14.80
38	EGYPT SWEDEN	3.27	16.73
39	AUSTRALIA MEXICO	12.80	7.20

## Women's Teams Group B

Match		VPs	
41	SCOTLAND CHINESE TAIPEI	9.09	10.91
42	INDIA CHINA HK	4.44	15.56
43	PALESTINE ICELAND	9.39	10.61
44	DENMARK FRANCE	0.84	19.16
45	CANADA POLAND	11.20	8.80
46	GERMANY ITALY	5.61	14.39
47	IRELAND CHILE	3.27	16.73
48	TUNISIA NEW ZEALAND	0.00	20.00
49	USA BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
41	CHINESE TAIPEI INDIA	6.03	13.97
42	CHINA HK PALESTINE	14.80	5.20
43	ICELAND DENMARK	13.28	6.72
44	FRANCE POLAND	4.08	15.92
45	USA GERMANY	12.55	7.45
46	IRELAND ITALY	12.55	7.45
47	CHILE TUNISIA	15.92	4.08
48	NEW ZEALAND CANADA	9.09	10.91
49	SCOTLAND BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
41	PALESTINE CHINESE TAIPEI	4.44	15.56
42	DENMARK CHINA HK	15.38	4.62
43	POLAND ICELAND	12.80	7.20
44	CANADA FRANCE	5.61	14.39
45	GERMANY SCOTLAND	16.26	3.74
46	IRELAND USA	0.00	20.00
47	TUNISIA ITALY	1.13	18.87
48	NEW ZEALAND CHILE	3.12	16.88
49	INDIA BYE	12.00	0.00



## The Polish Corner

**DOBRY PROGNOSTYK PRZED PLAY OFF**

W środę, w meczach popołudniowych nasze reprezentacje open i kobiet mierzyły się z drużynami, które na pewno we Wrocławiu pretendują do medali - w open mieliśmy mecz z mistrzami świata transnational z 2015 roku - drużyną Monako, a w konkurencji kobiet - z mistrzyniami świata Venice Cup z 2015 roku - Francuzkami. Oba mecze zostały wygrane wyraźnie - w open 42-10 (gdyby mecz był liczony jako BAM, wynik byłby miażdżący - 9-2), u pań 43-18.

W tym drugim meczu początek był nie nadzwyczajny, ale sygnał do ataku dała Grażyna Brewiak. Z ręką ♠KW93 ♥AD43 ♦AW52 ♣2 nie zawahała się przed, ogólnie mówiąc, dyskusyjnym otwarciem IBA. Partnerka podniosła do 3BA:

Rozd. 6. WE po, rozd. E.

♠ 8 7 4		♠ KW 9 3
♥ W 7		♥ AD 4 3
♦ D 10 9 3		♦ AW 5 2
♣ AK 7 3		♣ 2
		♠ AD 6 2
		♥ K 9 6 5
		♦ 8 7 6
		♣ 10 5

D'Ovido wyszła w kiery i z wygranym kontraktem z nadrobką nie było problemu. Na drugim stole padło otwarcie 1♦, i po odpowiedzi IBA licytacja zgłosiła 9 lew i 10 imp dla Polski.

W tym rozdaniu obrót nastąpił także w meczu Polska - Monako. Nasza para znalazła drogę do 3BA:

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Multon	Nowosadzki	Zimmermann
IBA	pas	1♦	pas
3BA	pas...	2BA	pas

Podczas gdy Helgemo - Helness zagrali 5♦:

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Gawryś	Helness	Klukowski
2♦	pas	1♦	pas
3♦	pas	3♣	pas
5♦	pas...	4♦	pas

3BA było bezproblemowe, podczas gdy 5♦, pomimo sprzyjającego ataku w kiery spod króla, zostało przegrane.

Charakterystyczne dla stylu gry obu drużyn - zachowawczego Francuzek i ostrego Polek było rozdanie 15 (NS po, rozd. S)

	♠ W	
	♥ W 10 7 6 3 2	
	♦ A 7 4 3	
	♣ K 6	
♠ 10 9 3		♠ K 8 6 4 2
♥ AKD 9		♥ 8 5 4
♦ KW 10 6 2		♦ D 8
♣ 5		♣ W 9 3
		♠ AD 7 5
	♥ -	
	♦ 9 5	
	♣ AD 10 8 7 4 2	

Francuzki wspięły się na wysokość trzech:

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Frey	Brewiak	d'Ovidio
ktr.	1♥	1♠	1♣
pas	2♥	pas	2♣
pas...			3♣

Nasze wicemistrzynie Europy wykazały więcej temperamentu:

West	North	East	South
Willard	Dufrat	Cronier	Żmuda
ktr.	2♥	2♠	2♣
pas	3♠	pas	3♣
pas...			5♣

Oczywiście na obu stołach wzięto 11 lew i kolejne 10 imp dla Polski.

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