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DOUBLE GOLD FOR NETHERLANDS, USA **budimex**



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Gold in the Open Teams: The Netherlands
(two team members are missing)



Gold in the Women's Teams: USA



Gold in the Mixed Teams: The Netherlands



Gold in the Senior Teams: USA

Teams representing the Netherlands and USA each won gold medals in two events on Saturday, the final day of play in the 15th World Bridge Games in Wrocław.

In the Open Teams, the Dutch squad defeated Monaco 155-134. The low-scoring final session featured six straight pushes to end the match. In the Mixed Teams, the Netherlands trailed Russia 123-86 with two sets to go but outscored their opponents 97-33 over the final 32 deals to win the first Mixed Teams to be played as a major event at the world championships.

USA collected two gold medals when the Senior team, with Petra Hamman as non-playing captain, defeated France 194-156. Trailing by 51 going into the final set, France outscored USA 37-0 over the first five boards but could muster only 3 IMPs over the final 11 boards as the Americans scored 24 IMPs. It is the second straight Senior Teams title for USA.

The American women also played France, winners over USA last year in the Venice Cup in Chennai, India. USA won the first set 60-12 and never looked back in winning the rematch 254-180.

In the pairs, the Open winners are Sabine Auken and Roy Welland (Germany), 3 matchpoints clear of Ashley Bach-Michael Cornell (New Zealand). The bronze medal went to Keyzad Anklesaria and Sunit Chokshi (India). Other pairs medalists:

Women's Pairs: 1. Hila Levi and Adi Asulin (Israel), 2. Marina Pilipovic and Nikica Sver (Croatia), 3. Ling Gu and Tao Zhou (China).

Senior Pairs: 1. Goran Sellden and Bjorn Wenneberg (Sweden), 2. John Carruthers and Joey Silver (Canada), 3. Badal Chandra Bas and Alope Sadhu (India).

Mixed Pairs: Maria Lebedeva and Igor Khazanov (Russia), 2. Marta Sikora and Adam Walczynski (Poland), 3. Anna Kowalska and Marek Tyran (Poland).





Silver in the Open Teams: Monaco



Silver in the Women's Teams: France



Silver in the Senior Teams: France



Silver in the Mixed Teams: Russia



Bronze in the Open Teams: Poland



Bronze in the Women's Teams: China



Bronze in the Mixed Teams: Bulgaria



Bronze in the Senior Teams: Denmark

Open Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
MONACO	43	13	30	10	19	19	134
NETHERLANDS	44	20	28	22	31	10	155

	1	2	3	Tot
SPAIN	28	29	35	92
POLAND	42	31	32	105

MONACO	HELNESS Tor, HELGEMO Geir, MARTENS Krzysztof, MARTENS Krzysztof (captain), MULTON Franck, ZIMMERMANN Pierre, ALLAVENA Jean Charles, FILIPOWICZ Dominik (coach)
NETHERLANDS	MAAS Anton (captain), BRINK Sjoert, NAB Bart, MULLER Bauke, DRIJVER Bob, BAKKEREN Ton (coach), DRIJVER Bas, DE WIJJS Simon
POLAND	GAWRYS Piotr, JASSEM Krzysztof, KALITA Jacek, GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw (coach), WALCZAK Piotr (captain), NOWOSADZKI Michal, KLUKOWSKI Michal, MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin
SPAIN	LANTARON Luis, GODED Federico, KNAP Andrzej, WASIK Arturo, SABATE Jordi, GODED MERINO Gonzalo, JIMENEZ Ignacio (captain)

Women's Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
USA	60	22	45	22	61	44	254
FRANCE	12	54	18	37	7	52	180

	1	2	3	Tot
CHINA	6	53	58	117
SCOTLAND	30	8	29	67

CHINA	WANG Wen Fei, LU Yan, WANG Xiaojing (coach), LIU Yan, HUANG Yan, SHEN (I) Qi, WANG Nan, WANG Jianxin (captain)
FRANCE	FREY Nathalie, ZOCHOWSKA Joanna, D'OVIDIO Catherine, CRONIER Benedicte, WILLARD Sylvie, REESS Vanessa, THUILLEZ Laurent (captain)
SCOTLAND	McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz), LESLIE Paula, McQUAKER Fiona, SYMONS Anne, PUNCH Sam, KANE Helen
USA	SOKOLOW Tobi, SEAMON-MOLSON Janice, DEAS Lynn, PALMER Beth, SANBORN Kerri, SOKOLOW David (captain), SHI Sylvia

Senior Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
USA	4	10	44	41	71	24	194
FRANCE	29	36	28	12	14	37	156

	1	2	3	Tot
DENMARK	76	53	0	129
CHINESE TAIPEI	23	1	0	24

CHINESE TAIPEI	YEH Chen, YEH Chen (captain), CHEN Chuan-Cheng, SHIH Juei-Yu, LIN Chii-Mou, YEH TONG Shu-Ping (coach), CHI Jen-Lee, CHENG Kuo-Paw
DENMARK	SCHALTZ Dorthe, SCHALTZ Peter, BOESGAARD Knud-Aage, NIELSEN Hans Christian, SCHOU Steen, HANSEN Jorgen, MAGNUSSEN Peter (captain), IBSEN Jytte (coach)
FRANCE	TOFFIER Philippe, GAUTRET Eric (captain), PALAU Jean-Jacques, GUILLAUMIN Pierre-Yves, DECHELETTE Nicholas, IONTZEFF Georges, SCHMIDT Pierre
USA	MAHMOOD Zia, MARTEL Chip, PSZCZOLA Jacek (coach), HAMMAN Bob, MECKSTROTH Jeff, HAMMAN Petra (captain), LALL Hemant, MILNER Reese

Mixed Teams Final and Play-Off

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
NETHERLANDS	25	16	19	26	50	47	183
RUSSIA	32	15	24	52	17	16	156

	1	2	3	Tot
BULGARIA	39	33	70	142
USA	8	19	32	59

BULGARIA	NANEV Ivan, ARONOV Victor, ARONOV Victor (captain), KARAKOLEV Georgi, MITOVSKA Miriana, DAMIANOVA Diana, NIKOLOVA MARTA
NETHERLANDS	JANSMA Jan, JANSMA Jan (captain), RITMEIJER Richard, JANSMA Aida, TICHA Magdalena
RUSSIA	GROMOVA Victoria, PONOMAREVA Tatiana, GROMOV Andrey, DUBININ Alexander, MATUSHKO Georgi, GULEVICH Anna
USA	ALDER Phillip (captain), WINESTOCK Sheri, PICUS Sue, SEAMON Michael, MOSS Brad, MOSS Sylvia, ORNSTEIN Alexander



**The winners of the Open Pairs:
Sabine Auken – Roy Welland (GER)**



**The winners of the Women's Pairs:
Hila Levi – Adi Asulin (ISR)**

Thanks, team

My colleague (and boss, as coordinator) Jean-Paul Meyer and I wish to express heart-felt thanks to the Daily Bulletin team at this championship. Our team of writers – Jos Jacobs, Micke Melander, Ram Soffer, David Stern and Marek Wojcicki – did an outstanding job of covering the various events, putting in long hours and reporting with skill and flair. We also appreciated the excellent contributions from Mark Horton, who took time from his other duties to provide his always-interesting prose. Thanks also to Phillip Alder.

Monika Kümmel did her usual outstanding work as our layout editor. Deadline pressure did not faze her and the printed edition showed her skill. It was great to work with our photographer, Ron Tacchi, again. He was patient with our constant requests for photos and kept us laughing with his good humor (we also like his sausage).

It is always rewarding to be part of a team that works so well together.

Brent Manley

World Championship Book 2016 – Wrocław

The official book of these championships will be ready around April next year. It will consist of approximately 350 large full colour pages and will include coverage of all the championship events, with particular emphasis on the latter stages of the Open and Women's Teams. There will be a full results service and many colour photographs.

The principle analysts, as in recent years, will be John Carruthers, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and Geo Tislevoll, probably backed up by one or two guest writers who have not yet been confirmed.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35 plus whatever your local bookseller charges for postage.

Open Pairs F A

1	AUKEN S - WELLAND R	GER-GER	57.52
2	BACH A - CORNELL M	NZL-NZL	57.45
3	ANKLESARIA K - CHOKSHI S	IND-IND	54.74
4	SZULEJEWSKI B - DARKIEWICZ-MONIUSZKO G	POL-POL	53.43
5	NAWROCKI P - WIANKOWSKI P	POL-POL	53.29
6	STAMATOV J - DANAILOV D	BUL-BUL	53.22
7	LI J - ZHANG B	CHN-CHN	52.96
8	THOMPSON B - JACOBS W	AUS-AUS	52.84
9	SCHOLLAARDT M - NETTL O	NED-NED	52.83
10	STRZEMECKI W - ZAWADA P	POL-POL	52.78
11	JAGNIEWSKI R - GAWEL W	POL-POL	52.44
12	RUBINS K - LORENC S M	LAT-LAT	52.25
13	FERGANI K - POLLACK F	CAN-CAN	52.06
14	JANISZEWSKI P - NOWAK K	POL-POL	51.97
15	STARKOWSKI W - GOLEBIOWSKI S	POL-POL	51.92
16	YANG L - DAI J	CHN-CHN	51.63
17	KWIECIEN M - ZATORSKI P	POL-POL	51.36
18	SERPOI G - STIRBU C	ROM-ROM	51.18
19	WILDAVSKY A - WEINSTEIN H	USA-USA	51.17
20	BERGDAHL T - SYLVAN J	SWE-SWE	50.73
21	KING P - McINTOSH A	ENG-ENG	50.68
22	BERTHEAU P - HULT S	SWE-SWE	50.65
23	CHUMAK Y - ROVYSHYN O	UKR-UKR	50.55
24	NADAJ J - OGLOBLIN A	POL-POL	50.39
25	KRISHNAN R - KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY N	IND-IND	50.12
26	KRUPOWICZ M - SAKOWICZ R	POL-POL	50.10
27	BROWN M - WHIBLEY M	NZL-NZL	49.93
28	WASZYNSKI A - HINTERTAN A	POL-POL	49.54
29	HOYLAND S - HOYLAND S	NOR-NOR	49.35
30	GILL P - PEAKE A	AUS-AUS	49.35
31	BLACHNIO A - WUJKOW A	POL-POL	49.34
32	KOWALCZYK I - WISNIEWSKI T	POL-POL	49.21
33	GROMOELLER M - FRITSCH E J	GER-GER	49.21
34	VOLHEJN V - MACURA M	CZE-CZE	49.07
35	VANDERVOORST M - BAHBOUT S	BEL-BEL	49.06
36	GIERULSKI B - SKRZYPCZAK J	LTU-LTU	48.94
37	SZTYRAK L - JASZCZAK A	POL-POL	48.78
38	MISZEWSKA E - ILCZUK P	POL-POL	48.54
39	WIELOWIEYSKI A - KLIMACKI P	POL-POL	47.50
40	SZWENKEL K - OSINSKI T	POL-POL	47.37
41	SLIVA V - VOROB EI P	RUS-RUS	47.32
42	SCHILHART N - BUCHLEV N	GER-GER	47.13
43	OPALINSKI R - ZAWADA J	POL-POL	46.95
44	MARINOVSKI K - SIPUS M	CRO-CRO	46.80
45	GRAVERSEN H - CLEMMENSEN P	DEN-DEN	46.61
46	WITEK M - BYZDRA A	POL-POL	46.43
47	PIETRASZEK M - ZNAMIROWSKI J	POL-POL	46.36
48	TOMASZEK W - GARDYNIK G	POL-POL	46.33
49	RIMSTEDT M - RIMSTEDT O	SWE-SWE	45.81
50	BARTOSZEWSKI M - MAKATREWICZ M	POL-POL	45.40
51	BENDIKS J - BETHERS J	LAT-LAT	44.77
52	VAINIKONIS E - ARLOVICH A	LTU-LTU	43.32

Mixed Pairs F A

1	KHAZANOV I - LEBEDEVA M	RUS-RUS	55.42
2	SIKORA M - WALCZYNSKI A	POL-POL	54.02
3	KOWALSKA A - TYRAN M	POL-POL	53.79
4	SAPORTA P - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO R	FRA-FRA	53.30
5	WINCIOREK T - STACHOWIAK-KLUZ J	POL-POL	52.75
6	BUTRYN P - SAKOWSKA N	POL-POL	51.77
7	FU Z - ZHANG Y	CHN-CHN	51.27
8	HANLON T - BARTON G	IRL-IRL	50.93
9	JIN K - ZHU P	CHN-CHN	50.85
10	STEPHENS R - ROSSLEE D	RSA-RSA	50.59
11	SAKR M - PSZCZOLA J	USA-USA	50.27
12	KONDOCH H - VECHIATTO C	GER-GER	50.24
13	HUNGY - HSIEH H	TPE-TPE	50.22
14	DELMAS-SIRVEN T - PIGEAUD F	FRA-FRA	49.97
15	GROSS S - HYDES A	ENG-ENG	49.42
16	NIKITINA A - GUSEV V	RUS-RUS	49.37
17	SHIMAMURA K - TERAMOTO T	JPN-JPN	49.36
18	PRAMOTTON E - VERSACE A	ITA-ITA	48.91
19	RUDAKOV E - DIKHNOVA T	RUS-RUS	48.73
20	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER E - STIENEN R	NED-NED	48.55
21	GRZEJDZIAK I - GRZEJDZIAK S	POL-POL	48.17
22	SHI B - TIAN W	CHN-CHN	47.77
23	SCHROEDER M - SCHROEDER M	GER-GER	47.65
24	KAZMUCHA D - SEREK C	POL-POL	46.55
25	WROBEL M - PIETRZYK A	POL-POL	45.57
26	KARMARKAR M - KARMARKAR S	IND-IND	44.44

Senior Pairs F

1	SELLEN G - WENNEBERG B	SWE-SWE	54.74
2	CARRUTHERS J - SILVER J	CAN-CAN	54.06
3	DAS B - SADHU A	IND-IND	53.56
4	MARSTRANDER P - ANDERSSEN R	NOR-NOR	52.60
5	KOWALSKI A - ROMANSKI J	POL-POL	52.51
6	GOEL A - SHAH J	IND-IND	51.78
7	JELENIEWSKI A - WACHNOWSKI J	POL-POL	51.58
8	DAEHR C - ENGEL B	GER-GER	50.95
9	HACKETT P - HOLLAND J	ENG-ENG	50.90
10	VOGT W - FRESEN L	GER-GER	50.72
11	BAKKE T - HANTVEIT H	NOR-NOR	49.34
12	KIERZNOWSKI R - KACZANOWSKI T	POL-POL	48.89
13	MANCINI B - VECCHI L	ITA-ITA	48.81
14	SCHWARTZ A - ZELIGMAN S	ISR-ISR	48.04
15	FRONCZAK A - KONOPKA R	POL-POL	47.35
16	BARAN B - DAIGNFAUIT P	CAN-CAN	46.03
17	OHNO K - YAMADA A	JPN-JPN	45.29
18	HOEGER W - MALCHUS P	GER-GER	42.85

Women's Pairs F

1	LEVI H - ASULIN A	ISR-ISR	54.17
2	PILIPOVIC M - SVER N	CRO-CRO	54.11
3	GU L - ZHOUT	CHN-CHN	53.13
4	DUFRA T K - ZMUDA J	POL-POL	53.00
5	GLADIATOR A - WEBER E	GER-GER	52.94
6	ARNOLDS C - VERBEEK M	NED-NED	52.94
7	LUSSMANN C - SMYKALLA G	GER-GER	51.78
8	HARDING M - FUGLESTAD A	NOR-NOR	51.72
9	BREWIAK G - BUSSE G	POL-POL	50.61
10	BROWN F - SENIOR N	ENG-ENG	50.31
11	YANG J - LI Y	CHN-CHN	49.94
12	SANDSTROM K - MYLLAERI M	FIN-FIN	49.88
13	GRUDE L - OIGARDEN B	NOR-NOR	49.20
14	SZCZEPANSKA K - MAJ-RUDNICKA M	POL-POL	48.86
15	HUMPHRIES S - JACOB S	NZL-NZL	46.26
16	BIRMAN D - POPLILOV M	ISR-ISR	45.96
17	MOSZCZYNSKA Z - PIESIEWICZ D	POL-POL	44.24
18	TEBHA A - HOWARD A	USA-USA	40.63

Interesting numbers

We have calculated that during these championships, 95,001 boards have been played. That includes the extra boards in one of the knock-out matches and excludes the boards lost when teams conceded. The duplication staff tells us that they duplicated 75,000 boards, which proves the high standard of organisation of this event: a large number of boards have been used just once – reducing the chances of boards fouled during play.

Open Pairs FB

1 KRASNICKI M - WITKOWSKI L	POL-POL	60.33
2 AAVA J - KURIG V	EST-EST	58.20
3 LESNICZAK J - JANIK S	POL-POL	57.55
4 UZUM D - KIZILOK O	TUR-TUR	57.49
5 GOTZOV S - TAKOV T	BUL-BUL	57.29
6 MEDLIN A - FILIP A	CZE-CZE	56.82
7 GRZYB S - JARMUL C	POL-POL	56.26
8 TANAKA R - YOKOI H	JPN-JPN	55.77
9 GOTARD B - GOTARD T	GER-GER	55.61
10 TAMMINEN J - LESKELA V	FIN-FIN	55.58
11 BERG T - JORGENSEN G	DEN-DEN	55.49
12 ROMANOVSKA M - JANSONS U	LAT-LAT	55.03
13 DRAGAN V - PORKHUN V	UKR-UKR	54.98
14 KUC-DZIERZAWSKI P - STRYSZAWSKI T	POL-POL	54.86
15 CARRASCO G - MADDOCK A	ESP-ESP	54.81
16 HUTYRA M - WOJNAROWICZ J	POL-POL	54.45
17 BALASOVS J - BETHERS U	LAT-LAT	54.12
18 EIDE E - EIDE H	NOR-NOR	53.88
19 SHEK D - RASMUSSEN J	MAS-MAS	53.87
20 BOGUCKI D - BLASZCZYK P	POL-POL	53.57
21 RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ O - PIECHOCKI S	POL-POL	53.44
22 STEFANOV S - HRISTOV G	BUL-BUL	53.42
23 ZAMIR A - EZION A	ISR-ISR	53.40
24 MILASZEWSKI M - BIELAWSKI M	POL-POL	53.33
25 VOZABAL D - SLEMR J	CZE-CZE	53.16
26 BURAKOWSKI W - PAWELEC J	POL-POL	53.14
27 EIDE P - GRAESLI B	NOR-NOR	52.50
28 CUMMINS P - ROTCHELL D	BAR-BAR	52.17
29 HASENSEN P - SHERMAN D	ENG-ENG	51.48
30 WOJCIESZEK J - BOCHENSKI A	POL-POL	51.04
31 KOZLECKI T - KOWALCZYK M	POL-POL	51.00
32 DORDHAIN P - PALMIERI J	REU-REU	50.78
33 MOLEND A - MOLEND A	POL-POL	50.61
34 CICHON A - HEICHEL M	POL-POL	50.59
35 SZYMCZYK T - KOPERNOK H	POL-POL	50.58
36 PAWLOWSKI A - GRZELCZAK J	POL-POL	50.54
37 NARKIEWICZ G - INGIELEWICZ Z	POL-POL	50.48
38 HENEGHAN J - COYNE C	IRL-IRL	50.46
39 KUBAC N - ZORLU N	TUR-TUR	50.44
40 DROZDOWSKI J - KULESZA P	POL-POL	50.35
41 CIECHOMSKI J - GLASEK G	POL-POL	50.12
42 TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA M - MARCINOWSKI A	POL-POL	50.04
43 EDIS T - EDIS E	UAE-UAE	49.93
44 PASZKO W - SKOWRON S	POL-POL	49.79
45 VAHEV - LUTTER T	EST-EST	49.76
46 TENN M - SIROTIN O	EST-EST	48.80
47 SIELICKI T - TUCZYNSKI P	POL-POL	48.71
48 CHEBELEU M - OJOGA L	ROM-ROM	48.57
49 CIMR R - JARECKI A	POL-POL	48.54
50 BROCCOLI F - GIANNINI S	ITA-ITA	48.51
51 CHMURSKI B - CHALUPEC I	POL-POL	48.39
52 GOWER C - VAN V	RSA-RSA	47.88
53 PASTUDZKI M - NIEWIADOMSKI S	POL-POL	47.71
54 AYDIN A - SUZER U	TUR-TUR	47.56
55 LATOS T - GIZA M	POL-POL	47.56
56 EIDE L - ELLINGSEN K	NOR-NOR	47.26
57 OZDIL M - OZBALCI E	TUR-TUR	46.87
58 PAWSZAK B - CHINDELEWICZ P	POL-POL	46.65
59 ILZINS J - PELSIS N	LAT-LAT	46.17
60 URBANSKI M - DABROWSKI M	POL-POL	46.08
61 KEMMER C - CASTNER K	GER-GER	45.92
62 BALDYSZ M - BALDYSZ S	POL-POL	45.80
63 ASH M - DUNCAN S	SCO-SCO	45.58
64 GILLIS C - GARVEY M	SCO-SCO	45.00
65 KLESK P - ADAMSKI G	POL-POL	44.51
66 PATREUHA J - PATREUHA P	POL-POL	44.32
67 STANIOW J - GRODZKI M	POL-POL	44.13
68 MAJEWSKI K - GODLEWSKI P	POL-POL	43.60
69 KARIMI O - CANTOR M	GER-GER	41.57
70 RUDZINSKI M - GORCZYCA W	IRL-IRL	41.42
71 JANIAK J - LOSIAK J	POL-POL	39.36
72 HARRIS J - ROOT S	ENG-ENG	38.61
73 KAMINSKI W - DOMASZEWSKI B	POL-POL	35.22

Mixed Pairs FB

1 HAMMOND N. - WEINGER L.
2 SYRAKOPOULOU C. - LIOSSIS G.
3 SUWIK A. - OSTROWSKA L.
4 ZACK Y. - BARR R.
5 JANECZEK M. - BUNIKOWSKI A.
6 ROZENBLYUM M. - VOROBAYCHIKOVA O.
7 LILLIS H. - McGLOUGHLIN M.
8 KACZMAREK E. - PYCLIK-CHOJENKA A.
9 SLAWENTA J. - SLAWENTA J.
10 ARLINGHAUS G. - SCHWEDING U.
11 CAPAL S. - HARRIS J.
12 SOLOMON W. - CAPAL T.
13 WENNING U. - WENNING K.
14 MAKAREWICZ A. - FECHNER M.
15 EL HASHEM M. - EL CORDAHI GHOSN R.
16 YUEN M. - FENTON A.
17 CLAIR P. - PAGNINI-ARSLAN C.
18 ZIELINSKI P. - PRZYTYCKA J.
19 OLIVIERI G. - ZALESKI R.
20 CIESLAK S. - DUM M.

Senior Pairs FB

1 SAGIV Y. - ORENSTEIN E.
2 MICHALOWSKI J. - DOLNY W.
3 KUSHARI P. - RAY D.
4 LEWIS J. - ANDREWS D.
5 IMAKURA T. - MORIMURA S.
6 DROZD D. - LABANOW R.
7 NOWAK M. - FILLASSIER G.
8 STASICA J. - GROBLER A.
9 KAND J. - VOHANDU P.
10 ENGEL J. - FRYDRICH J.
11 KROLIKOWSKI A. - KASZUBSKI A.

Women's Pairs FB

1 JOYCE E. - FITZGERALD J.
2 GRAIZER N. - MORAN OHAYON O.
3 XIA M. - LIU S.
4 COOPER R. - REYNOLDS J.
5 GARATEGUY M. - IACAPRARO M.
6 WAN HOI R. - AOUATE C.
7 EIDE L. - JOHANSEN H.
8 PAOLUZI S. - CANNAVALE P.
9 NORDGREN M. - BERGLUND A.
10 NILSEN L. - GRUDE M.
11 DAO R. - KOESLING D.
12 HINDS R. - SEALEY.

20th Ourgame World Computer-Bridge Championship



Left to right: Yumiko Uchida, Tomio Uchida of Micro Bridge, Yves Costel of Wbridge5, winner-receiving his trophy from Al Levy with alongside Gérard Joyez who monitored the robots.

Roll Of Honour

Open Teams

Gold: the Netherlands – Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Bob Drijver, Bauke Muller, Bart Nab, Simon de Wijs, Anton Maas (npc), Ton Bakkeren (coach)

Silver: Monaco – Jean Charles Allavena, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Krzysztof Martens (PC), Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann, Dominik Filipowicz (coach)

Bronze: Poland – Piotr Gawryś, Krzysztof Jassem, Jacek Kalita, Michał Klukowski, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Michał Nowosadzki, Piotr Walczak (npc), Stanisław Gołębiowski (coach)

Women's Teams

Gold: USA – Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson, Sylvia Shi, Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow (npc)

Silver: France – Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Nathalie Frey, Vanessa Reess, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Żochowska, Laurent Thuillez (npc)

Bronze: China – Huang Yan, Liu Yan, Lu Yan, Shen Qi, Wang Nan, Wang Wenfei, Wang Jianxin (npc), Wang Xiaojing (coach)

Senior Teams

Gold: USA – Bob Hamman, Hemant Lall, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Jeff Meckstroth, Reese Milner, Petra Hamman (npc), Jacek Pszczoła (coach)

Silver: France – Nicolas Dechelette, Pierre-Yves Guillaumin, Georges Iontzeff, Jean-Jacques Palau, Pierre Schmidt, Philippe Toffier, Eric Gautret (npc)

Bronze: Denmark – Knud-Aage Boesgaard, Jørgen Hansen, Hans Christian Nielsen, Dorte Schaltz, Peter Schaltz, Steen Schou, Peter Magnussen (npc), Jytte Ibsen (coach)

Mixed Teams

Gold: the Netherlands – Aida Jansma, Jan Jansma (pc), Richard Ritmeijer, Magdaléna Tichá

Silver: Russia – Alexander Dubinin, Anna Gulevich, Andrey Gromov, Victoria Gromova, Georgi Matushko, Tatiana Ponomareva

Bronze: Bulgaria – Victor Aronov (pc), Diana Damianova, Georgi Karakolev, Miriana Mitovska, Ivan Nanev, Marta Nikolova

Roll Of Honour

Open Pairs

Gold: Sabine Auken – Roy Welland (GER)
 Silver: Ashley Bach – Michael Cornell (NZL)
 Bronze: Keyzad Anklesaria – Sunit Chokshi (IND)

Women's Pairs

Gold: Hila Levi – Adi Asulin (ISR)
 Silver: Marina Pilipović – Nikica Šver (CRO)
 Bronze: Gu Ling – Zhou Tao (CHN)

Senior Pairs

Gold: Göran Sellden – Björn Wenneberg (SWE)
 Silver: John Carruthers – Joseph (Joey) Silver (CAN)
 Bronze: Badal Chandra Das – Alope Sadhu (IND)

Mixed Pairs

Gold: Maria Lebedeva – Igor Khazanov (RUS)
 Silver: Anna Kowalska – Marek Tyran (POL)
 Bronze: Marta Sikora – Adam Walczyński (POL)

Winners of the B-finals:

Open: Mariusz Krasnicki – Łukasz Witkowski (POL)
 Women: Emer Joyce – Jeannie Fitzgerald (IRL)
 Senior: Yehuda Sagiv – Etan Orenstein (ISR)
 Mixed: Nicolas Hammond – Lindsey Weinger (USA)

The senior teams provided the 30th World Championship medal for Bob Hamman. He is now a full ten medals ahead of the next two players (Bobby Wolff and Giorgio Belladonna) on the all-time list.

It is the 17th medal for Geir Helgemo, the 15th for Tor Helness, 13th for Franck Multon

Sabine Auken has now won 16 medals, two of them in the Open series.

It is the 15th medal for Bénédicte Cronier, the 14th for Kerri Sanborn (her eighth title), the 13th for Catherine d'Ovidio, Lynn Deas (her 7th gold) and Jeff Meckstroth (his ninth)

It is the 11th medal for Piotr Gawryś, Zia Mahmood (5th gold), Sylvie Willard and Tobi Sokolow (5th gold)

Beth Palmer (5), Janice Seamon-Molson (4) and Chip Martel (6) have reached a milestone: their tenth world medal. Wang Wenfei also joins that exclusive club and becomes the first Chinese player to reach ten world medals. She has only one title, though.

It is the eighth medal for Andrey Gromov, the seventh for his wife Victoria.

It is the seventh medal for Bas Drijver (second gold), the sixth for Sjoert Brink (second gold) and Bauke Muller (third gold).

Medal Table for Wrocław 2016

Country	gold	silver	bronze	total
Poland		1	2	3
Netherlands	2			2
USA	2			2
Russia	1	1		2
France		2		2
China			2	2
India			2	2
Germany	1			1
Israel	1			1
Sweden	1			1
Canada		1		1
Croatia		1		1
Monaco		1		1
New Zealand		1		1
Bulgaria			1	1
Denmark			1	1
total	8	8	8	24

India tripled their number of medals. They previously had won bronze at the 1988 World Games (then called the Olympiad) and added two bronzes in the pairs here.

New Zealand doubled their tally (now 2 silvers). Ashley Bach had won silver at the World Junior Teams in 1985, he now has two of them.

The silver in the Women's Pairs is the first medal for Croatia in a World Championship. There are now 48 countries that have won medals.

Cumulative Medal Table for all World Championships

Country	gold	silver	bronze	total
USA	87.35	71.3	52.16	210.81
France	18.5	29.67	31.25	79.42
Italy	36.27	15	12.33	63.6
Poland	18.83	20.83	17.25	56.92
Netherlands	15	12.67	22.83	50.5
England	15.43	16.17	11.42	43.02
China	7.5	16	19.33	42.83
Sweden	8.67	6.83	14.57	30.07
Norway	5.67	7	10	22.67
Germany	5.58	6	9.65	21.23
Canada	1.4	9.53	8.33	19.27
Denmark	4	2.5	12	18.5
Israel	8.07	3.17	7.17	18.4
Austria	6.73	6.17	2	14.9
Brazil	4.33	3	5	12.33
Russia	2.33	3.5	6.33	12.17
Indonesia	1	5	5	11
Bulgaria	1.2	2	5	8.2
Australia		4	4	8
Argentina	0.17	2	4.2	6.37
Monaco	1.3	3	2	6.3
Iceland	2.67		0.33	3
Chinese Taipei	1	1.67	0.33	3
South Africa		3		3
India			3	3
Japan	1.5	1		2.5
Turkey	0.17	1	1.17	2.33
Switzerland	1.33	0.67		2
New Zealand		2		2
Pakistan		2		2
Venezuela		1	1	2
Hong Kong			2	2
Scotland	1	0.33	0.33	1.67
Greece	1		0.25	1.25
Egypt	1			1
Hungary	1			1
Serbia	1			1
Croatia		1		1
Latvia		1		1
Belgium			1	1
Singapore			1	1
Romania			0.75	0.75
Czech Republic	0.5			0.5
Ireland	0.5			0.5
Uruguay		0.5		0.5
Thailand		0.33		0.33
Belarus		0.17		0.17
total	262	262	271	795

WBF PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

Dear Friends,

And so we come to the end of the Championship that, this evening, we are celebrating all together with our Polish hosts and, might I add, with our Polish friends.

We owe our special gratitude for the enormous amount of work put in by the Polish Bridge Union, its President Witold Stachnik, the on-site organiser, Marek Malysa and the person who dreamt for many years of bringing a world championship to Poland, Radek Kielbasinski. And my special thanks must go to a very special person, Stanislaw Golebiowski, the friend we always call Bubo, world champion, great teacher, passionate developer of bridge!

We have been welcomed with open arms and hosted in a superb way, in this delightful city of Wroclaw.

All the Polish staff and volunteers have done a sterling job in organizing this event, which has gone very smoothly from all points of view, and I would like you all to know just how much we appreciate your efficiency, enthusiasm, dedication and friendship.

I think that you will all agree that the playing conditions have been splendid and you will all have taken advantage of the services and the facilities in the Centennial Hall. Our appreciation and thanks go to all their staff. They are truly deserving.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to the operations Officers and Staff and to the following Authorities, Groups, Companies and all the other Friends who privately contributed with generous donations and without whose support this World Bridge Games Championship would not have materialized:

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I would like, in addition, to thank my colleagues on the Executive Council and all the members of the Championship Committee for having done a very good job.

A great part of the success of this championship has to be credited to our marvellous staff, who did an exemplary job.

Our thanks go to the Reviewers Ata Aydin, Herman De Wael and PO Sundelin; the Tournament Directors who have worked unstintingly, headed by Max Bavin, ably assisted by Matt Smith and Antonio Riccardi with Bertrand Gignoux, Jeanne Meiracker, Laurie Kelso, Bernardo Biondo, Pierre Collaros, Slawek Latala, Rui Marques, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Mihaela Balint, Antony Ching, Waleed El Menyawi, Rhami Iyilikci, Fearghal O'Boyle, Gustavo Chediak, Jakub Kasprzak, Dusko Krausak, Sandra Rozanska, Yunjian Tang, Artur Wasiak and Marcin Waslowicz; the Treasury with Marc De Pauw assisted by Dirk De Clercq; the Secretariat with Marina Madia, Carol von Linstow and Odile Beineix; the Hospitality and Registration Desk

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Of course, the greatest contributors to the success of the championship comes from you, the players, who have come to Wroclaw to compete in a spirit of sportsmanship and also friendship. On behalf of the WBF and the Staff and also personally I want to express to you our gratitude and to say to all of you, thank you.

We tried to do our best in managing and running the championship and we hope, dear friends, to have been able to satisfy your expectations and to have been able to give you the opportunity to enjoy your play and your stay in Wroclaw.

Have a safe journey back home and let's carry on playing the Card of Peace.

Un abbraccio to you all

Gianarrigo Rona

PBU'S PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening friends,

Every journey has its end and every path does stop somewhere. The journey we shared together, which started with the opening ceremony on the second of September, finds its end today and the time of celebration begins. During the championships there were moments of joy and bliss for the winners, but also sadness and tears of the defeated.

Budimex company which is the most important sponsor of today's ceremony, and other firms that contributed to the success of the event KGHM, the Carlo Bossi Perfumes, the Trefl Group, the Staropolanka, the Espresso Service, the Pol-Motors, the Hotel Gem, the Wrocław Airport, the Manufaktura in Bolesławiec, the Viando, the Connector and the Konkret.

However, most of all, I would like to thank all the players, without whom our work and efforts wouldn't have had any sense since this event was organised for you.



For all of us, it was real honour and pleasure to host you here in Wrocław and it would be great to see all of you again one day. I would like to thank all the players, coaches and officials for honouring us with your presence. I firmly believe that – despite defeats which some of you suffered – but due to victories of the others, you will always fondly remember the time spent in Poland during the World Bridge Games where the spirit of fair competition and friendships made here will stay in your hearts for long.

I would like to thank my friend Gianarrigo Rona, the President of the World Bridge Federation 2016 for his trust and for granting Wrocław the right to organise the World Bridge Games in the year two thousand sixteen.

I would like to say "thank you" to all the people and institutions which supported us and helped with the organisation of this bridge festival -

the city of Wrocław, the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, the Lower Silesia Marshall Office, the PKO BP Bank,

I want to apologise for any inconvenience which might have experienced. Nevertheless, I hope that your general impression of the event is positive and that one day we will have an opportunity to host another bridge feast in Poland.

The sad moment of saying "good-bye" has just come. I would like to say simply "Thanks" and I hope see you again.

Witold Stachnik
President of the Polish Bridge Union



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Master at work

By Barry Rigal

Bob Hamman occasionally has the air of a grizzled veteran at the table, and that is hardly surprising given his 50 years of competing in world championship events. When dummy came down on this deal from the Senior series match against Australia, Hamman appeared to have momentarily closed his eyes, as if dozing. The iconoclastic junior Vugraph commentator wondered if he was falling asleep on the job. Not so: the old master was ready to impress, yet again.

Board 88. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K Q J 8 6 3 ♥ 6 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 9 6 5 4	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></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		♠ 7 5 ♥ A Q 8 7 3 ♦ K Q 6 4 3 ♣ A	♠ A 9 2 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ Q 8 7 3 2
N												
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	S											

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Lavings	Martel	Krochmalik
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Lorentz	Meckstroth	Burgess	Zia
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The contract of 4♠ was played from different sides in the last segment of the Seniors quarter-final. A diamond lead seemed to help Stephen Burgess, but the play and defence became extremely complex thereafter.

Meckstroth took the ♦A to play a club. Burgess won his ace and tried to cash two diamonds – Zia ruffing in with ♠9 to force the jack.



Bob Hamman, USA

Declarer ruffed a club to hand and now needed to lead a fourth diamond to elope with dummy's low trumps. Instead he played ♥A and ruffed a heart, ruffed another club, and had reached this ending.

♠ K Q 8 6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 9	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></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		♠ — ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ 4 3 ♣ —	♠ A 2 ♥ K ♦ — ♣ Q 8
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Now Burgess did well (in a sense) to lead a diamond. To defeat the contract legitimately, South must pitch a heart, but Zia ruffed low and Burgess overruffed in dummy then exited in clubs. Zia won and played a fifth club and when Burgess ruffed low Meckstroth scored the ♠10 for down one.

Hamman received the normal lead from North of ♥J and now had to tread carefully. He played the ♥A, unblocked ♣A then cross-ruffed clubs and hearts for four tricks to bring down the ♥K. When he led ♥Q from dummy, Krochmalik discarded a diamond, preparing for the ruff. Hamman pitched his sure loser, the club, and now needed to be very careful:

♠ K Q J 8 ♥ — ♦ 9 5 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></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		♠ — ♥ 8 ♦ K Q 6 4 3 ♣ —	♠ A 9 2 ♥ — ♦ 2 ♣ Q 8
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A diamond would have been fatal – the defence get their diamond ruff then can promote the ♠10 with continued club leads. Instead Hamman led the fifth heart and pitched a diamond to start weakening the defender's trump holdings. In fact North ruffed in and cashed ♦A then played another diamond for South to ruff with ♠9. Hamman overruffed and led the ♠K to pin the ♠10 and prevent the trump promotion. Contract made and 10 IMPs for USA.

Hommage à Patrick Jourdain

By Mark Horton

In one of the early Bulletins we reproduced a story by Patrick Jourdain entitled 'Keep Losers, throw Winners'. If you want proof that reading the Bulletin can seriously improve your IMPs look no further than this deal from session four of the Women's final between France and USA:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

to the queen and declarer exited with a diamond to South's ace. Back came the two of spades, and declarer played low, North winning with the queen. So far the defence had been perfect, but now North went wrong by returning a spade. (The winning defence is to play a heart, when South must win and play a second spade.)

Declarer won with the jack, to reach this position:

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

In the Closed Room EW stopped in INT, scoring eight tricks, +120.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reess	Palmer	Zochowska	Shi
		INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the three of hearts and declarer won with the queen and played a diamond to dummy's jack. When it held she played the three of clubs to the jack. A diamond went

At this point declarer cashed the eight of diamonds and pitched a heart from dummy. She followed that by cashing the ace of clubs and exiting with the king of hearts, but South took the rest for two down, -100 and 6 IMPs to the USA.

All declarer had to do was throw one of dummy's winning spades on the eight of diamonds. After cashing the ace of clubs she exits with the king of hearts, and South can choose her poison. If she wins she will have to surrender the last two tricks to dummy, but if she ducks declarer changes tack and exits with a club, forcing North to lead a spade to dummy's ace at trick thirteen.

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Open Teams F - S2

Monaco v Netherlands

By Jos Jacobs

After the spectacular first segment, the audience was no doubt hoping for much more fireworks and they were not disappointed, in a sense, on the very first board of the set, as overbidding was the issue here:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo
1♣	1♥	Pass	3♥
3NT	All Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, the Dutch were allowed to overbid in relative peace to their hopeless game once De Wijs had opened his Strong 1♣. Down three on the heart lead. Monaco +150.



Simon De Wijs, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
Multon	Bas Drijver	Zimmermann	Brink
	3♥	Pass	3NT
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Once Bas Drijver as dealer opened 3♥ on the North cards, overbidding had to start from a much higher level. When the final contract was reached, Drijver doubled to show his other four-card major, expecting some useful values from partner's 3NT bid. Down two, Netherlands +300 and 4 IMPs to them.

Another unsuccessful attempt at 3NT by De Wijs-Muller enabled Monaco to recoup these 4 IMPs on the next board and then, we had to wait until board 22 for more action:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♥
3NT	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Again, De Wijs-Muller attempted 3NT and again, it did not come off as the diamond finesse was wrong. Down two, Monaco +200.

West	North	East	South
Multon	Bas Drijver	Zimmermann	Brink
	3♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Brink's weak two at the other table kept everybody quiet except his partner, but with no game on, their down two for -100 in 3♥ added up to the 200 lost by their teammates: 7 IMPs to Monaco who thus regained the lead.

On the next board, it was Franck Multon who unsuccessfully attempted 3NT:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ 8 7										
	♥ 5 3 2										
	♦ Q 10 7 6 2										
	♣ 9 6 4										
♠ Q J 10 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 80px; height: 80px;"> <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 6 2
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♥ 7 4		♥ A K 10 9 8									
♦ A 3	♦ J 9 8 5										
♣ A K 8 7 5	♣ 10										
	♠ A K 4 3										
	♥ Q J 6										
	♦ K 4										
	♣ Q J 3 2										

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥	INT All Pass

Muller's reopening 2♥ got polite nodding all round. Netherlands +110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥	INT Pass

Zimmermann's 2♥ showed hearts and a minor, but not the certainty of the type of hand Multon needed. Though North led a low diamond to the king and ace, lack of communication meant that declarer could not establish tricks in all his suits and cash them too. One down, Netherlands +100 and 5 IMPs back to them.

On board 24, the Dutch scored an extra undertrick to regain the lead, by the odd IMP and then we had to wait until board 29 for more real action:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ K Q 3 2										
	♥ A 10 5 3										
	♦ 6										
	♣ Q 7 6 3										
♠ A J 5 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 80px; height: 80px;"> <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		♠ 10 8 6
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♥ Q 8 2		♥ J									
♦ K 9 7 3 2	♦ A Q 10 4										
♣ 9	♣ A J 10 5 4										
	♠ 9 7										
	♥ K 9 7 6 4										
	♦ J 8 5										
	♣ K 8 2										

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♣ 2♥	Pass All Pass	1♥

When declarer misguessed the trumps, he lost all he could afford: a spade, a heart, a diamond and two clubs. Monaco +110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Over North's 2♥ rebid, Zimmermann took action. When partner could produce only 3♠, East helped himself and the pair overboard by bidding on. On the obvious trump lead, down two and +500 to the Netherlands and 9 IMPs, the biggest swing of the session.

After 32 boards, the score stood at 62-56 to the Netherlands.

Segment 3

After one third of the scheduled number of boards, there was very little between the two teams, the Netherlands having just an 8-IMP lead. They lost it on the first board when they reached a slam in one room. The resulting 11-IMP swing saw Monaco into the lead by 3 IMPs: 67-64. Here is that board with the explanation of the Tarzan auction:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Strong Club and negative 1♦. 1♣ showed 18+ and 1♠ confirmed 0-5 hcp. 2♣ then was forcing to game and 2♥ showed spades. Over the 2♠ relay, 2NT showed hearts. When 3NT over the 3♣ relay confirmed five spades and

four hearts, Muller launched an aggressive natural slam try by bidding 4♥. Either major-suit king should be enough for a slam, was his reasoning.

Even on the actual layout, the slam was not without chances. Had South not led a diamond, the contract would probably have been made, but after Zimmermann's diamond lead, something nice for declarer might have happened in clubs, trumps or spades. Not this time, so going down was inevitable. Down two, Monaco +100.

In the other room, we saw a straightforward auction when Drijver opened a natural weak two, though Helness had a very nasty problem at his second turn which he did well to solve:

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
	2♦	Dble	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

One overtrick, Monaco +450.

The score had gone further up to 74-70 to Monaco (i.e. 4-3 to them over 10 boards) when board 12 arrived:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

The Dutch stopped in a partscore that might actually have gone down on a different layout. As the cards lay, making the contract was assured. It all ended up with an overtrick: Netherlands +170.

In the other room, E/W pressed on to game:

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led an unlucky ♣9, giving declarer an extra trick in the suit but this did not really help. At trick two, South won declarer's ♠9 with his ace and exited with another low club, dummy's king winning. Now declarer had a slim chance to make his game. He leads the ♥Q, which South must duck, then plays a diamond to his ten, coming to two

tricks in each suit and three diamonds. But when declarer played a diamond from dummy to his ace, followed by a spade to dummy's jack, which held the trick, there was still hope. But he could no longer make the contract when the spades did not break. He next tried the ♥Q from dummy, and South won his king and cashed out for one down. Netherlands +50 and 6 IMPs to lead 76-74.

The next board was probably the most complicated board of the set. You are in 3NT missing three aces but with all suits well stopped. When the defenders keep refusing to win their aces, you will often run into insoluble communication problems. That is exactly what happened when Multon and Zimmermann were the defenders.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♦ was nebulous and 2♦ was natural and forcing. Multon led a heart to dummy's jack and declarer next played the ♦K which (obviously) was allowed to hold. Dummy's ♣J was then taken by South's ace and the ♠9 came back, won by declarer in hand. South won the continuation of the ♥Q with his ace and returned another spade. Dummy won and cashed two good hearts but when the club continuation next lost to North's king, Multon could return a spade to establish the setting trick while still looking at his ♦A as the necessary entry. Monaco +100.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Helness	Brink
	Pass	1♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At the other table, North led the ♠J, won by Helgemo in hand. A low club went to the jack and South's ace and South returned a diamond to partner's ace. On the diamond return, dummy discarded a spade and declarer won South's ♦10 with his queen. Helgemo next played a low club, which brought down North's king. From here, declarer was in control as he would have time to unblock the ♣Q and establish the hearts, ending up with an overtrick. Monaco +630 and 12 IMPs to them to lead by 10.

In a similar position in the bronze-medal play-off, Alex Ornstein as West won the ♠J lead in dummy and led the ♦K ducked all round, then passed the ♣J. It was very hard for South to put up the ace; instead she let North win, and after much thought he returned ♣9. This was ducked round to declarer's queen. Reading the position, Ornstein drove out the heart ace, then cashed all the heart and spade winners to endplay North to lead diamonds back to declarer for the ninth trick.

The Monaco lead had gone down to just 8 IMPs when the last board came up:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
1♣	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

After the strong 1♣, North's 1♦ overcall showed one major, so South's 1♠ bid did not show any values. 2♠ then confirmed a natural raise.

To make 3NT, declarer has to drop the ♣Q doubleton offside, not an obvious line. Defending 4♠ doubled was a lot easier for E/W, even more so when declarer, after three rounds of clubs, ruffed in dummy and was over-ruffed by East with the ♠J. East returned a heart, taken by declarer in hand. When declarer played a spade to the ace, West had two trump tricks and the contract was four down for +800 to the Dutch.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♣	1♠	Dble	2♠
2NT	All Pass		

Even 2NT was too high when declarer won the spade lead, lost a trick to the ♣Q and got a spade back. He could make only five clubs and two spades before the defenders had their two remaining spades, a club and three top red tricks. Netherlands +100 and 14 IMPs back to them.

At halftime, the score stood at 92-86 to the Netherlands. Too close to call, as they would say in the USA.

Silence is Golden?

By Mark Horton

One of the toughest decisions for a defender is whether or not to make a Lightner double against a slam. On the one hand it might be the only way to defeat the contract, but against that you might persuade your opponents to run to 6NT.

Take a look at the deal from the final set:

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
4♣	Pass	4NT	3♠
5NT	Pass	6♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Realising that South was threatening to ruff something East moved to 6NT. He won the diamond lead perforce in dummy, came to hand with a heart and advanced the eight of clubs. When South played low without a care in the world declarer took his time before running it. His reward was +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Muller</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
4♠*	Pass	5♦	3♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North led the jack of spades and West won with the ace and played two rounds of clubs. North won with the king, but declarer had the rest, +1430 and a flat board.

Will South live to regret his double?

Hej!



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Senior Teams F - S4



USA v France

By Brent Manley

On the comeback trail

Halfway through the final of the Senior Teams, the match was not going as the USA had hoped. Outplayed by the French team, the Americans trailed 93-58. They were hoping to start the day on Saturday with better results. By and large, USA succeeded, outscoring their opponents 41-12 to get to within 6 IMPs.

For USA, Zia Mahmood and Jeff Meckstroth faced Pierre-Yves Guillaumin and Jean-Jacques Palau in the closed room. In the open room, it was Nicolas Dechellette and George Iontzeff for France against Reese Milner and Hemant Lall.

The first two boards were uninteresting pushes. Then:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Meckstroth	Palau	Zia
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Guillaumin's 2NT directed East to pick a minor.

Zia started with the ♦10 to declarer's ace. Aiming to ruff a spade in dummy, declarer played a spade from hand at trick two. Zia won with the ♠9 and gave Meckstroth a diamond ruff. Meckstroth continued with the ♠K, overtaken by Zia to give his partner another diamond ruff. Meckstroth exited with the ♠J, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer could not afford to try for a heart pitch on the ♦K because Meckstroth could have ruffed with the ♣K to promote Zia's ♣10 for three down. After considering his play for a time, Palau played a club to the king and ace, pulled Zia's trump and conceded two hearts for two down and minus 200. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Milner	Iontzeff	Lall	Dechellette
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South's 2♥ was obviously a spade raise. Considering North's jump to game, 2♥ was likely a better raise than a direct 2♠. Declarer could not avoid the loss of a heart, a diamond and two clubs, so the result was +50 for E/W, good for 6 IMPs to USA.

USA gave back 5 IMPs on the next board when the team was minus 100 at both tables, Zia going down in 4♣ and Lall one down in 3♥.

The next board, however, was USA's best result of the set

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Meckstroth	Palau	Zia
3♣*	Pass	Pass	1♠
	3♠	4♥	All Pass

West's 3♣ showed hearts and a minor, à la the Michaels cuebid.

Palau ruffed the opening lead of the ♠A, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club, then played a diamond to the king and ace, followed by a heart to the king and a heart to the ace. He lost only a trump trick for plus 480. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Milner	Iontzeff	Lall	Dechellette
2♠	Pass	Pass	1♠
4♠	3♠	4♥	Pass
Rdbl	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
	All Pass		

Milner's 2♠ was the Michaels cuebid: hearts and a minor. When Lall could bid freely over 3♠, Milner got excited. When his 4♠ bid was doubled and he redoubled to show first-round control, Lall stepped up with his own control bid (he did have second-round control in clubs), which was enough for Milner to put his partner in slam.

Dechellette led a sneaky ♠J, ruffed in dummy. Lall cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, then played the ♥10 to North's

queen. Lall won the heart return and played a diamond, covering the jack with the queen. When it held, he pulled trumps and claimed plus 980, an 11-IMP swing for USA.

On this deal, the Americans went plus at both tables to earn another 7 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ — ♥ Q 8 5 3 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ J 10 6 5 4 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A J 9 6 ♣ 7	♠ Q J 9 8 ♥ K 9 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A K Q 9 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2♥	2NT*	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

2NT Relay to 3♣

Zia had no trouble with this contract, losing a heart and two diamonds for plus 130. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>lontzeff</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Dechellette</i>
2♥*	All Pass		INT
2♥	Hearts and a minor		

lontzeff led the ♣J to South's queen, which was followed by the ♥9: 10, queen, 2. Milner won the heart return with the ace, cashed the jack and conceded a spade and a heart for plus 140.

Another 7 IMPs went to USA on this board when Lall brought home a difficult contract.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ K Q 6 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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	♠ J 5 ♥ K Q ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ A J 10 5 2	♠ 4 3 2 ♥ A J 7 3 2 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ 8 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Dble	Pass	1♣	1♥
		INT	All Pass

Palau managed eight tricks for plus 120. At the other table, Lall had a more challenging task.

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>lontzeff</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Dechellette</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Dechellette started with a low heart to the 9 and Lall's queen. At trick two, Lall played a diamond to dummy's queen, followed by the ♣9, which held the trick when lontzeff followed low. Lall thought for a long time before playing the ♥K from hand. South won the ♥A and exited with a spade, ducked by Lall. North won the ♠Q and got out with the ♣K. Lall took the ace, cashed the ♠J and played a low diamond. South went up with the ace and cashed the ♥J, but dummy was now good and Dechellette had to play to one of dummy's good suits. Lall lost two hearts, a spade and a diamond for plus 400.

The final two boards were pushes. The score was 105-99 for France with 32 boards to play.



Georges Lontzeff, France



Women's Teams F - S4



USA v France

By Micke Melander

The case of the unlucky Four Spades (parts I, II, II)

Halfway through the battle of the Women's series, we had noted that the USA clearly won the first and third segment while the French kicked back in the second. Would the French team be able to make a comeback in time to make it the expected thriller in the end? They had a lot to do since they were down 127-84.

declarer. Palmer correctly returned the ten of spades, which went to South's queen, but when Shi returned a club instead of diamonds it was all over. Clearly she thought that it was partner who held two clubs and not declarer, but that hardly seems consistent with the earlier play. Anyway, declarer got her ruff and discard, and when she could pitch a spade from dummy it was easy to claim for 140. 8 IMPs to France.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Reess	Palmer	Zochowska	Shi
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♣
3♥	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
S.-Molson	Frey	Sokolow	D'Ovidio
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When North opened the bidding in the Open Room and South was able to compete, the French weren't even close to bidding game. By contrast, Tobi Sokolow just blasted game aggressively in their Drury auction when they had no interference from their opponents. Neither East nor West had held back. Against Four Hearts, South led the king of spades. Declarer won with the ace to cash ace-king of trumps. When the queen didn't fall, declarer was down since she had a spade, two clubs and a trump loser. She even had to lose to the offside king of diamonds. Two down wasn't the start they were looking for.

In the open room, Sylvia Shi kicked off with a trump, straight into declarer's tenace. With two spades, a diamond and two club losers it looked like a very difficult task to make even Three Hearts even after that opening lead.

Zochowska immediately tried the diamond finesse. North won and switched to the queen of clubs, and when that held she also cashed the ace. So far so good for the defense, as they were still in time to play spades through

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Reess	Palmer	Zochowska	Shi
		1♣	1♠
Dble	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Dble	4♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
S.-Molson	Frey	Sokolow	D'Ovidio
		1♣	1♠
2♥	3♦	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Against Four Diamonds doubled, Reess led a heart, and when the defence cashed out the ace of hearts and clubs there was no way for declarer to avoid two diamond losers for one down. In the closed room, one might wonder what would have happened if East had passed Three Diamonds instead of slipping Three Hearts onto the tray? When South now bid Three Spades and West bid game in hearts, North probably feared that partner might have doubled Four Hearts, raised to Four Spades before partner stood the chance to double and then East went for business!

To be able to defeat the contract the maximum, West had to play trumps to make sure that declarer couldn't ruff her clubs. Seamon-Molson cashed the ace of clubs and wisely

shifted to a trump, which went to the ten and declarer's king. Declarer was still down because she could ruff only one of her clubs and needed to play hearts twice up to her hand, which was impossible.

Declarer ruffed her club and called for a heart. East went up with the ace and, for reasons unknown, returned the queen of hearts! Declarer could now win with the king, cash the ace of spades and, when the queen fell, cash all her remaining winners for 590 and 12 IMPs to France. Declarer would have been set three tricks on a trump lead.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

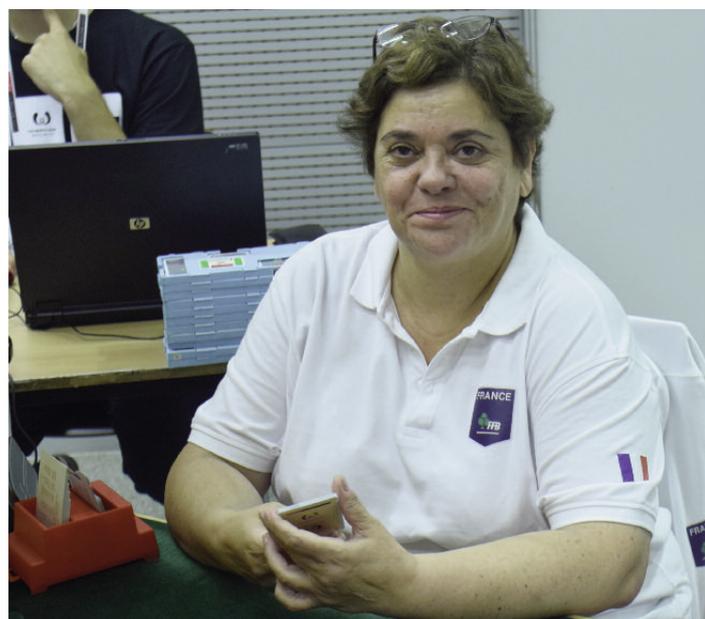
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W							
S							
E							

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Reess	Palmer	Zochowska	Shi
2♥	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	Dble

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
S.-Molson	Frey	Sokolow	D'Ovidio
2♥*	All Pass		INT



Catherine d'Ovidio, France

Shi's take-out over Two Hearts worked even better than she might have expected; and North was probably very surprised to see AKQ93 coming up as trump support when dummy was laid down on the table. Could or should West have balanced with a double here? The deal was quickly over after the defense led the six of hearts to the nine, ten and queen. Declarer simply pulled one round of trumps and claimed ten tricks for 130.

In the closed room, Seamon-Molson got the jack of clubs lead, South overtook with the queen and returned a helpful nine of hearts for declarer, who just covered with the jack. North won with the queen and fired back another heart to the king and declarer's ace, aiming at pulling dummy's last trump so declarer couldn't ruff any clubs

The defense still had a trump and a spade to score, so it was 140 for USA in the closed room, which in the end created 7 IMPs. A 4♣ contract looks just too hard, but wouldn't you rather go minus 100 there than defend to 3♣ for minus 130?

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Reess	Palmer	Zochowska	Shi
All Pass	Pass	Pass	INT

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
S.-Molson	Frey	Sokolow	D'Ovidio
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The French were somewhat unlucky, since Four Spades was a fine contract. It looks at first as though you have a club and a trump loser and you only need one of two finesses in the red suits to be there. If the defense would be so kind as to allow you to keep the ace of hearts, you might not even have to finesse in hearts since you may set up your diamonds to get your 10 tricks.

D'Ovidio got the expected club led from West, East's king holding the trick. Sokolow saw that declarer aimed at ruffing a club in dummy, so she shifted to a trump, not the



Joanna Zochowska, France

killing diamond. This went to the ace. A heart would have been the last legitimate shot for the defenders, but another club came back from West: nine, jack and declarer's ace. D'Ovidio ruffed her last club in dummy. Why she didn't just pull trumps and give away a diamond is a real mystery. Instead she pulled trumps and took both losing red-suit finesses. Declarer was probably just tired – as all of us are at this moment of the tournament.

Shi who just some minutes before had opened INT with 4-2-2-5 distribution, again chose that as an opening bid. That silenced all, including partner, leaving them in an inelegant contract. When the French defenders attacked clubs, declarer had no way of getting more than seven tricks and ran for them as soon as she had the chance. USA gained 4 lucky IMPs.

If the French were unlucky on the previous board, they surely got it back on this one, when it was the American team that had to face the "unlucky club."

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Reess	Palmer	Zochowska	Shi
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Closed Room:

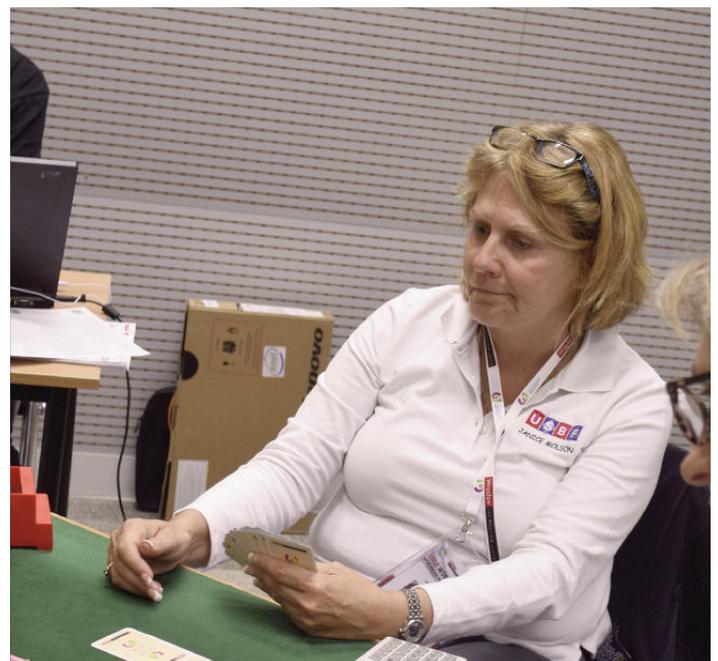
West	North	East	South
S.-Molson	Frey	Sokolow	D'Ovidio
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Again, Four Spades was a very reasonable contract, where on a normal day you would hope to have a trump, a heart and maybe a diamond loser, but the French stopped in just Two Spades. Zochowska, with no wasted values, should perhaps have jumped to Three Spades to make a stronger invitational game try to her partner. Zochowska got the three of hearts lead, and was probably angry over just being in Two Spades when dummy arrived and she saw the lead.

North correctly allowed the eight of hearts to hold the trick, to freeze the suit. Declarer ran the ten of spades to South's jack. A diamond came back and declarer tried the finesse, which lost to North's king. Finally, a club arrived from the defense. Declarer ruffed and played the king of spades, South captured it with the ace and exited with a club. Declarer ruffed, pulled trumps but eventually had to give away a trick in hearts when she couldn't get rid of that loser: +140.

Sokolow got a really mean defense against her Four Spades. D'Ovidio kicked off with the jack of clubs. Declarer ruffed and tried the diamond finesse, but North won with the king and not surprisingly led back another round of clubs, tapping declarer's trumps. A heart to the nine and North's king followed and a third round of clubs. With just KQ9 left in trumps having AJ7 behind her, she had now lost control of the trump suit and was bound for two down. 6 IMPs to France.

Some more small swings went here and there in the segment, which ended 37-22 to France. This meant that they had narrowed the gap between the two teams to leave the standings 149-121 to USA.



Janice Seamon-Molson, USA



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Senior Teams F - S5

USA v France



By Ram Soffer

Over the first two sessions of this match, France held a commanding lead, with the USA scoring a record low of 14 IMPs during the first 32 boards. One would have expected a comeback from the heavy favourites, and they did cut their opponents' lead to 6 IMPs by the end of the fourth session.

In the first board of the fifth session, that slender lead was wiped out.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Meckstroth	Palau	Zia
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Schmidt	Martel	Toffier
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At both tables, North-South arrived at 3NT after similar auctions.

Guillaumin led his fourth-best diamond. Zia won with ♦9 and cunningly played a low heart. West played low, hoping that his partner held the ♥A. This error was all Zia needed – one of West's two heart tricks disappeared. Declarer had enough club entries to clear the heart suit and enjoy his winners on the way to 10 tricks.

In the replay, the lead was the same, but Toffier played a club to dummy's ace at trick two, followed by a low club from dummy. Martel won this trick and returned a diamond. Declarer tried spades next. Martel won and returned a heart, ducked by declarer. Hamman continued hearts, and the defence already had five tricks: two spades, two hearts and a club. That was 10 important IMPs to USA.

The next board was more of the same: The defence was

accurate at one table only.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Meckstroth	Palau	Zia
		Pass	1♥
1♠	3♣	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Schmidt	Martel	Toffier
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2NT	3♠	All Pass

Once again, the auctions were similar. Both 2NT and 3♣ were artificial heart raises, and in both cases South refrained from bidding 4♥, and rightly so.

North-South's problem was how to defeat 3♠. Meckstroth-Zia made it look easy: ♥K lead, ducked, and a good switch to ♦9, telling partner that there was no future in that suit. By a simple process of elimination, Zia arrived at the ♣K switch, getting his club ruff before declarer had time to draw trumps. USA +50.

At the other table Schmidt also led ♥K, but he continued the suit, allowing declarer to finesse hearts and discard a club immediately. Afterwards, Hamman led a diamond up to his king, ruffed a diamond and took the spade finesse. Everything behaved well and the contract made. USA +140 and another 5 IMPs.

Why did Schmidt continue hearts? Was he confused by South's card to the first trick, the ♥10? True, the French play standard count and attitude, but in that situation the count was already obvious from the bidding and the play to the first trick, so a suit-preference signal was called for. It seems that Toffier did the right thing by playing a high spot card, asking for a diamond switch.

France immediately got 4 IMPs back by defeating a 2♣ contract that was made in the other room. On the next board, it was 3 IMPs to the USA when Zia doubled an invitational auction to 4♥ holding Q J 10 8 of trumps. He was right: there was no way to make the contract, so it was

+200 to USA against +100 to France in 4♥ undoubled (the Americans did not invite).

After two pushes, two more big swings arrived. As you can guess, it was all one-way traffic.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Zia</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Toffier</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This time there was an essential difference between the two auctions. Palau responded 1♥, prompting a 1♠ rebid from his partner, so he became declarer in 3NT.

On the other hand, Martel responded 1♦ and Hamman's rebid was INT. Indeed, many experts recommend to skip diamonds with weak responding hands, but to show the suit up-the-line with game-going values.

According to such philosophy, West shouldn't bid 1♠, as East can have spades only with a strong hand, in which case the spade fit may be discovered in due time. Indeed, Martel used a 2♦ game-forcing relay (part of two-way checkback, a common modern convention), after which Hamman showed his four-card major, which did not fit his partner's major, so they played 3NT.

Once again, Meckstroth-Zia made the defence look easy: club lead, clearing the suit in three rounds, then the diamond finesse is unsuccessful and South wins three more tricks. Frankly, the French pair would probably have defended the same way had South been on lead. But it was North on lead, so clubs were not an option. Schmidt led his fourth-best spade. Hamman's ♠J won, and he finessed diamonds. South won ♦K and continued with a spade to dummy's ace. Declarer cashed ♥A and ♥Q and all of his diamond tricks before starting clubs. North's two black kings won, but eventually South had to give dummy the thirteenth trick in clubs. That was 12 more IMPs to the USA.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 8 3 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ J 9 6 4	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ A Q 10 7 4 ♣ A	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Zia</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Toffier</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Finally we have two totally different auctions. Guillaumin opened INT (15-17). 2♣ was Stayman, and 3♦ was natural and forcing. The problem of the French pair was that they didn't locate any fit, and their values were too slim for a 6NT contract. Perhaps West could bid 3♥ instead of 3NT (3♠ would have shown a spade fit), but I doubt whether this would have led them to slam.

Hamman opened 1♥, and I fully agree with his choice – this 17 HCP hand with 7 controls and nice five-card suit is too good for INT. After partner's 2♦ (forcing to game), Hamman was not in a hurry to show his values, and he bid 2NT. Martel's 4♥ indicated a minimal hand, but Hamman was not stopping at the game level. This pair uses RKC 0314 plus kickback, which means that over 4♥, 4♠ would have asked for keycards, while Hamman's 4NT was a spade cue-bid. Martel responded with his own club cue-bid, which was all Hamman needed to bid the slam. After all, his ♦Kx were golden cards after partner's natural 2♦ bid.

To make 6♥, declarer needs hearts to be 3-2 and diamonds no worse than 4-2. Hamman won the club lead in dummy, cashed ♥AK and played on diamonds, disposing of his losing spades. His plan would have worked even in case North had jack-fourth of diamonds together with his guarded ♥Q. That was +980 and a well-deserved 10-IMP swing.

The USA team already had a substantial lead, but they pressed on. In board 10 they were somewhat lucky when the French ran into a 5-0 break in a 4♠ contract (played in a 5-3 fit) while Meckstroth-Zia elected to play in 3NT. In addition, Martel doubled a 3♥ transfer bid with ♥QJ107,

helping Hamman to find the heart lead, without which 4♠ would have been makeable despite the bad break.

The final big blow of the session came two boards later:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 3 ♥ Q 9 5 3 ♦ A 7 6 5 4 ♣ 9 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: none;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 9 6 ♥ A J 10 6 ♦ 2 ♣ A K 8 6 4 3	♠ K J 8 2 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ Q J 2
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S							
	♠ A Q 10 5 4 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q J 9 3 ♣ 10 7						

West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	1♣	Dble	1♠
2♥	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Toffier</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

East had 13 flat HCP, not vulnerable. Palau decided that a takeout double was OK, while Martel abstained from bidding.

The contrast could not have been more dramatic. At Martel's table, the bidding died out at 2♣, making with an overtrick, apparently an uninteresting result.

However, Palau's partner took his intervention seriously and fought hard for the contract, first of all by showing his four-card major at level two, and then by bidding his longer minor at level three. This was too much for Zia, and the red card appeared on the table.

Carnage followed: Zia-Meckstroth started with four black-suit top tricks. Then South played a spade, ruffed by North's ♦2 after declarer's heart discard. The next club was ruffed by the ♦J. Declarer over-ruffed and continued diamonds. Two more tricks in each red suit still had to be conceded. So the doubled contract failed by five tricks, +1100 and 14 more IMPs to the USA.

True, declarer might have saved a trick with better play, but the main culprit seems to be East's takeout double, which is more suitable to matchpoint play, where one would accept an occasional -1100 in order to fight more often for the part-score.

By the end of the session, the USA led by 170 to 119, a lead of 51 – exactly the same lead that France had after the second set – and yet another world title seemed likely.

Sure Thing

By Mark Horton

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ — ♥ 6 2 ♦ J 9 8 7 6 ♣ K 10 8 7 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: none;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A 10 9 7 2 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ 10 3 ♣ Q 9 5	♠ K Q 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 7 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 3 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	3♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠
3♥	Transfer		

West led the eight of diamonds and when declarer put up dummy's ten it held. His next move was to cash the ace of spades, on which West discarded the four of clubs. Declarer continued with dummy's two of spades but East did not go in with an honour and now declarer realised he was in trouble. He tried to cash two diamonds, but East ruffed the third round, cashed the king of spades and switched to a club, one down, -100.

Declarer was unlucky that spades were 5-0 - but having been gifted a trick on the lead starting with dummy's two of spades is a sure tricks play.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Muller</i>
2NT*	3♥*	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♠	Dble	3♠
			All Pass

Here West led the six of diamonds and once again declarer won with dummy's ten. His next move was the two of spades, which left East with no good move. preserving the extra entry in spades meant declarer could play as if he were in no trumps, losing only two trump tricks and a club.

Doubtless you will have observed that if West leads a heart, not surrendering a trick the contract must fail.

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Open Teams F - S5

Monaco v Netherlands

By Jos Jacobs

The teams went into the fifth segment with the Netherlands leading by 18. After two small swings, one in each direction, the swing on board 5 was more substantial:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 5 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ J 10 7 4		♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ K Q 9	♠ K J 9 ♥ J 9 7 3 ♦ J 9 7 4 ♣ A 5
West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Multon</i> INT	East <i>Bas Drijver</i> Pass	South <i>Zimmermann</i> 2NT

All Pass

To my surprise, Zimmermann did not use Stayman but made a simple raise with his balanced 8-count. When Multon duly made the required eight tricks, his decision proved quite right – even more so when we take into account what happened in the other room.

Drijver led a heart, dummy played low and Multon allowed West's king to win the trick. Dummy won the next heart perforce and a club went to declarer's king and East's ace. Back came a heart to declarer's ace and Multon next took a successful spade finesse. When he went on to clear the spades, East could take his established heart but his diamond return meant declarer immediately had his eight tricks. Monaco +120.

West <i>Helgemo</i> Pass All Pass	North <i>De Wijs</i> INT 2♠	East <i>Helness</i> Pass Pass	South <i>Muller</i> 2♣ 3♠
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From the auction in the other room, you can see the difference. Once opener shows four spades, you want to make an invitational, bid, which might bring you to a dangerous level.

East led a diamond to the king and ace, and declarer played a heart to the queen and king. A diamond came back to declarer's queen and declarer led a trump to dummy's queen, which held. Desperately trying to make his contract, declarer then led a heart from dummy, inserting his ten when West played low. East won his jack and cashed a diamond trick, West ruffing with the ♠10 and declarer

discarding the ♣9. West continued a club to East's ace and East's trump trick then put the contract down two for another +200 and a possibly precious 8-IMP swing back to Monaco.

On board 8, Brink-Drijver got to a slam in their typical aggressive style:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 7 6 ♥ A K 6 4 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ K 10 3		♠ Q 8 3 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ J 9 6 4	♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ A Q 10 7 4 ♣ A
West <i>Brink</i>	North <i>Multon</i>	East <i>Bas Drijver</i>	South <i>Zimmermann</i>

East's 2♣ was general relay and 4♣ was a heart splinter, 5♣ confirming first-round control.

On a spade lead from North (not easy, I admit), play would have been over very quickly as declarer would have little option but to play for trumps 3-2 and diamonds 3-3 or possibly 4-2 with North.

On the actual ♦3 lead, Brink won the king in hand and cashed the ♥A. When South played the ♥10, Brink gave this a good look before cashing his other top trump. When the diamonds behaved nicely, he had his twelve tricks. Netherlands +980.

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>De Wijs</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
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The bidding had made it clear that the spades were not too well covered, so the Monegasques refrained from further exploring a slam. Monaco +480, also on a diamond lead, but 11 IMPs for the Netherlands..

Two boards later, the declarers ran into a very bad trump

split.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ — ♥ 6 2 ♦ J 9 8 7 6 ♣ K 10 8 7 6 4	<table border="1" style="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</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	♠ A 10 9 7 2 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ 10 3 ♣ Q 9 5	♠ K Q 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 7 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 3 2
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S							
		♠ J 8 5 ♥ A 9 4 3 ♦ A K Q 5 ♣ A J					

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	3♠
			All Pass

When West led a diamond, dummy's ten won the trick. Zimmermann then played the ♠A. When the trumps proved 5-0, there was no way back. East ducked the next trump but when he was able to ruff the third round of diamonds low and then cash a top trump, West's ♣K became the setting trick. Netherlands +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Muller</i>
2NT	3♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
		Dble	All Pass



Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco

2NT showed minors and 3♥ showed spades. Helness could not resist temptation and Helgemo led a diamond, though a heart would have been much better. When dummy's ♦10 held, Muller immediately led a low trump from dummy. East jumped in with the queen and returned a diamond to declarer's ace. Muller then ran the ♠J which held, and followed this with the ♠9 which East won with his king. As he was in full control now, Muller could win the club return with his ace, cross to the ♥K, draw the remaining trumps and claim his 10 tricks. Netherlands +790 and 13 more IMPs.

This board also caused a big swing in the Mixed Teams Final. The Russian N/S managed to get as high as 6♠, a contract not without play on a more normal trump break. In the other room, the Dutch ended up in 4♠ doubled which was duly defeated on a heart lead. Down three as opposed to down one still brought the Dutch 12 IMPs in their rally. At this point, the Dutch led by 36.

Two more overtricks saw the Dutch lead up to 38 when the last board of the set arrived:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 5 ♥ J 10 9 8 4 2 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ A	<table border="1" style="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</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	♠ J 8 7 6 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 8 7 3 2 ♣ 7 3	♠ Q ♥ A K Q 7 6 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ K Q J 9
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		♠ K 9 4 2 ♥ 5 ♦ A K ♣ 10 8 6 5 4 2					

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

In a sense, Brink-Drijver did well in not going to 5♥, off three quick diamond losers.

One down, Netherlands +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	All Pass

3NT showed hearts and East's pass over 4♠ was alerted as forcing. So when Helgemo went on, the pair landed in 5♥ which was both too high and cold. They were off three diamond losers but the defence could not cash them... Monaco an unexpected +650 but 11 badly needed IMPs back.

The score with 16 boards to go thus read: 145-118 to the Netherlands.

Mixed Teams F - S5

Netherlands v Russia

By Jos Jacobs

At the start of the fifth segment, Russia were looking at a comfortable lead of 37 IMPs. They added 7 more to it when the Dutch overbid on the first board of the set and ran into a bad break

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Ritmeijer	Ponomareva	Tichá
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All pass	

No double, no trouble. Down four as declarer misguessed the rest of the play on a friendly diamond lead. Russia +200 and a missed chance to score heavily.

West	North	East	South
J Jansma	Matushko	A Jansma	Gulevich
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
All pass	2♣	Pass	3♣



Richard Ritmeijer, Netherlands



Magdalena Ticha, Netherlands

A decent auction to a good contract. Russia +110 and 7 more IMPs to them.

On board 7, the Dutch dealt their opponents the first of three heavy blows during this segment.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Ritmeijer	Ponomareva	Tichá
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Believe it or not, Ritmeijer found what might be called the lead of the tournament against 3NT: the ♣K!

When he simply continued the suit, the contract could no longer be made as partner was looking at three more club tricks together with the vital ♦K. Netherlands +100.

West	North	East	South
J Jansma	Matushko	A Jansma	Gulevich
1♣!	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All pass

On the more normal low spade lead from North, declarer had no problems: Netherlands +630 and 12 IMPs to them.

On board 10, as I already told you in my Monaco-Netherlands report about this segment, the Dutch scored another 12 IMPs, and then there was board 13:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 4 ♥ A K ♦ 10 9 7 3 ♣ 8 7 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></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		♠ A Q 5 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ A Q 9 6	♠ K 7 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K Q 6 2 ♣ K J 5 2
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Both teams were in the pretty normal 4♥ by South after an unrevealing auction and both Wests led their ♥A and ♥K. As you can see, a diamond shift now is vital as the losing diamond might disappear on the 13th spade. Jan Jansma found the shift but Dubinin did not. Another 12 IMPs to the Netherlands, who were suddenly trailing by just 2 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dubinin	Ritmeijer	Ponomareva	Tichá
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led a top heart and continued with the ♣10, which ran to declarer's king. Declarer led a diamond but East flew in with her ace and played the ♣9 to dummy's ace. Declarer tried to cash two top diamonds but East ruffed the second one. She exited with a club, declarer ruffing and playing a trump back. In the end, declarer lost a spade trick as well for down two. Russia +500.

West	North	East	South
J Jansma	Matushko	A Jansma	Gulevich
1♠	2♥	All pass	1♦

The same contract in the other room, but undoubled and with a favourable lead for declarer; the ♠K Matushko thus escaped for only one down and Russia had gained 9 IMPs.

On the final board of the set, the Russians did not fully exploit the advantage of the diamond blockage:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 5 ♥ J 10 9 8 4 2 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ A	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></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		♠ J 8 7 6 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 8 7 3 2 ♣ 7 3	♠ Q ♥ A K Q 7 6 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ K Q J 9
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West	North	East	South
Dubinin	Ritmeijer	Ponomareva	Tichá
Pass	2♠	Dble	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

After the two-suited opening by North (spades-minor), the Russian bidding reached dazzling heights.

Five Hearts was already too high (see my Monaco-Netherlands report) but 6♥ was a contract that effectively could be beaten at the table as well. Tichá expressed her opinion accordingly and cashed out, being the player on lead. Netherlands +200.

West	North	East	South
J Jansma	Matushko	A Jansma	Gulevich
Pass	2♠	Dble	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All pass			

Gulevich was right to sacrifice against 5♥ after her partner made the same two-suited opening bid as at the other table. When nobody doubled, she was down two at a cost of a mere 100 points. Still, the Dutch recouped 7 IMPs to go into the last segment trailing only by 4 IMPs. They had staged a fine recovery, no matter what the final outcome of the match would be.

Women's Pairs Final Session 6

By Ram Soffer

At the end of the first day of the Women's Pairs final, two out of the 18 pairs were fighting for the lead: Adi Asulin-Hila-Levi (Israel) and Justyna Zmuda-Katarzyna Dufrat (Poland), with all the others some way behind. I was following the Polish pair towards the end of the sixth session – at that time they were leading the tournament.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 ♥ A K 9 4 3 ♦ 10 6 ♣ 10 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		♠ J 10 9 4 2 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ J	♠ A Q 6 5 3 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ J 7 4 2 ♣ 5
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West	North	East	South
Yang	Zmuda	Li	Dufrat
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The bidding to 3NT was normal, and East led the unbid suit: ♥6 (MUD). Looking at 52 cards, it is obvious that declarer was in trouble. The club suit was blocked, and dummy had no side entry. Therefore by winning ♥K and returning a low heart (or even ducking the first trick) West could defeat the contract by two tricks.

However, one must remember a very important detail: the game was scored by matchpoints, not IMPs. Neither defender could be sure that clubs were not ready to run!



Katarzyna Dufrat, Poland



Justyna Zmuda, Poland

Thus the East-West pair hit “panic mode”, trying to win as many quick tricks as possible before declarer could (supposedly) run seven club tricks. West cashed two top hearts (after which the contract could no longer be defeated) and switched to spades. Yang-Li managed to prevent overtricks, when they should have tried to defeat the contract. Plus 400 was worth 87.5% for the Polish pair.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yang	Zmuda	Li	Dufrat
	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass		All Pass	

This was a hand evaluation problem for Zmuda. She opened 1♥ with 16 HCP and her partner splintered in diamonds after being a passed hand. Despite the extras and lack of obvious wasted valued such as ♦K/Q/J, the hand had several flaws, the most important of which was the fact that only one diamond ruff in dummy would have been possible, which means that the value of South's singleton would be less than expected. In addition, ♣J and ♠Q were not prime cards. The decision to stop at 4♥ worked: against normal defence declarer must lose a trick in each black suit.

The final score was +650, as expected. North-South received only 7 out of 16 matchpoints, since two East-West pairs defended poorly against 4♥ and conceded 680, while only one North-South pair went down in slam.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Luessman	Zmuda	Smykalla
Dble 3NT	2♠ All Pas	3♣	INT Pass

South's weak INT opening couldn't prevent their opponents from reaching the best contract. Dufrat had lots of extras for her initial double, so she had an easy bid of 3NT over her partner's competitive 3♣ bid.

North didn't see any point in leading her weak long suit, so she selected the ♥6 in an attempt to find partner's longest suit. The lead was not helpful to the defence, but at least it didn't give away any tricks. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the jack when South played low. Two more rounds of diamonds cleared the suit. South switched to ♠J, but declarer won with her ♠Q. Next she entered dummy in hearts, cashed her winning diamonds and led a club up. Perhaps South imagined her partner holding ♥Q. She ducked the club in an attempt to win two tricks in the suit, and lost the only trick to which she was entitled to at that point. +490 was a shared top (93.75%) for Zmuda-Dufrat.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 5 ♥ 7 5 3 2 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ K 8 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		♠ 10 ♥ K Q 9 6 ♦ J 9 3 ♣ A 10 9 6 2	♠ J 6 2 ♥ A J ♦ Q 10 8 4 ♣ Q J 7 5 ♠ K 9 8 7 4 3 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ A K 5 ♣ 4
	N											
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West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Luessman	Zmuda	Smykalla
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

East opened a Polish 2♣ (6+ clubs or 5+ clubs with a 4-card major) somewhat lightly at third seat, favourable vulnerability.

Facing a passed hand, South refrained from overcalling 2♠ on a mediocre six-card suit with marginal values. Such a decision would have been clearer had the scoring been IMPs. As a result, North-South lost the battle for the part-score. The favourable lie in hearts enabled Zmuda to lose only one trump trick and make her contract. Plus 110 was worth 75% of the matchpoints for East-West.

One may envision South overcalling 2♠, and North inviting a game before settling at 3♠ for +140. This is the ideal scenario for North-South. At some tables they overbid to 4♠, but in the pairs game minus 100 is significantly better than minus 110.

The following round was of double importance due to the direct confrontation between the two leading pairs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levi	Dufrat	Asulin	Zmuda
3NT	Pass	1♦	1♠
	All Pass		

The eternal question: Is it worthwhile to lead partner's suit after her LHO bid a confident sounding 3NT, or is it better to surprise the adversary with a good suit of our own?

The average player would be advised to trust his partner's suit, but in world championship play there are hardly any rigid rules – such decisions are a matter of judgement.

In this case, Dufrat's decision to lead her own suit cost the Polish pair several valuable matchpoints against its main rival. Credit also goes to Hila Levi for fully exploiting this unfortunate lead. She won the ♣Q at trick one, played a high diamond and followed up by a heart to her king (of course, after the club lead, South was marked with the ♥A). Another diamond to dummy followed, and this time a spade was led up. Zmuda's king was ducked. South's club switch was too late: declarer won her ♣A, ran dummy's diamonds and finished with a spade finesse. This nice play brought Levi-Asulin 15 out of 16 matchpoints, once again

taking the lead.

However, in the final board of the session, Zmuda-Dufrat got an excellent score by making the right choice of game.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levi	Dufrat	Asulin	Zmuda
		Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ was Polish: natural, 12-14 balanced, or strong. Levi overcalled 1♦, and Dufrat's double was a transfer to hearts. Then South's 2♦ indicated the strong variety of the Polish 1♣. North's 3♣ was alerted, probably a checkback. At this point, Zmuda was supposed to show three-card support by bidding 3♥, but she displayed superior judgement by bidding 3NT. She reckoned correctly that her diamond values would be of little significance in a heart contract.

Four Hearts was bid at 5 out of 9 tables in the Women's Pairs, sometimes just made, sometimes going down, but 3NT was much better because declarer can make 10 tricks against any defence. For example, after a diamond lead declarer just continues the suit and makes five hearts, two diamonds, two spades and one club.

But the fight was not yet over. Hila Levi found an inspired ♣5 lead, and now a routine ♣Q play would have allowed the defence to restrict declarer to nine tricks. But Zmuda, up to the task, played small from dummy. Asulin won the trick with ♣K, but afterwards the defence could score no more than the ♦A Q. A well-played board by both sides, but 13 out of 16 matchpoints went to Zmuda-Dufrat.

At the end of the session, the two leading pairs were tied at 56.65% with 40 more boards to play.

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