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MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Pairs Final Standings

Rank	IMPs	Pair #	Pair
1	902.52	16	Robert Levin - Steve Weinstein
2	893.68	10	Billy Miller - Curtis Cheek
3	533.49	5	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith
4	493.89	18	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson
5	354.27	7	Paul Chemla - Christian Mari
6	301.06	8	Harry Tudor - Gary Cohler
7	191.76	2	Joseph Jabon - Aidan Ballantyne
8	145.55	15	Bill Eisenberg - Frederick Hamilton
9	131.13	20	Andrea Buratti - Massimo Lanzarotti
10	117.55	4	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis
11	107.65	12	Kerri Sanborn - Stephen Sanborn
12	87.90	17	Shawn Quinn - Mildred Breed
13	29.32	11	Mike Passell - Eddie Wold
14	-81.01	14	Gunnar Halberg - William Whittaker
15	-173.48	19	Grant Baze - Michael Whitman
16	-176.96	9	Mike Cornell - Ashley Bach
17	-183.24	3	Bart Bramley - Sidney Lazard Sr
17	-260.13	13	Roger Bates - Daniel Mordecai
18	-278.13	6	Adam Wildavsky - Dan Morse
20	-384.06	1	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel

WBP Pair Final Standings

Rank	IMPs	Pair #	Pair
1	967.56	7	Dan Jacob - Rob Crawford
2	566.89	9	Brenda Jacobus - Dennis Clerkin
3	335.00	20	Leonard Ernst - Richard Halperin
4	232.00	14	Colby Vernay - Barry Schaffer
5	136.89	3	Reese Milner - Disa Cheek
6	125.00	6	John Jeffrey - Jeffrey Gargrave
7	109.00	11	Kyle Larsen - Dennis Sorensen
8	107.89	1	Gene Freed - Louise Childs
9	88.00	5	Kishore Anand - Chassan Menachi
10	39.11	12	Gerald Sosler - Antonio Sementa
11	33.00	17	Rose Johnson-Meltzer - Jo Morse
12	-11.11	13	Joe Elsbury - Peggy Sutherland
13	-97.00	19	Jan Martel - JoAnna Stansby
14	-124.11	21	David Yates - Michael McNamara
15	-143.89	22	John Lowenthal - Gail Stanhope
16	-223.89	4	John Gowdy - William Curtis
17	-245.89	2	Bruce Ferguson - Charlton Buckley
18	-322.00	8	Mike Lucas - Robert Schwartz
19	-323.89	16	Allen Hawkins Jr - Steven Goldberg
20	-368.00	15	John Solodar - Judith Weisman
21	-385.00	10	Lorne Russell - Si Dombu
22	-565.56	18	Maurice Friedman - Larry Cohen

MSN Gaming Zone Cavendish Pairs Non-qualifying Final Standings

Rank	IMPs	Pair #	Pair
1	2130.23	34	Enza Rossano - Antonio Vivaldi
2	1706.06	6	Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson
3	1459.08	10	Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz
4	1427.75	3	Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss
5	1072.50	38	Eric Rodwell - Robin Klar
6	893.41	15	Perry Johnson - Jeff Meckstroth
7	762.00	24	George Mittelman - Henry Mansell
8	711.95	32	Bob Hamman - Nick Nickell
9	556.08	41	Zia Mahmood - Gabriel Chagas
10	541.28	28	Sam Lev - Barnet Shenkin
11	523.62	1	Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace
12	487.49	30	Gaylor Kasle - George Steiner
13	420.60	27	Andrew Robson - Rita Shugart
14	415.87	4	Hector Camberos - Pablo Lambardi
15	395.35	11	Ishmael Del'Monte - Lionel Wright
16	295.34	17	Brian Glubok - John Roberts
17	210.30	19	Krzysztof Martens - Marek Szymanowski
18	201.90	12	Wojciech Kurkowski - Roger Lord
19	176.03	25	Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein
20	163.13	23	Chip Martel - Lew Stansby
21	148.04	8	Franco Pietri - Mario Di Maio
22	-7.15	42	John Mohan - Kay Schulle
23	-14.16	35	John Schermer - Neil Chambers

24	-127.25	26	Mark Lair - John Onstott
25	-298.46	13	Robert Blanchard - Piotr Gawrys
26	-335.12	39	Bjorn Fallenius - Michael Moss
27	-373.87	44	Espen Erichsen - Boye Brogeland
28	-392.45	22	Russell Ekeblad - John Sutherland
29	-479.30	5	Gerhard Schiesser - Roland Rohowsky
30	-602.65	20	Drew Casen - Lee Rautenberg
31	-701.90	14	Wayne Chu - Tim Cope
32	-750.07	2	Markland Molson - Michel Abecassis
33	-801.56	7	Veronel Lungu - Florin Rometti
34	-832.60	29	Ralph Katz - George Jacobs
35	-1014.40	18	Maria Joao Lara - Manuel Capucho
36	-1059.30	36	Bobby Wolff - Seymon Deutsch
37	-1090.81	37	Fred Stewart - Kit Woolsey
38	-1096.76	31	Chris Compton - Andrzej Zakzewski
39	-1154.10	33	Richard Schwartz - Marc Jacobus
40	-1285.10	16	Sheila Ekeblad - Michael Seamon
41	-1382.84	21	Fabio Rosati - Amadeo Comella
42	-1631.90	40	Chris Convery - Craig Gower
43	-1735.15	43	Amos Kaminski - James Rosenbloom

An Open Letter To The Organizers

Dear Sirs,

First of all, let me apologize if what I say in this letter throws a damp squib on the tournament, but I feel it must be said. I don't think you gave enough consideration to guys like me. Do you know how long it takes me to come from the Bally (where I'm based) by monorail to the Conference Center? Trying to make sure I don't miss a cocktail party or brunch means me leaving pretty early and greatly cuts into my sun-bathing time. A 2 PM start would suit me nicely. I know it means that the players wouldn't finish until 2 or 3 AM but who cares? Anyway, most of them are used to playing at that time. Also, how about an evening off so as I can visit a show? How is that asking too much?

I know what you're thinking. What happens if you make these changes and I don't show? Well, a simple phone call to me in early January would clear up that question.

One final point. It's all very well laying on French cakes, cookies, soft drinks and coffee but do you know that on a couple of occasions the French cakes were finished before I arrived. A small point to you, perhaps, but it meant a lot to me.

Despite what I've said, the Cavendish has been its usual great success. Indeed, this year I did something I didn't do last year – I watched a few boards.

Best of luck to you all.

Sam Leckie, Scotland

P.S. A going-away gift as a memento would be a nice touch.

Last Round Drama

In the consolation the last three boards produced spectacular fireworks from Blanchard-Gawrys against Robson-Shugart. [*Space limitations prevent us from including the hand diagrams for these deals. Consult your hand records. – Ed.*]

On the first deal, Robson opened 4♥ and everyone passed. Declarer ruffed the top spade lead and cashed the top trumps, then passed the ♦10 to the queen and king. Assuming declarer had seven hearts and that it might be necessary to cash out the clubs if he was concealing the ♦J, Gawrys cashed the ♣A and that was curtains for the defense, since there was still an entry to dummy for declarer to finesse in clubs. A passive exit beats the hand of course, because of the entry position to dummy.

On the next deal a valuation issue saw Gawrys jump to 3NT facing Blanchard's light overcall in clubs. One double and one redouble-to-express-doubt later (real men don't pull in such auctions – especially against women!) and the stakes were considerable. Robson led a diamond and Shugart used her entries to poke hearts through Gawrys; that was 1600. By contrast, when Glubok declared the same contract he was lucky enough to receive the lead of the ♥7. Brian carefully took this with the queen to encourage a continuation and played a club to the jack, then the ♣K, concealing the queen. East won and, thinking there was no urgency to set up fast tricks, led the ♥K; nine tricks.

The final board of the set saw a hand which looks as if N/S should be able to determine the absence of aces low enough to stop at the five-level. But note that the bad club split means that even 5♠ goes down. Not everyone managed to stop even that low. When Blanchard opened 1♠ Gawrys responded 2NT, a trump raise, and Robson came in with 3♦. Blanchard tried 4♦ – shortage. Shugart competed to 5♦, taking away Blackwood, and when the auction came around Bob bid 5♥. Gawrys jumped to 6♠, doubled by Robson and redoubled by Blanchard. The club lead meant that another penalty – this time only 1000 – left Robson-Shugart well in the prize running and Blanchard-Gawrys well back in the pack.

The Finals – The Final Stanza:

Board 3. You ought to be able to find a way to play a sedate game

in hearts here, but a couple of the pairs in the Consolation passed with the North hand after a 1♦ opening bid and finished up in a partscore, or collecting an insignificant penalty. However, it was also possible to err in the other direction. For example, in the main final Linda Lewis doubled Weinstein's opening bid of 1♦ and jumped to 4♣ over the 1♥ response. When Paul Lewis cue-bid 4♦, she jumped to 6♥, completing a rather optimistic series of bids. In the Consolation, Robson overcalled 1♥ and when Shugart jumped to 4♥ he bid the slam. Paul received a diamond lead rather than the killing trump. He won the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, then used spade entries while giving up a club to ruff all the diamonds in hand, then completing the dummy reversal. Robson followed the same sort of line on a spade lead to achieve the same result. Mind you, that was not the best score for N/S here. One unnamed E/W were sufficiently sure that they could beat 4♥ that they doubled it. N/S redoubled and while the defense held South to eleven tricks, that was still an impressive 1080.

Board 5. This is a rather difficult slam to stay out of; in fact, in the main finals only two pairs stayed low. One pair played 5♦ and one stopped in 3NT, but of the eight pairs who bid the slam, four succeeded since the spade lead from the South hand is scarcely attractive. Levin and Weinstein were one of the pairs who benefited from a non-spade lead and both Miller-Cheek and Cohen-Smith were pairs who picked up imps by finding the spade lead to set the slam. Linda Lewis led the spade as South from the doubleton king and Ron Smith led the ♠A, despite the fact that West had cue-bid in the suit. Well done by both of them.

Board 7. The three tables we were following on Vugraph had contrasting results here. All the Souths opened 3♠. Miller-Cheek did not take any action, selling out to 3♠. Declarer mistimed the play slightly to concede 200. When Cohen opened 3♠ Baze tried 3NT, which was destined to make. So Smith's decision to bid 4♠ was not going to cost him anything, but when Whitman tried 5♣ it got a whole lot better. 5♣ went down two, of course, for a big pick-up for Smith-Cohen, and Weinstein also overcalled 3NT and was allowed to play there and score it up in comfort.

After the first three rounds, it seemed that Levin-Weinstein had retained their lead, despite the slam accident in the first round.