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## WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



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# Swedish teams advance

Two Swedish teams have advanced to the quarterfinals in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams. The team captained by Magnus Lindkvist ousted George Jacobs of the United States, 183-80, and P.O. Sundelin's squad eliminated the only remaining Polish team, captained by A. Zakrzewski, 111-88.

Both halves of both Italian teams played the first set of boards in the same direction, so the results had to be discarded. They played the set again after everyone else had left, and the winner was Francesco Angelini, 167-64, over Bernasconi.

In the match between the teams captained by Bart Bramley of the United States and Maurice Joffe of South Africa, Joffe withdrew after the third quarter. Bramley was the victor, 154-68.

### Today's quarterfinal matches:

- Great Britain** (Paul Hackett) vs. **Sweden** (Magnus Lindkvist)
- Brazil** (Gabriel Chagas) vs. **Sweden** (P. O. Sundelin)
- Denmark** (Lars Munksgaard) vs. **United States** (Bart Bramley)
- Italy** (Francesco Angelini) vs. **Netherlands** (Anton Maas)

## McConnell: Auken vs. Wood and Erhart vs. Truscott

Two American teams and one each from Austria and Germany will contest today's Louis Vuitton McConnell Teams semifinals.

The American team captained by Nadine Wood survived their match with Véronique Bessis of France, but just barely. The final margin was 12, 129-117, but one of the French pairs had the chance to turn the match around on the very last board. If they had bid a slam, they would have picked up 13 IMPs and won the match by 1.

China, after reaching the final of the Venice Cup a year ago, succumbed this time in the semis to the powerful Austrian team captained by Maria Erhart. It was close – the final score was 166-147.

In the all-U.S. match, Dorothy Truscott was the victor over Karen Allison. And the German team captained by Sabine Auken eliminated another American team, this one captained by John Solodar.

In today's semifinals, Erhart will play Truscott and Auken will battle Wood, setting up a possible all-American or all-European final.

## 2 Polish teams reach Senior Swiss semis

The Polish teams captained by Andrzej Orlow and S. Szenberg both qualified for today's semifinals in the Elf Senior Teams. Orlow, who finished first, will play Karl Rohan of Austria. Szenberg, who finished third, will oppose Robert Rosen of the United States.

The semifinals will consist of 28 boards. In the afternoon the winners will play a 28-board final. The teams that failed to qualify will play four more Swiss matches today to determine additional placings.

## French lead Open Pairs, Swiss ahead in Women's

Pierre-Jean Louchart and Michel Duguet of France led after one day's play in the Société Générale Open Pairs qualifying, with Doug Simson and Eric Rodwell of the United States running second.

In the Louis Vuitton Women's Pairs, the leaders are Darina Langer and Madeleine Gerstel of Switzerland, with Pony Nehmert and Wiesla Miroslaw of Germany second.

### Starting times for Pairs events

First session 11.00  
Second session 16.00

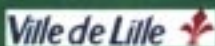
### Qualifying

In the Open Pairs approximately 200 pairs will qualify to play in the semi final together with approximately 30 pre-qualified pairs.

The final will be played with 72 pairs of which approximately 64 will qualify from the semifinal.

In the Women's Pairs approximately 50 pairs will qualify for the semi final and approximately 10 pre-qualified pairs will play. The final will consist of 36 pairs including some pre-qualified pairs.

All the players eliminated in the Rosenblum or McConnell today or yesterday who want to play in the pairs semi final must register at the hospitality desk before the end of the day today!



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# VIVENDI ROSENBLUM CUP

(Knockout Phase of 16)

1	<b>HACKETT</b>	GBR	TEAM MAGIC	SWE	23	9	35	52	44	24	51	54	<b>153</b>	<b>139</b>
2	<b>LINDKVIST</b>	SWE	JACOBS	USA	44	9	53	30	36	12	50	29	<b>183</b>	<b>80</b>
3	<b>CHAGAS</b>	BRA	MARSAL	DEU	31	37	48	8	34	38	40	14	<b>153</b>	<b>97</b>
4	ZAKRZEWSKI	POL	<b>SUNDELIN</b>	SWE	5	29	21	31	35	16	27	35	<b>88</b>	<b>111</b>
5	ADAD	FRA	<b>MUNKSGAARD</b>	DNK	9	31	24	56	35	49	27	46	<b>95</b>	<b>182</b>
6	<b>BRAMLEY</b>	USA	JOFFE	ZAF	24	18	55	37	75	13	Withdraw		<b>154</b>	<b>68</b>
7	<b>ANGELINI</b>	ITA	BERNASCONI	ITA	61	0	54	34	28	24	34	6	<b>167</b>	<b>64</b>
8	CALDERWOOD	GBR	<b>MAAS</b>	NLD	12	34	42	53	40	36	42	36	<b>136</b>	<b>159</b>



# LOUIS VUITTON McCONNELL CUP

(Knockout Phase of 8)

1	<b>ERHART</b>	AUT	LIU	CHN	30	26	54	37	45	46	37	38	<b>166</b>	<b>147</b>
2	ALLISON	USA	<b>TRUSCOTT</b>	USA	12	28	22	18	45	36	16	45	<b>95</b>	<b>127</b>
3	SOLODAR	USA	<b>AUKEN</b>	DEU	11	64	18	30	15	45	39	34	<b>83</b>	<b>173</b>
4	<b>WOOD</b>	USA	BESSIS	FRA	24	15	42	22	20	39	43	41	<b>129</b>	<b>117</b>



# LOUIS VUITTON WOMEN PAIRS

(Results after 2 rounds)

1	LANGER D	GERSTEL M	CHE	123.41	41	BIRR B	GROMANN I	DEU	103.79	81	BROMBERG A	COLIN C	USA	95.94
2	NEHMERT B	MIROSLAW W	DEU	120.14	42	BACO L	CURETTI N	FRA	103.66	82	SHAW B	HYATT I	USA	95.90
3	SUTHERLIN P	HAMMAN P	USA	119.59	43	DOEDENS P	WIJMA A	NLD	103.63	83	BOLLACK L	REGENBERG L	BEL	95.81
4	MENIL R	PIGEAUD F	FRA	115.98	44	BAK C	HOOGWEG F	NLD	103.52	84	BERNAZZANI M	BIRNBAUM S	VEN	95.47
5	MODLIN M	MANSELL P	ZAF	114.45	45	MARCHESE A	MATIENZO M	ARG	103.42	85	ADRAIN D	HULETT M	ZAF	95.45
6	TESSARO T	BARRETTE A	USA	113.75	46	BOJOH L	MANDOLANG J	IDN	103.20	86	LACROIX E	POULAIN C	FRA	95.34
7	CAPODANNO L	DANDREA M	ITA	113.23	47	BLOOM V	HOLROYD M	ZAF	103.18	87	DE GUILLEBON C	COCHET A	FRA	95.33
8	RIBEROL C	RICARD C	FRA	112.89	48	PONOMAREVA T	MAITOVA E	RUS	103.01	88	LORMANT K	HENAFF J	FRA	95.24
9	MATHESON P	PATRICK K	GBR	112.76	49	CHLEWINSKA Z	TOMASZEWSKA W	POL	103.00	89	MISZEWSKA E	SOBOLEWSKA E	POL	95.22
10	SPEELMAN B	DEBETS M	NLD	112.58	50	LESGUILLIER N	DAS M	FRA	102.93	90	KLEMMENSEN C	KOCH U	DNK	94.94
11	EYTHORSSDOTTIR H	RADNJ J	USA	112.57	51	LISE C	BLOUQUIT C	FRA	102.74	91	MITALSHI E	YOSHIMORI Y	JAP	94.75
12	LAMOURE B	SCHURER N	FRA	112.38	52	MANDELLOT A	NOGUEIRA H	BRA	102.63	92	CORTES M	GARCIA C	BRA	94.42
13	CLEMENT M	DUMON S	FRA	111.43	53	HUGON E	VARENNE M	FRA	102.46	93	KHAHDWALA V	VED J	IND	93.83
14	HAVAS E	CORMACK J	AUS	110.75	54	LESUR S	VERGE N	FRA	101.98	94	BAKER L	MC CALLUM K	USA	93.82
15	VALENSI O	DELOR E	FRA	109.76	55	FOSTER B	VAN RENSBURG N	ZAF	101.79	95	ELSTON N	GARYN F	USA	93.71
16	PINCUS C	ROGERS B	USA	109.26	56	POWIDZER S	PAIN L	BRA	101.65	96	UZEL C	CARRE R	FRA	93.07
17	MIDSKOG K	MELLSTROM J	SWE	108.93	57	BURGER S	SION B	USA	101.50	97	VAN GLABBECK H	HOFLAND M	NLD	92.99
18	FAVAS A	DE HEREDIA B	FRA	108.66	58	CASTELLS L	LEON P	ESP	101.17	98	SYVERTSEN G	THORENV	NOR	92.00
19	DE SERAFINI L	DEI POLI M	ITA	108.49	59	OLIVIERI G	GOLIN C	ITA	100.40	99	NAAR N	REY M	FRA	91.97
20	WEBER E	VECHIATTO C	GER	108.36	60	JONES S	REED B	USA	100.18	100	CASPANI M	VANUZZI M	ITA	91.83
21	ZUR-ALBO	LEVIT-PORAT R	ISR	108.11	61	ZENKEVITCH S	KARPENKO N	RUS	99.88	101	KRAUS E	DUBUS M	FRA	91.42
22	MARECHAL N	PETIT F	BEL	107.80	62	d'ELBEE S	ROTH M	FRA	99.79	102	SEKIYAAM H	JANSSEN H	JPN	91.02
23	CONTARINI K	JEITZ M	LUX	107.66	63	TAN M	KAI R	JPN	99.77	103	KURATANI T	HIRAMORI T	JPN	90.76
24	WEXLER S	GWOZDZINSKY M	USA	107.20	64	LE CORRE J	PREVOTEAU C	FRA	99.52	104	BLOMBERG C	STORM E	SWE	90.02
25	GIANARDI C	ROVERA L	ITA	107.03	65	GARDY U	PASTERNAK M	POL	99.41	105	SIMON C	MUNSON K	USA	89.82
26	AXELROD B	HAMMERSCHLAG U	ZAF	106.95	66	HAEMMERLI C	NIKITINE	CHE	99.19	106	AMOUKAL M	SITTON J	FRA	88.67
27	MORETTI R	KREMER C	FRA	106.35	67	ISOARD M	RENOUX M	FRA	98.99	107	DEORA H	LAKHANI G	IND	88.49
28	LEMAITRE E	JEANNIN-NALTET D	FRA	106.22	68	HARASIMOWICZ E	HOCHKEKER D	POL	98.72	108	LOSLEVER A	VAN SICHELEN S	FRA	88.20
29	KERLERO P	TIBI-DESBOIS C	FRA	105.78	69	KAPLAN R	BALKUN D	ZAF	98.28	109	IWAKURA E	SHIMAMURA K	JPN	87.57
30	WADDINGTON S	SALT G	GBR	105.70	70	MAUD K	LILY K	EGY	97.73	110	DESHAYS V	AMSELLEK C	FRA	86.55
31	ZHOV M	PIPER Y		105.67	71	SHATILA S	HOMSY M	EGY	97.71	111	SIX D	MALTOT C	FRA	85.90
32	FLEISCHAUER L	STOECKMANN I	GER	105.41	72	HEINRICH S G	WENNING K	GER	97.58	112	SPENCER A	HARTLEY A	GRB	85.55
33	VRIEMD B	ARNOLDS C	NLD	104.89	73	RAYMOND H	THADANI S	IND	97.56	113	TOUKAN A	TOUKAN W	JOR	84.08
34	VOLINA V	GNOMOVA V	RUS	104.67	74	O'ROURKE L	SEIN J	USA	97.49	114	ADAMJEE F	RASHID S	PAK	84.06
35	CULP-BRANDL M	WYNSTON L	CAN	104.20	75	BLONDEL C	WICKERS J	FRA	97.32	115	BLEHAUT J	FLAUTRE M	FRA	83.48
36	FLAMANT J	CLAUS S	FRA	103.98	76	THEVENON S	DUCA N	FRA	97.08	116	RENU A PATEL	SISTA S	IND	81.44
37	FREY N	REESS V	FRA	103.97	77	MONSEGUR L	SAFRA C	ARG	96.96	117	NIELSEN R	PORSTEINSDOTTIR	ISL	81.16
38	NAKAO T	NISHIDA N	JPN	103.87	78	DAMAYANTI F	LIEM L	IDN	96.93	118	DEL CAMBRE C	ARNOULD M	FRA	79.29
39	DEWASNE I	VANDENBOSSCHE C	BEL	103.81	79	LOTTE M	COUSSON M	FRA	96.59	119	KURDI S	ZIYADEH Z	JOR	70.52
40	O'NEILL P	MEEHAN P	IRL	103.81	80	KITA M	KROGULSKA J	POL	95.96					

**ELF SENIORS TEAMS***Results after 10 rounds*

1	ORLOW A	POL	225
2	ROSEN R	USA	223
3	SZENBERG S	POL	212
4	ROHAN K	IS-	201
5	HERTZ D	USA	200
6	RICCIARELLI M	ITA	195.5
7	HEBAK P	CZE	194
8	BENNETT H	USA	192
9	SCHWARTZ P	CAN	191
10	LEVINE M	USA	191
11	SOLODAR J	USA	190
12	LONGINOTTI E	ITA	189
13	DORFMANN J	FRA	188
14	HUMBURG H	DEU	186
15	GORDON I	GBR	184
16	GADELLE R	FRA	184
17	TELTSCHER B	GBR	183
18	GU X	CHN	182
19	STERNBERG J	USA	182
20	REVILL C	CAN	182
21	VALK T	NLD	179
22	HOGER W	DE-	179
23	RIMON	FIN	178
24	MORIN JP	FRA	174
25	SKOPINSKA E	POL	172
26	AWAD G	FRA	170
27	BALLY G	ESP	168
28	LATHAM E	GBR	167
29	DOWNLING S	IR-	164
30	BEAUGRAND J	FRA	163
31	COCKCROFT C	GBR	163
32	VAN ESCOTE	BEL	162
33	LEIGHTON C	GBR	158
34	HENDRICKX J	BEL	157
35	DAGRADA R	FRA	155
36	D'ORSI	USA	149
37	COFFRE G	FRA	127
38	TOLANI N	IND	98

**Memories of Lille (2)***by David Stevenson (England, GB)*

It is strange to change countries so easily. I like trams and trains, so I took a day off, finding a tram to Tourcoing, and then at the local station a train to Antwerp. Since I was thirsty, I tried to buy a Coke, using my French francs of course... "Mais, monsieur, c'est Belgique"!

Kojak told me that the team Bye is doing well. After three rounds they are on zero, of course, but they are ahead of the team that got 0, 0 and 1, and then was fined 2VPs!

Steen Møller found a machine that would change his money for him. So he put \$200 dollars in, and then it was just like Las Vegas! It paid out 112 ten-franc coins, and one five-franc coin! He was waiting for the flashing lights and loud music!

**ELF ZONAL TEAMS***Group A - Final Results*

1	GRAVERSEN	DNK	198
2	WOLFSON	USA	197
3	TAZELER	TUR	186
4	AVON	FRA	185
5	LEVIT	ISR	185
6	HENRI	BEL	185
7	RUJIA	IND	182
8	FU	CHI	177
9	OTVOSI	POL	176
10	YALMAN	TUR	175
11	MARSTON	AUS	175
12	MULTIDRIK	DNK	174
13	MONSTED	DNK	172
14	HADIMARTON	IDN	171
15	GODED	ESP	169
16	KLIS	FRA	168
17	LJUNG	SWE	168
18	V.PROOIJEN	NLD	167
19	MATEOS	FRA	167
20	DE RAVIN	AUS	167
21	GAL	HUN	167
22	VERDIER	FRA	165
23	NADAR	IND	164
24	BOLLIER	FRA	164
25	KAPLAN	FRA	164
26	AGARWALA	IND	163
27	YAMADA	JPN	163
28	KURKA	CZE	162
29	CAPAYANNI.	GRE	162
30	MATHIEU	GLP	160
31	DAHL	DNK	158
32	BARBAROUX	FRA	156
33	BIGDELI	BEL	156
34	BAUSBACK	DEU	155
35	GOLICHEF	FRA	152
36	KONIG	AUS	151
37	PARAIN	FRA	150
38	POCOCK	CAN	150
39	MOHTASHAMI	FRA	150
40	BALIAN	FRA	150
41	RAO	IND	150
42	REBILLARD	FRA	147
43	VIVES	FRA	146
44	JIN	CHI	145
45	SPENCER	GBR	145
46	ROSSANO	ITA	145
47	ROGOV	RUS	144
48	AUBRY	FRA	141
49	LACROIX	FRA	140
50	CLEARY	IRL	140
51	HAMORI	HUN	138
52	ALLANA	PA	137
53	KROGULSKA	POL	128
54	SCHWARZ	FRA	125
55	MANSELL	ZAF	81
56	BITRAN	FRA	75
57	MAUD	EGY	75
58	BAKAR	TUN	62
59	KOSHI	JPN	57
60	PODDAR	IND	38

**ELF ZONAL TEAMS***Group B - Final Results*

1	BIONDIC	CRO	168
2	BLUMENTHAL	FRA	167
3	MONBALLIU	BEL	167
4	MRS SICKA	IND	160
5	MUNAWAR	IDN	159
6	JAMAR	BEL	157
7	SENIOR	GBR	155
8	MACNAIR	GBR	155
9	BRUNO	USA	154
10	MACHHAR	IND	151
11	DELAVILLE	FRA	150
12	SARGOS	FRA	148
13	KRETCHNER	FRA	147
14	GLABBECK	NLD	143
15	ALART	FRA	143
16	TAZI	MAR	142
17	WEISS	CHE	141
18	POLESCHI	ARG	140
19	NASR	LEB	140
20	MS LECORRE	FRA	140
21	HURPAUL	MAU	138
22	BHARDHAJ	KEN	137
23	COTTI	REU	137
24	SEGUIN	FRA	137
25	HERON	CAN	136
26	BONNAUD	FRA	135
27	MRS CAWLEY	LUX	132
28	DE LUNA	FRA	131
29	DOHNERT	VEN	129
30	DAMAYANTI	INO	128
31	CHIANG	HKG	127
32	MARTIN	FRA	126
33	PIEDRA	CH	125
34	DEY	IND	122
35	BOURGOIS	FRA	121
36	TESTU	FRA	120
37	WINESTOCK	AUS	119
38	GALLOU	FRA	118
39	ALOCCHI	SMA	117
40	SARTEN	AUS	115
41	NAKAKAWAJ	JPN	114
42	YALMAN	TUR	108
43	HAMAOUJ	VEN	104
44	GHOSH	IND	102
45	VOERTMANN	DEN	98
46	SHAKHSHEER	PAL	90
47	KHANDELWAL	IND	72
48	LIGGINS	GBR	70
49	DUROT	FRA	65
50	LECLERCQ	FRA	55

# The Hand That Did Not Make The Daily News



Ron Tacchi - couldn't have stopped in 5♣

tem and card playing skills. Nothing was going well until on Board 16 of the 12th session when the following hand appeared:

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

After an auction in which South had cue bid his ♠A North became declarer in 6♣. The lead was the ♠9, upon enquiry it transpired that this lead could be just about anything as they tended to lead through cue bids and further questioning revealed to declarer that the ♠K was offside. After receiving this news and looking at dummy declarer thought "If I make this I will be in the Daily News." Of course he took a line that failed dismally and the unmakeable contract peacefully failed and another bottom was recorded.

After a couple of drinks and a meal the pair retired to their hotel for a good night's sleep to refresh themselves for another practise session the following day. Suddenly at 4.00 a.m. declarer awoke to discover he had found the only possible way to make the contract. At trick one he plays the ♠A and the ♠3 from hand, then cashes the ♦A and ♦K discarding the ♠Q. To the fourth trick he smoothly leads the ♠2 from the table and watches a slightly sleepy West play small and then look aghast as declarer's ♠8 wins the trick. He then cashes the ♥A and takes a ruffing finesse against the ♥K, cashes the ♣K and returns to hand to cash the ♣A, gives up a trump trick and his hand is high. Now he has a story for the Daily News. But declarer now realises he is just lying in his bed and it didn't really happen and he will never know if West would have played low to the fourth trick.

What is the moral to this story? Well, declarer could not get back to sleep after this rude interruption to his slumber. Consequently he arrived for the bridge tired and irritable and played even worse than the previous day. So enjoy a drink with members of the Daily News but never, ever, start to think about hands you are playing as suitable material.

## Things world champions are made of

You as South hold a nice hand with a good long suit. So you open 1♥, and it comes back to you after bids of 1♠, 2♣ and 2♠. It's now your call with:

♠ K 6 3
♥ A Q J 9 8 7 6
♦ —
♣ Q 9 4

No problem - most players would just bid 4♥. But not Fred Hamilton, a world champion from the United States. He found a different call - 6♥! Naturally partner Arnie Fisher passed, and now it was up to Hamilton to make his 12 tricks. This was the complete hand:

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Fisher</i>		<i>Hamilton</i>
1♠	2♣	2♠	1♥
All Pass			6♥

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jabbour</i>		<i>Levine</i>	
2♥	3♣	4♠	1♥
5♠	6♥	All Pass	5♥

There's a lot to be said about the bidding in both rooms. Arnie Fisher's decision to bid where he lived was a key factor. Many players would make a 'lazy' negative double. "I wanted to show the meat of the hand," said Fisher.

At the other table Zeke Jabbour thought it was their hand until Mike Levine passed 6♥. It wasn't easy for him to go quietly, but in the end he did.

Hamilton ruffed the opening diamond lead and immediately played a heart to the 10. The slam is unbeatable now. If East leads a spade after taking his ♥K, declarer ruffs, draws trumps and runs clubs.

In the post mortem, a kibitzer asked about North's call of pass over 6♥. "It must have been difficult to pass," he said.

Fred's answer: "He wasn't invited to the party."

At the other table the slam was set a trick when declarer ruffed the diamond opening lead and then prematurely ruffed a spade in dummy. Oddly enough, this declarer had the information to make the hand. The 2♥ bidder is more likely to be short in the outside suits. Therefore if the king is third outside, you must NEVER trump anything in the dummy. Fred's play was marked. Once declarer ruffed in dummy, he could no longer pick up king-third of trumps.

## Q Plus

Mr. Leber will sell signed copies of Q-plus (and answer any questions about play software) today between 14.00 and 16.00 in the 'Computer Jungle' which is located in the Jannersten stall.



## THE YOUNGEST



**Aurelien Gerard, 8, of France**  
playing in the Minibridge Contest

The age range in the Minibridge game was 8-12. The youngest was Aurelien Gerard whose birthday is 5th March 1990, making her just 8 years old. 160 youngsters competed.

In the Schools Championship for proper bridge the age range was 12 to 19. The two youngest players both came from Belgium. The youngest boy Steven Eysenbrandts, 13, (born 4th September 1985) partners his sister. The youngest girl was Elke Ydens, 12, (born 3rd June 1986). 48 youngsters competed.



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## Endplayed . . . in spades!

Eric Greco of America's Klar team found a neat endplay on this deal from the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams Round of 64.

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Greco</i>
	1♣	Dble	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

This deal took place in the final quarter of the match. KLAR was trailing by 17 as the fourth quarter got under way, and they were two down when this deal came along.

The line of play executed by Greco is the only one that figures to be successful on this tricky hand. It required precise timing and communication.

The opening lead of the ♠10 rode to Greco's king, and he immediately went after hearts, leading to the king and losing to the ace. East, Bocchi, led a diamond, ducked, and a diamond was continued to the ace. Greco crossed to dummy with a club and led the ♥10. He let this ride successfully, then led the ♠Q. East took this and continued the attack on diamonds. But Greco cashed the ♥Q after winning the diamond. Then he crossed to the ♣K and then ducked a club to West, Duboin. West was forced to lead away from his ♠9-3 into dummy's ♠J-7, and that was the game. 3NT was set one trick at the other table.

## Senior's Conflict



**Nissan Rand (Israel)**

In the 8th round of the Senior series the leader Rosen (USA) faced Rohan (Isr/Aus).

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

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

### Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

### Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1NT	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

At both tables South declared 3NT.

In the open room West led the ♠J taken by declarer's ace. He ran the ♣J which was allowed to win and then played a small heart to dummy's queen. East won with the ♥K and switched to the ♦J. Declarer had no chance now and finished up three down.

In the closed room the play to the first two tricks was identical. Then declarer played the ♣10 and overtook it with dummy's ace. Next came the ♠Q taken by East's king, West discarding an encouraging diamond. East switched to the ♦J which was allowed to hold. East continued with the ♦10 and declarer won with the ace, discarding a heart from dummy. Now he cashed the ace of hearts and continued with a low one from both hands. East won but was now endplayed.

We discovered that the successful declarer was Nissan Rand whose team was one of those to reach the knock out stage. So he is for the moment still one of the holders!



## IBPA 40th anniversary dinner

The dinner at which the International Bridge Press Association will celebrate its 40th anniversary will take place Monday at 20:45 at La Laiterie. All IBPA members are invited to sign up for the dinner with Evelyn Senn at the IBPA Desk in the Press Room on the seventh floor. When Evelyn is away from her desk, the list will be on the table - just sign up.

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## An apology to the Robinson team

In Friday's Daily News, the team captained by Steve Robinson of the United States should have been credited with their 1-point victory over the Mosca team from Italy. The staff of the World Bridge Federation apologizes for the mistaken report.

## Making an unmakeable slam

by Philippe Brunel, France

Here is an unmakeable slam that made.

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	S											

Morin and Dorfman of the Barbaroux team from France reached a small slam in hearts on this deal played against the Naniwada team from Japan in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams round-robin.

West led the ♠J to the ace, and declarer, Dorfman, ruffed a spade. After coming to hand with a trump, he ruffed his last spade. He drew the remaining trumps with the queen and led a diamond, East being forced to win the ace. East couldn't lead another diamond, so he forced with another spade. When declarer ruffed, West was about to be in trouble for this was the position:

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When Morin cashed his last two trumps, West had no answer - he either had to give up his club guard or throw away all his diamonds. East had to return a club instead of a fourth spade to break up the squeeze.

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## A Bad Break Can Help

by Alan Hiron

This deal from an early match in the Seniors Teams caught my eye. At the table were Boris Schapiro (at 89 the oldest competitor?) and Irving Gordon, opposed by Castellon and Francos of Spain.

N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gordon</i>		<i>Schapiro</i>	
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	2NT	3♥
3♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Lead-directing

As Irving said afterwards, 'I nearly redoubled!' It was just as well that he didn't for it was not difficult for the defenders to find their diamond ruff and that was -300.

Then a player remarked, '4♥ is a make but not 4♠'. This set me wondering. In spite of the bad trump break, the defenders can do nothing against 4♠.

Furthermore, 4♥ can be defeated if East gets a spade ruff. And how can he do that? Only by leading a trump!

At the other table West was very restrained.

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	3♦	4♦(!)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The lead was the king of diamonds. Howard Cohen, as North, made no mistake. He won, ruffed a diamond and cashed the top clubs to discard a spade. Now, it was easy, and a useful gain for the British team.



**Par Contest - Problem 4**

N/S Vul. Dealer West.

**North**  
 ♠ A 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 10 2  
 ♦ 5 4 3 2  
 ♣ 5 4

**South**  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ J 7 4 3  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ A K Q J 10 9 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♣

All Pass

West leads the ♦K.

East overtakes the ♦K and switches to a spade; South's jack is covered by the king and won by the ace.

Declarer can afford to lose only one heart trick, so he must hope for a favourable lie in the suit. A priori, any of the following combinations could see him home:

a) KQ on the left.

This can be ruled out as West would have opened with 13 HCP.

b) Doubleton KQ on the right.

This combination is highly improbable on a percentage basis alone. Besides, East shows up with a singleton trump, which would then give him a 5-2-5-1, 6-2-4-1 or 4-2-6-1 shape. Holding such a hand including the ♦A and ♥KQ, he would surely have entered the bidding.

c) Doubleton honour with a single honour on the right.

South leads small from dummy and whether East plays low or puts up the honour, guesses the position to score two tricks and ruff his fourth heart in the dummy.

However, the objections raised in case (b) apply here as well. Furthermore, the defence could defeat the contract by playing a trump at trick two and by allowing West to win the heart trick so that he can lead a second trump, preventing a heart ruff in the dummy.

d) A doubleton honour with the eight or nine on the left.

Keeping in mind the bidding, this layout is certainly the most likely one. Declarer's plan is to play a low heart from hand, intending to put in the ten, lose to East, then cash the ace, capturing West's honour, and pick up East's eight or nine on a finesse.

However, the defence can foil this plan. West can put up his honour on the first round of hearts. Dummy must win and the entry required for the finesse against East's heart spots is lost.

Since North now lacks the entry to pick up East's hearts, declarer has to manoeuvre in such a way that East will be stripped of all his cards but hearts and eventually will have to lead the suit himself and present South with a

free finesse.

**Solution**

Before attacking the heart suit, South plays off all but one of his trumps to reach the following position (East had to hang on to all four hearts):

♠ 9	♠ 4	♠ Q
♥ K 8	♥ A 10 2	♥ Q 9 6 5
♦ Q 10	♦ 5	♦ -
♣ -	♣ -	♣ -



♠ -	♠ -	♠ -
♥ J 7 4 3	♥ J 7 4 3	♥ -
♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ 2	♣ 2	♣ -

or:

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



♠ -	♠ -	♠ -
♥ J 7 4 3	♥ J 7 4 3	♥ -
♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ 2	♣ 2	♣ -

After leading the three of hearts, on which West puts up the king, won by North, declarer ruffs a spade or a diamond, the suit in which East keeps a non-heart card. A heart is now led to the ten and East is forced to win and play into south's jack-seven tenace.

The only question left open is how declarer will know which card East has kept, a spade or a diamond, and so which suit he must ruff at trick ten.

The clue lies once again in the bidding, or rather in the absence of bidding by the opponents. Give West a five-card suit, or East a 5-4-3-1 or 3-4-5-1 distribution, and it is a near certainty that one of them would have found an overcall, especially with the favourable vulnerability. This leads to the conclusion that neither opponent has a five-card suit, giving East a 4-4-4-1 distribution.

The full deal:

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



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

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Round of 16



By Barry Rigal

Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup

(The Daily News staff apologizes for the error-laden article about the Auken-Morse match in the Louis Vuitton McConnell Teams competition that appeared yesterday. By mistake, a version that was not completely edited appeared in print.)

The match between a top Italian team and the Austrian squad started well for Italy when Erhart opened 2♦ (a weak two in hearts or spades plus a minor), then greedily doubled her opponents in 5♣ with ♠643 ♥QJ10864 ♦A73 ♣K. Declarer, who had an 11-card trump fit, would now have guessed trumps to be 1-1 I think, but Sylvie Terraneo, who had shown rather more values than she had, took out insurance in 5♥x for -500. However, Fischer-Weigkricht had brought home 430 with a heart stop of ♥K facing ♥73, to hold the loss to 2 IMPs.

The next board saw a nice piece of system for Rosetta-De Lucchi. After a Multi 2♦ by her RHO and a 2♥ reply, Rosetta passed with ♠Q9873 ♥A4 ♦1096 ♣A52. When De Lucchi reopened with a double, Rosetta could use 2NT as a shape relay and invite game showing 5+ spades. De Lucchi then judged well to bid game with ♠1065 ♥K ♦AKJ85 ♣K763 and brought home ten tricks easily when the ♠J was onside.

It was harder for Erhart; after

West	North	East	South
		2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
3♥			

she bid 3♠ and collected +170 when Terraneo very reasonably let it go.

Terraneo effectively flattened the match by treating ♠J109432 ♥863 ♦72 ♣Q5 as a mixed raise facing a potentially canapé 1♠ opening. She jumped to 3♠, and Ferlazzo passed timidly with ♠AQ ♥Q9752 ♦KQ84 ♣AJ and conceded -140. In the other room Fischer overcalled 1♥ after a 1♣ opening with ♥AKJ104

and now the weak hand with spades passed. This let Weigkricht bounce to 4♥ and collect +620 with spades never mentioned.

Austria took a temporary lead when Manara did not overcall a strong club, vulnerable, with ♠AK862 ♥107 ♦843 ♣J72. The opponents bid 1♣-1♦-1NT-2♦-2♥-All Pass. Manara led her top spades, crashing her partner's queen and destroying a potential force on declarer, and now eight tricks were easy. In the other room Fischer overcalled 1♠ and Rosetta drove her partner to 3♥, rather than letting her play 2♥. That put Weigkricht on lead with the ♠Q5 and it was relatively easy to collect +200.

Terraneo was in the hot seat again with ♠62 ♥K86532 ♦76 ♣A62 over a 1♦ opening. She elected to pass, not everyone's choice. Although she backed in over 2♦ with 2♥, it was tough for Erhart to envisage such an offensively orientated collection. When her right-hand opponent competed to 3♦, she bid only 3♥ with ♠AK107 ♥Q94 ♦KQ ♣Q987 to end the auction. Not that game is a bargain, but both spade honours were onside and trumps were 2-2 so +620 was recorded and the Italians had 10 IMPs.

The Italians had a small lead going into Board 12 on which a lot of IMPs changed hands.

N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

Fischer-Weigkricht had collected +200 on defence against 5♦, but Terraneo stopped off to double 4♠ when Erhart showed the red suits. The lead of the ♣K might have solved any problems for Erhart, but Terraneo led the ♦9. Erhart correctly covered the ♦10 with the jack, and declarer drew one trump, then led a low club. Erhart took the ace and fatally played a heart. Now declarer was home. It seems as if there would nevertheless have been considerable pressure on the defence if declarer had led a club from hand at trick two to try to ruff out the suit. South gets strangely squeezed when declarer ruffs a diamond. I think the contract can be made against any defence, but I leave it to the readers with more time to

work it out!

All of this left Italy leading by 10 IMPs at the end of the first quarter.

The players returned to the same seats and Italy immediately received a stroke of luck.

N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

The Italians had a relatively controlled auction after Manara as East passed as dealer. Terraneo opened 2♦ (♥+♦/♣ or weak in ♠) and Ferlazzo doubled to show either hearts or a strong hand. Erhart bid 2♠ and Manara's bid of 4♥ was followed by three passes. On a diamond lead she made 13 tricks. However, Fischer-Weigkricht defended 2♠ doubled after a multi 2♦ opening. As you can see declarer has just five trump tricks if the defence get their act together. In fact on a defence ideally suited to a Hammer Horror movie declarer emerged with seven tricks and that was 7 IMPs for Italy.

The next board saw the IMPs go back. Erhart-Terraneo reached a slam on these two hands:

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

after the following auction:

North	South
	1♠
2♥	3♣
3♦	3NT
4♦	4♥
4NT	5♦
6♦	All Pass

On a trump lead declarer might be struggling in theory. But even on the lead of the



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♠10 Erhart also had a problem. She elected to go for the crossruff, but with all the suits lying exceptionally well and ♣AJ6 outside everything works. That was 11 IMPs to Austria when Italy stopped in game.

A couple of boards later Austria got a slightly lucky break. Terraneo declared 4♣ from the South seat after some heart pre-emption over a strong club.

♠ 5 3 2 ♥ A 10 8 7 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ 8 6 4	N W E S	♠ 10 8 7 4 ♥ 5 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ K 9 7 3 ♠ Q 6 ♥ J 9 6 4 3 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ Q 10 5 ♠ A K J 9 ♥ K Q ♦ Q 8 7 5 ♣ A J 2
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On a trump lead she eliminated the suit, took a club finesse and knocked out the ♥A. With the diamonds completely blocked she had the luxury available of misguessing that suit.

By contrast Rosetta declared 4♣ from the North seat and on a heart lead to the ace Weigkricht could shift to the ♦K and take the ruff for one down.

Then came a good board for Italy at both tables.

*Love All. Dealer North.*

♠ K Q J 7 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 ♦ - ♣ J 10 9 4	N W E S	♠ A ♥ K 5 ♦ 9 8 6 5 4 ♣ A K Q 7 3 ♠ 8 6 5 4 ♥ J 9 6 2 ♦ K Q J 7 ♣ 2 ♠ 10 9 3 2 ♥ 7 4 ♦ A 10 3 2 ♣ 8 6 5
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Erhart opened 1♦, and this was passed round to Ferlazzo who bid 2♦ for the majors. Though Erhart bid 3♣ she had not shown five diamonds by this route and Terraneo did not take the sacrifice in 5♦ over 4♥. The latter contract collected +620 while after:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Rosetta collected +470 to gain 15 IMPs. The final swing of the set was perhaps fortunate for Austria, but you could argue that they deserved it.

*All Vul. Dealer North.*

♠ A K Q J 9 ♥ K 10 7 5 3 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 9	N W E S	♠ 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ J ♦ K Q J 4 2 ♣ K J ♠ 8 2 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ Q 8 6 2 ♠ 4 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ A 10 7 5 4 3
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Erhart as North opened 1♦ and Manara and Terraneo passed. Ferlazzo reopened with 2♦, Erhart doubled and now N/S sacrificed in 5♦ which should have cost the earth. However, Manara bid on to 5♥, making precisely 11 tricks on a diamond lead. Not a bad result in abstract since, only the 5-1 spade split stops 12 tricks.

Weigkricht-Fischer bid:

West	East
	1♥
2NT	3♥
3♣	4♦
4NT	5♥
6♥	All Pass

2NT was an invitational-plus raise and after the non-forcing rebid of 3♥, 3♣ was a slam try.

You can hardly blame DeLucci for leading the ♣A, but now declarer could ruff the ♣K when trumps fail to split for +1430. 13 IMPs to Austria meant they led by 12 IMPs at the half.

The match was finally broken open in a decisive way when the Austrian team got all the big decisions right in the third set.

First up Azzimenti heard her partner open 1♠ and the next hand bid 4♣. Holding ♠A1073 ♥QJ74 ♦Q10962 ♣- she contented herself with 4♣. The auction proceeded 5♣-Dble-Pass back to her. Hoping that partner had transferable values she bid 6♣ - a slightly random shot I think. This was doubled and the full hand turned out to be:

♠ A 10 7 3 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ Q 10 9 6 2 ♣ -	N W E S	♠ K 9 4 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K J 7 4 3 ♣ K J 5 ♠ Q J 8 6 2 ♥ A K 10 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ 7 4 ♠ 5 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q 10 9 8 6 3 2
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6♣ doubled was one down and in the other room 5♣ doubled went for -300 so the Austrians gained 9 IMPs.

A few boards later Terraneo judged a very nasty position very well.

♠ J 9 8 7 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ 3 2 ♣ K J 7 4	N W E S	♠ K Q 6 3 ♥ A 10 8 7 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ 8 2 ♠ 10 5 ♥ K J 9 5 3 ♦ A K Q 10 8 6 ♣ - ♠ A ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ J 5 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gentili</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Azzimonti</i>	<i>Weighkricht</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	2NT
Pass	3♣	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

3NT has some sort of play, though clearly it can be beaten in top tricks. 5♦ went two down when the defence got trumps going in time. Meanwhile 3♣ doubled had no chance on the lead of the ♥Q. The defence collected +500 and 12 more IMPs went Austria's way.

The third big swing owed something to good system and something to good judgment by Terraneo.

Holding ♠K5 ♥KJ ♦AQ10864 ♣K75 she refrained from opening 1NT, bidding 1♦ instead. After a 1♥ overcall Erhart doubled and Sylvia jumped to 2NT to show a long diamond suit, a spade stop and a maximum. One round of bidding later she was in 6NT facing:

♠ A 9 7 3 ♥ A Q 10 5 ♦ K 9 ♣ Q 6 3	
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and she finished up with +1470 when a club to the queen slipped through. In the other room the auction was 1NT-3NT - a deserved 13 IMPs to Austria who led by 40 IMPs with a set to go.

There were a number of moderate swings over the final deals, but the hands were quiet, and the Italians never seriously threatened to get back into the match. Austria picked up a game swing when they found the right 4-3 major-suit fit, and broke even on the rest of the set.

In the end Austria appeared to be an easy winner, but the Italians had played well and had made their opponents work hard.

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Quarter-final
Boards 1-14

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Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup

**Auken (Germany) v Solodar (USA)**

The very experienced American quartet is comprised of Jacqui Mitchell and Amalya Kearse, Gail Greenberg and Sylvia Moss. They faced one of the world's top pairs, in Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim, teamed up with a pair new to competition at this level, Katrin Farwig and Barbara Stawowy. A lot might depend on whether the young German pair could hold their own when the going got tough.

It wasn't tough at all for the Germans in the first quarter as they piled up a 53 IMP lead.

*Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.*

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>V Arnim</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Moss</i>
			♠
2♦	3♣	3NT	All Pass

The 3♣ was pre-emptive, as is standard expert practice these days, and it forced Sabine Auken into a brave decision. Against 3NT, Sylvia Moss led a top heart, didn't like what she saw and switched to her fourth best spade. Auken won the queen with her ace and led a club to the queen then back to the king. When South showed out on the second club, her distribution was virtually marked. Auken led a low diamond and Moss followed with the eight. Now, this is a restricted choice situation in that South must play the eight from ♦QJ8 but has a choice from ♦Q98. That suggests finessing the ten. Against that, after South follows with the eight, there are three possible singletons for North to hold, two of which are honours and one the nine, which suggests playing the ace from dummy. So, as Sabine asked after the end of the set, which is the correct technical play?

Well, Auken got it right by rising with the ace to drop the jack then coming back to hand



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**Katrin Farwig (Germany)**

with the ♣J to take the diamond finesse. That led to ten tricks for +630.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Kearse</i>	<i>Stawowy</i>	<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
			♠
2♦	4♣	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

If the 3♣ raise in the Open Room put pressure on the East player, Barbara Stawowy's 4♣ raise made things even tougher. Jacqui Mitchell took the plunge in 5♦ and Katrin Farwig promptly doubled. Declarer did not get the trump suit right so was down two for -500 and 15 IMPs to the Germans.

*Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.*

♠ K 9 7 4 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K 10 8 4 ♣ K Q 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W   E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W   E	S	♠ A Q 3 ♥ K Q 9 3 ♦ 9 7 6 2 ♣ 10 3	♠ J 10 8 6 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A J 3 ♣ 9 6 4 2
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Auken/von Arnim play an aggressive four-card major opening style and von Arnim opened 1♠ as dealer. That attracted a pre-emptive raise to 3♣ from Auken. It will not always be the winning bid, of course, but it

seems to me that South should just shrug her shoulders and bid 4♥ now. In practice, Moss passed, and while Greenberg gave it a look on the way out, it was too much to ask her to do anything.

Gail Greenberg led the ♥K and switched to the ♣3. Moss won the ace and returned a club to the king and von Arnim ruffed a heart then passed the jack of spades. Greenberg won the queen and played two more rounds of spades. Von Arnim cashed the ♣Q and it was clear that the diamond length was more likely to be on her right, as North would probably have overcalled had she had the heart length. Finessing the ♦J led to one down; -100.

In the other room the West hand was not opened, and indeed unless you can open 1♠ in your methods there seems no good reason to open the hand. After three passes, Farwig opened 1♥, Amalya Kearse doubled and Stawowy raised to 4♥. Even holding five spades, Mitchell didn't fancy bidding 4♠ at this vulnerability, and it is between 500 and 800 if the defence get their club ruff, so 4♥ was the final contract. There was nothing to the play; an easy +620 and 11 IMPs to AUKEN.

*Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.*

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



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**Barbara Stawowy (Germany)**

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Jacqui Mitchell (USA)

time. She needed to take the club finesse now to get out for one down but actually played a second spade to her king. Greenberg next played a third spade and Auken won, cashed her heart winner, and exited with a spade. Declarer had to give up a club at the end for two down; -300 and 6 IMPs to AUKEN.

**Board 10. All Vul. Dealer East.**

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

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

After two passes, both Wests opened 1♦, though only Kearsé's bid said very much about diamonds. Over the loose, strong club style 1♦ opening, Greenberg overcalled 2NT, hearts and clubs, and Moss responded 3♥, ending the auction. Perhaps Moss might have done more, either jumping to 4♥ or, if that felt like too much, bidding 3♦ as a game try. Anyway, 3♥ just lost two diamond tricks at the end for a disappointing +200.

In the other room, 1♦ was natural and Stawowy overcalled a simple 1♥. After a pass by East, Farwig made an unassuming cuebid of 2♦ then accepted Stawowy's 3♣ game try. 4♥ made the same eleven tricks; +650 and 10 IMPs to AUKEN.

**Board 11. Nil Vul. Dealer South.**

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

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
V Arnim	Greenberg	Auken	Moss
2♦	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

2♦ was weak with either spades and a

minor or hearts, and Greenberg's double was takeout of hearts. Auken put on the pressure with a jump to 3♥, pass or correct and essentially pre-emptive. When that came back to Greenberg she cuebid 4♥, when a second takeout double looks better, and Moss bid a quiet 5♣. Von Arnim led a diamond and Auken won her king and switched to a heart to the bare ace. Moss took one heart ruff then drew trumps. The third heart went away on the long spade for +400.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kearsé	Stawowy	Mitchell	Farwig
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Again the passive approach of the American team worked out badly for them as the Germans had a free ride to the excellent slam. The key was Farwig's 2♣ response to the 1♦ opening, which she could afford to make because of her passed hand status. When she next gave diamond preference, Stawowy was always going to go to slam; +920 and 11 IMPs.

On the last board of the set, von Arnim uncharacteristically went down in a game she should have made while Kearsé made no mistake, to give the Americans a 10 IMP swing, but the set score was still 64-11 to AUKEN; a very useful start indeed.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Kearsé	Stawowy	Mitchell	Farwig
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I wonder how many of the players who held the West hand managed to resist opening in third seat? Kearsé passed and Stawowy opened 1♥, showing five, on the North hand. 2♠ was a constructive heart raise, and when Kearsé competed with 3♦, Stawowy fell from grace by bidding 3♥ when she might have passed to show her minimum. 3♥ tempted Farwig to go on to game, but 4♥ had no chance as the cards lay and drifted one off for -50.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
V Arnim	Greenberg	Auken	Moss
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Von Arnim opened the West hand with a two-way 2♠, majors or minors, and Auken responded 3♣, pass or correct. When that came back to Greenberg she doubled for takeout and Moss, perhaps expecting a better hand, cuebid 4♣. That gave von Arnim an opportunity to double to show her maximum hand and that was enough for Auken to take a pot at 4♥.

Auken led the queen of clubs and Greenberg won dummy's king and led a heart to the bare king. Von Arnim switched to the king of diamonds to dummy's ace and Greenberg played a second heart. Auken won and returned a diamond but Greenberg could ruff that. Declarer played the jack of spades to the queen and ace and was in dummy for the last

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# APPEALS 14 to 19

## APPEAL NO. 14

Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

### Appeals Committee:

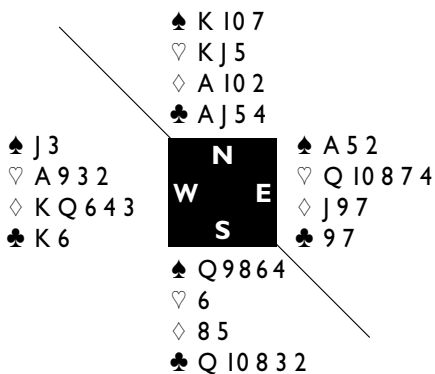
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### Mixed Pairs Final

N/S: France

E/W: South Africa

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.



West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	Pass <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Transfer.

<sup>(2)</sup> Alleged slow pass.

### Table result:

3♠ by North, 11 tricks: +200 N/S.

### The Tournament Director:

The TD was called to the table after the bidding. The tray was at the W/S side of the table and West explained that it took South about 6-8 seconds before she passed over 3♥. South denied having hesitated at all. After the play the TD was called to the table and asked for a ruling. The TD agreed with North's bid of 3♠. Furthermore, he did not believe that a hesitation of 6-8 seconds with screens was enough to bar North anyway. Had it been 15-20 seconds, it would have been another story, and especially if the hesitation could be pinpointed to one particular hand. The TD therefore let the score stand. E/W appealed.

### The Players:

**E/W:** East maintained that the hesitation was more than 6-8 seconds, more like 10-12 seconds. In a demonstration of the felt length of the pause, West demonstrated a pause of

about 20 seconds.

**N/S:** South categorically denied having paused at all. She stated that she did not even think about bidding on that hand.

### The Committee:

East did the right thing when he called the TD when he believed North to have acted on South's change in tempo. The Committee believed South's hand to be the classic hand for a deliberation in this bidding sequence. The Committee believed there may have been a hesitation, but since this was not substantiated in any way, the Committee allowed the score to stand.

## APPEAL NO. 15

Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway.

### Appeals Committee:

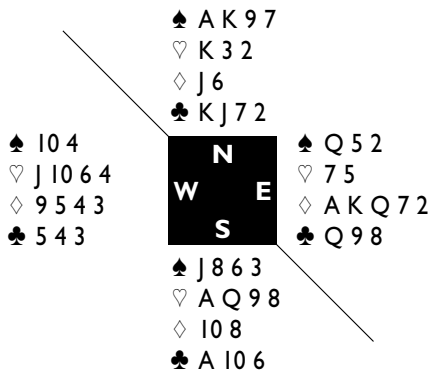
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### Rosenblum, Round 5

N/S: J. Dhondy - I. Pagan, UK

E/W: Vega - Hernandez, Panama

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.



West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT <sup>(1)</sup>	2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Dble <sup>(3)</sup>
2♥	2♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> 14-16.

<sup>(2)</sup> Explained by West to South: "Majors". By East to North: "Natural".

<sup>(3)</sup> Explained by South to West: "General values". By North to East: "T/O".

### Table result:

3NT by North, 7 tricks; 100 to E/W.

### The Tournament Director:

E/W's convention card reads: "Against

weak 1 NT: 2♦ is natural. Against strong 1 NT: 2♦ shows the majors. East considered 14-16 as a weak NT, while West considered it as a strong NT. Thus North took the double for T/O and bid 2♠. South doubled for values, and bid 3 NT on North's 2♦ bid, assuming that the ♥/♠ would behave badly. North did not correct to 4♠ without a ♦ stopper.

The TD considered 14-16 to be a strong NT opening, and consequently, South had had the right information from West. He therefore allowed the table result to stand. N/S appealed.

### The Players:

There was no dispute as to the facts. E/W had now agreed upon which range 14 would be.

### The Committee:

The committee considered it impossible to reach 4♠ when South knew that East had the majors. Although the play in 4♠ was not entirely clear, it was strongly felt that N/S had been deprived of their opportunity to guess the ♣ and win 420.

Under the guidance of law 12 C 3, the Committee was allowed to restore equity to the tournament and to this board, a right not given to the TD. The Committee thus ruled that the score be changed to 4♠ N/S with 10 tricks; 420 to N/S.

## APPEAL NO. 16

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### Appeals Committee:

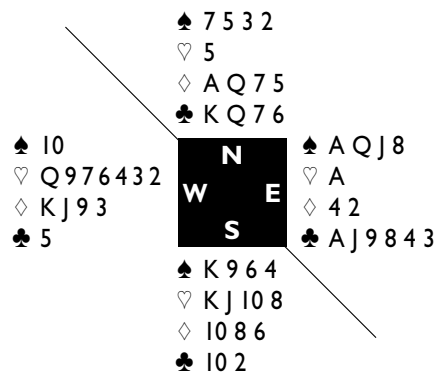
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### Rosenblum, Round 6

N/S: Frederic Wrang - Gunnar Hallberg, UK

E/W: Marc Smith - Czerniewski, UK

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.





<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
3♥	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	Pass
Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Explained from North to East: T/O. Explained from South to West: "I think we play optional doubles, but I have a classic penalty pass".

**Table result:**

3♥ x by West, 6 tricks; 500 to N/S.

**The Tournament Director:**

The first tricks went: ♠K to the Ace, ♦J to the Queen and ♠2 from North. West decided to finesse, for if North had an optional double, he should hold a lot of values, such as ♦AQ, ♠KQ and the ♠K.

The TD decided that according to the explanation West received from South, the ♠K could very well be in South's hand even if the double was meant as optional. Therefore the TD let the table result stand.

**The Players:**

There was no dispute as to the facts. However, West felt that if he had been given the correct information about the double, he could have settled for a safe 1 down instead of trying to win his contract (by taking the ♠A and running the ♠Q from dummy).

**The Committee:**

The Committee decided that even if South's explanation to West had been wrong, South had volunteered information about his hand which was more than adequate for West to make a correct decision on how to play the board.

If you have all the information necessary and misplay your hand, you should not expect the Appeals Committee to replay the hand for

you. For this reason, the TD's decision was upheld, the table result stood and the money was forfeited.

**APPEAL NO. 17**

Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

**Appeals Committee:**

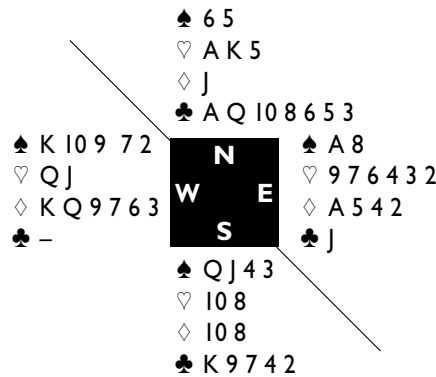
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**Rosenblum, Round 5**

N/S: B.K.Mohota - S.Kagarwaca, India

E/W: Kowalski - Romanski, Poland

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.



**Table result:**

6♣ x by North, 10 tricks: +300 E/W.

**The Tournament Director:**

The TD was called to the table after 6♣ was bid. East stated that first there had been a long hesitation by North, after which he asked about West's double of 2♦ before he doubled. West agreed with his partner.

South denied any extraordinary hesitation at the other side of the screen. In their bidding system (Precision Club) his partner had showed at least 6 clubs and control in only one suit besides clubs. Therefore the double was a penalty double, and the decision to bid on was South's alone.

The TD found no proved infraction and let the table result stand.

**The Players:**

**EW:** E/W stated that after the considerable hesitation by North, South should have passed on his weak hand.

**N/S:** South did not notice any hesitation, but after what he considered to be a penalty

double from his partner, he knew that they probably had no defensive values in clubs, and with only one outside stopper in North, it was difficult to see how 5♣ could be defeated.

**The Committee:**

The Committee found that it did not matter very much that the tempo may not have been perfect. North's bid shows at least 6 clubs and only one outside stopper. The facts therefore support the TD's decision. The table result therefore stands and the money was returned.

**APPEAL NO. 18**

Reported by Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

**Appeals Committee:**

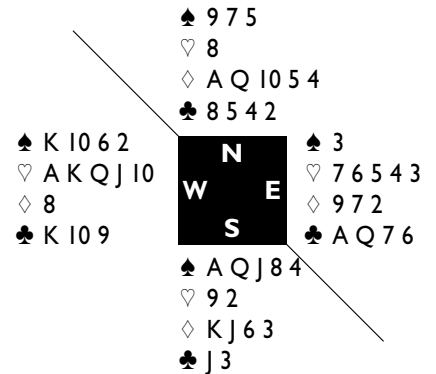
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**Rosenblum Round 2**

N/S: Buratti - Lanzarotti, Italy

E/W: Fawcett - Liggins, England

Board 6. E/W.



<sup>(1)</sup> Alleged slow pass.

**Table result:**

4♠ by South, 8 tricks: +300 E/W.

**The Tournament Director:**

The TD was called to the table before the double regarding a slow pass by South. The TD found the pass to be slow, but not out of tempo because of the preemptive nature of the auction.

In addition, 1) It is not clear within the laws that a hesitation has occurred. 2) It is not totally clear that the delay in passing over the tray was caused by South. 3) The 4♠ action was not that hazardous in the eyes of the TD.

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For these reasons, the TD let the table result stand. E/W appealed.

**The Players:**

**N/S:** North stated that a 5-3-3-2 distribution on South's hand was excluded, for that hand would be opened INT. Thus, South had to hold an unbalanced hand. South maintained that owing to the fact that his partner would know that he held an unbalanced minimum opening hand, he had passed. North therefore bid 4♣. South did not agree to any hesitation and North stated that he would always bid 4♣ with this hand, regardless of any hesitation.

**E/W:** West claimed that the hesitation was at least 20 seconds, and West passed immediately, believing that 4♥ would be the contract. He had planned to double 4♣ while South was contemplating. He absolutely denied the TD's statement that there might have been some doubt as to whom the pause could be referred back to.

**The Committee:**

The Committee did find a significant break in tempo to have occurred, and since North clearly had a logical alternative for his 4♣ bid, the score was changed to 4♥ by West making 11 tricks; +650 E/W.

**Appeal No. 19**

*Reported by Tommy Sandmark*

**Appeals Committee:**

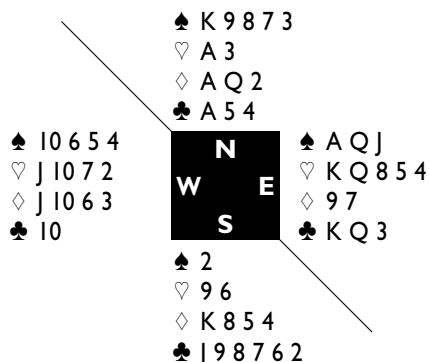
Joan Gerard, USA, Barbara Nudelman, USA, Chris Compton, USA, George Retek, Canada and Tommy Sandmark, Norway

**Zonal Swiss Teams**

**N/S:** Caspensen - Nørgaard, Denmark

**E/W:** Carcassone - Labaere, Belgium

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.



West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3 NT	3♣
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

**The TD:**

The TD was called to the table by East after the play of the hand. The play had gone: ♣9 was to the ♣K. East played the ♥K and South followed with the ♣2, but corrected it to the ♥6. The Tournament Director was not called to the table at this moment.

South had a penalty card, and East started asking about the 3♣ opening bid. North explained it as described in the convention card as "Loose". When asked "How loose?", North replied something like "We are not crazy!". As to the play of the ♣2, North

informed her that it was "encouraging". This was also written in N/S's convention card.

East then tried to take advantage of the penalty card by playing the ♣Q, believing that the ♣A would be in South's hand since they "were not crazy". This coup failed, and the contract went five down - 1100 to N/S.

The TD found that North had given the correct information to East, and that the play of ♣Q was at her own risk. Therefore, the ruling was that the table result was to stand. E/W appealed.

**The players:**

**N/S** confirmed the facts, and North assured that the statement "not crazy" was not made to deceive his opponents. South had called with the ♣2 because he believed that, at this point, if they were to beat the contract, it would have to be in clubs.

East thought that "loose but not crazy" would imply that the ♣A had to be in South's hand, which was why she filed the appeal.

**The Committee:**

The Committee found that East had all the necessary information present. She tried to take advantage of a penalty card, but unfortunately for her, it backfired. The Appeals Committee is not the right place to try to replay your misplayed hands, and for this reason the Appeals Committee upheld the TD's decision and forfeited the money.

The Appeals Committee also warned North that he should never offer gratuitous information at the table, but stick to replying to the questions asked.

**What a terrible hand!**

No doubt all of you have held a yarborough or two – you know, a hand with nothing higher than a 9. Bart Bramley of the United States went two better – he had nothing higher than a 7 on this deal from the Round of 64 in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams. He held:



Add up the pips – only 53. The absolute minimum possible is 41. Bramley once before had a 55-pip hand, but he saw that record broken when Marc Jacobus had a 54-pip hand. And now the record is broken again.

No, Bramley didn't get to be declarer – he didn't even bid. Usually partner makes a take-out double or a forcing 2♣ when you hold a hand like this. His partner competed to the three level in spades, but the opponents bought the hand for 4♦, just making for a push.

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### Test your defense

by Alan Truscott

You are East in the Vivendi Rosenblum qualifying, defending 6♥ on the following layout:

E/W vul. Dealer South.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
			1♥
3♦	4♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The ♦K is led, ruffed by South with the 10. When he leads the ♥4, West produces the jack, and when dummy plays the queen you win with ace. What next?

It seems safe to return a diamond, forcing another ruff. But the complete deal is this:

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

After he is permitted two diamond ruffs, South can cross to dummy with a trump, ruff the last diamond, and play clubs. After cashing the ace and king, he ruffs a club and takes dummy's remaining two hearts. This squeezes East in the black suits.

But East can prevent the squeeze by returning a trump at the third trick, messing up the timing for the squeeze. Mike Lawrence, East for the Ross team, found the essential trump return for the right reason and earns a nomination for the best defence of the tournament.



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### Too tired to pass

by Barry Rigal

I asked Ruth Levit and Migri Tzu Albu whether they had any good hands to help them qualify. Migri immediately produced this deal from her penultimate match - which embodied no feature of good bridge but which demonstrated that their luck was working. They qualified by 1 IMP after scoring a blitz in their final match. Migri picked up:

♠ 7 6 5 4 2
♥ A
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ K 5 4

in third seat. After two passes, she passed and RHO opened 1♥. LHO responded INT. At this point she looked at her bidding tray and discovered she had been too tired to pass on the first round. She had opened 1♣ instead! Still, nothing too terrible had happened yet. She passed again, and Ruth reopened with a double, ending the auction. She led a spade, of course, and this was the full deal:

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

Declarer scrambled her way to six tricks for minus 100 and 3 IMPs to Israel. The deal was passed out in the other room, so it generated a Victory Point --quite important in the final analysis.

### The Aberlour VIP Club News



**Ben Arnette**, the Program Manager of card and board games on the Microsoft Internet Gaming Zone (a free site located at [www.zone.com](http://www.zone.com)) dropped in at the VIP club on his way to Paris.

### OFFICIAL ENCLOPEDIA OF BRIDGE

Work is beginning on the next edition of the Encyclopedia of Bridge. Some NCBOs already have the forms which are to be completed, giving information. If your NCBO has not yet got them, please apply to Alan Truscott in the Press Room. Suggestions for improving the Encyclopedia are welcome.

### The 5th Malta Bridge Festival

The Festival will be held at The Radisson SAS Bay Point Resort, St. George's Bay, St. Julians, Malta, from February 27th to March 5th 1999. This is also the venue for next year's European Teams and Ladies Pairs Championships.

The program includes Open Pairs and Teams, Mens/Ladies Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Teams, and there is a guaranteed minimum prize fund of \$12000.

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Rendezvous with the World Bridge Championships very day at 18:40 on Radio France Frequence Nord 94.7 or in Lille 87.8

