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# First Rosenblum for Italy



*From left: Massimo Lanzarotti, Alfredo Versace, Antonio Sementa, Francesco Angelini, Lorenzo Lauria and Andrea Buratti*

Italy, with a long history of victories in the Bermuda Bowl and the World Team Olympiad from the Fifties through the Seventies, yesterday added a Rosenblum triumph to its portfolio. The Italians defeated Brazil, 155-76, in the Vivendi Rosenblum Cup Teams. It marked the first team victory for Italy since 1975, when the Italians won the Bermuda Bowl in Bermuda on the 25th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl. Brazil put an end to Italian dominance in the Olympiad the following year in Monte Carlo.

The new champions are Francesco Angelini, captain; Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Andrea Buratti, Lorenzo Lauria and Massimo Lanzarotti. They raced off to a 34-point lead in the first quarter, then widened it to 75 at the half.

Representing Brazil were Gabriel Chagas, captain; Marcelo Branco, Miguel Vilas Boas and Joao Paulo Campos.

### Important information about today's events

**CARA IMP PAIRS:** Contrary to the message in yesterday's Daily News, the first session will start at 11.00. The event now will consist of four sessions instead of three. Today's second session will start at 16.00. The schedule for tomorrow's sessions will be the same - 11.00 and 16.00. NOTE - Senior pairs who failed to qualify for the final are welcome to play in the IMP Pairs at no charge.

**SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE OPEN PAIRS:** The final will consist of 72 pairs of which 65 qualified from the semifinals. There will be five sessions in the final. Today's sessions will start at 10.30 and 15.45.

**LOUIS VUITTON WOMEN'S PAIRS:** There will be 36 pairs in the final, of which 28 have qualified from the semifinals. Today's sessions will start at 10.30 and 15.45. They will play barometer style and each pair will meet all other pairs once during the five-session final.

**ELF SENIOR PAIRS:** Forty pairs will compete in a four-session final. Sessions will start at 11.00 and 15.00. This is the only final in which there will be a carryover. The carryover will be computed as follows: The average session percentage in the qualifying multiplied by the total matchpoints available on a board in the final divided by 3.

### Pair event leaders

**Piotr Gawrys** and **Marcin Lesniewski** of Poland finished marginally ahead of Michael Rosenber and Steve Weinstein of the United States in the Société Générale Open Pairs semifinals.

In the Louis Vuitton Women's Pairs, **Zhang Yu** and **Wang Wenfei** of China were tops in the semifinals.

However, all finalists will start even - there will be no carryover.

### VICTORY BANQUET

All players are kindly requested to get the invitations at the Hospitality Desk on Wednesday 2 September from 10.00, and confirm absolutely not later than Thursday 3 at 11.00.

Priority will be given to finalists and semifinalists of the Open, Women's and Senior Pairs, and to those who qualified for the Round of 64 in the Rosenblum and the Round of 32 in the McConnell.

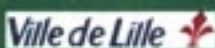
Cocktails will be served in "LILLE METROPOLE" (main hall, at the top of the stairs) at 18.30.

The Prize-Giving Ceremony will take place in "AMPHITHEATRE VAUBAN" (near the main hall) at 19.00. There will be two entrances: the "ENTREE BASSE" on the right, for all the medallists, - the "ENTREE CENTRALE", on the left up the stairs, for all the participants.

The Banquet will take place in room "ZENITH", in LILLE GRAND PALAIS (hostesses will guide you).

There will be no reserved tables.

The room "ZENITH" will be opened only after the end of the Prize-Giving Ceremony.



CCI DE LILLE METROPOLE





# VIVENDI ROSENBLUM CUP

(Final)

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## SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE OPEN PAIRS

(Final qualifying positions)

|    |                |               |     |        |    |               |              |     |        |    |                |                |     |        |
|----|----------------|---------------|-----|--------|----|---------------|--------------|-----|--------|----|----------------|----------------|-----|--------|
| 1  | GAWRYS P       | LESNIEWSKI M  | POL | 235.79 | 31 | LALANNE B     | SALEY C      | FRA | 216.33 | 61 | SIMSON D       | RODWELL E      | USA | 209.89 |
| 2  | WEINSTEIN S    | ROSENBERG M   | USA | 233.66 | 32 | BOCCHI N      | DUBOIN G     | ITA | 216.01 | 62 | KOKKO K        | EBENIUS J      | SWE | 209.70 |
| 3  | HAMMAN R       | MAHMOOD Z     | USA | 229.60 | 33 | RAMER R       | PAULISSEN G  | NLD | 215.65 | 63 | AUKEN J        | KOCH PALMUND D | DNK | 209.67 |
| 4  | WOLPERT D      | CZYZOWICZ J   | CAN | 227.81 | 34 | ROSS H        | LAWRENCE M   | USA | 214.61 | 64 | DE CHATILLON E | HELLER J       | FRA | 209.61 |
| 5  | VAN MIDDELEM G | JEUNEN F      | BEL | 227.34 | 35 | LI X          | SUN S        | CHN | 214.43 | 65 | SOLOWAY P      | ZOLOTOW S      | USA | 209.54 |
| 6  | JASSEM K       | TUSZYNSKI P   | POL | 226.20 | 36 | PAWLIK A      | GWINNER H    | DEU | 214.19 | 66 | MITTELMAN G    | GRAVES A       | CAN | 209.16 |
| 7  | KOWALSKIA      | ROMANSKI J    | POL | 225.45 | 37 | MECKSTROTH J  | JOHNSON P    | USA | 213.83 | 67 | CIMA L         | STOPPINI L     | ITA | 208.27 |
| 8  | CRONIER P      | SALAMA M      | FRA | 224.40 | 38 | Ms VLACHAKI M | MAJ          | GRC | 213.79 | 68 | HAMPSON G      | GRECO E        | USA | 208.13 |
| 9  | SCHOU S        | RON J         | DNK | 224.20 | 39 | MILLER B      | CHÉEK C      | USA | 213.65 | 69 | BALICKI C      | ZAKRZEWSKI     | POL | 207.95 |
| 10 | PULGA R        | RINALDI G     | ITA | 224.08 | 40 | COMPTON C     | KATZ R       | USA | 213.63 | 70 | ROSEN N        | MCINTOSH A     | GBR | 207.85 |
| 11 | ABECASSIS M    | QUANTIN J     | FRA | 224.08 | 41 | JJALAL M      | MEISS J      | NLD | 213.53 | 71 | ZAWISLAK S     | KRUPOWICZ M    | POL | 207.55 |
| 12 | MARTENS K      | SZYMANOWSKI M | POL | 223.69 | 42 | BESSIS M      | ROMBAUT J    | FRA | 213.53 | 72 | MAURIN D       | GIROLLET M     | FRA | 207.54 |
| 13 | BERGER H       | GUTTMANN D    | AUT | 223.39 | 43 | LANTARON L    | KNAP A       | ESP | 213.06 | 73 | MAYBACH R      | SCHWENKREIST   | DEU | 207.40 |
| 14 | SCHWEITZER H   | DECHELETTE N  | FRA | 223.01 | 44 | ALLEGRI P     | PALAU J      | FRA | 212.76 | 74 | PACAULT H      | SZWARC H       | FRA | 207.33 |
| 15 | WEICHSSEL P    | SONTAG A      | USA | 222.03 | 45 | FREED E       | PASSELL M    | USA | 212.72 | 75 | DE WILDE F     | TUWANAKOTTA    | NLD | 207.14 |
| 16 | HOYLAND S O    | HOYLAND J     | NOR | 221.95 | 46 | OLANSKI W     | STARKOWSKI W | POL | 212.33 | 76 | OHNO K         | YAMADA A       | JPN | 207.05 |
| 17 | OZDIL M        | ZAREMBA J     | POL | 221.84 | 47 | CALDERWOOD G  | SHEK D       | GBR | 212.26 | 77 | LOUCHART P     | DUGUET M       | FRA | 206.83 |
| 18 | GOTARD T       | HOLOWSKI Z    | DEU | 221.82 | 48 | DE ZURICH C   | STUTZ U      | CHE | 212.21 | 78 | WINCIOREK T    | KWIECINSKI M   | POL | 206.68 |
| 19 | LE PODER J     | SOLARI J C    | FRA | 221.63 | 49 | HAUKSSON B    | SIGURDSSON S | ISL | 211.83 | 79 | MOUIEL H       | POIZAT P       | FRA | 206.40 |
| 20 | LAMBARDI P     | CAMBEROS H    | ARG | 219.97 | 50 | GILL P        | COURTNEY M   | AUS | 211.73 | 80 | NILSSON H      | ERIKSSON M     | SWE | 206.23 |
| 21 | DEBOER W       | MULLER B      | NLD | 219.24 | 51 | LAIR M        | SCHWARTZ R   | USA | 211.61 | 81 | BURN D         | CALLAGHAN B    | GBR | 206.06 |
| 22 | COHEN L        | BERKOWITZ D   | USA | 219.23 | 52 | WOLD E        | ZECKHAUSER R | USA | 211.43 | 82 | HEGEDUS G      | VIKOR D        | HUN | 205.87 |
| 23 | MARTEL C       | STANSBY L     | USA | 218.61 | 53 | WANGW         | ZHUANG Z     | CHN | 211.39 | 83 | KOSHI H        | NAKMURA Y      | JPN | 205.36 |
| 24 | MAAS A         | RAMONDT V     | NLD | 218.47 | 54 | PILON D       | FAIGENBAUM A | FRA | 211.02 | 84 | POLET G        | KAPLAN A       | BEL | 205.19 |
| 25 | DUPRAZ P       | SALLIERE G    | FRA | 218.11 | 55 | HAMAOUIS      | CAPONI C     | VEN | 210.78 | 85 | GARDYNIK G     | WITEK M        | POL | 205.14 |
| 26 | MORSE D        | WILDAVSKY A   | USA | 218.11 | 56 | PARAINY       | DUBUS X      | FRA | 210.57 | 86 | JUREK P        | MODRZEJEWSKI T | POL | 204.79 |
| 27 | AUBY D         | NYSTROM F     | SWE | 217.71 | 57 | MARI C        | LEENHARDT F  | FRA | 210.53 | 87 | HENRI J        | LABAERE A      | BEL | 204.62 |
| 28 | LEVIN R        | MOSS B        | USA | 217.32 | 58 | SHARMA V      | SADHU A      | IND | 210.45 | 88 | SCHNITZER J    | BIEDER W       | AUT | 204.53 |
| 29 | CUTHBERTSON M  | MATHESON J    | GBR | 216.56 | 59 | HACKETT J     | HACKETT J    | GBR | 210.43 | 89 | VAN EIJCK W    | ZHAO J         | NLD | 204.29 |
| 30 | KIERZNOWSKI R  | LUKASZEWICZ K | POL | 216.38 | 60 | KWIECIEN M    | PSZCZOLA J   | POL | 209.91 | 90 | ROUSSEL N      | LAFFINEUR G    | FRA | 204.21 |

## ELF SENIORS PAIRS

(Final qualifying positions)

|    |                  |                 |     |        |    |                |              |     |        |     |                 |               |     |        |
|----|------------------|-----------------|-----|--------|----|----------------|--------------|-----|--------|-----|-----------------|---------------|-----|--------|
| 1  | MAGERMAN P       | V D MIJNSBRUGGE | BEL | 183.92 | 34 | DUPUIS L       | DUPUIS B     | FRA | 154.47 | 67  | NASR C          | BAROUDI N     | LBN | 144.96 |
| 2  | SCHAPIRO B       | GORDON I        | GBR | 182.25 | 35 | DELMOULY C     | ROUDINESCO J | FRA | 154.44 | 68  | LEIGHTON C      | LEIGHTON M    | GBR | 144.44 |
| 3  | GIGLI G          | LATESSA A       | ITA | 176.45 | 36 | MORTELMANS G   | ST GEORGES L | BEL | 154.43 | 69  | FRANCES J       | MEYER J L     | FRA | 143.92 |
| 4  | DUPONT L         | GAROZZO B       | USA | 176.01 | 37 | CASIAN E       | FRANCOS L    | ESP | 154.12 | 70  | PARASAMPURIA B  | MANGO J       | IND | 143.40 |
| 5  | EJZIORO A        | KLUKOWSKI J     | POL | 175.40 | 38 | SHANNON D      | BENETT H     | USA | 154.06 | 71  | OUJIZ S         | LANGLOIS L    | FRA | 142.97 |
| 6  | KREIJNS H        | KLESSER C       | NLD | 172.98 | 39 | HUMBURG H      | MATTSON G    | DEU | 153.98 | 72  | KIRSH E         | KIRSH D       | CAN | 142.59 |
| 7  | RENOUARD J       | FARAHAT J       | FRA | 171.19 | 40 | RIMON R        | HONKAVUORI R | FIN | 153.41 | 73  | GRIFFIN P       | COVRIGARU Z   | GBR | 142.10 |
| 8  | WEISMAN J        | SOLODAR J       | USA | 170.46 | 41 | SZENBERG S     | WILKOSZ A    | POL | 153.28 | 74  | BLANQUER R      | CIOSI J       | FRA | 141.68 |
| 9  | KAISER K         | SINT C          | NLD | 170.04 | 42 | MOSZYNSKI J    | TAENOWSKI W  | POL | 152.69 | 75  | ENANDER A       | JOHANSSON A   | SWE | 141.53 |
| 10 | JANICKI W        | POCHRON J       | POL | 166.75 | 43 | GUXUCHAI X     | TANGHOZU H   | CHN | 152.39 | 76  | ASQUITH E       | COCKROFT C    | GBR | 141.44 |
| 11 | HAMILTON F       | SUTHERLIN J     | USA | 166.35 | 44 | ELSTON R       | GARYN S      | USA | 152.11 | 77  | SANGLIER J      | SUSSEL P      | FRA | 141.37 |
| 12 | CLEARY E         | CLEARY A        | IRL | 166.34 | 45 | BORST P        | KAMERBEEK C  | NLD | 151.46 | 78  | LE CORRE J      | PREVOTEAU C   | FRA | 140.21 |
| 13 | MORIN J          | CHAVANNAZ P     | FRA | 166.21 | 46 | FELTON R       | WEISMAN D    | USA | 151.33 | 79  | SALAMAN C       | FAYAD M       | DEU | 139.79 |
| 14 | MARUGGI A        | ROMANIN G       | ITA | 165.87 | 47 | CANAL M        | MANDY C      | FRA | 151.27 | 80  | MURRELL J       | DALTON F      | GBR | 138.55 |
| 15 | HIRON M          | HIRON A         | GBR | 164.60 | 48 | ORTIZ PATINO J | BERNASCONI P | CHE | 151.05 | 81  | BROWN C         | BROWN A       | GBR | 138.52 |
| 16 | AVON D           | MALIGNON R      | FRA | 164.53 | 49 | ACHTERBERG W   | BENHASSAT M  | CHE | 150.93 | 82  | VEHMEYER L      | VAN OGTROP J  | NLD | 138.12 |
| 17 | EISENBERG B      | JONAS D         | USA | 163.66 | 50 | HENDRICKX J    | AUDENAERT A  | BEL | 150.64 | 83  | HOOGVEEN H      | BOELAARS C    | NLD | 137.68 |
| 18 | SCHWARTZ P       | ROBINSON J      | CAN | 163.16 | 51 | BERTIN J       | REBILLEY     | FRA | 150.62 | 84  | LESTOILLE M     | DELVAL G      | FRA | 136.59 |
| 19 | GROMOELLER W     | SCHNEIDER W     | DEU | 162.20 | 52 | BALLY G        | CASTELLON J  | ESP | 149.80 | 85  | WADIA B         | SINGH U       | IND | 136.20 |
| 20 | SKOPINSKA E      | WITKOWSKI P     | POL | 162.18 | 53 | HERTZ N        | HERTZ D      | USA | 149.70 | 86  | Mrs.GABILLARD A | GERTGEN M     | FRA | 135.97 |
| 21 | BIGANZOLI G      | GAVINO G        | ITA | 160.49 | 54 | EIDI G         | MERHY G      | LBN | 149.01 | 87  | CZYKOWSKI C     | PUCCZYNSKI K  | POL | 135.88 |
| 22 | VERHEES J        | KOKKES J        | NLD | 159.19 | 55 | BOUERY J       | GIRONDON Y   | FRA | 148.95 | 88  | DIVIES S        | ALBARET G     | FRA | 134.24 |
| 23 | KATZ M           | RAND N          | ISR | 158.67 | 56 | BARATTA F      | ROHAN K      | AUT | 148.20 | 89  | COUSIN P        | PIESSES M     | FRA | 134.19 |
| 24 | LONGINOTTI E     | RESTA G         | ITA | 158.39 | 57 | VALK T         | VAN BUREN N  | NLD | 148.13 | 90  | WHITE G         | HARRISON J    | GBR | 133.82 |
| 25 | FUIORESCU M      | VON KLEIST G    | DEU | 157.91 | 58 | BERNHEIM A     | DAMIANI J    | FRA | 147.95 | 91  | O'HANA          | O'HANA        | MAR | 132.19 |
| 26 | PESONEN J        | STUBB S         | FIN | 156.99 | 59 | HANRATTY P     | DOWLING S    | IRL | 147.55 | 92  | JULIEN J        | DAMEZ G       | FRA | 131.49 |
| 27 | REVILL C         | HEICKLEN J      | CAN | 156.69 | 60 | JAMKA U        | JAMKA K      | POL | 147.16 | 93  | JAUNIAUX G      | WALA W        | BEL | 129.95 |
| 28 | VON AVENSLEBEN B | HOGER W         | DEU | 156.31 | 61 | HALLEN H O     | REHLE L      | SWE | 147.15 | 94  | PRINCEN F       | SZEDNICSEK G  | DEU | 129.84 |
| 29 | ABIKER J         | LASOCKI K       | FRA | 155.78 | 62 | DAN O          | SAXON N      | ISR | 146.79 | 95  | BOSCHI V        | COHEN A       | FRA | 128.23 |
| 30 | FELLOUS J        | TASSAN J        | FRA | 155.43 | 63 | BLOCH E        | WEIL G       | FRA | 146.70 | 96  | RIBERI T        | RIBERI P      | FRA | 125.79 |
| 31 | LEVINE M         | JABBOUR Z       | USA | 155.23 | 64 | BOUIN H        | BOUIN J      | FRA | 146.62 | 97  | MC CORMACK J    | MC CORMACK J  | USA | 124.42 |
| 32 | AWAD M           | AWAD G          | FRA | 155.13 | 65 | MILDE A        | STOBIECKI W  | POL | 145.90 | 98  | BULTEZ R        | POULAIN T     | FRA | 122.92 |
| 33 | BARONI F         | BELLI A         | ITA | 154.68 | 66 | HEROLD G       | KOSCHIER R   | AUT | 145.16 | 99  | GABALIS P       | Miss PEARCY J | USA | 121.36 |
|    |                  |                 |     |        |    |                |              |     |        | 100 | MITCHELL E      | MITCHELL H    | GBR | 112.63 |



## LOUIS VUITTON WOMEN'S PAIRS

(Final qualifying positions)

|    |                |              |     |        |    |                |                |     |        |    |            |                |     |        |
|----|----------------|--------------|-----|--------|----|----------------|----------------|-----|--------|----|------------|----------------|-----|--------|
| 1  | WEN FEI W      | YU Z         | CHN | 233.63 | 21 | WEBER E        | VECHIATTO C    | DEU | 204.81 | 41 | GARDY U    | PASTERNAK M    | POL | 193.02 |
| 2  | JEANNIN-NALTET | LEMAITRE E   | FRA | 228.69 | 22 | NAKAO T        | NISHIDA N      | JPN | 203.26 | 42 | FREY N     | REESS V        | FRA | 191.49 |
| 3  | KEARSE A       | MITCHELL J   | USA | 225.57 | 23 | MOSS S         | GREENBERG G    | USA | 202.96 | 43 | MAITOVA E  | PONOMAREVA T   | RUS | 191.38 |
| 4  | WEI-SENDER K   | CHAMBERS J   | USA | 222.52 | 24 | CORMACK J      | HAVAS E        | AUS | 202.64 | 44 | BLOUQUIT C | LISE C         | FRA | 189.22 |
| 5  | WILLARD S      | CRONIER B    | FRA | 222.26 | 25 | TIBI-DESBOIS C | KERLERO P      | FRA | 202.61 | 45 | CLEMENT M  | DUMON S        | FRA | 188.95 |
| 6  | YA-LAN Z       | LING G       | CHN | 220.82 | 26 | MIDSKOG K      | MELLSTROM J    | SWE | 201.83 | 46 | DEWASNE I  | VANDEBOSSCHE   | BEL | 188.18 |
| 7  | RADIN J        | EYTHORSOTTIR | USA | 219.97 | 27 | MODLIN M       | MANSELL P      | ZAF | 200.97 | 47 | RICARD C   | RIBEROL C      | FRA | 186.99 |
| 8  | KITA M         | KROGULSKA J  | POL | 218.70 | 28 | GIANARDI C     | ROVERA L       | ITA | 200.42 | 48 | VERGE N    | LESUR S        | FRA | 186.96 |
| 9  | SUN M          | WANG H       | CHN | 218.02 | 29 | LACROIX E      | POULAIN C      | FRA | 200.27 | 49 | BIRR B     | GROMANN I      | DEU | 183.74 |
| 10 | SUTHERLIN P    | HAMMAN P     | USA | 217.17 | 30 | PINCUS C       | ROGERS B       | USA | 200.10 | 50 | MARCHESE A | MATIENZO M     | ARG | 183.37 |
| 11 | MENIL R        | PIGEAUD F    | FRA | 214.72 | 31 | CASTELLS L     | LEON P         | ESP | 200.02 | 51 | KREMER C   | MORETTI R      | FRA | 182.12 |
| 12 | BESSIS V       | D'OVIDIO C   | FRA | 213.42 | 32 | POLLACK R      | GOLDBERG C     | USA | 199.98 | 52 | JEITS M    | CONTARINI K    | LUX | 181.20 |
| 13 | NEHMERT P      | MIROSLAW W   | DEU | 211.89 | 33 | ISOARD M       | RENOUX M       | FRA | 199.41 | 53 | TESSARO T  | BARRETT A      | USA | 180.95 |
| 14 | CAPODANNO L    | D'ANDREA M   | ITA | 209.96 | 34 | PALMER B       | LYNN D         | USA | 198.39 | 54 | FOSTER B   | VAN RENSBURG N | ZAF | 177.79 |
| 15 | FAVAS A        | DE HEREDIA B | FRA | 209.36 | 35 | MARECHAL N     | PETIT F        | BEL | 197.70 | 55 | LAMOUR B   | SCHURER N      | FRA | 175.64 |
| 16 | VRIEND B       | ARNOLDS C    | NLD | 209.04 | 36 | GAVIARD D      | GERMINEAU M    | FRA | 197.38 | 56 | PIPER Y    | ZHOU M         |     | 174.71 |
| 17 | LOTTE M        | COUSSON M    | FRA | 209.04 | 37 | AXELROD B      | HAMMERSCHLAG U | ZAF | 196.25 | 57 | LANGER D   | GERSTEL M      | CHE | 166.10 |
| 18 | ZUR-ALBU M     | LEVITPORAT R | ISR | 207.24 | 38 | BURGER S       | SION B         | USA | 195.24 | 58 | MATHESON P | PATRICK K      | GBR | 165.86 |
| 19 | DEBETS M       | SPEELMAN B   | NLD | 205.94 | 39 | VALENSI O      | DELOR E        | FRA | 195.05 |    |            |                |     |        |
| 20 | BLOOM V        | HOLROYD M    | ZAF | 205.49 | 40 | LESGUILLER N   | DAS M          | FRA | 195.04 |    |            |                |     |        |



## ELF ZONAL OPEN PAIRS

(Final standings)

|    |                |             |     |        |    |                |                |     |        |    |                 |                |     |        |
|----|----------------|-------------|-----|--------|----|----------------|----------------|-----|--------|----|-----------------|----------------|-----|--------|
| 1  | CARRE M        | GRAGLIA C   | FRA | 245.36 | 21 | DALVI D        | CONCESSIO I    | IND | 220.74 | 41 | HEDGE U         | HAROUNI J      | GBR | 215.85 |
| 2  | KITA M         | LESIECKI B  | POL | 234.25 | 22 | BARBAROUX D    | BREABAN L      | FRA | 220.62 | 42 | BAKKE S         | RIISMES S      | NOR | 215.50 |
| 3  | PEDERSEN S     | VILLINGER L | DNK | 233.23 | 23 | RYNNING E      | LIE T          | NOR | 219.99 | 43 | FORDMAM P       | EWART N        | AUS | 215.26 |
| 4  | DAM V          | KROSGAARD M | DNK | 233.08 | 24 | INO M          | TERAMOTO       | JPN | 219.29 | 44 | HANSEN K        | ZEEBERG U      | DNK | 215.02 |
| 5  | SEILLER J      | DESAGES O   | FRA | 231.63 | 25 | COWER C        | REYNOLDS P     | ZAF | 219.22 | 45 | Miss BERNARD C  | REBILLARD M    | FRA | 215.02 |
| 6  | VILLANI C      | CONTI F     | ITA | 230.36 | 26 | DARLOT R       | MOHTASHAMI S   | FRA | 219.21 | 46 | BACO L          | CURETTI N      | FRA | 214.30 |
| 7  | DAGHER H       | ALOSTAZ R   | EGY | 230.22 | 27 | NOGUEIRA H     | MANDELLOT A    | BRA | 218.85 | 47 | BEYER M         | TESSELAAR J    | NLD | 213.39 |
| 8  | MEDUSEI A      | GUARIGLIA R | ITA | 230.17 | 28 | KLAR R         | BATES R        | USA | 218.80 | 48 | Miss MOHANDES S | BOWLES A       | GBR | 213.07 |
| 9  | SMITH L        | SMITH R     | USA | 230.09 | 29 | THEELKE M      | LEDGER J       | GBR | 218.53 | 49 | VAN REETH T     | TAGUER P       | FRA | 212.26 |
| 10 | SORENSEN D     | VERNAY G    | USA | 229.04 | 30 | MIYAKUNI K     | IMAKURA T      | JPN | 218.44 | 50 | DI BELLO S      | MAGRINI L      | ITA | 212.13 |
| 11 | LINDEN J       | NIEMI S     | FIN | 228.15 | 31 | BARRETT G      | HOFFMAN A      | USA | 218.41 | 51 | SIMON D         | RENARD S       | FRA | 212.00 |
| 12 | EKEBLAD R      | ROBISON J   | USA | 226.74 | 32 | RAMMURTHY S    | TOLANI R       | IND | 218.31 | 52 | CROMER R        | MONNIER R      | FRA | 211.64 |
| 13 | COHNER G       | FRECHE P    | DEU | 226.48 | 33 | HARASIMOWICZ E | HOCHKEK D      | POL | 217.65 | 53 | HARDEMAN A      | SESERS G       | BEL | 211.57 |
| 14 | PENICK M       | BRYANT J    | USA | 225.26 | 34 | RAY D          | KUSHARI P      | IND | 217.51 | 54 | PICKET          | PRYOR M        | GBR | 211.39 |
| 15 | LESGUILLIER R  | KREMER J    | FRA | 224.65 | 35 | BAMBERGER J    | TERRANO C      | AUT | 217.45 | 55 | YADLIN D        | YADLINY        | ISR | 211.22 |
| 16 | PARAIN V       | DUJARDIN P  | FRA | 222.51 | 36 | BORIN K        | EFRAIMSSON B   | SWE | 217.42 | 56 | GOKHALE A       | KEJRIWAL R     | IND | 210.98 |
| 17 | KHAZANOV I     | PROKHOROV D | RUS | 222.29 | 37 | MAURIAC G      | BEAUQUEY B     | FRA | 217.26 | 57 | HOFLAND M       | VAN GLABBEEK H | NLD | 210.95 |
| 18 | KULOVIC E      | BLAZENCIC D | HRV | 221.52 | 38 | POPPER R       | MILLER J       | USA | 217.16 | 58 | EISENSTEIN G    | SATZ B         | USA | 210.73 |
| 19 | VENKATARAMAN K | GHOSE S     | IND | 221.10 | 39 | THYS A         | GOTTSCHEINER A | BEL | 216.46 | 59 | CZERNIEWSKI P   | SMITH M        | GBR | 210.50 |
| 20 | BUSSE P        | NOWAKOWSKIA | POL | 220.84 | 40 | PERFILOV K     | ARTAMONOV      | RUS | 216.43 | 60 | RAYNAUD J       | FLACASSIER F   | FRA | 210.29 |



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### SESSION 11

|     |            |           |     |       |
|-----|------------|-----------|-----|-------|
| N/S | REYGADAS M | MARTEL R  | MEX | 60.23 |
| E/W | KOFOGO R   | HOYLAND S | NOR | 60.42 |

### SESSION 12

|     |            |             |     |       |
|-----|------------|-------------|-----|-------|
| N/S | POUGNAND J | METZ M      | FRA | 65.04 |
| E/W | FRANZEL R  | ZAKRAVSKY P | AUS | 59.83 |

### SESSION 13

|     |            |          |     |       |
|-----|------------|----------|-----|-------|
| N/S | LEVKOFF R  | SEAMON R | USA | 59.09 |
| E/W | MATHESON P | BAXTER K | GBR | 59.28 |

### SESSION 14

|     |           |         |     |       |
|-----|-----------|---------|-----|-------|
| N/S | RYNNING E | LIE T   | NOR | 60.62 |
| E/W | STERN T   | VAIYA A | CAN | 64.89 |

### SESSION 15

|     |            |             |     |       |
|-----|------------|-------------|-----|-------|
| N/S | HENNINGS D | RODNEY D    | USA | 66.20 |
| E/W | BALOG A    | WINESTOCK V | AUS | 59.49 |

### SESSION 16

|     |         |            |     |       |
|-----|---------|------------|-----|-------|
| N/S | BROWN C | SHADYRO O  |     | 71.06 |
| E/W | REESS M | DELESTRE D | FRA | 58.80 |

### SESSION 17

|     |           |           |     |       |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|
| N/S | KLESSER K | KREIJNS H | NLD | 60.25 |
| E/W | BRINIG R  | COHEN H   | GBR | 68.71 |

### SESSION 18

|     |           |           |     |       |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|
| N/S | KLESSER K | KREIJNS H | NLD | 68.69 |
| E/W | BRINIG R  | COHEN H   | GBR | 61.33 |

### SESSION 19

|     |            |            |     |       |
|-----|------------|------------|-----|-------|
| N/S | KURATANI T | SHIMIZU S  | JPN | 65.39 |
| E/W | LAMMERS E  | RYNSWOND C | NLD | 63.81 |

### SESSION 20

|     |            |             |     |       |
|-----|------------|-------------|-----|-------|
| N/S | LEPOUTRE E | MONTANARI A | FRA | 61.31 |
| E/W | KURATANI T | SHIMIZU S   | JPN | 62.73 |

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|    |               |     |     |
|----|---------------|-----|-----|
| 1  | ROHAN K       | IS- |     |
| 2  | SZENBERG S    | POL |     |
| 3  | ORLOW A       | POL |     |
| 4  | ROSEN R       | USA |     |
| 5  | RICCIARELLI M | ITA | 279 |
| 6  | HERTZ D       | USA | 268 |
| 7  | GU X          | CHN | 253 |
| 8  | BALLY G       | ESP | 253 |
| 9  | DORFMANN J    | FRA | 250 |
| 10 | HUMBURG H     | DEU | 247 |
| 11 | COCKCROFT C   | GBR | 246 |
| 12 | STERNBERG J   | USA | 244 |
| 13 | GADELLE R     | FRA | 244 |
| 14 | BENNETT H     | USA | 243 |
| 15 | VAN ESCOTE    | BEL | 242 |
| 16 | VALK T        | NLD | 242 |
| 17 | SCHWARTZ P    | CAN | 237 |
| 18 | RIMON         | FIN | 234 |
| 19 | LONGINOTTI E  | ITA | 230 |
| 20 | D'ORSI        | USA | 226 |
| 21 | REVILL C      | CAN | 224 |
| 22 | SKOPINSKA E   | POL | 224 |
| 23 | MORIN JP      | FRA | 221 |
| 24 | LEIGHTON C    | GBR | 218 |
| 25 | HENDRICKX J   | BEL | 218 |
| 26 | DOWLING S     | IR- | 206 |
| 27 | BEAUGRAND J   | FRA | 205 |
| 28 | HEBAK P       | CZE | 194 |
| 29 | LEVINE M      | USA | 191 |
| 30 | SOLODAR J     | USA | 190 |
| 31 | LATHAM E      | GBR | 189 |
| 32 | COFFRE G      | FRA | 188 |
| 33 | GORDON I      | GBR | 184 |
| 34 | TELSCHER B    | GBR | 183 |
| 35 | HOGER W       | DE- | 179 |
| 36 | AWAD G        | FRA | 170 |
| 37 | DAGRADA R     | FRA | 155 |
| 38 | TOLANI N      | IND | 98  |

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## En route to the Olympics

**Juan Antonio Samaranch**  
President of the IOC

The road to possible participation for the game of bridge in the Olympics has been a long and difficult one. However, the International Olympic Committee Bridge Grand Prix that will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, next week (7-11 September) clearly is a major step.

The following message has been received from Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC:

*"On behalf of the Olympic Movement, I would like to welcome to Lausanne, the Olympic Capital, the participants in the International Olympic Committee Bridge Grand Prix, taking place at the Olympic Museum.*

*In the past twelve months Lausanne has hosted highly successful world championships, and now the World Bridge Federation has spared no effort in preparing the IOC Grand Prix, a major event in bridge. Always a popular game of skill, bridge is open to all age groups and all levels of ability. By organizing international meetings such as the Grand Prix, bridge will contribute to the further development and promotion of the game.*

*I wish you every success."*

Six fine teams representing four zones will compete. France, Italy and Poland will represent Zone 1, the United States in Zone 2, Brazil in Zone 3 and China in Zone 6. Five of these teams have been victorious in Olympiad competition - France in 1960, 1980, 1992 and 1996; Italy in 1964, 1968 and 1972, Brazil in 1976, Poland in 1984 and the United States in 1988. China, a relatively new addition to world bridge, has progressed at an amazing rate and for this reason also has been invited.

This exceptional tournament didn't just happen.

It all started back in 1993 when Mazhar Jafri of Pakistan, a WBF vice president, was invited to attend the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) meeting in Kuwait. While he was there he met Samaranch and Sheikh Ahmed al-Fahad, president of the OCA. Both expressed an interest in bridge. "It was an encouraging meeting," according to Jafri. "They asked me to write a report for them, and they in turn would consider recognizing the World Bridge Federation."

Jafri conferred with then WBF President Bobby Wolff. Wolff expressed keen interest and told Jafri to go forward. Jafri then supplied the IOC with all the documentation

they desired. In 1995 the Executive Board of the IOC recognized the World Bridge Federation. This followed the precedent set by the earlier acceptance of the Fédération Internationale des Echeques, the world chess organization. The IOC General Assembly ratified this move later that year in Budapest.

The next step was to attempt to get bridge accepted as an Olympic sport. The WBF was told that this could happen only if the WBF was elevated to the International Sports Federation. WBF President José Damiani met with Samaranch and other top Olympic officials in 1997 in Lausanne. At that meeting, Marc Holder, a vice president of the IOC and also a former president of the Swiss Bridge Federation, was very helpful.

The result of this is the Bridge Grand Prix that is about to take place in Lausanne. This is a major step in the effort to have WBF placed in the International Sports Federation and to have bridge accepted as an Olympic sport.

Ultimately, of course, the goal is to have bridge become an Olympic sport. If and when this happens, bridge, and probably chess as well, will be played in the Winter Olympics.

The biggest beneficiaries, in Jafri's view, would be the developing countries of the Third World.

*"These nations need the support of their governments, and that support is missing in many of these countries at present. There is a negative feeling about card games in general in many nations - the national leaders often feel that cards mean gambling is involved. Clearly if the Olympics recognize bridge to the extent that bridge matches are played in Olympic competition, such government officials may change their view about bridge and begin to support the bridge activities in their countries."*

What are the chances that the International Olympic Committee will accept bridge in the Olympic Games? Much depends on the definition of "sport". The IOC already has accepted physical and technical sports, and the sentiment seems strong in favour of adding mental sports.

*"The IOC recognizes that a healthy mind is just as necessary as a healthy body,"* said Jafri.

And, as we all know, bridge certainly nurtures a healthy mind.

## Memories of Lille (3)

by David Stevenson (England, GB)

One of the nice things about Lille is meeting all the friends I have made through the Internet, so I am trying to get to know all my correspondents here. I understood that Carol von Linstow was in an office on the third floor, so I went along there. However, no one was there except a very pleasant gentleman who asked me what I wanted.

"I am looking for Carol von Linstow", I said.

"She will be here later", he said. "Why do you want her?"

"I am trying to meet people here", I said.

"You are trying to meet people? Good! I am José Damiani."

## A Matter of Rank

by Seamus Dowling (Ireland)

When I came to the table in the Senior Teams, I introduced myself courteously and asked the gentleman if he played five-card majors. Either my diction was faulty or his hearing was slightly impaired because he immediately straightened up to his full height and proclaimed:

'Well, I am a colonel!'

I got the impression I was expected to salute.

'No, not that kind of major,' I said, 'I mean spades and hearts.'

For the record, the colonel applied appropriate killing tactics in the match.

## Most deals played

Herman De Wael is trying to calculate the number of deals played by various players at these championships. He is compiling a list of players who have played the complete set of deals from Rosenblum/McConnell, and have also played the Mixed Pairs. The following players seem to fulfil these conditions, but Herman would like to add any omissions.

L. Svenzon, D. Birman, J. Jansma, M. Erhart, S. Terraneo, D. von Arnim, L. McGowan, K. Woolsey, S. Moss, B. Speelman, T. Weigkricht, G. Chagas, S. Robinson, E. Gautret.

To fulfil the conditions, a player must have completed all 13 or 14 matches in the qualifications, and all matches in the knockout. Are you also one of them?



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## Chagas v Angelini



The ANGELINI team from Italy made a great start to the final of the Vivendi Rosenblum, with a series of gains on the early boards. A couple of overtrick IMPs on the first board was followed by something rather more substantial.

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

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

## Closed Room

| West    | North      | East     | South  |
|---------|------------|----------|--------|
| Versace | Vilas Boas | Lauria   | Campos |
| Pass    | 1♦         | Pass     | Pass   |
| Pass    | 3♣         | Pass     | 1♥     |
| Pass    | 3NT        | All Pass | 3♥     |

Lorenzo Lauria led his third best spade to the nine and ace. Miguel Vilas Boas had a tough decision now. With only one sure dummy entry, it is little better than a guess as to which minor suit finesse is working. Vilas Boas chose to lead a low diamond to the jack at trick two, relying on the ♣K to be onside, with his extra chance being that the diamond might be allowed to win. When the jack lost to the king and the club proved to be offside, he was one down; -100.

## Open Room

| West     | North   | East   | South      |
|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| Branco   | Buratti | Chagas | Lanzarotti |
| Pass     | 1♦      | Pass   | Pass       |
| Pass     | 3♣      | Pass   | 1♥         |
| Dble     | Rdbl    | Pass   | 3♠         |
| All Pass |         |        | 3NT        |

Massimo Lanzarotti preferred to use fourth suit forcing rather than repeat his hearts and this led to the final contract being played from the other side. Marcelo Branco led the ♠2, ducked to the queen. Gabriel Chagas returned the ♠5 to dummy's ace, and Lanzarotti found himself with much the same

problem as that faced by Vilas Boas in the other room. He decided to cross to the ace of hearts to run the ten of clubs - his extra chance being that East might be short in clubs and win the first round.

Had the club been allowed to hold, declarer would have had a tough decision to make and might well have gone down. However, Chagas won immediately and now Lanzarotti had the necessary communications to make his game; 12 IMPs to ANGELINI.

Yes, 5♣ would have been a rather better contract.

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

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

## Closed Room

| West    | North      | East     | South  |
|---------|------------|----------|--------|
| Versace | Vilas Boas | Lauria   | Campos |
| Pass    | 1♣         | Pass     | Pass   |
| 1♠      | Dble       | Rdbl     | 1♥     |
| 2♠      | 3♣         | All Pass | 2♣     |

3♣ is beatable on a spade lead and diamond switch, the diamond ruff being the fifth defensive trick. In practice, the switch was not found so 3♣ made for a useful looking result for CHAGAS.

Alas, that was wiped out and more by events in the other room.

## Open Room

| West     | North   | East   | South      |
|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| Branco   | Buratti | Chagas | Lanzarotti |
| 2♠       | Dble    | 4♠     | Pass       |
| All Pass |         |        | Dble       |

One imagines that Chagas will not be too happy with his choice of action on this deal, 4♠ looking wrong in theory as well as practice. Buratti led a trump and Branco won and drew a second round. There was really nothing to the play and Branco was soon two down for -500 and 9 IMPs to ANGELINI.

## Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

Branco opened another weak two bid, 2♦ this time. Andrea Buratti overcalled 2♥ and again Chagas made a very dubious leap to game, bidding 5♦. When that ran back round to Buratti, he doubled. Superficially, 5♦ is only one down, but that assumes that North cashes a top card in each of his suits and allows declarer to take two club ruffs in the dummy.

Buratti actually led a top club then switched to a diamond. Branco, who must have been wondering what was happening with his partner at this point in the set, won in hand and led a heart up to establish his communications. Had Buratti held only a singleton trump, that would have resulted in one down, but on the actual hand he was able to win the heart and play a second trump and now there was no escape for Branco. He was two down for a second consecutive -500 on a partscore deal.

In a sense, the Brazilians were lucky on this deal in that they managed to have a dreadful result at both tables. Well, that is better than having two dreadful results on different boards, but is not really the sort of luck which wins world championships. This was the auction in the other room:

## Closed Room

| West     | North      | East   | South  |
|----------|------------|--------|--------|
| Versace  | Vilas Boas | Lauria | Campos |
| Pass     | 1♥         | Pass   | Pass   |
| 2♦       | Dble       | 3♦     | 3♠     |
| All Pass |            |        |        |

Is double of 2♦ the normal action on the North cards or is it too dangerous with only a doubleton spade? Clearly it is too dangerous if partner is going to bid 3♠ on that South hand.

If a positive call is to be made on the South hand, a responsive double might be preferable rather than Campos's choice. 3♠ drifted three down for -300 and 13 IMPs to ANGELINI, who already led by 36 IMPs.

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

Open Room

| West   | North   | East   | South      |
|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| Branco | Buratti | Chagas | lanzarotti |
| 1♠     | Pass    | 1♥     | Pass       |
| 2NT    | Pass    | 2♦     | Pass       |
|        |         | 3NT    | All Pass   |

The 1♠ bid was the equivalent of a forcing no trump response. On this auction, it was natural for North to look for an alternative to the obvious diamond lead, although the 2♦ bid could have been made on a three-card suit, as here. Buratti chose the queen of clubs. Branco won the ace and returned a club to the jack. Now Buratti switched to a diamond, realising that this was his only hope of defeating the contract. This just gave Branco a third diamond trick, however, and he won the nine then crossed to hand in diamonds to clear the clubs; +630.

Closed Room

| West    | North      | East   | South    |
|---------|------------|--------|----------|
| Versace | Vilas Boas | Lauria | Campos   |
| 2♣      | Pass       | 1♥     | Pass     |
| 2NT     | Pass       | 2♥     | Pass     |
|         |            | 3NT    | All Pass |

This time diamonds had not been bid so it was normal for Vilas Boas to lead one. Alfredo Versace won in dummy and ran the ♣8 to the jack. Back came another diamond and he won and crossed to dummy in spades to repeat the club finesse. The odds in the club suit are very close but we believe that this is the correct line in theory, just not on this particular layout. Versace had to go one down now and CHAGAS was finally on the board with a badly needed 12 IMP gain.

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South.

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

| North      | South  |
|------------|--------|
| Vilas Boas | Campos |
| 1♠         | 1♣     |
| 3NT        | INT    |
|            | Pass   |

With spades the only suit definitely promised by North/South, it was not a very attractive choice of lead for Versace. Instead he chose to lead a passive heart. Now Joao Paulo Campos's only route to nine tricks was to get the clubs right for four tricks. Alas, the normal percentage play in the suit is to finesse on the second round and that is what Campos did. That meant one down for -100.

| North   | South      |
|---------|------------|
| Buratti | Lanzarotti |
| 2♣      | INT        |
| 2♠      | 2♥         |
| 3NT     | 3♣         |
|         | Pass       |

INT was 11-14 and 2♣ Stayman. We are not sure about 2♠ but suspect that it was an enquiry rather than specifically showing spades. Whatever was going on, there was certainly some implication that the North hand might either have four spades or be checking for a possible 5-3 heart fit.

The West hand still has no particularly attractive opening lead. Eventually, Branco chose a low spade and that was curtains for the defence. Lanzarotti also got the clubs wrong, but he had nine tricks anyway. The 12 IMPs lost on the previous deal had gone straight back again.

Board 13. All Vul. Dealer North.

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

In the Closed Room, Lauria/Versace bid to 3NT on their combined 25-count. This is a poor contract at best and on the actual lie had no chance; two down for -200.

Chagas opened the East cards with 1♣ and Branco responded INT. They clearly play this as pretty well guaranteeing four clubs because Chagas rebid 2♣ and played there. He won the diamond lead, ruffed a diamond, cashed the top trumps and took a second diamond ruff. Then he played out the spades and made nine tricks; +110 and 7 IMPs to CHAGAS.

At the end of the quarter, ANGELINI led by 53-19 IMPs.

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# Orbis World Bridge Championships 2000



World Bridge Federation

## About the Tournament

In January 2000, the mid-Atlantic island of Bermuda, lying 600 miles east of North Carolina, USA, will become the centre of international bridge attention as it prepares to host the Orbis World Bridge Championships.

Of special significance is the fact that this occasion marks the 50th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl, for it was in Bermuda in 1950 that the first ever World Championships were held, the brainchild of Bermuda resident Norman Bach. Since those beginnings, in which three teams competed - USA, Europe and Great Britain - this Championship, now known as the Bermuda Bowl, has become the most prestigious on the international bridge circuit. Teams from 20 countries will qualify for the honour of competing.

Running concurrently with the Bermuda Bowl will be the competition for the Venice Cup, a parallel contest for women's teams. Twenty countries will be represented. In addition, the 2nd World Transnational Open Teams, a new event introduced in Tunisia in 1997, will be held during the second week. This contest, which transcends national boundaries, is expected to attract more than 100 teams comprised of the finest players in the world.

The world class calibre of the Championships is assured by the corporate sponsorship of Orbis Investment Management, together with the support of the Bermuda Department of Tourism. Orbis Investment Management is a Bermuda-based asset management company. Further guaranteeing the success of the event is the choice of the tournament venue, the Southampton Princess



Hotel, one of Bermuda's top resort hotels. This hotel has been named in Travel and Leisure magazine's "Top Twenty Island Resorts" for the last two years and in Condé Nast Traveller magazine's "Top Twenty Tropical Resorts" for the last three years. Playing facilities are excellent and the theatre style vu-graph room seats 700. Two members of the Bermuda Bridge Federation are in Lille this week. They are Mrs. Sheena Rayner, President, and Jack Rhind, Technical Director. They will be happy to answer any questions.

## About Bermuda

Ever since steamships started to call on Bermuda in the early 1900s, the Island has been a popular vacation destination. Bermuda boasts one of the finest sheltered harbours in the world. Six cruise ships arrive each week during the April to October season to tie up right in the heart of the capital, Hamilton. There is also a wide variety of guest accommodations scattered across the Island and the number of visitors exceeds a half million a year. Last year Bermuda was voted "Number One Island" by Travel & Leisure Magazine.

International business, attracted to Bermuda because of its favourable tax laws, easy access and stable government, plays a major role in Bermuda's economy. This factor combined with tourism accounts for the sophisticated array of services and amenities which belie the Island's small size. It also results in the Island being well served by international airlines. Major



gateway cities for direct flights are New York, Atlanta and Boston (from the USA); Toronto (from Canada) and London (from Britain).

Bermuda enjoys a temperate, sub-tropical climate, thanks to the Gulf Stream. Winter temperatures are usually around 70° Fahrenheit, ideal for golf, tennis, horseback riding, sightseeing and exploring. Bermuda is noted for the warmth and friendliness of its people, who take pride in the natural beauty of their Island. This is evident to visitors in the cleanliness and well-kept nature of the Island. Its ocean-scapes, beaches, pastel houses and quaint lanes combine to create a relaxed and distinctly different holiday environment.

Bermuda is Britain's oldest dependent territory. However the domestic affairs of Bermuda are run by Bermudians, who fiercely cherished this autonomy. English is the language; the Bermudian dollar is the currency. Since it is always at par with the US dollar, both currencies are acceptable.

Transportation in Bermuda is somewhat unique. Each household is permitted only one car and there are no rental cars. Visitors cannot even borrow a car, since a Bermuda driver's license is required.

The popular mode of transportation is by motor scooters or mopeds, which are readily available for rent. Public transportation (buses and ferries) is excellent and taxis are plentiful.

The tournament venue is situated overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on Bermuda's south shore. It is 20 minutes by bus from Hamilton with its intriguing mix of old and new. Visitors







enjoy strolling the streets, laneways and parks; shopping in old-fashioned stores with modern touches; browsing in chic boutiques; riding the ferries and lunching in attractive eateries.

A day's excursion to the East lets visitors discover St. George's, founded in 1612, with its narrow streets and heritage buildings. An excursion westward leads to Somerset and Dockyard, another tribute to Bermuda's British heritage and culture.

For golfers, Bermuda boasts several championship courses including Mid-Ocean, venue for the 1998 Gillette Three Tour Challenge. Closest to the Southampton Princess is Port Royal, a Robert Trent Jones masterpiece, where tee times are readily available. The Princess' own course, though short, is one of the finest of its kind and offers a challenging layout with wonderful views.

The World Bridge Federation, the Bermuda Bridge Federation, Orbis Investment Management and the Bermuda Department of Tourism are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome the World's best bridge players to Bermuda. They are poised to stage an event at the start of the millennium which will be worthy of the occasion and which will be memorable long after the last bridge player has gone.

### Tournament venue

The Southampton Princess Hotel is a 600-room property set on a hill in a 100-acre estate. Each room has a balcony from which guests can enjoy sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean or Great Sound.

Rooms are equipped with the little extras such as iron, ironing board, wall safe, robes and coffee makers.



The hotel's extensive recreational facilities include an 18 hole "executive" golf course - one of the finest of its kind. A complete tennis complex with 11 courts, professional teaching staff, a pro-shop and an indoor and outdoor pool. A fitness centre and spa are also available. Other amenities include a shopping arcade, tour desk and concierge service. Another unusual attraction is the dolphin pool-named Dolphin Quest - which offers the opportunity to swim with the ocean's most beloved creatures in their natural ocean lagoon.

The hotel has a variety of restaurants which will be catering to players' needs and tastes. Rates include the famous Breakfast Buffet which will be available from 7am to 10.30am each morning.

Very special rates have been negotiated for the occasion of the Orbis World Bridge Championships.

These are \$136 single and \$165 double per day including breakfast, all taxes and gratuities. Thanks to the generosity of the corporate sponsor, Orbis Investment Management, a reduced double rate of \$142 per day will be offered to players, captains and coaches participating in the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup and their spouses. These rates are valid ONLY from January 7 to 21, 2000.

### Reservations

From North America: 1-800-262-1600  
From other countries: 441-238-8000  
or write: Southampton Princess Hotel, P.O. Box HM 1379, Hamilton, HMHX, Bermuda.

Please specify Orbis Bridge Package.

### Other Accommodation

A variety of alternative accommodation is available including guest houses, self catering apartments, cottage colonies and small hotels. Information and reservations can be made through Bermuda Small Properties.

**Phone:** Bermuda Head Office: 441-236-1633 Fax: 441-236-1662  
or USA: 1-800-637-4116  
Canada: 1-800-637-4116  
London: 01753 684 810  
Germany: 0711 344 760

**Web site:**  
<http://bermudareservations.com>

**e-mail:** [steve@bspl.bm](mailto:steve@bspl.bm)

Rates start at \$90 double, but could be less for four or more sharing a cottage.



The winning US team at the inaugural Bermuda Bowl 1950  
left to right: Samuel Stayman, Sydney Silodor, John Crawford, Howard Schenken, Charles Goren, George Rapee.



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| <p align="center"><b>Schedule of events</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup</b><br/><i>January 7 to 21, 2000</i></p> <p align="center"><b>World Transnational Open Teams</b><br/><i>January 16 to 21, 2000</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Bermuda Regional Tournament</b><br/><i>January 22 to 29, 2000</i></p> |
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# APPEALS 20 to 22

## Appeal No. 20

Reported by Rich Colker, USA

### Appeals Committee:

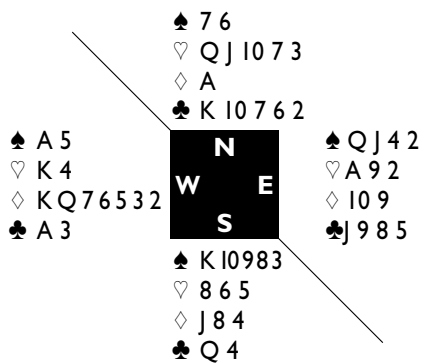
Rich Colker (Chairman, USA), Naki Bruni (Italy), Dan Morse (USA), Becky Rogers (USA), John Wignall (New Zealand), Jaime Ortiz-Patino (observer)

### Tournament Director:

Chris Diment

Lipton Ice Tea Junior Pairs Session 1  
France (N/S) v Holland (E/W)

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vulnerable.



| West     | North              | East                | South |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1♦       | Pass               | Pass                | Pass  |
| Pass     | 2NT <sup>(1)</sup> | Dble <sup>(2)</sup> | Pass  |
| All Pass | 3♣                 | Dble <sup>(3)</sup> | 3♥    |

- <sup>(1)</sup> Clubs and hearts
- <sup>(2)</sup> Penalties of one or both suits
- <sup>(3)</sup> Penalty

### Facts:

3♥ made three, plus 140 for North/South. North's 2NT bid was explained by North to East as clubs and hearts, their agreement, but by South to West as clubs and spades. (South thought he had written down clubs and hearts and hence did not later correct his error.) The TD was called and told by West that he would have bid 4♦ over 3♥ if he had been correctly informed.

### TD's decision:

The TD ruled that, whichever major North held, West's holdings and defensive potential were the same. Since West failed to bid 4♦ when he thought North's major was spades, there was no evidence to suggest he would have acted any differently had he been told North's major was hearts. The table result was therefore allowed to stand.

### Appellant:

East/West appealed.

### The players:

West reiterated that he would have bid 4♦ had he been told that North's major was hearts. He said that, since hearts was an "unbid" suit, he thought East might have long hearts with South. In any event he thought that East would have to bid over 3♥.

East, who knew that North had clubs and hearts, said he had no fit for West, modest values and only three hearts. So when 3♥ came around to him he passed.

South said he had been thinking about his own spade holding when he wrote his explanation of North's 2NT bid and he simply wrote spades inadvertently instead of hearts as North's second suit. He never realized that he had not written hearts.

In the defense of 3♥ West said he led the ♦K, won perforce in dummy. When declarer then played a club to the queen, West won his ace and panicked, playing ace and another spade. Declarer then (somehow) managed to escape with only four losers.

When the Committee asked West to explain why he had not bid 3♦ directly over the double of 2NT or later over 3♥, given the similarity in his defensive prospects against any of the other suits, he could give no reason. East/West also confirmed that East's pass of 3♥ was against their system and that it, rather than the misinformation, might have been responsible for their poor result.

The Committee saw no reason for West to believe that East had better defense against hearts (sitting, as he was, in front of the presumed heart bidder) than against spades (sitting, as he was, behind the presumed spade bidder). By passing 2NT doubled as well as 3♥, West had indicated his willingness to defend. Thus, the Committee found no evidence that West would have acted any differently (by bidding 4♦) had he known that North's second suit was hearts rather than spades. The Committee also believed that the misinformation given by South was entirely inadvertent, due to the fact that he had just been thinking about his own spade holding. Nonetheless, South's error was careless and caused much difficulty.

### The Committee's decision:

The Committee allowed the table result to stand for both pairs (3♥ made three, plus 140 for North/South). A 5% of a top procedural penalty was assessed against North/South (not to accrue to East/West) for South's carelessness in describing North's 2NT bid. East/West's deposit was returned.

## Appeal No. 21

Reported by Rich Colker, USA

### Appeals Committee:

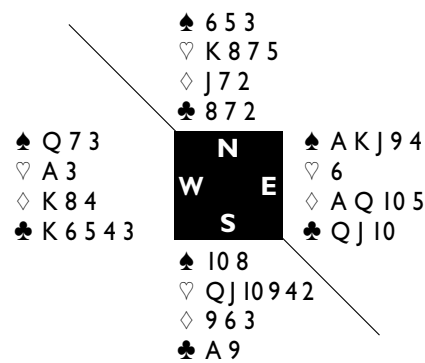
Rich Colker (Chairman, USA), Sabine Auken (DEN), Chris Compton (USA), Claire Torny (USA)

### Tournament Director:

Bertrand Gignoux

Vivendi Rosenblum Teams, Round of 32  
South Africa (N/S) v France (E/W)

Board 13. Dealer North. E/W Vulnerable.



| West               | North    | East              | South |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------|
| 2NT <sup>(2)</sup> | Pass     | 1♠ <sup>(1)</sup> | Pass  |
| 4♠ <sup>(4)</sup>  | Pass     | 3♦ <sup>(3)</sup> | Pass  |
| 5♥ <sup>(6)</sup>  | Dble     | 5♦ <sup>(5)</sup> | Pass  |
| 6NT                | All Pass | 5♠                | Pass  |

- <sup>(1)</sup> 5+ spades or balanced weak notrump with 2-3 spades
- <sup>(2)</sup> Balanced game force without four hearts
- <sup>(3)</sup> Natural (5+ spades, 4+ diamonds), not showing extras
- <sup>(4)</sup> Minimum with three spades
- <sup>(5)</sup> Cuebid, denying a club control
- <sup>(6)</sup> Cuebid, first- or second-round heart control

### Facts:

East bid 5♦ after a long hesitation. His 5♠ bid, although somewhat faster, was still slow. At that time North told East that he was reserving his right to call the TD, which he did immediately after West's 6NT bid. East's 5♠ bid was not forward-going and indicated a lack of interest in hearing whether West's 5♥ cuebid was based on first- or second-round control. (He could have passed, allowing West to redouble with first-round control.) East and South both agreed with North's description of the tempo of the 5♦ and 5♠ bids. The TD determined that North/South had no agreement about what a double of 6NT by South would have meant in this situation.

**TD's decision:**

The TD ruled that unauthorized information was available which made West's 6NT bid more attractive and that passing 5♠ was a logical alternative. The directing staff also believed that the break in tempo (at the point where North doubled 5♥ and East bid 5♠) was far more likely to have been due to East than North. The contract was adjusted for both sides to 5♠ making six, plus 680 for E/W, according to Laws 16 and 12.

**Appellant:**

East/West appealed.

**The players:**

East agreed that his 5♦ bid was quite slow but stated that his 5♠ bid, while a bit slow, had taken at most 10-15 seconds – not unreasonable for a call in the middle of a slam-investigative auction.

West stated that he knew his side could make a slam once East cuebid 5♦, but he did not jump to 6♠ immediately because seven was still a possibility. He also pointed out that his inference that East was concerned about a heart lead (and would thus hold at least a doubleton) and his choice to bid 6NT to protect his ♣K were errors and could have worked out poorly – but they were not predicated on East's hesitation.

East also indicated that his partnership had no way to systemically show a distributional (say, six-five) slam try.

In response to a Committee member's question, North stated that, while in theory he agreed that the decision of whether to make a high-level lead-directing double could require some lengthy consideration, the double of 5♥ bid here was not in that category. With a near worthless hand he had no trouble doubling the one suit in which he could stand a lead, and thus, in his opinion the hesitation was entirely attributable to East.

**The Committee:**

The Committee believed that East's 5♠ bid was a clear signoff, especially since East could have indicated further interest by passing the double of 5♥ and then bidding 5♠ over West's redouble. Since East/West stated that, by their own agreement 5♦ had denied a club control, West's 5♥ must have shown a club control. Thus, West had already shown much of his hand. East's slam try might be such that he needs West to hold three of the four features which include the two round-suit aces, the ♠Q and the ♦K (doubleton) to continue. While West is admittedly near maximum for his 4♠ bid, holds three key cards (♠Q, ♥A, ♦K), and could hardly be expected to hold more after his 4♠ bid, West still lacks two of the four critical features (♣A and doubleton diamond). Also, since many players would pass 5♠ holding the West hand, West should not be permitted to continue.

**The Committee's decision:**

The Committee cancelled the 6NT bid and adjusted the contract for both sides to 5♠ by

East making six, plus 680 for E/W. The deposit was returned.

**Appeal No. 22**

Reported by Herman De Wael (Belgium)

**Appeals Committee:**

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Jens Auken (Denmark), Jean-Paul Meyer (France), David Stevenson (Great Britain), Herman De Wael (Belgium).

**Rosenblum Round of 32  
Netherlands v USA**

**North/South:** Maas/Ramondt  
**East/West:** Moss/Shenken

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S vulnerable.

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

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| W | S | E |
|   |   |   |

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|---------------|---------------|
| ♠ K J 8 4     | ♠ K J 8 4     |
| ♥ –           | ♥ –           |
| ♦ K J 8       | ♦ K J 8       |
| ♣ A K Q 4 3 2 | ♣ A K Q 4 3 2 |

| West | North             | East                | South |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Pass | 1♥                | Pass                | 1♣    |
| Pass | 2♣ <sup>(1)</sup> | Pass                | 1♠    |
| Pass | 4♥ <sup>(3)</sup> | Pass <sup>(4)</sup> | 4♣    |
| Pass | 5♣ <sup>(5)</sup> | Pass <sup>(6)</sup> | Pass  |
| Pass |                   |                     |       |

<sup>(1)</sup> very slow

<sup>(2)</sup> very slow

<sup>(3)</sup> very fast

<sup>(4)</sup> deliberately adjusted tempo

<sup>(5)</sup> disputably fast

<sup>(6)</sup> deliberately adjusted tempo

**Result at table:**

5♣ making six, N/S +620.

**Facts:**

East, having judged the bids of 4♥ and 5♣ to have been made in too fast a tempo, took out his Pass card immediately but held it over the tray before depositing it. South, when faced with the decision to bid 6♣, claims he decided not to push on because of the perceived hesitation by partner.

**TD's decision:**

6♣ made, N/S +1370. Law 73D, 73F2 and General Conditions 16.3.

**Appellant:**

East/West appealed.

**The players:**

East said he counted to eight seconds after 4♥ before placing his pass card on the tray, and to six seconds before placing his pass over 5♣. He did so, in his opinion, to restore the normal tempo. A French spectator was in the Appeals Committee meeting to confirm these timings. He said both passes were in about the same tempo.

North agreed that he had bid 2♣ after a long pause for thought, and that he may have been very quick in bidding 4♥, but that his bid of 5♣ was in normal tempo.

South stated that he had noticed the slow return of the tray on both occasions, and that this influenced him in not bidding the slam. The US Captain stated that he believed East had acted in good faith.

**The Committee:**

The Committee read the pertinent Laws and Regulations.

**Law 73D2:**

"A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of remark or gesture, through the haste or hesitancy of a call or play, or by the manner in which the call or play is made."

**Law 73F2:**

"When a violation of the Proprieties described in this Law results in damage to an innocent opponent, if the Director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a remark, manner, tempo, or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have known, at the time of the action, that the action could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score (see Law 12C)"

**WBF Conditions of Contest - 16.3:**

"During the auction period, after an opponent has acted quickly, it is proper to adjust the tempo back to normal by either delaying one's own call or by waiting before passing the tray."

The Committee stresses that the word "normal" in this regulation does not mean the average tempo of that one auction but the normal tempo that would not be considered to transmit any unauthorised information to partner.

**The Committee's decision:**

The Committee ruled: The Director's ruling was absolutely justified. The call of 5♣ was on the evidence of the neutral spectator in normal tempo. Whilst the East player no doubt acted in good faith, he did overcompensate since the requirement is to return the tempo to normal and not to a tempo consistent with any prior slow bid. It is important that this principle is understood and players are not advised to act in the manner described in condition 16.3, unless the position clearly requires it.

The Committee applied Law 12C3, and not being satisfied that 6♣ would inevitably be bid, ruled that the score be adjusted to 50% of +1370 and 50% of +620. The deposit was refunded.

comments in the next page

**Lesson learned**

Submitted by Hugh Ross in response to Appeal 22, reported in yesterday's Daily News.

My friend and teammate Brad Moss, playing in the Rosenblum recently, was watching his opponents struggling through a potential slam auction. Some of the opponents' bids were made very quickly. Brad twice rectified the tempo by holding up his Pass card for 8 to 12 seconds before allowing the tray to go under the screen. The opponents claimed that the distortion of the tempo caused them to miss a laydown slam, and they protested Brad's actions.

Brad is a totally ethical player. His motives in holding the tray were sincere and honest. His action is not only allowed by the Laws, but it is encouraged by the Proprieties. Nevertheless it earned him a severe score correction from the director, later halved by a committee.

I am aware that Brad (and the rest of us) has learned a lesson - but not the one intended by the committee. Next time, when faced with a too-fast bid, a sadder, wiser and more cynical Brad (and I as well) will ask the opponent a question about his bid whether or not we care about the answer. This action is always legal and will achieve the desired result of restoring the tempo.

What a sad state of affairs this is when the current rulings require dishonest actions by players for their own self-protection.

Note from Steen Møller, chairman of the committee dealing with this appeal:

The members of the committee felt that Brad Moss overdid the rectification of the tempo by a couple of seconds at least when he executed his lawful right to delay the return of the tray. We, however, gave him back half of the score correction, and it must be noted that we warned the opposing player who made all his bids of that hand in different tempos to try to avoid this for the future.

Hugh Ross' advice concerning how to avoid committee decisions like this is not a good one as he himself clearly is aware, so, please, do not think that you have learned a lesson.

**Grattan Endicott comments:**

The WBF Laws Committee holds that restoring the tempo of tray movement to "normal" means to the normal tempo of play generally and not to the tempo of play at that particular table nor to the (slow) tempo of a prior movement of the tray on that hand. Players who deliberately retard the return of the tray beyond the norm may be in breach of Law 73D2 and Law 73F2 may apply.

**A thought from Kojak:**

"Adjust the tempo" can often result in hiding improper and/or unethical actions on the part of your screenmate. I feel that in the long run bridge might be better served by bringing the variations in tempo to the directing staff's attention for resolution, score adjustment, penalty, etc. We can't educate and improve the individual players' propriety by sending the message that at worst my screenmate will cover my violation of Law 73D1.

**Zia at his best**

by Ehsan Abbasi

Having disqualified myself from the Open Pairs. I decided to kibitz Zia/Hamman who had moved up in the semifinals. It was a good decision - there being no partner to misguide me.

Board 1. Nil Vul. Dealer North.

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

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|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b>       | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b>       | <b>South</b> |
|                   | Hamman       |                   | Zia          |
|                   | Pass         | Pass              | INT          |
| 2♦ <sup>(1)</sup> | Dble         | 2♥                | Pass         |
| Pass              | 2NT          | 3H <sup>(2)</sup> | All Pass     |

(1) Transfer

(2) Took time for divine guidance but none came

East took eleven tricks in a matter of seconds for a cold bottom.

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             | Hamman       |             | Zia          |
|             | Pass         | Pass        | Pass         |
| 1♦          | Pass         | Pass        | INT          |
| Pass        | 2NT          | Pass        | 3NT          |

Lead: ♠4

There were a lot of bidding constraints on this hand for North/South. Zia hates to pass with 11 points or "less" and Hamman had no convenient rebid after the INT response by



Zia Mahmood (USA)

East. Zia balanced with INT, considering a double, even with a heart fit, would make North the declarer and weaken his major suit holdings. 2NT by partner and 3NT was irresistible, again avoiding a heart contract.

The lead had to be reckoned with. After a long time - I have never seen Zia take that much time over the first trick - and after a lot of questions about lead style, Zia played small from the dummy. On a club, dummy played the 10 and East took the king and put a spade on the table. A heart to the ace dropped the king and the rest was easy - 10 tricks and 630 was a clear top, with a lot of 620s on the travelling scoresheet.

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             | Hamman       |             | Zia          |
|             | Pass         | Pass        | 4♦           |
| Dble        | 5♦           | Dble        | All Pass     |

The play was easy - Zia lost four tricks for -500.

Hamman's evaluation was correct in going to 5♦ because East/West are cold for 6♠.

However, we will never know if East/West would have reached it if North had passed, since when the hand reached this table not a single pair had bid the slam. Minus 500 was a bad score for Zia/Hamman.

# AVENTURES LILLOISES

par PHILIPPE BRUNEL

## AU TIRAGE DANS LES ROUGES ?

1/2 finale paires Open - 3<sup>ème</sup> session

Donne 3

♠ D4  
♥ R7  
♦ RD4  
♣ DVI0754

♠ V7532  
♥ 98  
♦ 10872  
♣ R8

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|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| O |   | E |
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Les enchères :

| Ouest | Nord | Est   | Sud |
|-------|------|-------|-----|
|       |      |       | 1♣  |
| Passe | 1♦   | Passe | 2SA |
| Passe | 3♣   | Passe | 3SA |
| Passe | 4SA  | Passe | 6SA |

Après cette séquence d'enchères peu explicite, vous entamez du 3 de ♠ pour la Dame du mort et le 6 de votre partenaire. La Dame de ♣ est avancée pour le 9, le 3 et votre Roi.

A vous de jouer pour faire chuter ce chelem.

Bien sur, vous cherchez un As rouge en Est. Mais êtes-vous réellement au tirage entre les ♦ et les ♥ ?

Si le déclarant possède As-Valet de ♦ 4ème, il ne pourra pas chuter. Par contre, s'il possède l'As de ♦ 4ème et 3 cartes à ♥, il n'y a pas de squeeze possible sur le partenaire car vous tenez les ♦. Dans ce cas, il ne faut pas rejouer ♥. La position plus probable et plus dangereuse est de trouver le déclarant avec 4 cartes à ♥ et 3 cartes à ♦, car, sur le défilé des ♣, votre partenaire sera inexorablement squeezé. Pour le sauver, rejouez ♦.

Les 4 jeux :

♠ D4  
♥ R7  
♦ RD4  
♣ DVI0754

♠ V7532  
♥ 98  
♦ 10872  
♣ R8

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♠ AR9  
♥ AD43  
♦ V93  
♣ A63

♠ 1086  
♥ VI0652  
♦ A65  
♣ 92

## PAS DE PETROLE MAIS DES IDEES

C'est ce dont a dû faire preuve Philippe Soulet en Sud (associé à Philippe Cronier) dans la Rosenblum lorsqu'il s'est retrouvé à jouer le (mauvais) contrat de 4♥.

♠ V432  
♥ A97643  
♦ V5  
♣ 8

♠ 6  
♥ VI02  
♦ RD74  
♣ AD965

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♠ 10985  
♥ D8  
♦ A92  
♣ VI032  
♠ ARD7  
♥ R8  
♦ 10863  
♣ R74

Après avoir reçu l'entame du singleton ♠, il prit en main et tira 2 tours d'atout pour finir au mort. Jouer ♣ ne servait à rien car, même avec l'As en Est, le retour ♦ ne présentait aucun problème. Il appela alors le Valet de ♦ et espéra que la main se retrouverait à gauche. Chose faite. L'adversaire paniqua et rejoua As de ♣ et ♠ pour 10 levées.

## PAR ICI LA BONNE SOUPE

Paires Open - qualifications

♠ R  
♥ AR5  
♦ A974  
♣ ARV73

♠ 103  
♥ 963  
♦ RD10  
♣ D9854

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♠ AD9654  
♥ V72  
♦ V93  
♣ 6  
♠ V872  
♥ D1084  
♦ 862  
♣ 102

Les enchères :

| Ouest  | Nord    | Est    | Sud       |
|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Poizat | Lorrain | Mouiel | Defranchi |
|        | 1♣      | 2♠     | Passe     |
| Passe  | X       | Passe  | 3♥        |
| Passe  | 3♠      | Passe  | 3SA       |

Philippe Poizat entama du 10 de ♠ pour l'As et Hervé Mouiel revint du 7 de ♥ pour l'As (un retour ♠ file la 9ème levée). Le déclarant tira 3 tours de ♥ en les trouvant

aimablement répartis et, sur le 10 de ♥, Ouest dut se séparer de son 3 de ♠. Le Marseillais Henri Defranchi, grand amateur de bouillabaisse, joua alors le 10 de ♣ pour la Dame et l'As, tira le Roi de ♣ et constata la mauvaise nouvelle. Il changea alors son fusil d'épaule et joua le 4 de ♦ du mort pour le 3, le 8 de sa main et la Dame d'Ouest - qui débloque à tout hasard. Mais, hélas pour lui, rien n'y fera.

S'il rejoue le 10 de ♦, Nord prend de l'As et le remet en main à ♦ pour qu'il rentre dans la fourchette à ♣.

S'il rejoue le Roi de ♦, Nord prend également de l'As, encaisse le Valet de ♣ et ressort à ♦ pour le Valet d'Est qui est alors obligé de rendre un ♠.

## TRAVAIL D'EQUIPE

Seniors - qualifications - 3ème séance

♠ 865  
♥ AR6  
♦ A10753  
♣ R8

♠ 932  
♥ 109  
♦ 64  
♣ V76543

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♠ DV74  
♥ V832  
♦ V9  
♣ 1092  
♠ AR10  
♥ D754  
♦ RD82  
♣ AD

| Ouest | Nord       | Est   | Sud      |
|-------|------------|-------|----------|
|       | Roudinesco |       | Delmouly |
|       | 1♦         | Passe | 1♥       |
| Passe | ISA        | Passe | 3♦       |
| Passe | 3♥         | Passe | 3♠       |
| Passe | 4♣         | Passe | 4SA      |
| Passe | 5♣*        | Passe | 7♦       |

\* 5♣ : 3 ou 5 clés à l'atout ♦ ou ♥

Vu de la main de Claude Delmouly (alias Emérite), si Nord possède 5♦ et 3♣, il y a alors 13 levées à Sans-atout. Mais si Nord ne possède que 4♦ et 3♣, la 13ème levée viendra d'un partage ou d'une coupe à ♥. Fort de son analyse, CDY conclut à 7♦. Hélas, les mains miroirs rendirent son raisonnement inopérant. Jean-Marc Roudinesco fut alors obligé de prendre le relais. Il prit l'entame ♣, élimina les atouts et les ♣, encaissa As-Roi de ♠ puis tous ses ♦, squeezant Est pour la 13ème levée entre les ♥/♠ ; ligne de jeu bien supérieure à la double impasse ♠.

Final VIVENDI 2nd Quarter

# Chagas v Angelini

At the start of the second session of the final Brazil were hoping to make inroads into the Italian lead. Alas, it was not to be, as points flowed steadily in the direction of their rivals.

Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

|   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| ♠ 9 4<br>♥ K 10 9 7 3<br>♦ J 4 2<br>♣ Q 6 5 | <table border="1" 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 |  | ♠ 8<br>♥ A 2<br>♦ AKQ 10 5 3<br>♣ K J 4 3 | ♠ A J 5 3<br>♥ 4<br>♦ 9 7 6<br>♣ A 10 9 7 2 |
|   | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| W   |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|   | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

| West    | North       | East       | South    |
|---------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Buratti | Villas Boas | Lanzarotti | Campos   |
|         |             |            | Pass     |
| 3♣      | Pass        | 3♦         | Pass     |
| 3♠      | Pass        | 3NT        | All Pass |

3♣ was weak with clubs or both majors. Over the 3♦ relay West was able to show the nature of his hand. Having done so there was no temptation for him to do anything other than pass 3NT.

South led the ♣10 to declarer's jack. Declarer needed something good to happen in diamonds. When that suit obliged declarer needed only for South to hold the ♠A to be home. Although declarer could not get to dummy, South was obliged to present declarer with a ninth trick in either major or clubs. +600 for Italy.

| West   | North    | East   | South   |
|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Branco | Lauria   | Chagas | Versace |
| 2♠     | Pass     | 3NT    | Pass    |
| 4♥     | All Pass |        |         |

4♥ was not what Chagas was hoping to see and he considered for a long time before he passed. As to West's action, you could argue that if partner was interested in what you had apart from your spade suit he could have bid something else but its easy to see why he bid 4♥. He did not have the gadget that was available at the other table so perhaps he should have passed initially, hoping to be able to describe his hand later. These things are often a matter of luck and this was not Brazil's day. North led a low club for the jack and ace and

South returned the ♣10 taken by dummy's king as declarer discarded a spade. West played the ♠8 and South took his ace and forced declarer with a club. West ruffed and played the ♠K which North ruffed with the ♥3!

If declarer now discards something he will set up a two trick penalty which might turn out to be enough for him to make the contract but of course Branco had no reason to suppose that North had revoked and he overruffed with the ♥A. He could not avoid going two down and the revoke was only worth one trick.

We are sorry that we don't have a picture of the moment when Lauria produced the ♠9 but we can assure you that the reaction of Marcelo Branco was priceless. Still it meant Italy had gained 12 IMPs.

Chagas had not been displaying his usual sparkling form when handling the dummy but he did well on this deal.

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

|  |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ A<br>♥ 6 5 3<br>♦ K J 4 2<br>♣ A Q 7 3 2 | <table border="1" 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 8 7 4 2<br>♥ K<br>♦ 10 7 3<br>♣ J 10 8 4 | ♠ Q 10 9 5<br>♥ A Q 9 7 4<br>♦ 9 8 5<br>♣ K |
|  | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W  |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|  | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

| West    | North       | East       | South    |
|---------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Buratti | Villas Boas | Lanzarotti | Campos   |
|         | Pass        | Pass       | Pass     |
| 1♣      | Pass        | 1♦         | Pass     |
| 1♥      | Pass        | 1♠         | Pass     |
| 2♦      | Pass        | 2♠         | Pass     |
| 2NT     | Pass        | 3NT        | All Pass |

East's first response was a transfer and thereafter the Italians elected to try for the nine trick game. With such a friendly lie, especially in spades and diamonds it proved to be an easy task.

| West   | North    | East   | South   |
|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Branco | Lauria   | Chagas | Versace |
|        | Pass     | Pass   | Pass    |
| 1♣     | 1♠       | 2♥     | 2♠      |
| Dble   | Pass     | 3NT    | Pass    |
| 4♥     | All Pass |        |         |



Alfredo Versace (Italy)

South decided to attack with the ♦A on which North played a deceptively encouraging three. That might have persuaded South to continue the suit trying to convince declarer he had led from ♦A 6 but he switched to a club, which ran to the king. East played a spade to the ace and continued with a heart to the king and his ace. East now made the good play of a diamond, catering for the possibility of South's ace having been a singleton. When South followed he went up with the king and discarded a diamond on the ♣A. A spade went on the ♣Q and he ruffed a club with the ♥9. South overruffed and played a heart but East could win in hand, ruff a spade and discard his last spade on the good club. He lost only two trumps and a diamond to record +620 and pick up 1 IMP for Brazil.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

In the Closed room Italy had recorded +620 when their system caused East to become the declarer in 4♠.

| West   | North  | East   | South    |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Branco | Lauria | Chagas | Versace  |
| 1♠     | 2♦     | 1♣     | Pass     |
| 5♦     | Pass   | 3♠     | 4♦       |
|        |        | 5♠     | All Pass |

The VuGraph commentators did not think much of South's bid of 4♦. Surely it made it easy for West to devalue his diamond honours opposite his partner's obvious shortage?

Although we are inclined to agree, as usual it is always easier away from the table. North lost no time in leading the ♠A and when South encouraged he carefully led the ♥6. So next time you encounter this situation and your partner follows the ace with the queen at trick two you will remember to overtake and give them a ruff won't you?

12 more nails in the Brazilian coffin.

Although the match was one-sided the audience had the chance to admire a fine piece of card play by Branco which earned him a deserved round of applause.

Board 28. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

In the Closed room Italy recorded +420 from 4♠.

| West   | North  | East   | South    |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Branco | Lauria | Chagas | Versace  |
| 1♥     | Pass   | INT    | Pass     |
| 3♠     | Pass   | 4♠     | All Pass |

The INT response promised five or more spades, so West became declarer. North led a low diamond and South won with the king and switched to a trump. West finessed. North won and played a second trump, declarer winning in hand with the ace. He now cashed the ♥AK and when the jack appeared he drew the remaining trump with the ♠J before running the ♥10 through North. He then ruffed a heart, cashed the last trump and came back to hand with the ♣K. The ♥9 was too much for South and like a chess player facing the inevitable he resigned by returning his cards to the board.

As Barry Rigal remarked, 'Brazil were having to work very hard for their IMPs in this match'. Yes indeed for at half time the score was Italy 101 Brazil 26. The fat lady was beginning to warm up.

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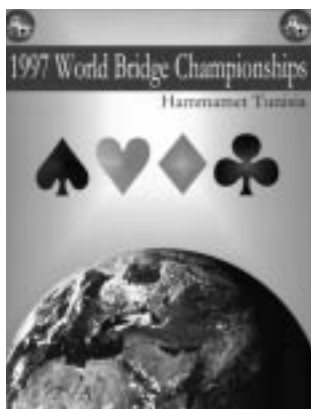
## New Zonal Teams champ in Zone 6

As a result of corrections in the Zonal Teams, there is a new champion in Zone 6. The Indonesian team of Lasut, Manoppo, George, Asbi and Karwur climbed all the way to third place overall and took over the Zone 6 title. The corrections did not affect the winners in the other zones as noted in yesterday's Daily News.



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## 1997 World Championship Book



The book of the Hammamet World Championships is on sale at the Le Bridgeur shop in the main hall.

Edited by Brian Senior, the 304 page book includes coverage of all three teams championships, a full results service and listing of all participants. There is also cross-imping of both round robins and many photographs.

The main analysts are Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal, with sections by Alan Truscott, Kit Woolsey, Walter Walvick, Geir Helgemo and Alain Levy.

As always, the best value bridge book of the year!

## Major reward offered for missing computer

Un ordinateur portable (IBM Thinkpad) a été perdu du bureau du secrétariat de la WBF au 3ème étage de Lille Grand Palais.

Les informations contenues sur le disque dur sont plus importantes pour le secrétariat que la valeur de la machine. La personne qui le rapportera aura une récompense de FF 10,000 en toute discrétion.

Merci d'avance.

A laptop computer (IBM Thinkpad) is missing from the WBF Secretariat on the 3rd floor of the Lille Grand Palais.

The information contained on the hard disk is of more importance to the Secretariat than the value of the machine. A reward is offered for the return of the computer (FF. 10,000) which will remain confidential.

Thank you.

## IBPA celebrates 40th anniversary

Nearly 100 members of the International Bridge Press Association gathered at La Laiterie for a dinner in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the organization.

The speakers included three persons whose history goes back to 1958 when the IBPA was formed. WBF President-Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patino told of the cooperation between the IBPA and the WBF over the years. The formation of the WBF, which also occurred in 1958, was celebrated earlier at this tournament. Alan Truscott, IBPA president emeritus, recalled his early experiences with the organization. Per Jannersten remembered being present as a young boy who was accompanying his father, Eric, one of the founders of the IBPA.

Other speakers included WBF President José Damiani, IBPA President Henry Francis, and IBPA Secretary Evelyn Senn.

At the annual general meeting of the IBPA, which took place yesterday, Barry Rigal, awards chairman, presented prizes to the 1998 winners. Full reports on these awards will appear in tomorrow's Daily News. Space was at a premium for today's issue.

## Leaving Lille Saturday poses serious problems

Leaving Lille on Saturday will pose serious problems for those attending this tournament. Lille will be host to Plan Semi-Marathon, a major festival this weekend, and more than a million people are expected.

Driving will be very difficult early in the morning and impossible after 15.00 when all automobile traffic will be banned in downtown Lille. This prohibition will continue until midnight Sunday. It is strongly suggested that you do any driving prior to 10.00. We suggest that you pick up a map called "Braderie le Plan" from the Hospitality Desk. The map shows clearly all the streets from which automobiles will be banned.

Special arrangements have been made for participants in the bridge tournament.

Anyone with a car who needs to travel out of Lille MUST have a special pass. This pass can be obtained from the Stand in the foyer at the bottom of the main stairs. To obtain the pass you must give your car registration number, your name and the hotel where you're staying.

Those who do not have cars may use taxis to get to the airport or the railroad station until about 9.00. After that, any taxi that accepts a fare will take his passengers to their destination, but the taxi will NOT return to Lille. Therefore it is incumbent on all those who need taxi service to use a taxi as early as possible.

Rides on the Metro will be free from Friday through Sunday evening.

Any additional notices concerning this matter will appear in the Daily News as received.

## Exempted pairs

Pairs who have received exemption from playing in the preliminary stages of the Open and Women's Pairs and who are entering the final stage of these events are requested to pay the full entry fee of \$US520 or Ffr3200.



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