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## FINAL RESULT (after 10 of 10 Rounds Qualifying)

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	Kranyak	134.84	14	China Open	100.08
2	Pepsi	125.29	15	Japan 3	95.76
3	Kokish	124.42	16	Shanghai Finance	92.91
4	Poland	120.12	17	YBM	92.19
5	IsPolta	118.82	18	Pertamina Indonesia	91.47
6	Beijing BEIH	111.88	19	Japan 1	90.73
7	BulGer	111.14	20	Singapore	84.82
8	Monaco	109.59	21	Germany	84.60
9	Norway	108.59	22	Netherlands	84.13
10	Sweden	107.11	23	Pharon	83.45
11	India	103.90	24	Australia	81.75
12	France	102.25	25	Japan 2	73.30
13	PD Times	101.94	26	Chinese Taipei	64.92

The movements into and out of the coveted top seven positions during the ten boards of the last qualifying round were enough to give your editors heart palpitations. The players were spared this agony by simply scoring up at the end but as the players crowded round the scoreboard to watch the changes there was heartbreak for some and elation for others.

Let's just look at BulGer (Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Jerry Stamatov and Dylan Danailov). They started the last round in 5<sup>th</sup> position, 6.3 VPs ahead of 8<sup>th</sup>.

- After board 7 they were trailing by 32 IMPs and were out of the seven.
- After picking up 8 IMPs on Board 8 they had crept back into the top seven.
- After Board 9 on which they lost 15 IMPs (2♥x scoring -670 against them at one table and -430 at the other) they were once again out of the top seven.

And then to complete the roller coaster ride;

- They picked up 20 IMPs on the last board (7♠ making at one table while the opponents failed in 7♥ at the other) and they were back in the top 7 by 2 VPs.

Amongst other teams enjoying (or not) changes in scenery during the last round, Norway dropped from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> after a poor outing against IsPolta.

Finally Beijing BEIH crawled into the top 7 pushing Monaco to 8<sup>th</sup> position by virtue of their 5 IMP win.

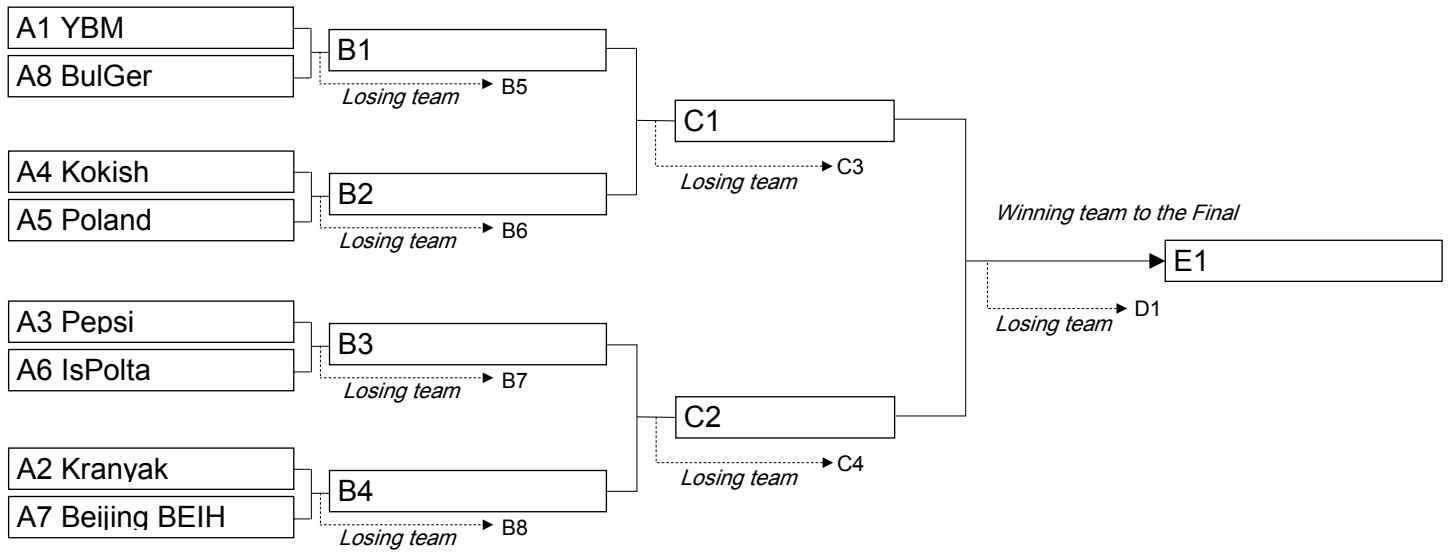
And we should congratulate PD Times and Japan 3 who each won four of their last five matches to make it into the once-defeated pool.

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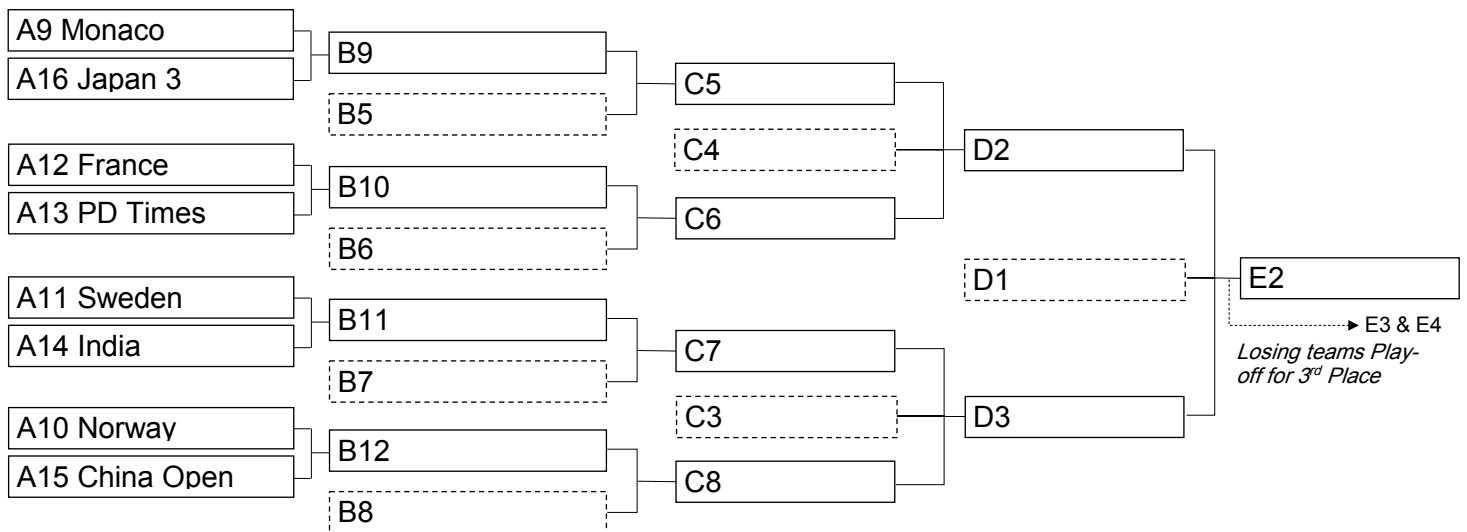
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# KNOCKOUT BRACKETS

## UPPER BRACKET



## LOWER BRACKET



## CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL & THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF

Teams	Segment 1 (1-16)	Segment 2 (17-32)	Segment 3 (33-48)	Total
E1				
E2				
E3				
E4				

## MATCH RESULTS DAY 2

Match 6		IMPs		VPs	
26 Pepsi	21 Poland	24	37	5.72	14.28
18 Monaco	23 Japan 1	28	1	17.34	2.66
24 Norway	1 Netherlands	31	1	17.84	2.16
5 IsPolta	10 France	19	18	10.39	9.61
20 YBM	6 Beijing BEIH	13	8	11.85	8.15
22 Kokish	11 China Open	33	1	18.15	1.85
15 Australia	2 Kranyak	24	37	5.72	14.28
14 Germany	16 BulGer	10	46	1.29	18.71
7 India	25 Pertamina Indonesia	26	14	14.00	6.00
8 Pharon	17 Sweden	2	52	0.00	20.00
19 Shanghai Finance	13 PD Times	16	26	6.57	13.43
9 Chinese Taipei	3 Japan 2	11	22	2.66	17.34
12 Singapore	4 Japan 3	2	13	6.28	13.72

Match 7		IMPs		VPs	
10 France	16 BulGer	1	49	0.00	20.00
15 Australia	7 India	13	48	1.42	18.58
24 Norway	21 Poland	46	4	19.44	0.56
26 Pepsi	22 Kokish	24	25	9.61	10.39
18 Monaco	5 IsPolta	19	16	11.14	8.86
20 YBM	2 Kranyak	7	63	0.00	20.00
6 Beijing BEIH	23 Japan 1	30	9	16.18	3.82
17 Sweden	1 Netherlands	20	24	8.50	11.50
11 China Open	13 PD Times	16	24	7.17	12.83
25 Pertamina Indonesia	14 Germany	18	26	7.17	12.83
19 Shanghai Finance	4 Japan 3	14	35	3.82	16.18
8 Pharon	9 Chinese Taipei	17	19	9.23	10.77
12 Singapore	3 Japan 2	27	13	14.54	5.46

Match 8		IMPs		VPs	
26 Pepsi	6 Beijing BEIH	31	19	14.00	6.00
13 PD Times	4 Japan 3	32	22	13.43	6.57
24 Norway	16 BulGer	4	50	0.14	19.86
18 Monaco	2 Kranyak	8	35	2.66	17.34
22 Kokish	21 Poland	19	17	10.77	9.23
7 India	17 Sweden	10	26	4.95	15.05
5 IsPolta	1 Netherlands	34	2	18.15	1.85
20 YBM	23 Japan 1	15	45	2.16	17.84
10 France	11 China Open	43	28	14.80	5.20
15 Australia	25 Pertamina Indonesia	9	17	7.17	12.83
14 Germany	12 Singapore	19	25	7.82	12.18
8 Pharon	3 Japan 2	14	20	7.82	12.18
19 Shanghai Finance	9 Chinese Taipei	22	8	14.54	5.46

Match 9		IMPs		VPs	
16 BulGer	2 Kranyak	12	40	2.49	17.51
26 Pepsi	5 IsPolta	22	5	15.29	4.71
24 Norway	22 Kokish	6	26	4.03	15.97
18 Monaco	21 Poland	13	18	8.15	11.85
17 Sweden	13 PD Times	24	10	14.54	5.46
6 Beijing BEIH	7 India	19	4	14.80	5.20
23 Japan 1	10 France	11	37	2.84	17.16
1 Netherlands	20 YBM	19	21	9.23	10.77
25 Pertamina Indonesia	4 Japan 3	13	31	4.48	15.52
15 Australia	8 Pharon	6	20	5.46	14.54
14 Germany	9 Chinese Taipei	17	10	12.51	7.49
12 Singapore	19 Shanghai Finance	3	7	8.50	11.50
11 China Open	3 Japan 2	40	40	16.59	3.41

Match 10		IMPs		VPs	
2 Kranyak	26 Pepsi	26	15	13.72	6.28
22 Kokish	17 Sweden	32	22	13.43	6.57
24 Norway	5 IsPolta	4	39	1.42	18.58
16 BulGer	21 Poland	29	48	4.25	15.75
18 Monaco	6 Beijing BEIH	19	24	8.15	11.85
10 France	7 India	20	40	4.03	15.97
23 Japan 1	11 China Open	19	43	3.22	16.78
1 Netherlands	13 PD Times	7	45	1.03	18.97
4 Japan 3	8 Pharon	30	21	13.14	6.86
20 YBM	12 Singapore	14	11	11.14	8.86
14 Germany	19 Shanghai Finance	8	28	4.03	15.97
25 Pertamina Indonesia	9 Chinese Taipei	28	4	16.78	3.22
15 Australia	3 Japan 2	5	10	8.15	11.85



*Team PEPSI*



*Team NETHERLANDS*



*Team INDIA*



Dealer: South  
 Vul: N/S  
 Brd 15  
 Yeh Qual R5

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

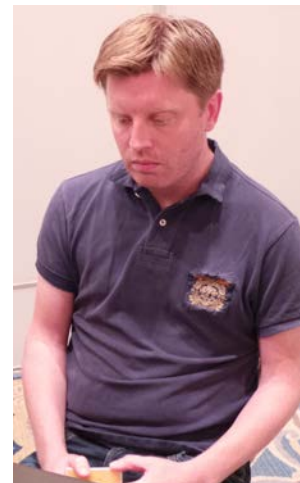
♠ 5 3	
♥ 10 8 4	
♦ 3	
♣ K Q J 9 8 7 6	

West Sylvan	North Volker	East Wrang	South Bessis
1NT	2♥(♠)	4♣(♥)	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Mikael	Nystrom	Ola	Upmark
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
<u>Makeable Contracts</u>			
4	-	4	-
1	-	1	-
3	-	3	-
4	-	4	-
-	2	-	2
			NT
			♠
			♥
			♦
			♣

A somewhat random swing to France, when Upmark's 3♣ preempt had the effect of putting the wrong hand on lead to 4♥. After a club lead declarer drew trump and took the diamond finesse for overtricks.

In 4♥ after repeated spade leads to promote a trump by force in the N/S hands, Sylvan guessed to pitch a club from dummy and rely on the red suits to behave now. Nothing else looks any better. That was 10 IMPs to France, leading 14-4. Half the field made game – but always from the East seat.

The next deal did not create a swing in our match but it was a fascinating hand to bid as well as to defend. Just under half the field bid slam; two out of 12 were allowed to make it. Can you imagine what defensive error allowed that to happen?



Johan Upmark

Dealer: West  
 Vul:  
 Brd 16  
 Yeh Qual R5

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

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

West	North	East	South
<u>Makeable Contracts</u>			
5	-	5	-
-	1	-	1
-	2	-	2
5	-	5	-
1	-	1	-
			NT
			♠
			♥
			♦
			♣



Against 6♦ by West North must lead a heart or top spade then exit passively. On the run of the trumps both defenders must let go hearts, though North can afford one club, of course. If South pitches a club, then North can be caught in a black-suit squeeze.

That was how Zatorski brought home the slam. In our match neither East made a slam try facing a 14-16 no-trump, after North had shown the majors.

Another flat game saw the match score 15-4 to France, with three deals to go.

Piotr Zatorski

Dealer: East      ♠ J 5 4  
 Vul: N/S        ♥ K J 10 9 7 5 2  
 Brd 18            ♦ ---  
 Yeh Qual R5     ♣ A K 6

♠ A 9  
 ♥ A 8  
 ♦ A K 8 7 4 2  
 ♣ 10 4 2

♠ Q 8 3 2  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ Q 10 5  
 ♣ Q J 9 5 3

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	2	-	1	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

In a perfect world, there is nothing wrong with getting to 4♥ on the N/S cards. Spades might be 3-3, the suit might be blocked, and even if the defenders have a club ruff they might not lead the suit on the go. Today was not that day: both Easts opened a strong no-trump but while Nystrom could balance with 3♥, raised trustingly to four by Upmark, Volcker heard his RHO respond with 2♣ Stayman. Now when Volcker bid 3♥ it was somehow much less attractive for Bessis to bid game. Both defences led diamonds, won the ♥A and shifted to spades to hold North to nine tricks, but France had 6 IMPs to lead 21-4. (Only Pertamina were allowed to make game here; a few E/W pairs bought the hand in diamonds.)

On the next deal Thomas Bessis tried a terrorist tactic that might well have worked spectacularly well. He opened 1♣ with a 3-3-4-3 13-count:

♠ 8 6 2      and heard 1♦ to his left, 3♥ at favourable vulnerability from his  
 ♥ A J 4      partner. He tried the obvious 3NT(!) and bought ♠Kx and seven  
 ♦ Q J 7 6    hearts to the ♥Q10. Despite his best efforts (and both major suit  
 ♣ K Q 5      finesses working) he only had eight tricks after a top diamond lead  
 and early spade shift by the defence. Meanwhile 4♠ by West at the  
 other way was unlucky to go down when all the black-suit finesses lost. C'est la  
 vie, c'est la guerre, sale of the century...



Thomas Bessis

Only Gawrys for Pepsi as East brought home 4♠ here, after helpful defence. (In fact you can see that unless the defenders lead trumps, declarer has reasonable chances in game – but not from the West seat on a club lead.)

Dealer: West      ♠ K  
 Vul: Both        ♥ K Q 10 3 2  
 Brd 20            ♦ 7 5 2  
 Yeh Qual R5     ♣ A K 10 5

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

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

♠ A J 7 4  
 ♥ A 9 5 4  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ Q 9 7 3

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

This looks like a mama-papa 6♥ hand – but it did not turn out that way, perhaps because too many players had delicate modern science at their disposal. If you only play one tier of splinters the auction 1♥-4♦ will see North use keycard and bid slam. WTP? he might say, possibly introducing an F along the way. But is that South hand worth a full splinter? The Young Turks amongst us – and even the elderly ones like me – play two-tier splinters these days. A jump to 4♦ shows a hand with at least rudimentary slam interest, a coded 3♠ response to 1♥ (or 3NT to 1♠) shows 10-12 with an unspecified

splinter. Of course North might still ask and find the diamond shortage, but now the risk of a slow club loser becomes much more of a threat.

In fact neither table bid like that at all, as we can see.

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Volcker	Wrang	Bessis	M Rimstedt	Nystrom	O Rimstedt	Upmark
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT(♥)
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦(8+)	Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	3NT		4♦				
	4♠(KC)		5♦				
	6♥	All Pass					

\*2♣ Gazzilli, \*2♥♥+♣ 12-15

This was not a good advert for the Swedish scheme of 2NT 11=16 with hearts and 3♦ GF typically no shortage, though Nystrom was kicking himself for not catering to the one hand he might buy where slam was good. In the other room Gazilli let Bessis establish the game force, whereupon Volcker could make a serious slam try and show a spade control. When Bessis cooperated and denied a club control, Volcker used Keycard Blackwood and drove to slam. 2/3 of the field bid slam; about what you might expect? 13 IMPs to France left them winners by 33-7.

### ROUND SIX – Pepsi Vs. Poland

Another case of Internecine strife; Pepsi is Greco and Hampson plus four current or ex-Poles (Poles apart you might say...or maybe not) against the current national Polish squad.

Board one looked like an entirely random swing – and a case of Too Much Information.

Dealer: North	♠ 9 8	West	North	East	South	
Vul: N/S	♥ A 7 3	Klukowski	Greco	Gawrys	Hampson	
Brd 21	♦ K J 4		Pass	1♣	1♦	
Yeh Qual R6	♣ 10 9 7 4 2		1♥(♠)	2♦	2♠	3♦
♠ A J 7 4 2			3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass
♥ K 9 5 4	♠ K 10 6 3	Kalita	Jassem	Nowosadzki	Mazurkiewicz	
♦ 8	♥ Q J 6 2		Pass	1NT	Pass	
♣ J 6 5	♦ Q 5		2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
	♣ A Q 3		3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
	♠ Q 5		4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♥ 10 8					
	♦ A 10 9 7 6 3 2					
	♣ K 8					

Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
3	-	4	-	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
-	-	1	-	♣

Nowosadzki received the lead of ♦A and a shift to ♥10. Since he had no clue about the diamond distribution he had no reason not to play ♠K and another spade, and that was a painless 10 tricks. Gawrys knew South had long diamonds. He also received the lead of the diamond ace, but Greco continued diamonds.

He ruffed in dummy, led a heart to the seven, queen and 10, and now followed the percentages by finessing North for the ♠Q, knowing South had longer diamonds by at least two cards than his partner. 10-0 to Pepsi. (Only four declarers misguessed spades here, perhaps because a no-trump opening with the East cards was not at all uncommon.)



Krzysztof Jassem

Both N/S pairs then correctly competed to 3♠ in their nine-card fit, and this time the missing Q10xx of trumps could not be misguessed.



Dealer: South  
 Vul: All  
 Brd 23  
 Yeh Qual R6

♠ A K 10 9  
 ♥ A K  
 ♦ 10 6 4 2  
 ♣ A 7 2

♠ 8 5 4  
 ♥ Q J 6 5 4 2  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ 8 5 3

♠ Q J 7 6  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A Q J 8 5  
 ♣ K Q 6

West Klukowski	North Greco	East Gawrys	South Hampson
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	
<i>2♥ unbalanced spade raise with 3/4 trumps</i>			
Kalita	Jassem	Nowosadzki	Mazurkiewicz
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Mazurkiewicz showed 15-17 with four spades, Jassem asked for shape and found short hearts, then used keycard to determine they had all the keycards but not the ♦K. Hampson relayed over the artificial 2♥ call to find four trumps and a maximum, but when Greco refused to cooperate over 4♣ (I'm not sure why) Hampson turned pessimistic too, and passed. 13 surprise IMPs to Poland, up 13-10. This was the only table to stay out of slam; but seven tables bid the N/S cards to the grand slam (including both tables in our other featured match, Monaco-Japan).

Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	6	-	6	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

On the next deal Jassem made a call that could almost have left the editors speechless (like THAT's gonna happen...).

Holding:

♠ J                    He heard 1♦ to his right. The editors, in their wisdom would choose between 1♥ and  
 ♥ 9 8 7 5 4        2NT, the mavericks contemplating 2♣ (for the lead?). Jassem, to quote Larry Cohen  
 ♦ 9 7                "leaped to Pass" and missed a laydown slam facing a monster with five hearts, when  
 ♣ A K 9 8 6        he could not catch up later. The board was pushed in slam in five matches, with five  
                          other matches missing slam at one table, three at both.

The Poles came right back on the next deal:

Dealer: North  
 Vul: E/W  
 Brd 25  
 Yeh Qual R6

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

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

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

West Klukowski	North Greco	East Gawrys	South Hampson	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass	
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Kalita	Jassem	Nowosadzki	Mazurkiewicz	
	Pass	Pass	1♥	
1NT	2♥	3NT	All Pass	
Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
2	-	2	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Mazurkiewicz's (somewhat untypical for the Poles) light four-card opening in third seat not only got his partner off to a decent lead it also got his opponents too high, as the cards lay. Declarer needed diamonds to break, and when they didn't he was two in the glue.

In the other room Hampson's opening lead of the ♦Q was exactly what I would have done, and it caught what I normally catch in dummy when I lead that. +150 and +200 tied the match up at 21-21.

The next deal saw Poland take the lead for good:

Dealer: East  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 26  
 Yeh Qual R6  
 ♠ Q 4  
 ♥ Q 6 3  
 ♦ J 8 5 2  
 ♣ Q 10 6 5

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Greco	Gawrys	Hampson
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Kalita	Jassem	Nowosadzki	Mazurkiewicz
Pass		Pass	3NT
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Jassem showed a game force, Mazurkiewicz denied values and a five-card major then showed four spades, and Jassem settled for 3NT. Hampson showed a balanced game force at his third turn, and regular Stayman got him to the no-trump game. On a diamond lead both declarers won in hand and tested clubs from the top (Rats!) but then the paths diverged. Hampson played hearts from the top then fell back eventually on the spade finesse. Jassem crossed to ♦Q and led a heart to the jack. If that had lost, the ♥10 would have been the entry to dummy for the spade finesse. Had West turned up with ♥Qxxx, declarer can run his winners and exit in hearts. Whether diamonds are 4-4 or 5-3 one defender or other must lead a spade at the end, to give declarer the chance of the finesse. Jassem's line looks right to me; it certainly produced 12 IMPs.

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

That concluded the major scoring in our match, but both teams had an opportunity here:

Dealer: North  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 29  
 Yeh Qual R6  
 ♠ 10 7  
 ♥ K 8 2  
 ♦ K 10 8 7 6 3 2  
 ♣ 8

♠ K J 5 3 2  
 ♥ J 7 4 3  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ Q 7 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Greco	Gawrys	Hampson
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♠	1NT	3♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Kalita	Jassem	Nowosadzki	Mazurkiewicz
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♠	1NT	3♠
Double	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
6	-	6	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
5	-	5	-	♥
6	-	6	-	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

2 IMPs for Pepsi, but Lauria/Versace were one of only two teams who managed to get to slam with the help of some sophisticated system. They bid 2♦-Pass-2♠-(Dbl.)-2NT-(3♠)-5♦-6♦.

They play transfers over the 18-19 2♦ opener, but transfer into a minor then a major is shortness, which means they have no easy way to show GF hands with diamonds and short clubs. The 2♠ response therefore shows either hearts or specifically the GF diamond hand with short clubs. Versace's jump to 5♦ was meant to show this, and Lauria accepted (partly on the basis that he tried rejecting an invitation once and didn't like it, partly on the great club holding and the likelihood of a spade lead even if the king was wrong. Of course even if the ♠K is wrong slam is excellent.

Milind and Kaustabh for India got there by an almost equally sophisticated route 1♦-5♦-6♦; if it works, why criticize it?

(As an exercise, imagine playing slam on a top club lead if South has e.g. ♠Kxxx ♥10x ♦x ♣QJxxxx. You strip off clubs while drawing trumps, then lead a heart to the king and duck a heart. North can't split his honours or it establishes your nine, and if South wins a doubleton honour he is endplayed – a classic ROPE trick.)

## YEH CUP QUALIFYING ROUND 7

The end of Round 6 saw Norway leading from Poland, Pepsi and Monaco but with only 4 VPs covering those four teams and with only 17 covering the top eight teams, there was still everything to play for.

This report sees France (9th, 17.3 behind the leaders) (Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volcker, Ola Rimstedt and Mikael Rimstedt) matched against BulGer (10th, 19.0 behind the leaders) (Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Jerry Stamatov and Dylan Danailov)

Board one saw the Welland Auken aggressive style well rewarded when they pushed to 6♦ with a trump suit of ♦ A Q J 10 7 opposite ♦ 9 6 :

Dealer: North  
 Vul: None  
 Brd 1  
 Yeah Qual R7

♠ K J 4  
 ♥ A Q  
 ♦ A Q J 10 7  
 ♣ K 10 7

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

♠ Q 10 5 3  
 ♥ J 4 3  
 ♦ 8 3 2  
 ♣ J 8 4

♠ A 8 2  
 ♥ K 9 6 2  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ A 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Bessis	Danailov	Volcker
	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt	Welland
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

### Makeable Contracts

-	6	-	6	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
-	6	-	6	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

Even with a trump loser there would be many other possibilities, such as the spade finesse or a squeeze in the other suits. Anyway, luck proved to be German when the ♦ K 5 4 was onside. +920 less the 12 tricks 3NT in the closed room opened BulGer's account with 9 IMPs. Ten other tables bid the slam on this hand.

Board 2 showed how fearless young Frenchmen can be – albeit unsuccessfully on this occasion.

Dealer: East  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 2  
 Yeh Qual R7

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

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

♠ J 6 5 4 2  
 ♥ K 10 8 2  
 ♦ ---  
 ♣ 10 6 5 3

♠ A K 10 3  
 ♥ Q 3  
 ♦ 10 4  
 ♣ A Q J 8 2

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Bessis	Danailov	Volcker
		2♥ <sup>Majors</sup>	2NT
4♥	Double	Pass	4♠
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt	Welland
		Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♣	3♠	All Pass	

### Makeable Contracts

-	2	-	2	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

On the barest of game values Bessis-Volcker opted to play 4♠ knowing that East held both majors. With the second best hand at the table Stamatov expressed a view on the likely outcome by doubling

and collected a mere 200 for his troubles when the defence cashed two diamonds – East discarding two clubs. The club switch saw South overtake the king, discarding two hearts on his remaining club honours, with East ruffing with what was his likely natural trump trick. In another match, the Kranyak team challenged the defence to take their five top tricks against 3NT, a challenge which they failed giving Krankak +630 while their teammates defended 4♠x and collected 800 for a total of 16 IMPs.



Sabine Auken

After I noted yesterday that Welland-Auken were aggressive, I should in all fairness remark that they showed good restraint to stop in 3♠ on this board and pick up 8 IMPs for a 17-0 lead after just two boards.

Dealer: South	♠ J 7 4 3 2	♠ Q 5
Vul: E-W	♥ K J 7 2	♥ 10 8 6 5 3
Brd 3	♦ 9 8	♦ Q 4 3
Yeh Qual R7	♣ 4 2	♣ K 8 5
♠ 10 9 8 6		
♥ A 9		
♦ 7 2		
♣ A Q J 7 3		
	♠ A K	
	♥ Q 4	
	♦ A K J 10 6 5	
	♣ 10 9 6	

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Bessis	Danailov	Volcker
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt	Welland
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Double	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

No doubt upgrading a 17 count to a 2NT opener because of ruffing values is the new fashion. The Open Room play didn't take long at all when Stamatov led his fourth highest club, and the defence wrapped up the first six tricks and -100.

I'm starting to think that Welland-Auken have taken exception to my reference to their aggression – either that or more likely they respected Mikael Rimstedt's double of 2♣ and, without a hint of a club stopper and a combined 22 count, they decided to rest in a very comfortable 3♦. That made 11 tricks when West led a diamond, and on winning the ♥Q with the ace continued with diamonds. This allowed declarer to discard two clubs on hearts, and the ♠J after the queen fell doubleton. Bulger 23 France 0.

The rout hadn't finished yet!

Dealer: West	♠ 10 9	♠ A J 5 4
Vul: Both	♥ A K 10 7 3 2	♥ 5
Brd 4	♦ 10	♦ A J 8 5 4 3
Yeh Qual R7	♣ K 8 7 5	♣ 10 9
♠ 7 6 3		
♥ Q J 9 6		
♦ 7 6 2		
♣ 6 4 3		
	♠ K Q 8 2	
	♥ 8 4	
	♦ K Q 9	
	♣ A Q J 2	

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Bessis	Danailov	Volcker
Pass	1♥	2♦	Double
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt	Welland
Pass	1♥	2♦	Double
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	5	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

Volcker's 3NT showed a four-card spade suit but didn't necessarily guarantee his holding multiple diamond stoppers. One can see many instances when 4♥ could play much better than 3NT, especially

with the potentially entryless dummy outside of hearts – remember East did overcall. Today however God was not a Francophile and declarer lost two hearts and the two outside aces for -100.

With the standard of bridge at this tournament being so high, one must take some heed of the results at other tables to colour one's views on certain hands. Only five other tables elected to play 4♥. That might lead to a possible rethink of North's actions? Maybe the fact that South could cuebid 3♦ with a less sure diamond stopper should be the decider.

In the Closed Room, with declarer unable to misguess 'anything', there were a comfortable 10 tricks available. In fact Welland scored -660 for a total of 760 and 13 IMPs to BulGer who led by 36-0 after just 4 boards.

After the frenzy of the first four boards my fingers will take a short rest to simply record an IMP to France on board 5 when at one table BulGer E/W played 5♣ making while at the other table France played 3NT making an overtrick – off the Schneider; BulGer 36 France 1.

You may recall my comments yesterday of just how deadly 10 board matches are, well this probably an example of that. With only five boards remaining, how do you make up a 35 IMP deficit after 5 boards in order to walk away with an unhelpful draw?

With so much interesting material so far it's hard to get excited on Board 6 where France elected to play 2♥ two down for -100 to be covered by their teammates scoring +110 for bidding and making 3♦.

Board 7 Saw BulGer add another 3 IMPs by going one down in 3NT on a slightly helpful doubleton lead through dummy's bid suit, while France at the other table were left to their own devices and went two down.

The last swing of the set came on Board 10



Ola Rimstedt

Dealer: East      ♠ A 10 3 2  
 Vul: Both        ♥ A 10 7  
 Brd 10            ♦ K J 2  
 Yeh Qual R7     ♣ 7 6 4  
 ♠ K Q 5 4  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A 10 5  
 ♣ J 10 9 8

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

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

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Bessis	Danailov	Volcker
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	1NT	All Pass	
M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt	Welland
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

In the Open Room I have some sympathy for East's pass of his partner's 1♠, bid but in real life I would always raise to 2♠ simply for the pre-emptive value. More than likely Danailov was worried that this raise would see partner bid 4♠, which certainly looked unlikely to be a good idea given his own hand. Things looked reasonably normal when North bid a modest 1NT after his partner's balancing double, scoring 150 for nine tricks.

In the Closed Room Welland-Auken went on a hunting expedition to find where they could land themselves and finally stopped in 3NT after seven alertable bids. N/S don't really have the values for 3NT. That contract simply needed a 4-4 spade break plus a reasonable diamond situation together with the heart finesse. That said, 11 of the 26 tables did reach 3NT with all of them making, so maybe, just like the new age 17 point 2NT upgrade has taken hold, the combined 23 point 3NT has also become the norm. Ten tricks and -630 for 10 more IMPs and a final score Bulger 49 France 1.

Welland-Auken scored +31 IMPs against Datum while their teammates were +24 IMPs. BulGer move up 5 places to 5th and France slipped 6 places to 15th.

## NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT?

Sometimes a deal presents itself as a sort of optical illusion. See what you think.

Dealer: North  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 9

♠ K 10  
 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 3  
 ♦ Q 6  
 ♣ K 6 3

♠ 7 6 3  
 ♥ J 6 4 2  
 ♦ A 8 3  
 ♣ J 8 2

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

♠ A Q 9 5 4  
 ♥ ---  
 ♦ J 7 4  
 ♣ A Q 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Yeh	Hurd	Zhang
	1♥	2♥	3♥
3♠	3NT	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

Joel Wooldridge had played 4♠ against Chen Yeh on the auction shown – which indicates that Mr Yeh isn't the most pessimistic of bidders – but also that he was surrounded on all sides by people who had paid their entry fee and weren't going to give up the chance of declaring a deal easily.

Also note the opening lead – one of the plays of the tournament so far; the ♦Q was good enough to achieve a one-trick set at the table, but Joel was still worrying about the deal one round later. So let's put him out of his misery: should 4♠ be defeated on the lead of ♦Q?

Wooldridge ducked the diamond lead, won the next diamond, then advanced the ♣J, hoping for a cover. When Yeh ducked, he unblocked the nine, repeated the club finesse, then played ♠A and another spade. Yeh won his ♠K, and gave his partner a club ruff, with the ♦K representing the setting trick.

The winning line is somewhat counter-intuitive. Let's say you duck the diamond, win the second, and advance the ♣J as before, ducked all round as you unblock the nine from dummy.

Now you finesse in spades, cash the black aces, setting up the ♣K for North, and exit with a losing club in this ending:

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

It will do South no good to ruff her partner's winner, so she discards, and North wins the trick but can only lead hearts. You ruff in dummy and cash the fourth club to pitch your diamond, letting South ruff in whenever they want. But you can ruff the diamond in hand for your tenth trick, sooner or later.

(Curiously, you can also succeed by taking the first diamond then running the club jack. The difference is that you then have to guess which doubleton king North has if the club jack holds. So ducking at trick one is clearly better.)

## ROUND EIGHT – PEPSI VS. BEIJING BEIH

At the end of seven rounds Pepsi were second behind Norway, half a match ahead of Beijing BEIH, in tenth spot.

Dealer: South  
 Vul: None  
 Brd 11  
 Yeh Qual R8

♠ J 10 9 7  
 ♥ A 6  
 ♦ K 8 7 4  
 ♣ J 9 8

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

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

West Deng	North Hampson	East Yin	South Greco
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass

*2♦ Three-suiter short diamonds*  
 Kalita Sun Nowosadzki Kang

1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

### Makeable Contracts

1	-	-	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Deng's opening bid kept his opponents out of the auction. Greco led a trump and declarer followed the entirely reasonable line of winning in dummy to lead a club to the queen and king. Greco persisted in trumps; declarer won in hand and led a club to the ten and jack. Now came the diamond shift, and declarer could do no better than win, cross to dummy's top spade, then run clubs for down one, losing three hearts, two clubs and one spade.

In 2♥ Kang received a top spade lead (7, 5, 8 the five, upside-down count, suggesting an odd number here) and a shift to ♦J. he took this in hand to misguess hearts. Kalita now did well to underlead in spades. Nowosadzki won his ♠Q and played a third spade. When declarer discarded a diamond Kalita won and played a fourth spade. Declarer now found the ♣10 but still lost one trick in each red suit and two in each black suit for down one.

Impartial observers (especially those without immediate access to Deep Finesse) can place their bets on the next deal after the opening lead. Who's chances do you fancy more in 4♥ by West? Kalita on the lead of ♣J, or Deng on the lead of ♦K?

Dealer: West  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 12  
 Yeh Qual R8

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

♠ K Q 8 2  
 ♥ A J 7  
 ♦ A 5 2  
 ♣ K 5 3

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

West Deng	North Hampson	East Yin	South Greco
Pass	Pass	1♣(16+)	1♦

1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Kalita Sun Nowosadzki Kang

2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
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### Makeable Contracts

3	-	1	-	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
3	-	3	-	♥
-	-	-	-	♦
3	-	2	-	♣

I'm not sure why Deng bid 3♦ en route to 4♥, if he wasn't planning to pass 3NT here. Hampson led ♦Q, and Deng won and drew trumps ending in hand before playing a spade to dummy. Greco took his

♠A and played two more rounds of diamonds. Declarer won his ♦J but had to lose at least two club tricks from here on in. When he led to the king the defenders could take three club tricks; down two.



Deng Zhuodi

In the other room North's ♣J lead looks bad doesn't it? For the defence South rose with the ace and shifted to ♦10. Declarer took the first diamond, to leave the suit blocked, but had no way home. He chose to draw only two rounds of trumps and play on spades. South won his ♠A and gave his partner the diamond ruff to set the game. If declarer had drawn all the trumps he would have been left with a club or diamond loser at the end of the day. (There is pressure in three suits but no communications for a squeeze.)

So, curiously, the club lead is the only one to beat the game. In the other room after the lead of ♦Q declarer needs to win, draw trumps ending in dummy and lead a club to the queen. Then he can set up his spade discard for the long club. But that line requires South to have the doubleton or singleton ace of clubs, while Deng's line needed the club ace onside together with a favorable break along the way.

4♥ played by East made four times (but not by any of the declarers in the 'top' seven matches.)

The E/W pair at both tables played a quiet partscore at no-trump for +120, followed by the N/S pairs repeating the feat for +150 (game was terrible but making).

Beijing BEIH took the lead when Hampson-Greco had a disagreement about the meaning of the unopposed sequence: 1NT-2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠-3♣. This was regular Stayman with 2♥ offering a choice of majors; but did 3♣ say "I have 3-4-1-5 type" or was it a game-try for spades? After this deal no doubt the partnership will be, if not wiser, at least better informed...

Dealer: West  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 16  
 Yeh Qual R8

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

♠ Q 10 3 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ K 10 3 2  
 ♣ 10 6 4 3

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

♠ A J 9 7  
 ♥ Q 9 8 3  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ K 9 7 5

West	North	East	South	
Deng	Hampson	Yin	Greco	
Pass	3♦	All Pass		
Kalita	Sun	Nowosadzki Kang		
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	-	-	-	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	1	-	-	♣

3♦ made nine tricks comfortably enough, but it appears that both 3NT and 4♥ will come home on careful handling or some very good guesswork. However in 3NT after the lead of ♠2 suggesting a 4-4 break, the best line is far from clear. After a spade to the ♠A and continuation, declarer (correctly?) put his hopes in diamonds 3-2 with the king right, rather than taking the diamond finesse of the ♦Q then playing on hearts.

I suppose if a diamond to the queen holds you can take the heart finesse and come home if either the heart or club finesse works; if the diamond finesse loses, you need the heart queen to fall doubleton plus the club finesse. But playing all out on the diamond suit by ducking the first then leading to the queen failed to the 4-1 break; it meant declarer ended with just six tricks.



Yin Jiashen

Pepsi led 12-6, and then reached a delicate slam on the next deal. What would you lead against 6♥ after the following unopposed auction:



♠ J                      1♦ -            1♥  
 ♥ 9 8 7 5 4            4♣ -            4NT  
 ♦ 9 7                    5♥ -            6♥  
 ♣ A K 9 8 6

With no surprises for declarer in the red suits do you go active or passive? I vote for active – as did 12 of the 17 defenders against 6♥. Both editors agree with the choice; and you can almost tell without looking any further that this must be therefore the worst possible lead.

Just to confirm that, here is the hand:

Dealer: North            ♠ K 10 7 6 2  
 Vul: None                ♥ 10 2  
 Brd 17                    ♦ 6 5 2  
 Yeh Qual R8            ♣ 9 8 4  
 ♠ A 4 3  
 ♥ Q 9 7 4 3  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ A K 6 3  
 ♠ 9 5  
 ♥ K 8  
 ♦ K 10 9 3  
 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2

♠ Q J 8  
 ♥ A J 6 5  
 ♦ A Q J 8 7  
 ♣ J

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
6	-	5	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
1	-	2	-	♣

The contract is likely to go down if played by East – though on a low club lead from South you could guess to run the lead round to your hand I suppose? In total 25 of the 26 declarers played slam, two making from East, 12 from West. The exception to getting to slam were the Beijing E/W pair in our match, who stopped in 4♥ after a strong club auction that suggests some confusion.

The 11 IMPs to Pepsi made it 23-6, and on the next deal they added to their lead... but it could have been more.

Dealer: East            ♠ A Q 10 7  
 Vul: N-S                ♥ 7 3  
 Brd 18                    ♦ K 7 6 2  
 Yeh Qual R8            ♣ Q J 7  
 ♠ 9 8 4 3  
 ♥ Q J 8 5 4  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ K 5  
 ♠ K J 2  
 ♥ A 10  
 ♦ A Q J 10 9 8  
 ♣ A 8

♠ 6 5  
 ♥ K 9 6 2  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ 10 9 6 4 3 2

West	North	East	South	
Deng	Hampson	Yin	Greco	
		Pass	1♣(16+)	
Double*	Rdbl*	2♥	3♦	
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥(KC)	
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠	
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
*Double	Major	*Rdbl	GF balanced	
Kalita	Sun	Nowosadzki	Kang	
		Pass	1♣(16+)	
1♥	2♥	4♥	Pass	
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦	
Pass	Pass	7♥	Double	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

If I have read it right, N/S set diamonds then used keycard and Greco made one grand slam try, then gave up. While 7♦ can make at double-dummy (I leave it to the reader to work it out) this was the par spot.

But since their teammates had saved over 7♦ in 7♥x, down five (yes it could have been six if the defenders shorten the East hand to prevent the establishment of the clubs) that was only 7 IMPs to Pepsi.

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
-	6	-	6	NT
-	6	-	6	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	7	-	7	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

They led 31-6 now, but on the final deal of the set Beijing BEIH got back into the match somewhat with a double-figure pick-up.

Dealer: West      ♠ 10 8 6 4 2  
 Vul: Both        ♥ A 9 3  
 Brd 20            ♦ J 10 5 2  
 Yeh Qual R8      ♣ A

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

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

West	North	East	South	
Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
-	1	-	2	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣



Geoff Hampson

Where Hampson did not overcall 1♠ over 1♦, the Americans sold out to Deng in 3♦ and conceded 130. In the other room East must have felt he was on fairly safe ground in doubling 3♠, but it did not work out that way.

The defenders could cash two diamonds and shift to hearts, but declarer could rise with the ace, unblock clubs, then force out a spade honour. Now he could cash two clubs to pitch hearts and cross-ruff his way to nine tricks.

Of course as is usual in these positions, the easy way to beat 3♠x is just to lead a top trump. But after the diamond lead the defenders can still prevail by shifting to hearts without cashing the second diamond. Declarer takes the ace, unblocks clubs, and leads a spade up. East splits his honours, then can ruff his partner's diamond winner and draw trumps to prevent the cross-ruff.

All four of the pairs who were defending 3♠x allowed declarer to make, but one declarer couldn't read the ending and managed to go down anyway.

When in doubt...lead trumps – especially against doubled partscores. After all, are you really going to lose your diamond ruff if you don't take it at once? I think not.

### YEH CUP QUALIFYING ROUND 9

Two matches to go and the leader board was quite congested, with just 9.88 VPs covering the top 8 and 34.12 VPs the top 16. The top 8 teams qualify to the undefeated pool of the Knockout while the next 8 teams qualify for the once-defeated pool, where the winner will play the winner of the undefeated teams for place in the Final.

This report sees BulGer (1st – 104.4 VPs) (Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Jerry Stamatov and Dylan Danailov) matched against Kranyak (3rd – 103.6 VPs) (John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy, John Hurd and Joel Wooldridge). The Second BBO Match saw Pepsi (3rd) play IsPolta (5th).

The match started off comfortably for both teams with 4♠ bid and easily made at both tables, just as it was at 22 of the 26 tables in play.

Board 22 proved to have a touch of pizazz.



Vincent Demuy

Dealer: East  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 22  
 Yeh Qual R9

♠ A J 6 4 3  
 ♥ 6 3  
 ♦ K 9 7 6 3  
 ♣ 3

♠ 10  
 ♥ Q 10 7  
 ♦ A J 10 4  
 ♣ K Q J 8 5

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

West	North	East	South	
Wooldridge	Auken	Hurd	Welland	
		1♦	1NT	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Stamatov	Kranyak	Danailov	Demuy	
		1♦	1NT	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

In the Open Room the defence started with a somewhat friendly heart lead. Declarer, Welland, played the ♠K followed by the spade nine (covered by West followed), by the ♠J leaving West with his spade winner. Having heard the bidding he smoothly played the ♦3 off the table, four from East and the ♦5 from his hand! This left him in control to lose just two diamonds and a trump. Because of declarer's need to establish his long diamond, a club lead would leave the defence in control as was demonstrated in the Closed Room. Two pairs bid and made 4♥ on a club lead, while ten failed on a club lead and an equal number on a heart lead.

In the Closed Room a club was indeed led. Declarer won the ace, also cashed the ♠K and played the ♠9, covered by the queen, and a heart to his hand. Next came a diamond towards dummy's king and East's ace. East forced dummy with a club and now a diamond to the queen allowed West to ruff and force dummy down to the bare ♠J while West still held a trump himself. Declarer now played a diamond towards his eight, ducked by East and ruffed by West. Declarer ended up losing two diamonds and two diamond ruffs for one down and BulGer led 10-0.

That lead was short-lived.

Dealer: South  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 23  
 Yeh Qual R9

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

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

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

West	North	East	South	
Wooldridge	Auken	Hurd	Welland	
			1♥	
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦	
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦	
Pass	6♣	All Pass		
Stamatov	Kranyak	Danailov	Demuy	
			1♥	
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥	
Pass	5♣	All Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

Like me you may have looked at the hand and thought “well there’s only one spade loser” but in practice there look to be only 9 or 10 winners, with little possibility of establishing hearts or spades. The only very favourable layout for declarer is 2-2 trumps and the spade ace onside.

Even then, it looks challenging to bring home 12 tricks. Given that trumps were 3-1, and the defence accurately led a trump with East continuing with trumps after winning a spade, declarer could do no better than finish with 10 tricks.

In the Closed Room West led and continued spades, after which declarer set about establishing the spade suit, losing a trump and a spade. That +600 and the 200 from the Open Room gave Kranyak 13 IMPs and the lead 13-10.

Board 24 was interesting.

Dealer: West      ♠ 9 4 3  
 Vul: None        ♥ J 10 9 6 3  
 Brd 24            ♦ 10 8 5 2  
 Yeh Qual R9     ♣ 6  
 ♠ 10 8 2  
 ♥ 7 5 4  
 ♦ J 9 7  
 ♣ K Q 8 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Auken	Hurd	Welland
Pass	Pass	1NT	Double
Pass	2♥	All Pass	
Stamatov	Kranyak	Danailov	Demuy
Pass	Pass	1NT	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

It would seem that Auken, North in the Open Room, preferred to find a fit and declare the hand rather than risk defending against 1NTx when the opponents were likely to have the majority of the points. In the Closed Room Kranyak, with the same cards, opted to defend rather than looking for his own trouble. With the high cards ‘known’ to be with East and helped by the ♠K lead, Auken scrambled home with 10 ricks and +170.



Dylan Danailov

In the Closed Room Demuy was faced with an unenviable choice of leads. Knowing that you and your Right Hand Opponent own more than 80% of the pack, nothing looks very attractive does it. So he opted for a low club lead. Declarer cashed his four club winners and led a spade to the jack and queen. Now Demuy played the ♥K won by declarer’s ace and his last trick taken on this hand. -300 meant 4 IMPs to Kranyak, leading 17-10.

On Board 25 Kranyak bought the hand at both tables going one down vulnerable at one table and scoring +110 for a flat board.

Board 26 – see above but with BulGer buying the hand at both tables going one down vulnerable in 3♣ at one table and making 140 at the other, to score an IMP. Kranyak 17 - Bulger 11.

The Kranyak team then went on a three-board rampage.

Dealer: South      ♠ 8 5 3  
 Vul: None          ♥ J 6 5 2  
 Brd 27              ♦ 10 7 2  
 Yeh Qual R9       ♣ Q J 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Auken	Hurd	Welland
			1♣
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Stamatov	Kranyak	Danailov	Demuy
			1NT
Pass	Pass	Double	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Double	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♦
Double	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Wooldridge, West in the Open Room for Kranyak, clearly appreciated the value of his long diamonds, notwithstanding his limited values. A funny thing happened on the way to the forum when Welland, South, led the ♥Q followed by the ♥3 to dummy's nine, ducked by Auken, thereby allowing declarer to rack up 11 tricks.

Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

John Kranyak isn't somebody who will die wondering what might have been. With only 18 of the combined 40 points in the pack N/S went on an exploratory expedition to see where they could find safety after being doubled in 2♣ and 2♦. This is another hand where there appear to be a limited number of losers but, equally, not that many tricks. It would appear that repeated trump leads may hold declarer to four heart tricks and and two club tricks for 300. So giving that up to score +110 doesn't seem like a solid plan (although it isn't obvious holding either the East or West cards that 2♥ might not make on a good day).

The net 350 was 8 IMPs to Kranyak who now led 25-11.

Board 28 was back to the old theme with BulGer buying the hand in part-score at both tables but this time failing both times, to hand Kranyak 5 IMP's and a 19 IMP lead.

Back to the secondary theme in this match – 3NT in one room and part-score in the other.

Dealer: North      ♠ 6 5 2  
 Vul: ALL            ♥ K Q J 10 2  
 Brd 29              ♦ 10 5  
 Yeh Qual R9       ♣ 10 8 4

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

♠ J 9 3  
 ♥ 9 7  
 ♦ A Q J 9 3 2  
 ♣ J 2

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Auken	Hurd	Welland
	Pass	1♣	2♦
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Stamatov	Kranyak	Danailov	Demuy
	2♥	Double	3♣
Double	Pass	Pass	3♥
Double	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
4	-	4	-	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
5	-	5	-	♣

Weak-two openings come in all shapes and sizes although, given the vulnerability, this one is for a select few. I used to put these types of bids down to youth, but I realise that John Kranyak is well North of that designation. Anyway, no harm no foul, and to be honest, as I always (ok usually) am, this probably conspired to keep the opponents out of 3NT that seems to rely on favourable breaks in both black suits plus the additional change of finding short honours. This comes in at around 50% with some residual chances such as the one above, with one of the black suits breaking and the ♦A onside.

On the actual layout 3NT made 10 tricks when declarer ducked the first two heart leads and then the defence switched to a diamond. 11 IMPs to Kranyak who led 41-11. Two overtrick IMPs to Bulger in 3NT on the final board saw Kranyak win by 28 IMPs. Kranyak-Demuy were +27 IMPs on datum while their teammates were +3.

## WITH ONE ROUND TO GO

With the field rounding the turn and coming up to the winning post at the end of round nine of the ten round qualifying event, there was a lot of congestion at the top of the table.

Rank	Team	Players	VPs
1	Kranyak	John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge	121.1
2	Pepsi	Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco, Jacek Pszczola, Josef Blass, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki	119.0
3	Kokish	Eric Kokish, Fred Gitelman, Curtis Cheek, Huub Bertens	111.0
4	Norway	Allan Livgard, Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist	107.2
5	BulGer	Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Jerry Stamatov, Dylan Danailov	106.9
6	Poland	Piotr Gawryś, Michal Klukowski, Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz	104.4
7	Monaco	Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Pierre Zimmermann, Krzysztof Martens, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace	101.4
8	Sweden	Frederic Wrang, Fredrik Nyström, Johan Upmark, Johan Sylvan	100.5
9	IsPolta	Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran, Ron Pachtman, Piotr Zatorski, Massimiliano Di France, Andrea Manno	100.2
10	Beijing BEIH	Deng Zhuodi, Kang Meng, Sun Shaolin, Liu Jing, Liu Yinghao, Yin Jiashen	100.0
11	France	Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volcker, Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt	98.2
12	India	Bendre Kaustubh Milind, Majumder Debabrata, Mukherjee Sumit, Nandi Kaustabh, Kirubakara Moorthy, Ramaratnam Krishnan	87.9
13	Japan 1	Akihiko Yamada, Kyoko Ohno, Masayuki Ino, Kazuhiko Yamada, Kazuo Furuta, Hiroshi Kaku	87.5
14	China Open	Jin Zhan Jie, Bi Shu Guang, Wei Yu, He Wen Jiong, Jing Xu, Shi Bin	83.3
15	Netherlands	Simon de Wijs, Bauke Muller, Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink	83.1
16	PD Times	Marc Chen, Fu Zhong, Li Jie, Hou Xu, Patrick Huang, Zhao Yanpei	83.0
17	Japan 3	Kotomi Asakoshi, Tadashi Teramoto, Masaaki Takayama, Takeshi Niekawa, Shugo Tanaka, Hiroaki Miura	82.6
18	YBM	Chen Yeh, Ya Lan Zhang, Juei Yu Shih, Ping Wang, Dawei Chen, Diego Brenner	81.1
19	Germany	Helmut Häusler, Martin Rehder, Christian Schwerdt, Julius Linde	80.6
20	Shanghai Finance	Shan Baisong, Huo Shiyu, Shi Haojun, Wang Xiaojing, Li Xiaoyi, Chen Jun	76.9
21	Pharon	Justin Hackett, Jason Hackett, Tom Hanlon, Paul Hackett, Alex Hydes	76.6
22	Singapore	Kelvin Ng, Poon Hua, Loo Choon Chou, Zhang Yukun, Fong Kien Hoong, Lam Cheng Yen	76.0
23	Pertamina Indonesia	Taufik Asbi, Beni J Ibradi, Franky Karwur, Robert Parasian, Julius A George, Kurniadi Djauhari	74.7
24	Australia	Justin Mill, Peter Hollands, Andrew Peake, Peter Gill, David Beauchamp, Matthew Thomson	73.6
25	Chinese Taipei	Herstein Liu, Edward Yeh, Mou Chen, David Yang, Jiang Gu	61.7
26	Japan 2	Kyoko Shimamura, Makiko Sato, Megumi Takasaki, Yuki Fukuyoshi, Akiko Yanagisawa, Toshiko Kaho	61.5

## THE FORMAT OF THE KNOCK-OUT

Please bear with us while we explain. Regardless of finishing position, Mr Yeh's team (YBM) is granted automatic entry into what is now deemed to be the undefeated pool of eight. Given that his position is currently outside of the top eight, this means that the top seven teams will qualify for the undefeated

pool along with YBM. The benefit of the undefeated pool is that a loss drops you into the once defeated pool, with a second chance.

The next eight teams form what is effectively the once defeated teams, who will have no second chance.

So following through the format thereafter, the two pools of 8 become:

- 4 undefeated and 8 once defeated — where 4 previous undefeated teams, who are now defeated, drop into the one loss pool.
- 2 undefeated and 6 once defeated (where 2 previous undefeated who are now defeated, drop into the one loss pool).
- 1 undefeated and 3 once defeated (the remaining undefeated team gets a bye to the final while the remaining three once defeated teams play a triangle to determine a single winner).
- The winner of the undefeated plays the winner of the once defeated in the final.

So the critical finishing positions are 7th and 15th. Looking at those positions with one match to go we can see

- five teams within easy contention for the 7th position assuming 1 through 6 don't drop out.
- six teams within easy contention for the valuable 15th spot.

### APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee will comprise of Patrick Huang (Chairman), Barry Rigal and David Stern and other members seconded from time to time. However players are reminded that, in general terms the Committee's opening position is that the Director's Ruling is correct and it will be the obligation of the appellants to prove to the Committee that the Director has erred in his ruling.



*Team YBM with Mr. Yeh*



*Many Mysterious Garden Gates*

## MEET FREDERIC WRANG



Bridge in Scandinavia is growing, Perhaps it is the attraction of the nice warmth of the playing areas over the outside weather or the commitment of the senior players to bring in younger players into the game. We don't really know, but it is growing, that's for sure.

To name but a few we would include Bertheau, Brogeland, Fredin, Fallenius, Hallberg, Helgemo, Helness, Nystrom, Sundelin and Upmark and and in the women's and junior games the Rimstedt and Gronkvist families.

Ranked 37<sup>th</sup> by the World Bridge Federation is Frederic Wrang, a regular on the international bridge tournament circuit. His playing record doesn't show many wins in international or European Championships but 20 top ten placings in the last twenty years is certainly VERY impressive.

Frederic was born 55 years ago in Stockholm, Sweden and still lives there when not competing in international tournaments, playing as a professional around 60 days a year. This lifestyle is made much easier by a combination of living the life of a bachelor and working in a family business which imports hair accessories and party items from China.

"Our family played a lot of card games when were young. One day when I was 11 years old, I was kibitzing my brother and the game intrigued me. As the session lasted for many many hours I soon became very determined to learn this fascinating game. Thereafter I was allowed to watch but only for less than an hour at a time. A couple of years later we went to a class led by one of the best Swedish Bridge players and teachers - Jan Wohlin who I credit with much of the bridge skill I possess."

Frederic has followed the much travelled path of many bridge players when he started his studies only to drop out, starting a life of bridge, poker and gambling a lifestyle that he very much enjoys to this day.

Success came soon when he won the Scandinavian Juniors team playing with Johan Sylvan. He rates his greatest successes as second place in the 2015 Bermuda Bowl, second place in the 2016 European Championships, the Bronze Medal in Sanya 2014, winner of the 2013 Cavendish Teams 2013 and winning the 2014 South American Championships. His greatest disappointment however was losing the 2015 Bermuda Bowl Final to Poland in Chennai, India – "it took me a long time to get over this hard fought and very close final and understand what a great effort it was for our team. We were leading by 17.5 IMPs with 16 boards to go only to lose the final set by 32 IMPs – tragic!"

Going forward he will be competing for Sweden in the forthcoming World Championships in Lyon. He would love to win a Bowl and hear the Swedish National Anthem, as well as winning a US National.

Frederic's partners have included Gunnar Hallberg, Thomas Magnusson, Ulf Nilsson and Martin De Knijff while current partners are Johan Sylvan when playing for Sweden, and Juan Carlos Ventin of Spain when playing in non-zonal competitions. He would have loved to play with the late Jan Wohlin – "his natural bidding and explanations were fascinating". Living players he would love to have a session with include Geir Helgemo or Augustin Madala.

In the past he played complicated systems but found the memory tests too much of a strain. His current preferred methods are natural system with five card majors 5-5-4-2 and transfer responses.

He tells this amusing story. "Some years ago we played in Turkey against a good Italian team. Left hand opponent opened 2♥ weak and after a while we end up in 7♦ which my right hand opponent doubled - I was sure that he was void in hearts. I checked in my bidding box and tried to find my 7NT card but it simply wasn't there. I asked the gentleman on my right "excuse me sir can I borrow your 7NT card?" He said "OK". I bid 7NT and we made the contract. Right hand opponent could indeed have ruffed an opening heart lead. Left hand opponent started to abuse his partner using less than pleasant terms - I do understand some Italian. He said in



Italian to his partner that he of course would have led a heart. They continued to argued and fight for another 5 minutes. I was just smiling for myself. I don't need to tell you who won that match".

Frederic won a brilliancy prize for the following hand playing 5♦ on the following layout against a challenging trump lead.

Dealer: East Vul: E/W	♠ 10 9 8 7 5 ♥ A 9 7 5 ♦ J ♣ 9 8 7	
♠ Q 4 2 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ A 10 6 2	♠ A J ♥ Q J ♦ A K Q 10 9 6 3 2 ♣ 3	♠ K 6 3 ♥ K 8 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q J 5 4

The diamond lead won by dummy's ♦J, Frederic then played a spade to the jack and queen. The defence cashed the ♣A and continued with a low club (West could have defeated the contract by returning a heart). Frederic ruffed the club and drew trumps leaving the following three cards ending with East still needing to find a discard:

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

"I knew that North was marked with five clubs, one diamond and 4-3 in the majors, Frederic says. I just had to pay attention to what North discarded with four cards left. North finally discarded a low heart allowing me to play a heart to ace, return with the ♠A and the now high ♥Q". A fine example of a criss-cross squeeze.

Outside of bridge Frederic is a sports fanatic. Especially, soccer, ice hockey and golf and when there is no sports, good food and wine get his attention. He doesn't have the time he used to for bridge books but enjoys Bridge World when time permits.

His love of sports pervades his thoughts on recent cheating scandals. "I have always felt that bridge is a gentleman's game. Ethics and morals are VERY important. Without these elements the game is lost. Those people who betrayed the wonderful game that I love with a passion have no place in this game - EVER. I am very grateful to Boye Brogeland and his cheating squad who managed to clean up the game and I hope that people will think once or twice before cheating".

Unlike many of us, Frederic is upbeat about the future of the game. "I think Bridge has a bright future. If you can get a lot of youths to learn to play then the sky is the limit. With this hobby you can meet people and go to places all around the world as I have done and enjoy a lot of fun while competing. The Swedish Bridge Federation has some full-time employees to try to engage with schools and encourage them to include bridge. Bridge clubs can also help with free teaching sessions for juniors encouraging them to come and play and have fun".

Finally his advice for new players – As a declarer take time and plan, and as a defender always take time after winning your first trick before deciding on your continuation.

## Order of Finishing Rank after Round 10 of 10 Qualifying

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1	Kranyak	John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge
2	Pepsi	Jacek Pszczola, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco, Josef Blass, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki
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26	Chinese Taipei	Herstein Liu, Edward Yeh, Mou Chen, David Yang, Jiang Gu

## Pair Datums after Round 10 of 10 Qualifying

Rank	Pair	Team	Rounds	IMP
1	Geoff Hampson – Eric Greco	Pepsi	9	1.12
2	Piotr Gawrys – Michal Klukowski	Poland	9	1.04
3	Ehud Friedlander – Inon Liran	IsPolta	6	1.03
4	John Hurd – Joel Wooldridge	Kranyak	10	0.99
5	Boye Brogeland – Espen Lindqvist	Norway	10	0.85
6	Liu Jing – Liu Yinghao	Beijing BEIH	6	0.75
7	John Kranyak – Vincent Demuy	Kranyak	10	0.72
8	David Beauchamp – Matthew Thomson	Australia	8	0.69
9	Akihiko Yamada –Kyoko Ohno	Japan 1	5	0.68
10	Bi Shu Guang – He Wen Jiong	China Open	8	0.66
11	Roy Welland – Sabine Auken	BulGer	10	0.65
12	Eric Kokish – Fred Gitelman	Kokish	10	0.61
13	Fu Zhong – Li Jie	PD Times	8	0.58
14	Ron Pachtman – Piotr Zatorski	IsPolta	8	0.56
15	Tadashi Teramoto – Hiroaki Miura	Japan 3	8	0.54
16	Dawei Chen – Diego Brenner	YBM	8	0.48
17	Curtis Cheek – Huub Bertens	Kokish	10	0.43
18	Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark	Sweden	10	0.42
19	Jerry Stamatov – Dylan Danailov	BulGer	10	0.36
20	Lorenzo Lauria – Alfredo Versace	Monaco	8	0.28
21	KANG Meng – SUN Shaolin	Beijing BEIH	10	0.27
22=	Thomas Bessis – Frederic Volcker	France	10	0.17
22=	Patrick Huang – Zhao Yanpei	PD Times	7	0.17
24	Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness	Monaco	8	0.10
25	Taufik Asbi – Robert Parasian	Pertamina Indonesia	10	0.07
26	Bendre Kaustubh Milind – Nandi Kaustabh	India	6	0.05
27	Krzysztof Jassem – Marcin Mazurkiewicz	Poland	5	0.04
28=	Justin Hackett – Jason Hackett	Pharon	6	-0.05
28=	Frederic Wrang – Johan Sylvan	Sweden	10	-0.05
28=	Kazuo Furuta – Hiroshi Kaku	Japan 1	8	-0.05
31=	Tom Hanlon – Paul Hackett	Pharon	10	-0.06
31=	Jing Xu – Shi Bin	China Open	8	-0.06
31=	Shan Baisong – Shi Haojun	Shanghai Finance	7	-0.06
34	Michael Gromolle – Martin Rehder	Germany	10	-0.08
35	Kirubakara Moorthy – Ramaratnam Krishnan	India	7	-0.09
36	Jacek Kalita – Michal Nowosadzki	Pepsi	9	-0.13
37	Bas Drijver – Sjoert Brink	Netherlands	10	-0.14
38	Huo Shiyu – Chen Jun	Shanghai Finance	6	-0.15
39	Zhang Yukun – Fong Kien Hoong	Singapore	10	-0.16
40	Majumder Debabrata – Mukherjee Sumit	India	7	-0.20
41	Wang Xiaojing – Li Xiaoyi	Shanghai Finance	7	-0.23
42	Ola Rimstedt – Mikael Rimstedt	France	10	-0.24
43	David Yang – Jiang Gu	Chinese Taipei	10	-0.25
44	Akiko Yanagisawa – Toshiko Kaho	Japan 2	5	-0.36
45	Kelvin Ng – Lam Cheng Yen	Singapore	10	-0.37
46	Massimiliano Di Franco – Andrea Manno	IsPolta	6	-0.48
47	Allan Livgard – Terje Aa	Norway	10	-0.49
48	Andrew Peake – Peter Gill	Australia	6	-0.50
49	Krzysztof Buras – Grzegorz Narkiewicz	Poland	6	-0.52
50	Franky Karwur – Julius A George	Pertamina Indonesia	10	-0.53
51=	Makiko Sato – Kyoko Shimamura	Japan 2	10	-0.62
51=	Christian Schwerdt – Julius Linde	Germany	10	-0.62

# 2017 Yeh Bros Cup Schedule

## WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> July

09:30 – 11:40	Knockout 1, Seg. 1	Bds 01-16	09:30 - 10:50	Consolation Swiss Rd 1	Bds 01-10
12:00 – 14:10	Knockout 1, Seg. 2	Bds 17-32	11:10 - 12:30	Consolation Swiss Rd 2	Bds 11-20
	<i>Lunch Time</i>		12:50 - 14:10	Consolation Swiss Rd 3	Bds 21-30
15:30 – 17:40	Knockout 2, Seg. 1	Bds 01-16	15:40 - 17:00	(4 teams) Cons. Swiss R4	Bds 01-10
18:00 – 20:10	Knockout 2, Seg. 2	Bds 17-32	17:20 - 18:40	Consolation Swiss Rd 5	Bds 11-20

## THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> July

09:30 – 11:40	Knockout 3, Seg. 1	16 bds	09:30 - 10:50	(4 teams) Cons. Swiss R6	Bds 21-30
12:00 – 14:10	Knockout 3, Seg. 2	16 bds	11:10 - 12:30	Consolation Swiss Rd 7	Bds 01-10
	<i>Lunch Time</i>		12:50 - 14:10	Consolation Swiss Rd 8	Bds 11-20
15:30 – 17:40	Knockout 4, Seg. 1	16 bds	16:20 - 19:50	Open Pairs Qualification	Bds 01-27
18:00 – 20:10	Knockout 4, Seg. 2	16 bds			

## FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> July

09:30 - 11:40	Final & Play-off, Seg 1	Bds 01-16	09:30-13:00	Pairs Semi-Final	Bds 01-27
	<i>Lunch Time</i>			<i>Lunch Time</i>	
13:10 – 15:20	Final & Play-off, Seg 2	Bds 17-32	14:00-17:30	Pairs Final & Consolation	Bds 01-27
15:35 – 17:45	Final & Play-off, Seg 3	Bds 33-48			
19:00	<b>** Victory Dinner **</b>				

## VENUE LOCATIONS

<b>Hotel</b>	Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo (the former Four Season Tokyo)
<b>Yeh Cup Bridge</b>	Ballroom, Hotel 1F
<b>Victory Dinner</b>	Jupiter, Plaza 4F (in the Plaza, located at another part of Chinzanso)

## FREE LUNCH

On Wednesday and Thursday there will be 40 Japanese Lunchboxes and 40 Sandwich Lunchboxes available WITHOUT CHARGE on a first come first served basis.  
Note however that there will be no lunch service or boxes available on Friday

