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NEC CUP

The rankings after 4 rounds:

CHINESE TAIPEI	84
GREAT BRITAIN	78
JAPAN — HISATOMI	66
ICELAND	66
JAPAN — YAMADA	66
JAPAN — WOMEN	65
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U.S.A.	55
CHINA	49
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CHINESE TAIPEI scored four solid wins to lead the NEC CUP after the first day's play with 84 VPs. Not far behind is GREAT BRITAIN with 78 VPs. Three other teams are tied for third-fourth-fifth places. The biggest surprise so far is not the great showing of Japan's WOMEN, but the disappointing first day suffered by the defending champions from INDONESIA. POLAND-USA, a press room betting favorite, played some rocky bridge yesterday, but they are only 8 VP out of fourth (third-fourth-fifth) place with seven matches to go. They will be a factor in this tournament until the very end. USA has just one win to show for their efforts on DAY ONE, but they are only 3 VP behind their semi-countrymen in eighth place and they, too, have plenty of time to find their best form. China, too, won only one match, and that one narrowly, but it is too soon to write them off.

Although the bridge was not always superb yesterday, the overall standard was quite high, and it is undeniably true that any team in this field might beat any other in a head-on match. It's easy for us to say that, looking up at the rest of the field, but we stand by our words. Check it out after the last round robin match on Wednesday.

We include for your interest in this and the next two issues, the datums for each match. As long as you remember the direction you played in, you will be able to see how you fared compared to your counterparts in that session.

ROUND ONE

ICELAND showed some early muscle against highly-fancied POLAND-USA, holding them to just 11 IMPs while scoring 46 themselves. That was a 23-7 win in VP and a fine start for the Icemen, who made such a strong impression the last time they visited these shores in 1991.

The match between CHINA and GREAT BRITAIN was a high-scoring affair with each side recording three big gains. CHINA won 49-40, 17-13 in VP.

HISATOMI, the 1997 runners-up, put a lot of points on the board against NEC, prevailing by a comfortable 29 IMPs, 60-31, 22-8 in VP.

It's too early to draw any conclusions from any single result but YAMADA's resounding 56-11 defeat of powerful USA will surely cheer their supporters. 25-5 in VP.

CHINESE TAIPEI won this tournament two years ago and INDONESIA won it last year. These two teams met in ROUND ONE with high hopes. CHINESE TAIPEI prevailed 40-10 in a generally well-played match, 22-8 in VP.

We can report that Japan's WOMEN played well against Japan's YOUTH but a strong performance by **Kazuo Furuta-Masaaki Takayama** helped YOUTH to a 36-32 win, 16-14 VP.

Bd: I-1	North	
Dlr: North	♠ 8	
Vul: None	♥ AKJ10	
	♦ J72	
	♣ Q10842	
West		East
♠ AQJ32		♠ K10976
♥ Q5		♥ 98762
♦ A63		♦ 10
♣ A53		♣ J9
	South	
	♠ 54	
	♥ 43	
	♦ KQ9854	
	♣ K76	

This deal created swings in several matches. With East/West cold for 4♠ but not five, North/South would do well to compete to 5♦, playing "truth or dare" with their opponents. In the event, **JM Dai-HJ Shi** for CHINA won 9 IMPs for their side against GREAT BRITAIN when they stole the auction at 5♦ undoubled, one down while their teammates played a quiet 4♠. **YN Yen-MH Wu** for CHINESE TAIPEI also found the save against INDONESIA to gain 8 IMPs (they were doubled). **Takashi Maeda-Nobuyuki Hayashi (NEC)** and **Tom Fox-Walter Schaffer (USA)** turned over 11 IMPs to HISATOMI and YAMADA respectively, by bidding the

East/West cards all the way to 6♠ while their counterparts stopped in game at the other table.

If you pass the North hand, dreading a rebid over a 1♠ response, how far would you go with those cards opposite a partner who opened 2♦ (weak) or 3♦ in third seat, neither side vulnerable. If you could show your hearts along the way, wouldn't you sell out to 4♠?

Bd: I-2	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 9873	
Vul: N/S	♥ 842	
	♦ 72	
	♣ 10983	
West		East
♠ KQJ4		♠ 65
♥ Q1073		♥ AKJ
♦ AKJ9		♦ 10865
♣ 5		♣ QJ76
	South	
	♠ A102	
	♥ 965	
	♦ Q43	
	♣ AK42	

This was usually an easy game for East/West, but there were some notable exceptions. Your Editors went for 800 in 2♣ doubled, caught by **Hiroko Ohta-Nobuko Setoguchi** after a weak notrump opening by South. 9 IMPs to Japan's WOMEN. Sharing the Editors' fate, although surely after a different series of bids, were POLAND-USA's **Sam Lev-Michael Polowan**, at the hands of **Thor Jonsson-Saevor Thorbjornsson** of ICELAND. That cost 12 IMPs, however, because **Piotr Gawrys-Marcin Lesniewski** missed game with the East/West cards.

But 800 was not the biggest penalty on this deal. HISATOMI's **Masayuki Ino-Tadashi Imakura** collected 1100 from the same 2♣ doubled against NEC's **Kohji Fujimoto-Hiroshi Miyauchi**. If East/West can take all their tricks and East uppercuts with the ♠6 on the fourth spade, it looks as if 1100 is attainable.

GREAT BRITAIN gained 11 IMPs on this deal when **ZJ Zhuang** went down in 5♦ for CHINA, presumably rejecting the diamond finesse.

Bd: I-3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ KQ74	
Vul: E/W	♥ J8	
	♦ 10943	
	♣ 1063	
West		East
♠ AJ85		♠ 9632
♥ Q93		♥ 652
♦ ---		♦ KQJ652
♣ AJ9874		♣ ---
	South	
	♠ 10	
	♥ AK1074	
	♦ A87	
	♣ KQ52	

There are a few bids I'd like to take back from this match and Board 3 presented one such opportunity. I opened 1♥ and West overcalled 2♣. My horse dredged up a negative double and I foolishly didn't pass it. Even worse, I tried 2♦, which ended the auction. Imagine how East felt!

I ran into the odd ruff and went two down, but actually won 3 IMPs when 2♥ went three down at the other table.

The big story here was the doubled 3NT made by **Tadashi Yoshida** against Fox-Schafer. No, we don't know how, but someone will tell us.

On Board I-9, North was dealt: (N) ♠A ♥Q10 ♦AJ10843 ♣KQ52, at favorable vulnerability, and opened 1♦. After a 1♠ overcall, South competed with a negative double

and West raised to 2♠. With different degrees of certainty, North tried 3♣ and generally received preference to 3♦. Do you think North should bid again if (a) 3♣ showed a good hand, or (b) if there was no special agreement? This time South held: (S) ♠J972 ♥A762 ♦Q2 ♣864. If North tries 3♠, South will be forced into 3NT, a contract with some chances. At my table, I learned that East was five-five in the black suits before I had to commit myself in diamonds. If East had only three red cards, it was odds-against that she held precisely two or three small diamonds, so I believe that I should have found the winning play - the ♦A to drop the king, unblocking the queen, then over to the ♥A to finesse the ♦8 on the way back. I thought a long time before doing the wrong thing but that just proves how little constructive thought was passing between my ears. I finished five down, minus 250, but many of my counterparts did far worse. None more so than the esteemed **Hiroshi Hisatomi**, who went minus 1400 in 5♣ doubled to lose 15 IMPs. JM Dai for CHINA was minus 800 in the same contract to lose 13 IMPs.

ROUND TWO

POLAND-USA won a tight match against CHINA, 32-23, 17-13 in VP.

ICELAND-INDONESIA, in a replay of their Rhodes quarterfinal, produced a different winner this time, with the Icemen winning 33-13, 20-10.

Although CHINESE TAIPEI allowed 29 IMPs, they scored 59 themselves against Japan's

WOMEN and won in comfort, 22-8.

GREAT BRITAIN held HISATOMI to just 10 IMPs, scoring 45 of their own, and won 23-7.

YAMADA kept up the good work by defeating NEC 36-12 for a 21-9 win.

USA recovered from their disappointing first round by trouncing YOUTH 60-22, 24-6.

Perhaps the most interesting deal of the match was Board II-30 . . .

Bd: II-30	North	
Dir: East	♠ ---	
Vul: None	♥ J652	
	♦ Q10954	
	♣ Q532	
West		East
♠ K9854		♠ Q10632
♥ K1093		♥ A74
♦ J72		♦ ---
♣ A		♣ KJ984
	South	
	♠ AJ7	
	♥ Q8	
	♦ AK863	
	♣ 1076	

Six spades is excellent for East/West and it was reached three times - by **CZ Yu-XB Chen** of China, **JF Lee-DM Yen** of Chinese Taipei, **Ralph Katz-Howard Weinstein** of USA. All of them made it, with Yu-Chen doubled by **Piotr Gawrys**, allegedly to discourage a diamond sacrifice by his partner.

With trumps two-one and clubs four-three, the slam would be easy to make, even though it takes two ruffs to establish the long club. But on this lie, there are some problems, since declarer must ruff three diamonds in the East hand and still pick up the jack of trumps. At each of the three relevant tables, declarer ruffed the diamond lead, crossed to the ♣A, and led a spade to the queen. All three Souths took the ace and found they could no longer stop declarer from taking twelve tricks.

Just try to make the slam if South ducks the first trump. Declarer is not able to enjoy the long club or get all his diamond ruffs without getting . . . forced! As far as we can tell from examining the match reports, **Richard Bruno** of USA was the only South to do this, but he was defending against 4♠, so his reward was not significant. His teammates made the slam at the other table. Four North/South pairs bought the auction at 5♦ doubled, down 300 or 500.

At unfavorable vulnerability, North was dealt: (N) ♠Q ♥AQJ632 ♦J65 ♣AKQ on Board II-18. At several tables, it went 2♠-Pass-4♠-? To him. Would you double or bid 5♥?

Bd: II-27	North	
Dir: South	♠ K1042	
Vul: None	♥ QJ42	
	♦ 942	
	♣ 43	
West		East
♠ Q97653		♠ A
♥ K63		♥ A109875
♦ ---		♦ AQ86
♣ K652		♣ Q7
	South	
	♠ J8	
	♥ ---	
	♦ KJ10753	
	♣ AJ1098	

The winning decision is to double. 4♠ is more-or-less cold for 590. But if you bid 5♥ and someone doubles, the price is 800. It's a cruel cruel world. The weak 2♠ bidder held: ♠J86532 ♥K5 ♦K98 ♣32. The 4♠ bidder held: (W) ♠AK7 ♥10 ♦AQ107 ♣108764. Although we can't confirm how one lone declarer went set at 4♠ we can see two possibilities: (1) he ran the ♠J, playing North, who must have shown a strong and shapely hand, for the singleton ten or nine of trumps, and (2) he ruffed the third round of clubs early in the play with the jack of trumps. **Katsumi Takahashi** is invited to the Press Room for tea and sympathy. If you think this was an easy one for East/West, you're wrong. Only three pairs of twelve played in 4♥ and made it (**Denny Sacul-Ferdj Waluyan** for INDONESIA, Thorbjornsson-Jonsson for ICELAND,

and **Toyoba-Etoh** for WOMEN). There were pairs in 6♥, 5♥, 4♠, and defending 3♦ doubled without success. In practice, the pair that defended 2♦ beat it, but the pair that doubled 3♦ did not.

The West hand is not a real weak two-bid, but I suspect the bidding would have been easier for the players who held that hand had they started with 2♠. I passed it and finished in 5♥, so I know what I'm talking about.

ROUND THREE

POLAND-USA won a squeaker against HISATOMI, 47-43, 16-14 in VP.

INDONESIA recorded an initial victory, defeating CHINA 47-27, 20-10.

Japan's WOMEN showed their mettle by upending ICELAND 44-16, 22-8.

CHINESE TAIPEI continued to show very well, defeating USA 61-43, 19-11.

Japan's YOUTH fell to a fired-up NEC team 27-49, 10-20.

GREAT BRITAIN had the best of YAMADA 56-27, 22-8 in VP.

ROUND FOUR

CHINESE TAIPEI completed a fantastic first day with a fourth solid victory, this one 49-25 over NEC, 21-9 in VP.

Japan's WOMEN continued in great form by defeating CHINA 47-21, 21-9. It's still early, but it is clear that they are not in awe of their storied opponents and there is no reason to believe that they cannot maintain their poise and challenge for a spot in the semifinals.

GREAT BRITAIN handed YOUTH a third successive defeat, 53-30, 20-10.

INDONESIA finished a tough first day with a third loss, this time to HISATOMI, 15-49, 7-23.

POLAND-USA vs YAMADA was won in the trenches by the visitors, 40-28, 18-12 VP.

This round featured the first draw of the NEC CUP, between ICELAND and USA, 38-36 in IMPS for USA, but 15-15 in VP.

CONFUCIUS SAY, “WHEN BOTH SIDES PLAY SAME CONTRACT — ONE SIDE CRAZY”

Bd: OUCHI-F2-10 North
 Dir: East ♠ KJxxx
 Vul: Both ♥ Q10xx
 ♦ 10x
 ♣ Kx

West
 ♠ A109x
 ♥ xxx
 ♦ KQx
 ♣ AJx

East
 ♠ Qxx
 ♥ AKxx
 ♦ xxx
 ♣ 987

South
 ♠ x
 ♥ Jx
 ♦ AJ9xx
 ♣ Q10xxx

TABLE ONE

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yamazaki	Kimura	Yamaguchi	Takano
1♣	2♣(1)	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass
(1) Michaels			

TABLE TWO

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
N Kyoshima	Takatori	T Kyoshima	Kato
1NT(1)	Pass	Pass	2NT(2)
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
(1) 12-14 HCP; (2) Minors			

In ROUND TWO of Sunday’s Flight C OUCHI CUP final, both sides found themselves declaring the same 3♣ contract.

At TABLE ONE **Tadashi Yamazaki** forgot to convince his partner to play weak notrumps, and was rewarded for his failure with the lead of the ♦10 against his rather inglorious 3♣ contract. Struggle as he might, when the smoke had cleared he found himself down four, minus 400.

At TABLE TWO **Noriko and Toshinobu Kyoshima** did not make the same mistake as Tadashi, and as a result **Masaharu Takatori** found himself eyeing the ♥K lead against the same declaration. This time, however, the defense was less fortunate and Masaharu managed to escape for only down two, minus 200.

That was a Pyrrhic victory, however, for while Masaharu played his contract two tricks better than his counterpart at the other table, the other declarer was his teammate. That left the KYOSHIMA team plus 400 at one table and plus 200 at the other for a total of plus 600 — and a win of 12 IMPs. That helped them to finish in sixth place in their flight.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Play will be held tomorrow on the fourth floor of the Pacifico, Rooms 401 and 402. Two-hours and twenty-minutes are allotted for each 16-board match, with a twenty-minute break between matches and an extra one-hour break between matches six and seven.

Times

10:00	MATCH FIVE
12:40	MATCH SIX
15:00	BREAK
16:00	MATCH SEVEN
18:40	MATCH EIGHT

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HOW I LOST THE OUCHI CUP

Going into the final match of the Flight A OUCHI CUP final Sunday, HISATOMI was tied with CHINESE TAIPEI for the lead. HISATOMI drew sixth-place ICELAND while CHINESE TAIPEI drew fifth-place GREAT BRITAIN. The battle raged furiously, with the two leaders running neck-and-neck as they beat up on their opponents in their respective matches. Then came the fateful Board 29.

Bd: OUCHI-F2-29			
Dir: N			
Vul: Both			
West		North	
♠ A53		♠ KQ92	
♥ Q42		♥ A965	
♦ KJ		♦ A42	
♣ AJ1075		♣ Q6	
		South	
		♠ 8764	
		♥ KJ73	
		♦ 73	
		♣ 832	
East			
♠ J10			
♥ 108			
♦ Q109865			
♣ K94			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Ino		Imakura
	1NT	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

In each match one of the tables played 1NT doubled, while at the other North's 1NT opening was passed out. **Masayuki Ino** received the lead of a low diamond, as did his counterpart in the CHINESE TAIPEI match. Both declarers won West's king with the ace, but here the two lines of play diverged — ever so slightly. Ino played a heart to dummy's king, followed by a spade toward his king-queen. West rose with the ace, returned his ♦J, and the defense cashed out for down five, minus 1400. The CHINESE TAIPEI declarer started by cashing the ♥A before leading a second heart to the king. When the queen failed to fall, he led a spade toward the king-queen, but now when the defense cashed out the result was only down four, minus 1100.

And that was the difference. HISATOMI won their match by 18-12 VPs, while CHINESE TAIPEI won theirs 20-10. OUCHI-I-I-I!

SUICIDE IS PAINLESS

In ROUND THREE of the NEC CUP Board 14 was a threat to life and limb for many declarers.

Bd: III-14	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 8543	
Vul: None	♥ AJ4	
	♦ A2	
	♣ Q732	
West		East
♠ KJ976		♠ ---
♥ K7		♥ Q832
♦ 105		♦ KQJ9763
♣ 9854		♣ AK
	South	
	♠ AQ102	
	♥ 10965	
	♦ 84	
	♣ J106	

At many tables a club was led against 3NT, knocking out one of dummy's entries to the diamond suit immediately. When declarer then knocked out the ♦A (North holding up until the second round), a club return put him in dummy for the last time. (North can arrange to deny declarer a dummy entry in hearts by judicious play in that suit.) On the run of the diamonds, after following to the first two rounds, declarer can afford to throw three spades and a heart. But the going gets too tough from there. A club pitch allows North to overtake South's last card in that suit to add two tricks to the defenders' other three aces. A fourth spade pitch allows the defense to add an extra trick in that suit, to go with their three aces and a club. And a heart pitch yields two tricks in that suit to go with the defense's ♦A, ♠A and a club. That declarer is the instrument of his own demise

gives this form its name, "The Suicide Squeeze."

One declarer gave the defenders enough of a problem to bring his contract home, even with the lead of the ♣J. **Masayuki Ino** won the club in hand perforce and at trick two led . . . a heart (!) to his king and North's ace. A heart return will now defeat 3NT, but who can blame North for not appreciating the heart position? North returned a second club, and now Masayuki went about his business of knocking out the ♦A. The defenders could cash one club and one spade to go with their diamond and heart aces, but that was only four tricks. Plus 400 was worth 10 IMPs to the HISATOMI team against POLAND — USA.

Since we're on the topic of Suicide Squeezes, here's one from Round Two of the NEC CUP.

Bd: II-25	North	
Dlr: North	♠ J104	
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ96	
	♦ Q106	
	♣ 987	
West		East
♠ 2		♠ KQ73
♥ Q82		♥ K107
♦ AK97532		♦ 4
♣ A5		♣ QJ1042
	South	
	♠ A9865	
	♥ 543	
	♦ J8	
	♣ K63	

Denny Sacul declared 3NT from the East side of the table, and received a lead of the ♣3. At trick two he ducked a diamond to North, and back came a second club. In dummy for the last time, Denny ran his diamonds coming down to . . . ? Look at it from his perspective. He had to find six discards. Two spades, two hearts, and one club were easy, but won't South hold four clubs for his lead? Another spade or heart pitch will leave him vulnerable in that suit, so what was poor Denny to do? In the end he threw one of his two spade honors, and South now had the setting trick in that suit. Down one lost INDONESIA 12 IMPs, as 3NT was made easily at the other table on a heart lead. Our condolences, Denny.

PIOTR THE GREAT

“So, **Gawrys**, what do you have for us today?”

“Very interesting two hands to play, almost like textbook. I am wondering if someone was fooling with ze boards. What do you sink?”

“Piotr, my great and good friend, if I told you what I was sinking . . .mmm . . .thinking, you would be amused for the rest of the tournament. I am one bridge analyst who needs an analyst, as my partner will be pleased to tell you. So, show us the hands already . . .”

Bd: OUCHI-FII- 22		North	
Dir: E		♠ QJ92	
Vul: E/W		♥ AKQ	
		♦ 865	
		♣ 1042	
West		East	
♠ K74		♠ A108	
♥ 72		♥ J9853	
♦ AKJ4		♦ 1072	
♣ K975		♣ A8	
		South	
		♠ 653	
		♥ 1064	
		♦ Q93	
		♣ QJ63	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gawrys		Lesniewski	
		Pass	Pass
1♣(1)	Double	Redouble	Pass(2)
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) Polish club, usually a weak notrump;			
(2) Decent clubs			

“Ze bidding you will maybe not like so much, but zis is how we bid. I bid 1♦ so I would sound like I was worried about clubs but I really thought a club lead would be good for me. So of course, North led a club. I played low from dummy and took ze jack with ze king to lead a heart. North won and led a second low club to dummy’s ace. I crossed to ze king of diamonds and led anoizzer heart. North won, cashed ze ten of clubs, and could not play a heart or a spade, so he exited with a diamond. I took ze diamonds and led a spade. North had to split his honors or I would put in ze ten. I won ze ace of spades and played a heart to endplay him. You saw zis coming all the time, of course.”

“Of course. These biddings, Gawrys, can I register for a course on Polish Club somewhere here in Japan, or must I travel all the way to Poland for my enlightenment?”

“Leesten, smart guy, zey are not paying us ze beeg dollars to bid beautifully . . . it is for

ze play, you see . . .”

“Yes, yes. You were certainly good on that one, Gawrys. I think we can use it in the bulletin. You are right, there is something smelly about that hand (as Zia would say) . . . I can’t help feeling that I’ve seen it somewhere before. “

“But ze second board is perhaps even more . . . familiar . . .”

Bd: OUCHI-FI- 14		North	
Dir: East		♠ 7	
Vul: None		♥ QJ9653	
		♦ Q2	
		♣ Q642	
West		East	
♠ A109		♠ KQ843	
♥ 82		♥ A7	
♦ A98643		♦ K5	
♣ 85		♣ K1073	
		South	
		♠ J652	
		♥ K104	
		♦ J107	
		♣ AJ9	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gawrys		Lesniewski	
		1♠	Pass
3♦(1)	Pass	4♠	All Pass
(1) Artificial, Limit Raise			

“South led ze jack of diamonds against my 4♠ contract, and when I played low from dummy North thought for a few seconds before following with ze deuce. So you know zere is queen-doubleton. I won ze king, played a diamond to ze ace and anoZZer diamond. North threw a heart and I ruffed with . . . Ze king. You see why zis is necessary, of course?”

“Of course.”

“Now I led a spade to ze nine and played a good diamond. North had to discard and I threw a heart. South ruffed, but could not break ze contract. You see why zis is such a suspicious construction. I have ze ten of clubs so I am not in danger of losing control if ze nine of spades is losing to ze jack, you see. And also I have an important discard to make. Zis is ze type of hand we give our talented young players in Warsaw to practice declarer play. You must have seen it

somewhere, of course. You must ruff high in hand to avoid ze position where South can play second hand high with ze jack to deprive you of an extra entry when you are needing it later in ze hand.”

“Of course.”



At the opening reception Mistress of Ceremonies Haruko “Mom” Koshi and number one JCBL assistant Natsuko Nishida.

HAND OF THE TOURNAMENT

Bd: OUCHI-FI- 7		North	
Dir: South		♠ KJ2	
Vul: Both		♥ J73	
		♦ K1097532	
		♣ ---	
West		East	
♠ 1074		♠ 95	
♥ K		♥ 109862	
♦ QJ86		♦ A4	
♣ 108765		♣ J943	
		South	
		♠ AQ863	
		♥ AQ54	
		♦ ---	
		♣ AKQ2	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Etoh		Toyoba
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣(1)	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♠(3)	Pass	4NT(2)
All Pass		Pass	7♠(4)
(1) 4th Suit Forcing			
(2) RKCB-♠			
(3) One Key Card and a void			
(4) Must be two Key Cards and a void			

It's a real treat for me to see so many old friends again in such pleasant surroundings. At the reception on Sunday night, I happened upon **Saevar Thorbjornsson** of Iceland, who said he had a very special hand for us.

“Not at our table, but our teammates are still shaking their heads about what happened to them when they met two very pleasant young ladies. As it happens, they are members of the Japanese Women’s Team for the NEC Cup and I think they are going to win quite a few matches.”

North, **Yumiko Etoh**, took a rosy view of her hand and it was impossible for **Keimi Toyoba** to quit short of seven, even though there was some sort of mixup over the key card position.

West led a trump and Keimi must have been terribly disappointed with the dummy. Even if East held the doubleton king of hearts, she would be able to take only five trumps in hand, three clubs, a club ruff, and three hearts for a total of twelve tricks. The cold, hard truth was that she needed a diamond trick. How

revolting.

She won the king of spades and might have led a diamond immediately, but after the revealing auction, East was not going to put up the ace. Instead, Keimi led a heart. Not to her queen but to . . . her ace. As you can see, that was a very good thing to do on this layout. When the king fell under the ace, she ruffed her losing club in dummy, ruffed a diamond, crossed to the jack of trumps, and led another diamond. When the ace appeared, she ruffed, drew the outstanding trump, crossed to the jack of hearts, and threw her fourth heart on the ♦K.

Then, demurely, she claimed the balance. Saevar and **Thorlakur Jonsson** (his partner) did not duplicate this result. Such a lack of enterprise. For shame.

DATUMS

Round 1

No	POLAND/USA		INDONESIA		WOMEN		U.S.A.		NEC		GR. BRITAIN CH. TAIPEI		YOUTH		YAMADA		HISATOMI		CHINA		ICELAND		
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
1	-300	-3	-3	-5	-3	3	-3	-9	-3	-9	-3	3	-3	3	9	3	9	3	6	6	3	-3	3
2	-470	-8	2	-2	1	8	0	-1	-12	-2	11	0	2	-2	0	2	12	0	0	-11	8	8	8
3	10	-4	-3	-5	-4	3	5	-11	-3	-5	-3	4	5	3	5	3	4	4	3	4	3	-4	4
4	-60	-4	4	-5	-1	4	-4	-5	5	-4	4	5	-5	-4	5	4	5	-5	-4	4	4	-4	4
5	-370	-3	3	5	-3	3	-2	-10	-2	3	10	2	-3	-5	2	2	-3	2	-2	-10	-3	3	3
6	-100	-2	-2	0	0	0	2	0	-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
7	1390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	-50	-3	-3	0	2	0	-3	5	0	-2	2	0	0	0	-5	2	2	3	9	3	3	3	3
9	-250	8	2	-2	-3	5	0	-2	3	15	5	11	3	2	0	-5	4	2	-15	-3	-8	-8	-8
10	-630	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	-13	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
11	-120	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-2	0	0	1	13	0	0	0
12	620	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	5	0	0	1
13	100	-5	0	1	-9	2	0	0	-5	-2	0	0	9	-1	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	5
14	-380	-2	2	2	11	2	2	-2	-2	-10	-2	-5	-2	2	2	10	2	5	2	2	2	-2	2
15	400	-12	-6	-6	-6	-11	-6	-11	6	11	6	-6	6	-6	11	6	11	-11	6	6	-6	6	12
16	60	-4	-4	-3	-4	-3	-1	4	-4	-3	-10	-4	4	3	1	3	4	4	-4	4	4	4	4
IMP +	8	19	19	8	19	23	19	4	16	34	37	21	45	14	10	40	50	25	42	25	23	23	51
IMP -	51	23	14	45	40	10	25	50	35	43	25	42	8	19	23	19	4	19	16	21	37	19	8

Round 2

No	POLAND/USA		INDONESIA		WOMEN		U.S.A.		NEC		GR. BRITAIN CH. TAIPEI		YOUTH		YAMADA		HISATOMI		CHINA		ICELAND		
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
17	-180	7	6	2	-1	2	-3	6	2	-2	-6	6	3	-2	-6	2	-2	-6	-6	-7	1	-2	-2
18	-380	5	5	5	2	9	-5	5	10	-5	10	-5	-9	-2	-5	5	-10	5	-10	-5	-5	-5	5
19	440	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0
20	530	2	-2	6	9	-9	-2	14	6	-2	2	-2	2	9	-14	-2	-6	2	-2	2	-2	-9	-6
21	-80	0	-6	-1	1	-1	-4	0	-1	1	1	4	1	4	0	-1	1	-1	1	6	0	-1	1
22	-610	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	-30	5	5	5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	5	12	5	5	5	5	-5	5	-5	-12	-5	-5	5	-5
24	-400	-1	2	-2	-11	-2	-8	-1	-2	1	-1	2	8	2	-1	1	2	-2	1	-2	1	11	2
25	-160	8	-8	-10	-6	-10	-8	10	-10	-6	6	10	8	10	-10	6	10	-10	8	-8	6	10	10
26	650	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	1	1
27	-80	5	-7	-8	8	1	8	4	3	-1	6	1	-8	-1	-3	-4	11	-1	-6	7	-5	-8	8
28	10	-4	4	4	3	8	-3	3	-3	3	1	4	3	-8	3	-3	3	-4	-1	4	4	-3	4
29	650	0	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	1
30	-560	-12	-2	2	-2	-9	-6	3	9	2	-2	6	9	9	-9	-3	6	-2	2	12	2	2	-2
31	-450	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	2	0	0	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
32	-70	1	1	-2	-1	-2	2	1	2	-1	-5	-2	-2	2	-2	-1	5	1	-1	-1	-1	1	2
IMP +	35	24	15	26	14	21	29	50	24	8	39	29	40	38	12	21	40	22	16	11	26	28	34
IMP -	18	26	34	28	38	40	21	12	22	40	11	16	21	14	50	29	8	24	29	39	24	26	15

DATUMS

Round 3

No	POLAND/USA		INDONESIA		WOMEN		U.S.A.		NEC		GR. BRITAIN CH. TAIPEI		YOUTH		YAMADA		HISATOMI		CHINA		ICELAND	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1	-310	5	9	-5	3	3	0	-3	3	0	-4	3	0	-3	5	4	5	-5	5	-9	-3	3
2	70	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
3	-870	-11	14	11	14	-5	-11	-5	11	11	6	11	5	11	11	-11	-6	14	11	-11	-14	5
4	-750	2	-6	2	-2	-14	6	-14	14	14	2	8	14	-6	-12	-8	-2	6	-2	2	-12	14
5	-40	12	-5	-2	-5	2	4	2	4	4	-2	2	-2	-4	4	-2	2	5	-12	5	2	2
6	220	5	-5	7	5	-5	-7	-5	7	7	-7	-5	7	7	-7	7	5	5	-7	-5	5	-5
7	10	-3	-3	4	4	4	-4	-3	2	-3	3	4	3	4	3	-2	4	3	3	3	3	-4
8	-310	-3	4	-5	-4	4	-3	-3	8	4	4	-8	3	3	4	-4	-4	4	3	5	4	-4
9	-40	1	2	8	4	2	-2	-1	-2	-1	3	-1	2	1	2	1	-3	-2	-1	-8	2	-4
10	-60	-4	-4	4	-4	10	4	4	-2	-4	4	8	-4	4	2	-8	4	4	4	4	-4	4
11	80	2	-2	1	5	-6	-2	1	-9	-5	-1	3	-1	1	5	1	-3	2	-2	-5	-1	6
12	-370	5	2	-2	2	2	10	2	6	2	-2	2	-2	-2	-6	2	-2	-5	-2	2	2	2
13	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	-180	-6	-6	6	-2	6	6	6	-2	-2	6	-2	-6	2	6	2	-6	6	2	-6	-6	6
15	390	6	11	-3	-6	10	9	-6	11	3	-6	6	-9	3	6	-3	-11	-6	6	3	-10	-6
16	-80	1	2	1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	5	0	-1	1	1	0	-5	-2	1	-1	-1	1
IMP +	40	27	42	34	33	56	42	16	32	55	40	36	49	27	12	46	27	45	27	33	17	13
IMP -	27	45	17	33	43	13	27	49	46	12	16	27	16	42	55	32	40	27	40	34	42	56

Round 4

No	POLAND/USA		INDONESIA		WOMEN		U.S.A.		NEC		GR. BRITAIN CH. TAIPEI		YOUTH		YAMADA		HISATOMI		CHINA		ICELAND	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
17	530	-2	-10	2	2	-2	10	2	-2	1	-1	2	2	-2	1	10	2	-2	2	-2	2	-10
18	-390	5	-3	6	-6	-5	-4	4	-4	-10	5	-7	10	4	7	-5	3	-5	4	5	6	4
19	-820	4	-14	-12	-5	4	5	-4	4	12	-12	-5	-12	-4	5	12	-4	5	12	5	-4	-5
20	-330	6	5	-7	5	6	-1	-4	-7	-4	4	-5	4	7	5	-4	-6	-5	7	1	-6	7
21	20	1	3	1	-1	2	1	-1	-3	-3	3	3	3	3	-3	-3	-1	1	-1	3	-2	1
22	0	5	2	-2	2	-4	2	11	-3	-2	3	3	2	-3	-3	-2	-5	-2	2	4	3	-11
23	-20	-3	-1	3	-5	1	-5	2	1	-1	6	4	1	-1	-4	1	3	5	-3	1	-1	5
24	10	3	-3	2	1	3	3	2	-2	-3	-3	2	3	3	3	-3	-3	-2	3	-1	-2	-3
25	430	0	0	1	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1	-10	0	1
26	80	3	-3	1	-1	-5	-5	-3	1	-3	-5	-3	3	-1	3	5	-3	1	-1	-5	5	3
27	930	2	-2	-10	-2	2	-2	-2	2	-2	2	14	2	-2	-14	-2	2	2	10	2	-2	2
28	-10	-4	4	4	4	-4	4	-3	2	4	4	4	-4	-4	-4	-4	4	-4	4	4	3	-4
29	-300	11	8	-8	-11	9	-7	-11	4	-4	-8	9	4	-4	-9	-8	-11	11	8	-11	-9	11
30	-30	-1	2	4	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	-3	-2	-2	-2	1	-2	-4	-3	-4	-2
31	-10	4	-2	-3	2	3	3	3	-3	-3	3	3	3	-3	-3	2	-4	3	-3	-2	-3	-3
32	-610	-1	1	-1	-3	3	-1	1	-1	-9	3	5	9	1	-5	-3	-1	3	1	-1	-3	-1
IMP +	44	25	14	26	34	40	41	17	16	23	32	49	42	24	23	32	38	11	30	52	21	32
IMP -	11	38	52	30	21	21	30	32	24	42	32	23	23	16	49	32	25	44	26	14	34	17

TEAMS	Rank	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 POLAND / U.S.A.	7	58									18	16	17	7
2 INDONESIA	11	45							8			7	20	10
3 WOMEN	6	65							8	14			21	22
4 U.S.A.	8	55							11	24	5			15
5 NEC	10	46							9	20	9	8		
6 GREAT BRITAIN	2	78								20	22	23	13	
7 CHINESE TAIPEI	1	84		22	22	19	21							
8 YOUTH	12	42			16	6	10	10						
9 YAMADA	3	66	12			25	21	8						
10 HISATOMI	3	66	14	23			22	7						
11 CHINA	9	49	13	10	9			17						
12 ICELAND	3	66	23	20	8	15								