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NEC CUP

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Is it close enough for you, dear reader? On a day filled with upsets, four teams have left themselves in a strong position going into the final three matches. With three teams tied for fifth, however, any serious loss by one of the top four figures to cost them some peace of mind. Japan's WOMEN are having a very good tournament, rarely losing by a wide margin and recording some impressive wins. Apart from NEC and YOUTH, the field has been tightly bunched throughout. Both China and USA were hoping to do much better, but they are still not completely out of it. It will, however, take a remarkable parlay for either of them to scratch the final four.

If you have not yet registered for the FOREIGN MINISTER'S CUP PAIRS on Saturday (qualifying) and Sunday (finals and consolation), please come to ROOM 212 at the PACIFICO or in the foyer near ROOM 401/402 to register.

Thursday's semifinals and Friday's final and third place playoff in the NEC CUP will be shown on VUGRAPH, which will be held in ROOM 314 of the PACIFICO. Y'all come.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A LEAD MAKES

Many North/South pairs reached a heart game on Board 23 of the second session of the NEC CUP.

Bd: II-23	North		
Dir: South	♠ 8		
Vul: Both	♥ KJ87432		
	♦ A83		
	♣ 32		
West		East	
♠ J93		♠ 1062	
♥ ---		♥ A10965	
♦ 654		♦ KQ10	
♣ AJ108764		♣ K5	
	South		
	♠ AKQ754		
	♥ Q		
	♦ J972		
	♣ Q9		

To provide a (perhaps) strained reference point, when your editors played this hand South opened 1♠ and “Senior” preempted with 3♣ (undoubtedly influenced by “Junior’s” constant pleas to be more aggressive). North made a negative double (!?) and “Junior” passed. South bid 3♠ and North bid 4♥. While “Junior” contemplated a “gangsta” double for a brief moment, visions of an unbeatable 4♠ slapped him back to reality. When his pass was followed by two more from South and West, his fingers moved fleetingly past the ♦K before landing on the ♣K. When that held the first trick, “Junior” cashed his ♥A (“Senior” pitching the ♠9, showing an odd number) and then continued with his second club. “Senior” won the ace and played back a third club (that’s why we pay him the Big Bucks), ruffed by North with the ♥7 and overruffed by

“Junior” with the nine. North won the ♦K return and pitched his two diamond losers on the spades. “Junior” eventually scored another trump trick for down two, plus 200.

When **Paul Hackett** held the North hand the West player at his table failed to act over 1♠, so Paul found his way unimpeded to 4♥. With nothing in the bidding to guide him East led the ♦K, at which point something amazing happened — five defensive tricks became only three! Watch the magic. North wins the ♦A and plays three rounds of spades, pitching his two clubs. A club is ruffed in the closed hand and a heart led toward dummy’s queen. If East ducks this, North now ruffs dummy’s second club and plays a diamond toward dummy. East wins and plays the third diamond, won by dummy’s jack. Declarer is now down to ♥KJ87, while East holds ♥A1096. Declarer plays a card from dummy and ruffs low, and East has no answer. If he overruffs with the nine or ten, he must then concede two of the last three tricks to declarer, while if he ducks North must still score one of this two remaining top honors. Either way declarer is plus 620.

Can East prevail if he wins the ♥A when declarer leads a trump toward dummy’s queen (at trick six)? He must then exit with either a club or a diamond. If he exits with a club, declarer is in the same position as before (he simply ruffs and leads a diamond toward dummy’s jack), so East must exit in diamonds. The ♦K followed by the ♦10 leaves declarer in dummy, at which point he ruffs dummy’s second club. We are then at the same critical position as in the original line, with declarer on lead rather than dummy. He now simply exits with a low heart and East is in the same fix as on all of the other lines.

The moral of this story is, of course, that aggressive actions have many ways to win. This is just one of the more subtle ones.

EENIE, MEENY, MINEY . . . UHH, MOE!

Round Four of the NEC CUP found JAPAN YOUTH, with their inspirational leaders hard at work in the Daily Bulletin dungeon, facing the dread GREAT BRITAIN team. Board 19 was one of the few bright spots for the “YUTHs.”

Bd: IV-19	North	
Dlr: South	♠ 1098	
Vul: E/W	♥ Q1082	
	♦ KQ3	
	♣ KQ10	
West		East
♠ QJ7		♠ AK6432
♥ AK763		♥ 4
♦ 9652		♦ A107
♣ A		♣ 932
	South	
	♠ 5	
	♥ J95	
	♦ J84	
	♣ J87654	

Kazuo Furuta (East) and **Masaaki Takayama** (West) bid to the nice contract of 6♠, against which South (**John Armstrong**) led a club. Kazuo won the ace, perforce, cashed dummy's ♥AK and ♠Q, and then returned to his hand with the ♦A to ruff a club with dummy's ♠7. A heart ruff was followed by a ruff of his last club with dummy's ♠J, and now Kazuo had to decide how to return to his hand to draw the two outstanding trumps. He tried a fourth heart, but when **Paul Hackett** (North) followed, he pitched his last diamond. Unfortunately, South also pitched a diamond. Hackett now played another diamond. From the fall of North's club honors, it looked like South started with six clubs. He had exactly three hearts, and so far had shown up with two diamonds. So had South started with three diamonds and one spade or two diamonds and two spades? Kazuo consulted the ceiling, rocked back and forth in his chair, and appealed to Unmei for a hint of his

destiny. Finally he ruffed low, and when Armstrong followed with a diamond the slam was home free. Well done, Kazuo!

ALERT!



Decks of cards with the above logo are available for ¥300 each, two for ¥150, three for ¥75 — oh, hell, we'll pay anyone who'll take them off our hands.

DUMMY, DUMMY

by Walter Schafer, Jr.

The complete deal is shown at the left. Cover the solution (below) if you wish to try it as a double-dummy problem.

Solution: The first inference that can be drawn from the auction is that LHO has at least eight clubs for his 5♣ bid. The second inference is that the ♠AK are offside because of the 3♠ bid and double of 5♥. To make the contract, ruff the opening lead. Then play ♥K, ♥A and ruff another club. Then draw four more trumps to reach the end position shown in the diagram below.

Dir: South	North	
Vul: None	♠ QJ3	
	♥ A7	
	♦ J8752	
	♣ 732	
West		East
♠ 96		♠ AK1082
♥ 5		♥ 83
♦ 63		♦ Q1094
♣ AKQJ10985		♣ 64
	South	
	♠ 754	
	♥ KQJ109642	
	♦ AK	
	♣ ---	

If RHO keeps three spades and two diamonds, you cash the ♦AK and lead a spade to the queen end-playing RHO.

If RHO keeps two spades and three diamonds, duck a spade and claim.

Notice that not ruffing a second club or cashing even one diamond is fatal for declarer.

A final note. The declarer at the other table, also in 5♥ doubled, missed the winning line (on the same opening lead) and finished down one.

North	
♠ QJ3	
♥ ---	
♦ J8	
♣ ---	
	□
	South
♠ 754	
♥ ---	
♦ AK	
♣ ---	



“Darn if I know where these extra 3 IMPs came from.”

ROUND FIVE

CHINESE TAIPEI served further notice that they intend to reclaim the NEC CUP this year, doubling GREAT BRITAIN's IMP total, 52-26 for a 21-9 win.

ICELAND, hoping to solidify its position with a sound win against NEC, lost to their hosts, 33-37, or 14-16 in VP. Not a serious setback, but a good indication of how competitive the field is this year.

HISATOMI, one of the teams tied for third to start the day, had a good match against Japan's WOMEN, winning 64-35, or 22-8.

INDONESIA will need to make up a lot of ground to qualify, and they started DAY TWO with a 48-29 victory over YAMADA, 19-11. Decent, but not great for the defending champions.

USA defeated CHINA 45-22, 20-10 in VP, leaving CHINA with a long march to get back into contention.

Bd: V-4	North		
Dir: West	♠ J8		
Vul: Both	♥ 94		
	♦ A832		
	♣ K10962		
West		East	
♠ 1042		♠ Q653	
♥ KQ7652		♥ AJ1083	
♦ K6		♦ J54	
♣ J7		♣ 5	
	South		
	♠ AK97		
	♥ ---		
	♦ Q1097		
	♣ AQ843		
OPEN ROOM			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokish	Lev	Colker	Polowan
2♥	Pass	4♥	Double
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
CLOSED ROOM			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lesn'ski	Kohno	Gawrys	Harada
2♦(1)	Pass	4♥(2)	Double
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
(1) Multi; (2) Pass or correct (P/C)			

POLAND-USA defeated Japan's YOUTH soundly, 66-29, for a 24-6 win, thrusting them into the thick of the race. YOUTH have nowhere to go but up.

Six clubs is a very good contact on Board V-4, but only two pairs of twelve reached it, both in the same match. Perhaps they were goaded into it by the East/West bidding. **Michael Polowan**, for POLAND-USA, fooled around for a while, discovered that West was precisely three-six-two-two, and led diamonds twice toward dummy's ace for plus 1370. At the other table, YOUTH's declarer was able to establish his ♠9 as a winner but didn't realize it. He could have cashed it, discarding a diamond, then passed a diamond honor to East, and claimed in the elimination ending. Alas, he played ace and another diamond, misguessed, and found that the ensuing ruff-and-discard did not help him. That was 16 IMPs to POLAND-USA, nearly half their margin of victory.

Four hearts doubled went for 800 four times, and nearly everyone else stopped at 5♣ (South's bounce to slam is really just a guess).

Remind us to ask Messrs **Hisatomi and Teramoto** how they came to sell out to **Hiroko Ohta-Nobuko Setoguchi** in 3♥, down 200.

Bd: V-6	North	
Dir: East	♠ AJ74	
Vul: E/W	♥ AKJ762	
	♦ ---	
	♣ A62	
West		East
♠ 10865		♠ 2
♥ 103		♥ 984
♦ A97		♦ J8642
♣ KQJ4		♣ 10953
	South	
	♠ KQ93	
	♥ Q5	
	♦ KQ1053	
	♣ 87	

This is a very good 6♠ and a perfectly reasonable 6♥, but it would not be ridiculous to reach 7♠ either. In ICELAND vs NEC, the Icemen won 14 IMPs when **Karl Sigurhjartarson** made 6♠ on the lead of the ♣K, taking one diamond ruff in North after ace-king of trumps, while NEC's declarer did not (perhaps he tried for a club ruff in the South hand and West forced North with the ♦A to develop a trump trick for himself). How painful that must have been.

INDONESIA gained 14 IMPs against YAMADA when **Denny Sacul-Ferdy Waluyan** made 6♥ on the singleton spade lead while YAMADA's declarer went down in 7♠ on the lead of the ♣K. It seems as if you would make 7♠ by winning the ♣A, cashing the ♠A, leading low to the ♠K, and passing the ♦K when East shows out on the second round of trumps. One of

dummy's clubs goes on a diamond, the other on South's long trump. Did declarer start with king-queen of trumps?

GREAT BRITAIN lost 13 IMPs to CHINESE TAIPEI when the **Hackett twins** stopped in 6♠ for plus 980 only to discover that **Hackett pere and Armstrong** doubled **YN Yen-MH Wu** in 7♠, which was made by Mr Wu on the lead of the ♣K; plus 1770.

Bd: V-7	North		
Dir: South	♠ AQJ54		
Vul: Both	♥ K6		
	♦ J		
	♣ J10863		
West		East	
♠ K63		♠ 10	
♥ J92		♥ A53	
♦ A1076		♦ KQ9842	
♣ K72		♣ A94	
	South		
	♠ 9872		
	♥ Q10874		
	♦ 53		
	♣ Q5		
OPEN ROOM			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokish	Lev	Colker	Polowan
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♠
2NT	3♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	All Pass		
CLOSED ROOM			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lesn'ski	Kohno	Gawrys	Harada
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

Of particular interest is the pair of results in USA vs CHINA, where both **Howard Weinstein-Ralph Katz** and **JM Dai-HJ Shih** reached 7♠ . . . and both failed on the lead of the ♣K. No swing, but neither declarer is likely to sleep well tonight.

Speaking of sleepless nights, at least one of us has had a lot of trouble sleeping at night but has had no trouble at all napping during the play. Alas, this sleep pattern is not conducive to winning bridge tournaments.

We all have good moments and bad ones over the course of a long tournament but it is a fact of life that there are usually only a few deals in each player's tournament "life" that are special, requiring something other than normal sound play or defense or good evaluation or judgment.

I am sad to report that I failed miserably on Board V-7 when I was called upon to do something a little bit more than fill my chair.

The bidding at our table was quite interesting. I think that a preemptive jump raise to 3♠ would be a better description of the South hand than the 2♠ chosen (perhaps 3♠ was not part of the partnership methods) at both tables. If North had known about South's

fourth trump, he would have bid a direct 4♠, but in the event **Sam Lev's 4♠** was the right thing to do. We could have doubled and collected 200 points but when Rich passed, I went on to 4NT, trying for the game bonus. Sam led the ♣J, depriving me of the vital trick that a spade lead would have conceded. I won in dummy and ran the diamonds, coming down to this ending . . .

	North	
	♠ AJ	
	♥ K6	
	♦ ---	
	♣ 108	
West		East
♠ K6		♠ 10
♥ J92		♥ A53
♦ ---		♦ ---
♣ K		♣ 94
	South	
	♠ 87	
	♥ Q107	
	♦ ---	
	♣ Q	

All the cards were known, albeit somewhat inferentially. South had shown something useful in hearts and North had been forced to discard as he did.

When you're functioning like a normal person, you know enough to do the right thing when you believe you know the full layout. All I had to do to make the hand from here was to cash the ace of hearts. If North unblocks the king, I lead towards the ♥J for my tenth trick; the defense gets only two spades and a heart. So North must keep the king of hearts. I cross to the ♣K, and exit with a heart. North can cash a club but must give me the ♠K in the end.

I didn't do this. I am not worthy of my nametag.

So this morning, as you read your daily bulletin, I have been blindfolded and have been placed against a white wall somewhere in downtown Yokohama, a cigarette dangling from my tortured lips (not exactly romantic because I don't smoke). I am awaiting the firing squad that will put me out of my misery. The Junior Bulletin Editor refuses to betray the public trust and will carry on without me. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

ROUND SIX

HISATOMI got past another tough opponent by edging USA 38-31, a 16-14 VP win.

GREAT BRITAIN vs ICELAND figured to be an exciting match, but the traffic was mostly one way on this occasion, the Brits winning 50-8 to record a 25-5 VP win.

CHINA bested NEC 35-13 for a 20-10 win.

INDONESIA won against Japan's YOUTH in a low-scoring match, 29-19. 17-13 in VP. Not what the Indonesians were hoping for against the last-place team.

POLAND-USA met CHINESE TAIPEI in a match that might be a preview of the final. CHINESE TAIPEI suffered their first loss of the NEC CUP, albeit a small one, bowing 24-32, 13-17 in VP.

YAMADA had their hands full with Japan's WOMEN, edging them 27-18 in a match with just two major swings. 17-13 in VP.

North/South can beat 4♥ by cashing three black tricks in time, or by playing two rounds of clubs and arranging a club ruff for South. Perhaps it's academic to mention this, because who would reach 4♥ with those cards?

Why **Walter Schafer Jr** and **Tom Fox of USA**, that's who. From the East side, perhaps after a

Bd: VI-20	North	
Dlr: West	♠ A87	
Vul: Both	♥ Q	
	♦ Q10852	
	♣ 6542	
West		East
♠ 95		♠ QJ642
♥ J98532		♥ A106
♦ K		♦ A3
♣ QJ107		♣ K98
	South	
	♠ K103	
	♥ K74	
	♦ J9764	
	♣ A3	

shaded strong notrump and a transfer sequence or perhaps after a Multi 2♦ by West. In any case, HISATOMI's **Seiya Shimizu** led a diamond, so Schafer had time to discard a spade on a diamond to notch up an impressive plus 620 and gain 11 IMPs.

Thor Jonsson-Saevar Thorbornsson got to 3♥ while **Taufik Asbi-Bert Polii** and **Kaz Yamada-Katsumi Takahashi** reached 2♥. **Hiroshi Hisatomi-Tadashi Teramoto** found their way to 2♠. Everyone else was in . . . 1NT! Pass-Pass-1♠-Pass; 1NT-All Pass. I think West, having passing initially, should respond 2♥ to 1♠, but it seems clear from the results that this is a minority opinion. Rich tells me that the West hand is a perfectly good weak two-bid. Not even in my youth (or in my YOUTH).

ROUND SEVEN

Our spies tell us that the cards were very lively in this session. The IMP totals seem to reflect this too. Take ICELAND vs CHINESE TAIPEI, which was expected to be a tight battle. ICELAND won 86-20 for a 25-1 VP win, knocking CHINESE TAIPEI out of first place.

INDONESIA won again, but once more it was only a narrow victory, 56-44 over Japan's WOMEN, 18-12. That left INDONESIA tenth, but only 14 VP out of fourth. There is still life.

GREAT BRITAIN vs POLAND-USA was another key match, and this one was fairly close, with Hackett and sons prevailing 45-32, 18-12 in VP. The Brits moved into first place.

USA stayed in touch with a 39-30 win over NEC, 17-13 VP.

CHINA moved into contention by trouncing HISATOMI 51-23, 22-8 VP.

YAMADA broke open a close match against YOUTH with big gains on the last two deals, winning 52-19, 23-7 VP.

ROUND EIGHT

POLAND-USA vs NEC was a one-sided match, with the favorites prevailing, 55-17 to score a 24-6 VP win. They moved into the top four at last and are sniffing at the heels of CHINESE TAIPEI and GREAT BRITAIN, 4 VP out of first.

USA and INDONESIA both needed a good win to stay in contention. This one went to the defending champions by a solid 60-23 margin, 24-6 in VP. The Americans are underdogs to qualify now. The Indonesians are tied for fifth.

GREAT BRITAIN, after assuming the lead in Round Seven, was hoping to open up some daylight when they met Japan's WOMEN in the nightcap, but they were in for a rude awakening. They were handed their heads and their hats to the tune of 15-41 IMPs, 9-21 in VP, but finished DAY TWO on top of the heap nonetheless . . . by a single VP.

In the battle of the Chinas, CHINESE TAIPEI defeated CHINA 39-20, 19-11, which left them 1 VP behind GREAT BRITAIN at the end of DAY TWO.

ICELAND vs YAMADA was an important match for both teams. The Icemen had much the best of it, scoring 50 IMPS while holding their opponents to just 11 for a 24-6 victory. ICELAND ended DAY TWO a solid fourth, 5 points out of first. YAMADA slipped to equal fifth.

HISATOMI vs Japan's YOUTH was expected to be a sound HISATOMI win, but the kids played some excellent bridge (having wisely benched their oldies) and won 47-29, 19-11 in VP. HISATOMI is the third team tied for fifth, 12 VP adrift of the final qualifying position.

Bd: VIII-31	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q852		
Vul: N/S	♥ A94		
	♦ QJ2		
	♣ Q43		
West		East	
♠ 9		♠ KJ10763	
♥ K108653		♥ J7	
♦ 1043		♦ 976	
♣ KJ10		♣ A5	
	South		
	♠ A4		
	♥ Q2		
	♦ AK85		
	♣ 98762		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Imakura	Kohno	Ino	Harada
			1♦
2♥	Double*	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

In the HISATOMI vs YOUTH match, **Hisatomi-Teramoto** fetched up in 3NT with the North/South cards and went minus 300, not an unjust result. At the other table, Makoto Kohno-Tomoyuki Harada finished in 3♦ after a prepared 1♦ opening by Harada, South. This doesn't look like a contract that is likely to succeed, but watch what happened. **Tadashi Imakura** led his singleton spade and Harada took the ace to lead a club. Imakura elected to go in with the king to play a second club, ducked by Harada. **Masayuki Ino** won the ♣A and carefully returned a low spade for his partner to ruff, retaining a major tenace. Imakura ruffed and duly gave Ino his club ruff, but all of this activity had removed a key trump from both the East and West hands. Harada was able to ruff the spade return high and remove the outstanding trumps in two rounds. Two of dummy's hearts went on his long clubs, and a heart ruff in dummy was his ninth trick. 9 IMPs to YOUTH en route to a sensational upset.

HAMMAMET: APPEAL CASE THREE

Bermuda Bowl, Round 6: Italy vs France

Appeal Committee: Joan Gerard, Ernesto d'Orsi, Eric Kokish, Barbara Nudelman, Dan Morse.

<p>Bd 2 Dir: East Vul: N/S</p> <p>Multon ♠ 8 ♥ A1083 ♦ 84 ♣ QJ9872</p>	<p>Buratti ♠ 10932 ♥ J9652 ♦ AQ ♣ 64</p> <p>Mouiel ♠ AJ75 ♥ 74 ♦ 6532 ♣ AK10</p> <p>Lanzarotti ♠ KQ64 ♥ KQ ♦ KJ1097 ♣ 53</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	DBL
2♣	Pass	Pass	DBL
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Result: Made four; N/S +170.

Facts: The TD was called to the table at the end of the auction. West complained that South's double of 1NT had been slow and that the tray had been on the N-E side of the screen for a long time after East's second pass. The TD was recalled to the table at the end of the hand. E/W complained of a failure to Alert the two doubles on the S-W side of the screen and suggested that South's second

double was based on the apparent hesitation by North. West said that he could have bid 3♣ if the second double had been Alerted.

TD's Ruling: The table result was allowed to stand.

Appeal: E/W appealed the ruling. They argued that the failure to Alert the doubles had inhibited West from bidding 3♣, and that South's second double had been based on unauthorized information. There was disagreement as to whether South's first double had been Alerted to West. South said that he had Alerted it and, at the Committee's request, demonstrated the procedure he had used (which had not been entirely in accordance with recommended procedure). West insisted that there had been no Alert and that he had seen no Alert. The TD, who was unable to resolve this question of fact, noted that it was South's responsibility to ensure that West acknowledged the Alert. The call had been Alerted by North to East. It was agreed that the second double had not been Alerted to West. South stated that he did not believe it was necessary, having Alerted the first double. With respect to the allegation that unauthorized information had been used, N/S described South's first double (in view of South's previous passes of 1♦ and 1♠) as showing a good two-suited hand with diamonds and spades. North and East agreed that the delay in returning the tray after East's first pass was wholly due to time spent by both players in asking questions and giving explanations. East thought that South had fully described his hand with his first double, as his own explanation indicated, and that his second double had perhaps been based on his belief that North was responsible for the delay. South told the Committee that his second double was based on the weakness suggested by the opponents' runoff to 2♣.

Committee's Decision: The Committee decided that South had not taken adequate care to be sure that his first Alert had been noticed, and had also failed to Alert his second double. However, the Committee also believed that West had not done enough to insure his own understanding of the auction behind screens; he made assumptions and asked no questions. The Committee did not find reason to believe that there was unauthorized information present in the complex situation involving the time the tray spent on the N-E side of the screen. There auction itself indicated that

North must have some values. However, given the precise description of the South hand already given by the first double it was believed that a 2♦ bid might have been more appropriate than the second double (since a double of 2♣ by North would have been for penalties). The Committee also found North's pass of 2♣ to be unusual given the precise information he had about South's suits and given his four-card spade support and ♦AQ. In spite of all of this, the Committee found no basis for adjusting the score. N/S was assessed a 0.5VP penalty (which would not accrue to E/W) for South's failure to Alert his doubles.

Analysis: The proper Alert procedure for use with screens requires each player to make certain that his screenmate sees all Alerts. Normally this is done by placing your Alert card or strip on the bidding tray in the area where your screenmate places his bid cards. Then, before your screenmate bids or passes the tray under the screen, he returns the card or strip to you, thus acknowledging its receipt. Here, South failed to use this or some equivalent method to ensure that his screenmate acknowledged the Alert of his first double. Also, by his own admission, he failed to Alert his second double. The situation was complicated by the fact that West failed to inquire as to the meaning of South's doubles when he clearly had need of that information. Delayed doubles such as South's first are unlikely to be weak takeout bids. They often show length in at least one of the suits bid on the player's right, along with sound high-card values. West assumed that the double was for takeout and included the unbid suit (clubs), but he could easily have asked about the bid's meaning. Thus, West was damaged by his own negligence — not by his opponent.

While South's first double adequately described his hand, the Committee was correct not to impugn his second double based solely on the amount of time the tray remained on the N-E side of the screen. There was no clear indication which of the players (North or East) was responsible for the delay (and, of course, that is why screens are used in the first place), so South was free to bid whatever he liked. Thus no score adjustment was due N/S either.

Finally, as we saw in CASE TWO, when a player violates proper procedure (South's failure to Alert his doubles) and this results in difficulties for players and/or tournament officials (even though the opponents suffered no bridge damage), there is reason to penalize the negligent person — to inhibit the repetition of the behavior in the future. This is WBF policy. Therefore, the procedural penalty against N/S was appropriate.

DATUMS

Round 5

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	20	3	5	-3	-1	-2	-6	3	2	3	7	2	-2	-7	-5	-3	1	3	6	2	-2	-3	2
2	-310	8	3	4	-3	4	3	-3	3	3	4	3	-3	-4	-3	-8	3	-4	-3	-4	-3	3	3
3	310	3	9	3	-3	-9	-3	-8	-3	-3	3	-3	-3	-3	-9	-3	3	-3	3	9	3	8	-3
4	650	12	13	-1	-4	-1	10	4	-4	-4	-1	1	1	-13	-12	4	1	-10	1	4	-4	4	1
5	-290	5	0	-3	3	4	-9	4	3	-3	4	3	-3	-4	0	-5	-3	3	9	-4	-3	-4	3
6	660	8	-8	8	13	8	-8	-13	13	-12	8	-15	15	-8	8	-8	-13	8	-8	-8	-13	13	8
7	-200	7	10	2	0	-10	0	-3	-3	7	-14	-7	7	14	-10	-7	0	-2	0	10	3	0	3
8	-10	3	1	-3	-2	5	4	3	3	-3	3	1	-1	-3	-1	-3	2	-4	-5	-3	-3	3	
9	370	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	9	-2	9	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-2	-2
10	-70	-4	-5	5	1	-1	-5	-4	1	-1	1	1	1	5	4	-1	-5	5	1	-1	4	-1	
11	-20	2	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-2	-4	2	-2	4	2	-2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
12	-170	1	-1	0	6	2	-6	2	-1	-6	1	-1	1	-1	1	-6	0	6	-2	1	-2	1	6
13	-340	5	-5	-4	7	5	-6	5	9	-7	5	-5	5	-5	5	-7	4	6	-5	-9	-5	-7	7
14	680	-5	-7	8	5	-12	5	7	5	-6	7	-8	8	-7	7	5	-5	-8	-5	12	-5	-7	6
15	30	-4	-1	2	4	2	-2	3	4	7	-4	4	-4	4	11	4	-4	-2	2	-2	-4	-3	-4
16	570	-3	3	-3	-9	9	3	-3	3	9	-12	3	-3	12	-3	3	9	3	-3	-9	-3	3	-3
IMP +	59	44	34	39	41	25	33	46	28	41	42	20	41	45	41	16	27	20	50	38	16	34	21
IMP -	16	41	20	27	38	50	34	16	47	21	45	41	20	42	44	59	39	34	25	41	46	33	41

Round 6

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	-60	0	1	3	1	-1	1	3	2	-3	3	1	-1	0	-1	-3	-1	-2	-3	0	3	-1	-3
18	70	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-5	1	-1	2	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	5	1	-1	1	-2
19	250	5	2	5	2	-5	-7	2	2	5	-2	-5	-2	-5	-2	5	2	-2	7	-7	-5	5	2
20	-80	5	-5	0	3	-3	0	-1	11	-1	-3	0	5	-5	-3	0	3	-11	1	5	1	0	3
21	560	3	8	4	8	3	-3	3	-3	-8	3	-3	-8	-3	-8	3	-3	3	-3	3	8	3	-3
22	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	-20	-3	-3	3	2	-3	-8	-3	-6	-3	6	3	3	3	-2	-3	8	6	3	-3	-3	3	-6
24	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	10	5	-5	-2	2	-3	2	-2	3	-4	3	-3	5	-5	-2	2	-2	-3	2	3	4	3	-3
26	600	1	-1	-3	3	-3	-2	1	-2	2	1	-1	1	-1	-3	3	2	-1	1	1	-2	1	-1
27	260	-8	-4	4	-4	5	-5	-7	8	-4	4	8	4	8	4	5	-5	-8	7	4	-4	-4	-4
28	-150	-2	-5	-2	0	5	2	5	7	-1	0	7	5	2	0	-2	-5	-7	-5	-1	1	-7	0
29	550	2	-3	3	-2	2	12	-2	-2	2	2	-2	3	-2	2	-3	-12	2	12	2	-2	2	-2
30	-40	-3	3	-2	-6	4	-5	-2	-5	0	3	-3	3	-3	6	2	-4	5	2	-3	0	-3	3
31	630	0	1	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	280	4	8	-8	-4	4	-4	4	-3	-9	-4	3	8	-8	4	8	4	-4	3	-4	4	9	-8
IMP +	28	24	23	22	23	18	16	34	14	14	27	39	26	17	16	18	33	16	22	39	23	29	15
IMP -	17	26	18	16	16	33	39	22	29	23	8	15	24	28	22	23	18	23	34	16	14	14	39

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Round 7

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	420	2	-2	1	-11	11	-1	-10	-2	2	10	2	-2	2	0	-10	-1	10	1	-2	2	-1	0	-2	
2	-120	9	8	-7	-8	8	7	6	8	-8	-6	-8	-9	-8	-5	6	-6	-6	5	9	-9	-5	5	8	
3	20	-2	-3	2	2	-2	-2	-2	2	-2	2	3	2	-2	-7	4	-3	3	-4	2	-2	2	7	2	
4	640	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	
5	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	-2	10	
6	190	-6	-8	-9	6	-6	9	5	-5	5	-5	8	6	-10	-5	6	-5	-6	-10	-5	5	10	5	10	
7	-110	-3	3	-3	-6	6	3	-3	3	-3	3	3	3	5	3	-3	-5	3	-3	-6	6	3	-3	-5	
8	50	0	0	3	0	0	-3	-5	-2	2	5	0	0	3	-13	-4	3	4	-3	-3	3	3	13	-3	
9	-140	6	0	0	11	-11	0	-8	-1	1	8	0	-6	-10	0	-1	8	1	6	-8	8	-6	0	10	
10	760	12	2	-4	4	8	2	-4	2	-2	4	-2	-12	1	-12	2	-2	2	-2	4	-4	2	12	-1	
11	1290	-8	-4	4	8	-8	-4	4	-4	4	-4	4	8	4	-4	-8	9	8	4	-4	4	-4	4	-4	
12	-320	-3	3	-3	-9	9	3	9	3	-3	-3	-3	3	-3	-9	-3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	9	3	
13	20	-11	6	12	-11	11	-12	-6	8	-8	6	-6	11	11	-5	-3	16	-16	3	5	3	-3	-5	5	
14	-470	11	-11	11	11	-11	-11	1	11	-11	-1	11	-11	0	1	0	0	0	-11	-1	1	11	-1	0	
15	-510	-10	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-2	2	-1	1	10	2	-3	2	-12	12	-2	-10	-3	3	10	-2	
16	-510	-3	3	12	-8	8	-12	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	9	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	
IMP +	40	26	46	43	54	54	24	27	41	16	41	29	46	28	9	18	33	50	37	22	25	32	47	63	46
IMP -	46	29	24	54	43	43	46	41	16	41	27	26	40	46	63	37	50	33	18	47	32	25	22	9	28

Round 8

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	90	-5	4	-5	7	8	5	-7	5	-4	4	5	-8	8	-9	-4	-4	-8	1	4	9	-8	8	4	
18	-80	-2	-4	4	2	4	2	-2	-4	4	2	-2	-4	-2	-4	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	4	2	-2	2
19	120	0	1	1	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	2	0	-1	1	-1	-12	0	1	1	-1	1	12	1	
20	30	-4	6	12	4	-4	6	-4	-12	-6	4	-6	4	12	4	-4	-12	-6	4	4	-4	-12	12	4	
21	620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	-13	0	0	0	0	0	
22	110	1	0	10	-1	0	4	1	-10	0	-1	-4	0	0	0	-3	-4	-3	3	0	0	0	3	4	
23	230	-3	2	-2	8	-3	3	-8	2	-2	3	-3	3	-2	-9	9	-3	3	9	-9	9	2	-3	3	
24	-420	0	0	0	-10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25	50	-4	-2	3	-3	-3	3	3	-3	2	4	-3	3	3	4	-4	2	-3	4	4	-4	-3	3	-2	
26	-630	-1	-4	10	1	-1	1	-1	-10	4	1	-1	1	-1	1	-6	0	-1	0	6	-1	1	1	1	
27	100	8	4	-4	-2	7	-2	2	4	-4	-8	2	-7	-4	5	-7	-5	4	7	-2	-5	4	-4	5	
28	510	5	12	4	-4	0	12	4	-4	-12	-5	-12	0	4	-3	10	-4	0	5	4	-10	3	-4	0	
29	90	3	0	0	11	-5	-1	-11	0	-3	1	5	0	-3	0	3	0	-3	0	3	0	3	0	0	
30	-190	6	7	-6	6	6	-6	-6	6	-6	-6	6	-6	-6	6	6	6	-6	-6	-6	-6	6	6	-6	
31	70	1	7	1	-1	6	-11	1	-1	-7	-1	11	-6	11	5	1	9	-7	5	-9	-1	-5	-11	7	
32	40	2	5	-4	-2	2	-2	2	4	-5	-2	2	-2	2	4	2	-2	2	4	2	-2	-4	-2	-4	
IMP +	26	48	45	39	33	36	24	23	21	10	19	24	16	40	30	39	10	24	30	21	28	16	47	31	
IMP -	19	10	21	23	16	24	24	39	45	48	26	36	33	16	28	21	30	31	47	39	30	40	24	10	

TEAMS	Rank	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. POLAND / U.S.A.	3	135					24	12	17	24	18	16	17	7
2. INDONESIA	5	123			18	24			8	17	19	7	20	10
3. WOMEN	8	119		12				21	8	14	13	8	21	22
4. U.S.A.	9	112		6			17		11	24	5	14	20	15
5. NEC	11	91	6			13			9	20	9	8	10	16
6. GREAT BRITAIN	1	139	18		9				9	20	22	23	13	25
7. CHINESE TAIPEI	2	138	13	22	22	19	21	21					19	1
8. YOUTH	12	87	6	13	16	6	10	10			7	19		
9. YAMADA	5	123	12	11	17	25	21	8		23				6
10. HISATOMI	5	123	14	23	22	16	22	7		11			8	
11. CHINA	9	112	13	10	9	10	20	17	11			22		
12. ICELAND	4	134	23	20	8	15	14	5	25		24			