

The NEC Cup Playoffs Begin

The round robin stage of the NEC Cup ended yesterday with several surprising results, none more amazing than the performance of the JAPAN Olympiad Women. In twenty-first place at the end of the seventh match, and still in only eighteenth place after the ninth, they pulled off one of the most dramatic comebacks and unlikely parlays in NEC Cup history (at least that we can remember). Not only did they blitz their tenth match (by a whopping 71imps—a fact that will become relevant shortly), not only did none of the teams lying above them in the ranking also blitz to stay above them, but CANADA Olympiad, in sixth place after the ninth match, suffered a 29-imp loss to throw the two teams into a dead tie! The accounting firm of Omassa, Omassa, Omassa and Omassa had to be called in to break the tie. Using a complicated, mathematical computer-based tie-breaking scheme the details of which we can't divulge even to you, dear reader (or we'd have to kill you), an imp-quotient was computed for the two teams. And faster than you can say "Olympiad Women," the giant Omassa Corporation computer spit out the numbers: CANADA Olympiad 1.1495 and JAPAN Olympiad Women 1.1873. So there you have it. The Japanese Women emerged with the higher imp-quotient and advanced to the knockout round, while the Canadians spent last evening looking for a cool nightclub in downtown Yokohama.

Along with JAPAN Women, two other Japanese teams also qualified for the playoffs: DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (second) and GOING (fifth). However, the top qualifying team was USA. In third and fourth qualifying positions were the two INDONESIAN teams, Sacul and Pattimore, while rounding out the qualifying octet were AUSTRALIA Newman and GREAT BRITAIN, the latter having to stage a minor comeback itself to qualify.

Our congratulations to all of the teams entered in the NEC Cup and the best of luck to the eight teams still competing for the medals. The final rankings for the round-robin stage of the event can be found on page 2 of today's bulletin.

Reminder: Starting Times

Qtr-F 3: 10:00-12:20; **Semi-F 1:** 12:40-15:00; **Semi-F 2:** 16:00-18:20; **Semi-F 3:** 18:40-21:00

You have 140 minutes (2 hours and 20 minutes) to complete 16 deals. The grace period has been included, so in the words of the immortal Nakatani-san, "Play badly if you must, but play quickly."

NEC Cup Round Robin: The Final Rankings

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	USA	190	16	CANADA Litvack	155
2	Defending Champion	180	17	CHINA	155
3	INDONESIA	180	18	POLAND	152
4	INDONESIA-Pattimura	172	19	CHINESE TAIPEI-Don Fun	148
5	JAPAN GOING	171	20	CHINESE TAIPEI-San Hai	143
6	AUSTRALIA Newman	164	21	JAPAN DARUMA	138
7	GREAT BRITAIN	162	22	JAPAN Yokohama 6 Senses	135
8	JAPAN Olympiad Ladies	159	23	JAPAN Queen & Knights	134
9	CANADA Olympiad	159	24	JAPAN Esperanza	131
10	IRELAND	157	25	JAPAN Merry Queens	127
11	JAPAN HIRATA	157	26	JAPAN Youth	125
12	SPAIN	156	27	JAPAN Hanagumi	122
13	JAPAN Olympiad Open	156	28	JAPAN DREAM	117
14	AUSTRALIA Chua	156	29	JAPAN Pensee	113
15	JAPAN OKAY	155	30	JAPAN Gotanda B. F.	95

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"We play upside-down Alerts."



"No Suzuki-san, there are *three* 'Zs' in my name."

Gunfight at the O.K. Corral GREAT BRITAIN vs POLAND (Match 9)

Going into Match 9, GREAT BRITAIN and POLAND sat twelfth and thirteenth in the rankings with 125 and 124 VPs, respectively. Neither was far out of eighth-place (130 VPs), but with three other teams in between them and qualification, only the team that could muster two solid performances in the final two Swiss matches would be a favorite to play again that evening. So with likely elimination in the balance, these two proud international teams squared off for a fight to the finish—no prisoners.

Bd: 1	North				
Dlr: North	♠ 54				
Vul: None	♥ KQJ5				
	♦ K8763				
	♣ J6				
West		East			
♠ Q10973		♠ AJ82			
♥ 1042		♥ A863			
♦ J95		♦ A4			
♣ 108		♣ 972			
	South				
	♠ K6				
	♥ 97				
	♦ Q102				
	♣ AKQ543				

Both N/S pairs reached 3NT and a spade lead allowed the defense to cash six tricks when they came in with a red ace; push at minus 100s. A quiet start.



"I'll just pretend I don't hear him."

Bd: 2	North				
Dlr: East	♠ KQ86				
Vul: N/S	♥ 7				
	♦ 9764				
	♣ A954				
West		East			
♠ J4		♠ 952			
♥ Q108		♥ J95			
♦ AQ532		♦ KJ108			
♣ J32		♣ K107			
	South				
	♠ A1073				
	♥ AK6432				
	♦ ---				
	♣ Q86				

At one table Jason the Hackett opened the South hand with 1♥ and splintered with 4♦ over brother Justin's 1♠ response. Never a shrinking violet, Justin launched into RKCB and Jason showed two keycards and a (diamond) void with 5NT. After much thought, Justin settled for 6♠. Gawrys led the ♠2 to the jack and king. Justin led a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart low, then produced a low club. Gawrys eyed this suspiciously before rising with the king and returning a club. Justin won with the queen and ruffed another heart with the ♠Q. Both opponents followed when Justin played his last trump to dummy's ace he claimed the remaining tricks. Plus 1430 was worth an early 13-imp lead when Borewicz-Otvosi failed to reach slam at the other table.



"Pssst. Hey, sailor."

Bd: 3	North
Dlr: South	♠ AK1072
Vul: E/W	♥ KQ1043
	♦ 9
	♣ 75
West	East
♠ J4	♠ Q963
♥ J9752	♥ A
♦ 873	♦ AQ1052
♣ AQ4	♣ 862
	South
	♠ 85
	♥ 86
	♦ KJ64
	♣ KJ1093

GREAT BRITAIN picked up another 2 imps on Board 3 when Justin held 2♠ to just two undertricks while Borewicz-Otvosi failed by three tricks in 2♥ at the other table. GREAT BRITAIN 15, POLAND 0.

Bd: 4	North
Dlr: West	♠ K953
Vul: Both	♥ AQ83
	♦ Q
	♣ K862
West	East
♠ J	♠ Q10764
♥ J9652	♥ 4
♦ 10964	♦ AK5
♣ 943	♣ AQ107
	South
	♠ A82
	♥ K107
	♦ J8732
	♣ J5

The twins' aggressive style got them well overboard here. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Justin</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Jason</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥(!?)
Pass	3♥(!?)	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A small spade was led to Lasocki's jack, ducked by Justin. Back came a diamond to

Gawrys' king and He continued with a high spade. Justin won the ace in dummy and after some thought called for the ♥10, floating it when Lasocki played low. He cashed his remaining hearts as Gawrys pitched two clubs, a diamond and a spade, and then exited with king and a spade to score his ♣K at the end. Down two must have seemed a Pyrrhic victory to the twins, but when Borewicz-Otvosi failed by three tricks in 2♣ at the other table, GREAT BRITAIN had picked up another 3 imps to lead POLAND 18-0.

Bd: 5	North
Dlr: North	♠ 63
Vul: N/S	♥ Q9865
	♦ 976
	♣ 854
West	East
♠ J1074	♠ A82
♥ 107	♥ K2
♦ 103	♦ KQJ842
♣ KQ1092	♣ A6
	South
	♠ KQ95
	♥ AJ43
	♦ A5
	♣ J73

Both E/W's reached 3NT, albeit from opposite sides. Gawrys (East) received the ♠K lead, won the ace and drove out the ♦A. When Jason (South) came in on the second round of the suit, he knew that in order to beat the contract he needed Justin to have the ♥K, so he underled his ace. Unfortunately for the twins, Gawrys now claimed. Plus 490 was worth 12 imps to POLAND when Papa (West), presumably on a heart lead, went three down in 3NT. POLAND was off the schneid at 18-12.



"And can you believe he ducked the ♦10?"

Bd: 6	North
Dlr: East	♠ 95
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ1098
	♦ Q2
	♣ QJ93
West	East
♠ AJ4	♠ Q87
♥ AQ2	♥ 53
♦ 4	♦ AJ10963
♣ 1087654	♣ AK
	South
	♠ K10632
	♥ 764
	♦ K875
	♣ 2

One of the most incredible deals of the tournament again saw both tables declare 3NT from opposite sides. Papa (West) received the ♣Q lead and had to decide which minor suit to attack. He chose clubs, cashing the two high clubs and finessing the ♠J to drive out one of North's stoppers. On the low diamond return Papa rose with the ace and played a second spade to dummy's ace, driving out the last club. If North had started with ♦Kx instead of ♦Qx he would have been endplayed for the ninth trick in hearts, but with the cards sitting as they were Papa ended up down one; minus 100. At the other table Gawrys (East) received the ♥7 lead from Jason (best for the defense) and thought for a long time before winning dummy's ace, Justin playing the encouraging jack. Like Papa earlier, Gawrys also chose to attack clubs, cashing the ace-king. Receiving the bad news, he then played the ♠Q to the K, A and 5 and exited with a club. Justin won and tried the ♠9, ducked all around, and got out with the ♦Q to declarer's ace. After what seemed an eternity Gawrys produced the ♦10. Jason was now at the crossroads. He eyed the card suspiciously, reviewing the previous play for clues. Justin's ♥J at trick one suggested a jack-high suit (wouldn't he just encourage with the ten or nine holding the king?), so shouldn't Justin hold the ♦J for his diamond play? So he ducked. Wrong! When Gawrys' ♦10 held the trick (dummy pitching a club), he took several minutes to work out the position and then played with the confidence of a man who has "seen the light." A spade to dummy's ace was

followed by a fourth and triumphant club, endplaying Justin for the game-going trick in the form of dummy's ♥Q. Plus 600 was worth 12 imps to POLAND, who took the lead for the first time over GREAT BRITAIN, 20-18.

Bd: 7	North
Dlr: South	♠ A983
Vul: Both	♥ Q65
	♦ QJ102
	♣ 94
West	East
♠ 64	♠ KQJ72
♥ 1082	♥ AJ7
♦ K93	♦ 854
♣ 108762	♣ J3
	South
	♠ 105
	♥ K943
	♦ A76
	♣ AKQ5

The twins had a Puppet-Stayman auction to 3NT after Jason, South, opened 1NT. When Justin showed four spades and not four hearts Gawrys, East, doubled the final contract for a spade lead. When the smoke had cleared, 3NT was down one; plus 200 for POLAND. At the other table the same contract was reached, without the double, but when declarer finished two down the deal ended as the match's second push. Still 20-18, POLAND.

Bd: 8	North
Dlr: West	♠ KJ96
Vul: None	♥ AK75
	♦ ---
	♣ AKJ87
West	East
♠ 7543	♠ Q10
♥ Q86	♥ 43
♦ AKQJ105	♦ 6432
♣ —	♣ 96543
	South
	♠ A82
	♥ J1092
	♦ 987
	♣ Q102

Afer West's 1♦ opening the North twin, Justin, doubled. When Gawrys preemptively raised to 3♦ and Lasocki upped the ante to 4♦, Justin ventured a second double. With a hand that some (most?) would have acted with over 3♦, it seems rather conservative to bid only 4♥. But that was what Jason did to end the auction. And probably just as well, given the play. Lasocki led the ♦A, ruffed in dummy, and Jason then played a low heart to the ten and queen. A second diamond was also ruffed in dummy and the remaining top heart cashed. But when Jason chose to come to hand with a club Lasocki was able to ruff with his third trump and cash a high diamond to hold declarer to ten tricks; plus 420. That was 11 more imps to POLAND, leading 35-18.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 876		
Vul: Both	♥ A98753		
	♦ J8		
	♣ KQ		
West		East	
♠ A109		♠ KQJ5	
♥ —		♥ J1062	
♦ Q109753		♦ K6	
♣ 9842		♣ 763	
	South		
	♠ 432		
	♥ KQ4		
	♦ A42		
	♣ AJ105		

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 10		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ109863		
	♦ K10		
	♣ 1087		
West		East	
♠ J97		♠ Q85	
♥ AQ5		♥ 74	
♦ 9753		♦ Q62	
♣ A94		♣ KQ632	
	South		
	♠ AK6432		
	♥ 2		
	♦ AJ84		
	♣ J5		

Heart contracts were declared at both tables, but "The Two-Headed Monster" (aka, the twins) played at the three level while Borewicz-Otvosi gambled on game. The gamble lost when the Poles failed by the normal two tricks; minus 100. Justin (North) received the ♣K lead as Lasocki signaled encouragement. But when Gawrys continued with the ♣Q Lasocki went into the tank, finally emerging with the ♣A to cash the ♥A and continue with his third club. He was not a happy camper when Justin's ♣9 held the trick. With only one more trump to lose Justin scored up plus 140 for a 6-imp gain for Queen and country; now trailing 35-24.

Another difference of opinion as to level. This time the twins decided on a game in hearts while Borewicz-Otvosi stopped in 2♥ and made three (plus 140). But "The Two-Headed Monster" was in the house this time as well. Jason (South) opened a 14-16 notrump and became declarer in 4♥. When Lasocki failed to lead a spade, two of declarer's five losers went away on the clubs. That was plus 620 and another 10 imps to GREAT BRITAIN, who closed the gap to a single imp at 35-34.

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q872		
Vul: None	♥ J73		
	♦ K107		
	♣ Q42		
West		East	
♠ J65		♠ A4	
♥ Q4		♥ AK9652	
♦ AJ9643		♦ Q8	
♣ J3		♣ K86	
	South		
	♠ K1093		
	♥ 108		
	♦ 52		
	♣ A10975		

The match's third and final flat board: a push at 4♥ by East down one. But what a push! At the twins' table Gawrys received the ♠10 lead, ducked all around, followed by the ♠3, 6, 7, A. Gawrys drew trumps in three rounds, then

played the $\diamond Q$ and let it ride. Justin ducked smoothly. Gawrys eyed the $\diamond 7$ with suspicion and inquired as to N/S's carding methods. Still suspicious, he finally led a low club to dummy's jack and Justin's queen. A club return would have sealed Gawrys' fate at down one but Justin was not yet through toying with his opponent. He returned the $\spadesuit Q$ giving Gawrys a losing alternative. He could retry the diamond finesse, hoping to make the contract, and thereby go down an extra trick. Gawrys stewed for a long time and finally played a diamond to...the ace followed by a club to the king and ace; down one. "Did you have the $\diamond K$?" asked Gawrys. Justin just smiled and nodded. POLAND 35, GREAT BRITAIN 34.

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	\spadesuit 107		
Vul: N/S	\heartsuit A874		
	\diamond J95		
	\clubsuit J973		
West		East	
\spadesuit AK986		\spadesuit J52	
\heartsuit K53		\heartsuit Q96	
\diamond 4		\diamond K10832	
\clubsuit A864		\clubsuit K10	
	South		
	\spadesuit Q43		
	\heartsuit J102		
	\diamond AQ76		
	\clubsuit Q52		

4 \spadesuit was played at both tables. Justin led the $\diamond 5$, 2, Q, 4 and Jason returned a trump as Lasocki rose with the ace. A club to the king was followed by a low diamond from dummy, but Jason ducked and declarer ruffed. The $\clubsuit A$ was followed by a club ruff, another low diamond ruff, and another club ruff as Jason overruffed dummy's $\spadesuit J$ with the queen. The $\diamond A$ would now have promoted a trump trick for the defense, but North would then have been endplayed to allow declarer to score two heart tricks for the same down one. Not knowing whether Justin had the $\spadesuit 10$, but perhaps seeing the endplay even if he did, Jason exited with his third trump to declarer's king. Declarer had to lose two heart tricks for down one. At the other table 4 \spadesuit was made and we can only hypothesize about

the play. There are two lines which lead to ten tricks. One, declarer sets up dummy's $\diamond 10$ after an opening diamond lead to the queen by playing the $\diamond K$ from dummy on the second round of the suit and then ruffing out the $\diamond J$. The other line is to finesse when a spade is returned at trick two and then ruff only one club in dummy and use the fourth club to throw North in late in the play to lead away from his $\heartsuit A$. Armstrong's plus 420 was 10 more imps for GREAT BRITAIN, who regained the lead at 44-35.

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	\spadesuit AK6		
Vul: Both	\heartsuit A2		
	\diamond 952		
	\clubsuit 97654		
West		East	
\spadesuit QJ854		\spadesuit 10732	
\heartsuit 54		\heartsuit K108	
\diamond Q863		\diamond KJ10	
\clubsuit J8		\clubsuit AKQ	
	South		
	\spadesuit 9		
	\heartsuit QJ9763		
	\diamond A74		
	\clubsuit 1032		

The auction at the twins' table was:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Justin</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Jason</i>
	1 \clubsuit	1NT	2 \heartsuit
2 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass	3 \clubsuit
All Pass			

Gawrys started with three rounds of trump, then shifted to a diamond. Justin ducked the first diamond, won the continuation, and with a half-hearted air of resignation watched the heart finesse lose. When the smoke cleared he found himself down three, minus 300. At the other table Papa-Armstrong made an overtrick in 2 \spadesuit for plus 140 and a 4-imp loss. GREAT BRITAIN 44, POLAND 39.



Bd: 14	North
Dlr: East	♠ QJ94
Vul: None	♥ A765
	♦ 94
	♣ J76
West	East
♠ 73	♠ A10852
♥ 84	♥ KJ10
♦ K732	♦ QJ8
♣ AQ1093	♣ K2
	South
	♠ K6
	♥ Q932
	♦ A1065
	♣ 854

Bd: 16	North
Dlr: West	♠ K1096
Vul: E/W	♥ AK8
	♦ Q7
	♣ J1087
West	East
♠ 43	♠ AQJ87
♥ Q1097	♥ 64
♦ AJ6	♦ 952
♣ AQ54	♣ K32
	South
	♠ 52
	♥ J532
	♦ K10843
	♣ 96

Gawrys-Lasocki bid to 3NT on the E/W cards and came away with nine tricks; plus 400. At the other table Papa-Armstrong stopped in 2NT and made ten tricks; plus 180. That was 6 more imps to POLAND, who retook the lead at 45-44. Is this match close or what?

Gawrys-Lasocki made the most of their 23 combined HCP by bidding: 1♣-1♠; 1NT-3NT. Justin, on lead, chose the ♥A, then shifted to the ♣J when Jason discouraged in hearts. Declarer won the club in hand to finesse the ♠J, then returned to hand with the ♣A to repeat the spade finesse. Ace and another spade set up declarer's eighth trick and a ninth trick materialized via the heart finesse; plus 600. At the other table Borewicz-Otvosi got caught speeding when North overcalled 1♠ and ended up playing there doubled. But the defense could only collect eight tricks for 300, so POLAND gained 7 imps to finish the match close to even: GREAT BRITAIN 56, POLAND 52. A fitting end to a fiercely-contested battle, but a disappointing end to a match where both teams believed they needed a convincing victory to play in the knockout phase.

Bd: 15	North
Dlr: South	♠ 95
Vul: N/S	♥ 1053
	♦ AK94
	♣ Q1082
West	East
♠ Q83	♠ AJ6
♥ A76	♥ J842
♦ QJ86	♦ 10752
♣ 943	♣ 75
	South
	♠ K10742
	♥ KQ9
	♦ 3
	♣ AKJ6

Looking at the N/S cards it is not clear whether one should prefer to be in 3NT or 5♣. Borewicz-Otvosi preferred the former, while the twins preferred the latter. Borewicz-Otvosi ended up down one in their contract, for minus 100, while Jason received the ♥A lead against his. When the smoke had cleared Jason lost only the two major-suit aces and scored up 5♣ for plus 600; 12 imps to GREAT BRITAIN to gain the lead for the third time at 56-45.



The Two-Headed Monster

Number 9: The Penultimate Round

Bd: 1	North	
Dlr: North	♠ 54	
Vul: None	♥ KQJ5	
	♦ K8763	
	♣ J6	
West		East
♠ Q10973		♠ AJ82
♥ 1042		♥ A863
♦ J95		♦ A4
♣ 108		♣ 972
	South	
	♠ K6	
	♥ 97	
	♦ Q102	
	♣ AKQ543	

You really don't want to be in 3NT with the N/S cards, but that doesn't mean you have to fail if you bid it. Just ask Yuichi Masamura-Fumito Mizuno (JAPAN-YOUTH) who made 3NT from the North side after the well-reasoned but unsuccessful lead of the ♥A from Kenji Miyakuni (JAPAN-OLYMPIAD). Kenji planned to switch to spades if the heart lead didn't attract an encouraging signal but this time he set up declarer's secondary trick source while a spade lead would have struck gold.

Or ask Garey Hayden-Mark Itabashi (USA) who made it from the South side (we were afraid to ask how) against CANADA-LITVACK. Or ask Henky Lasut-Eddy Manoppo (INDONESIA) and Masaru Chiba-Kazuko Sakamoto (BRIDGE FORUM) who made it from the South side on a club lead. Note that this is not the end of it—declarer is at first glance is on the brink of being locked out of one hand or the other. However, he can win the ♣J and lead the ♥K, which East must duck. Now a low diamond, which East must duck. The ♦Q wins and declarer runs clubs before exiting with a heart. The defense must give him a ninth trick. Or ask JF Lee-DM Yen (TAIPEI-DON FUN), who made 12 (count 'em) tricks from the North side on the lead of the ♣9 from East.

Incidentally, what should South do after a 1♣ opening on his right if a natural 2♣ is

unavailable? Although we have no first-hand knowledge of what took place at the tables, we would be willing to bet that many Souths tried a natural strong 1NT overcall.

Bd: 2	North	
Dlr: East	♠ KQ86	
Vul: N/S	♥ 7	
	♦ 9764	
	♣ A954	
West		East
♠ J4		♠ 952
♥ Q108		♥ J95
♦ AQ532		♦ KJ108
♣ J32		♣ K107
	South	
	♠ A1073	
	♥ AK6432	
	♦ ---	
	♣ Q86	

As slams go, 6♠ is not a good contract. Which is not to say that you should concede defeat if you bid it. With the ♣K in front of the queen, hearts three-three and spades three-two with the jack doubleton, even a challenging diamond lead will not defeat it. That was good news for the Hackett twins, Noldy George-Leslie Gontha, Sakamoto-Toyofuku and Ino-Imakura, the pairs who bid it. We suspect that after 1♥-1♠, South thought enough of his hand to venture a 4♦ splinter raise. We disapprove because these creatures promise some high cards along with the shortage, but we can't quarrel with success.

4♠ was the popular (not to mention correct) contract, but there were a few exceptions. Two E/W pairs, playing "truth or dare" attempted 5♦. As sacrifices go, this was okay in theory (down 1100 against 1430) but horrible in practice because neither of the 1100s compared with one of the 1430s. Then there were the pairs (more than a few) who played the N/S cards in 2♥ (1♥-1NT; 2♥-All Pass). In every partnership someone must bid spades. Call him the DSP: Designated Spade Specialist.

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ AK1072	
Vul: E/W	♥ KQ1043	
	♦ 9	
	♣ 75	
West		East
♠ J4		♠ Q963
♥ J9752		♥ A
♦ 873		♦ AQ1052
♣ AQ4		♣ 862
	South	
	♠ 85	
	♥ 86	
	♦ KJ64	
	♣ KJ1093	

An ugly combination for N/S and a good deal for North to exercise some caution. The most common results were unsuccessful N/S partscores in a major but three of their number bid all the way to game, where they were doubled—two 800s and a 500. Two N/S pairs extracted a penalty from a doubled diamond partscore but most E/W pairs didn't do too much bidding. After 1♠-2♦-Pass-3♦, we don't know of any North players who passed, but it's easy to see how that could be the right action.

Bd: 4	North	
Dlr: West	♠ K953	
Vul: Both	♥ AQ83	
	♦ Q	
	♣ K862	
West		East
♠ J		♠ Q10764
♥ J9652		♥ 4
♦ 10964		♦ AK5
♣ 943		♣ AQ107
	South	
	♠ A82	
	♥ K107	
	♦ J8732	
	♣ J5	

This was a deal that no one really wanted to buy, although 1NT by N/S couldn't be defeated (it was a photo finish at most tables). One N/S pair went for 800 in 3NT doubled and two E/W pairs conceded 500 in 3♣ and 3♦, doubled.

After Pass-1♣-1♠-? South has enough to bid 1NT but hates his anti-positional spade holding. Still, there's not much choice because a negative double opens up a different can of worms. It's hardly obvious to us why anyone would want to bid again, but at one table that we know of, East reopened with a penalty double. Color him hairy-chested. Assign him minus 180.

Bd: 5	North	
Dlr: North	♠ 63	
Vul: N/S	♥ Q9865	
	♦ 976	
	♣ 854	
West		East
♠ J1074		♠ A82
♥ 107		♥ K2
♦ 103		♦ KQJ842
♣ KQ1092		♣ A6
	South	
	♠ KQ95	
	♥ AJ43	
	♦ A5	
	♣ J73	

The most common contract was 3♦, E/W, but several pairs tried 3NT, East treating his hand as balanced, stronger than a 1NT opening. At some tables the auction suggested that a spade lead would not be effective, so South led a heart and defeated the contract.

At one table, East jumped to 3NT at his second turn after a takeout double by South and 1♠ by West. West could not confirm whether this was a high-card bid or an action based on long quality diamonds, possibly short spades. South's ♦A suggested the former but the bid itself pointed at the latter (who bids 3NT rather than 2NT with an extra jack?), so South led the ♠5 with a conspicuous lack of success. In retrospect the ♥A would have been a more logical shot. With the ♦A still in hand, South would usually know whether to continue hearts or switch to spades.

True enough, but some of us believe that North should risk 2♥ over 1♠, a bid that doesn't promise much more than a fair suit. Still, North would have had a clear pass with five small

hearts and in this scenario the ♥A would have catered well to both suits.

Bd: 6	North		
Dir: East	♠ 95		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ1098		
	♦ Q2		
	♣ QJ93		
West		East	
♠ AJ4		♠ Q87	
♥ AQ2		♥ 53	
♦ 4		♦ AJ10963	
♣ 1087654		♣ AK	
	South		
	♠ K10632		
	♥ 764		
	♦ K875		
	♣ 2		

This amazing deal has been covered in some detail in "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral," but it's worth noting that declarer's line of play in 3NT will depend very much on the opening lead. At one table Hiroya Abe opened 1NT with the East hand and was raised to three. South led a spade around to the queen so declarer played ♦A and ♦10 and was in complete control. At tables where West declared on a heart lead around to the queen, the appealing line was to play on clubs, but that left declarer badly placed when the suit broke four-one. The random element never sleeps.

Bd: 7	North		
Dir: South	♠ A983		
Vul: Both	♥ Q65		
	♦ QJ102		
	♣ 94		
West		East	
♠ 64		♠ KQJ72	
♥ 1082		♥ AJ7	
♦ K93		♦ 854	
♣ 108762		♣ J3	
	South		
	♠ 105		
	♥ K943		
	♦ A76		
	♣ AKQ5		

3NT failed more often than not but it was made a few times on a club lead by West when declarer was permitted to develop a second heart trick. East, reluctant to help declarer develop a second spade trick, stayed off that suit until it was too late.

Bd: 8	North		
Dir: West	♠ KJ96		
Vul: None	♥ AK75		
	♦ ---		
	♣ AKJ87		
West		East	
♠ 7543		♠ Q10	
♥ Q86		♥ 43	
♦ AKQJ105		♦ 6432	
♣ —		♣ 96543	
	South		
	♠ A82		
	♥ J1092		
	♦ 987		
	♣ Q102		

After 1♦-Dbl-? some Easts raised to the two- or three-level. Where this silenced South North's second takeout double usually came at the four-level. South generally settled for 4♥ although he held a fabulous hand on those auctions. 6♥ was not bid all that often but it was a contract worth pursuing.

Bd: 9	North		
Dir: North	♠ 10		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ109863		
	♦ K10		
	♣ 1087		
West		East	
♠ J97		♠ Q85	
♥ AQ5		♥ 74	
♦ 9753		♦ Q62	
♣ A94		♣ KQ632	
	South		
	♠ AK6432		
	♥ 2		
	♦ AJ84		
	♣ J5		

3♥ is not particularly difficult to defeat (♣K, club to the ace, ♥A, club to the queen, wait for

the ♡Q) but about two-thirds of the N/S pairs took nine tricks. Some of them were in game, though, so the defense may have had different concerns. If the North hand is too good for 3♡ at favorable vulnerability, first seat, pass is a real possibility (2♡ is disgusting, in our opinion). So North responds 2♡ to 1♠. We think it's very close for South between pass and 2♣. If game were out of the question, South should certainly pass, but a doubleton spade and some fit in diamonds might make 4♠ a decent contract, so we give the nod to 2♠. Here it would have been much better to pass 2♡.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 876		
Vul: Both	♡ A98753		
	◇ J8		
	♣ KQ		
West		East	
♠ A109		♠ KQJ5	
♡ —		♡ J1062	
◇ Q109753		◇ K6	
♣ 9842		♣ 763	
	South		
	♠ 432		
	♡ KQ4		
	◇ A42		
	♣ AJ105		

If West gets his diamonds into the game, East will have to resist the temptation to lead the ◇K against 4♡. A spade lead will defeat the contract unless declarer has some reason to play East for all four trumps but on a diamond lead declarer wins, tests trumps, draws two more rounds, and runs clubs. East will surely be kicking himself in this painful variation.

Speaking of reasons to guess hearts, we know of more than one table where East opened with a conventional two-bid showing at least four-four in the majors. After three rounds of spades and a diamond switch, declarer won, came to a club, and passed the ♡7 to make his contract. If East splits his honors, declarer returns to a club, finesses in hearts, cashes dummy's high heart, discards a diamond on a high club, and ruffs himself in with a diamond to draw trumps. A shift to clubs at trick four does no better. Pain is pain, but for East, this would fall under the

heading of agony.

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q872		
Vul: None	♡ J73		
	◇ K107		
	♣ Q42		
West		East	
♠ J65		♠ A4	
♡ Q4		♡ AK9652	
◇ AJ9643		◇ Q8	
♣ J3		♣ K86	
	South		
	♠ K1093		
	♡ 108		
	◇ 52		
	♣ A10975		

A few E/W pairs missed game and a handful reached 3NT (usually with some success) but everyone else reached 4♡. About half made it.

The popular opening lead was a middle spade, run to the ace. At several tables, declarer ran the ◇Q without touching trumps. North won and could have beaten the hand legitimately by (cashing a spade and) returning a diamond; declarer could win, cash ace-queen of trumps, cash a diamond winner (as North followed helplessly), but would then have to broach clubs, losing two natural tricks in the suit. At one table North cashed the ♠Q and led a low club, reasoning that the other defense would not work if declarer held (say) ♣K10x and guessed the clubs correctly later. Indeed, declarer would normally go up with the ♣K in the actual position as his legitimate chance to make the contract. North leading from the queen, apart from being less likely with the jack in dummy, catered to North giving declarer a chance to make an impossible contract. Declarer, however, was not that deeply into the hand and played low without much thought. North's headache took a turn for the worse.

Declarer has other lines of play, of course, one of them being to duck the spade, win the second, draw trumps, and lead the ◇Q. If South covers, declarer ducks and is safe with three-two diamonds. If the queen loses to North, there is always a club guess on a club switch.

And if the $\diamond Q$ holds, declarer can always change tack, lead a second diamond to the ace, and try for a club trick. Fascinating, no?

Bd: 12	North	
Dlr: West	\spadesuit 107	
Vul: N/S	\heartsuit A874	
	\diamond J95	
	\clubsuit J973	
West		East
\spadesuit AK986		\spadesuit J52
\heartsuit K53		\heartsuit Q96
\diamond 4		\diamond K10832
\clubsuit A864		\clubsuit K10
	South	
	\spadesuit Q43	
	\heartsuit J102	
	\diamond AQ76	
	\clubsuit Q52	

There isn't much reason for E/W to reach $4\spadesuit$ on this combination but many pairs did after a trial bid by West, accepted by East. Declarer might fall into a winning line in various ways. Here's one: North leads a club. Declarer wins in hand and leads a diamond to the king and ace. South continues clubs (the $\heartsuit 9$ is a persuasive reason to stay off that suit). Declarer wins the king, ruffs a diamond, ruffs a club, ruffs a diamond, leads a heart to the queen, and leads the $\spadesuit J$. As the cards lie, he can pick up the trumps, then exit in clubs, endplaying North for a second heart trick.

Bd: 14	North	
Dlr: East	\spadesuit QJ94	
Vul: None	\heartsuit A765	
	\diamond 94	
	\clubsuit J76	
West		East
\spadesuit 73		\spadesuit A10852
\heartsuit 84		\heartsuit KJ10
\diamond K732		\diamond QJ8
\clubsuit AQ1093		\clubsuit K2
	South	
	\spadesuit K6	
	\heartsuit Q932	
	\diamond A1065	
	\clubsuit 854	

3NT was not bid very often (no surprise there) but when it was bid it was made. A few Easts upgraded their hand to open a strong notrump and West had a normal raise to game. On three rounds of hearts, declarer needed some luck and got it—hearts four-four and the clubs coming in. To the brave went the spoils. Or is that the reckless?

Bd: 15	North	
Dlr: South	\spadesuit 95	
Vul: N/S	\heartsuit 1053	
	\diamond AK94	
	\clubsuit Q1082	
West		East
\spadesuit Q83		\spadesuit AJ6
\heartsuit A76		\heartsuit J842
\diamond QJ86		\diamond 10752
\clubsuit 943		\clubsuit 75
	South	
	\spadesuit K10742	
	\heartsuit KQ9	
	\diamond 3	
	\clubsuit AKJ6	

About half the N/S pairs bid these cards to game, with 3NT the most popular of these thin ventures. Three pairs played in $4\spadesuit$ and all of them made it. Two pairs tried $5\clubsuit$, which handled easily enough with the good breaks. 3NT was very tricky. On a diamond lead to the jack and king, declarer led a spade to the king, a club to the ten and a heart to the queen, which held. Now he finished the clubs and led a second heart, needing to guess the suit correctly and to find the spades lying well to avoid being tucked in dummy. The defense would have to give him his second diamond trick or a long spade in dummy. We know of at least one declarer who misguessed the hearts in this position. His headache from Board 11 had not improved.



"What's down 5 redoubled?"

True Confessions

by Kokish-san

I can think of many times when I would rather have been a player than a writer, but there is no doubt that the opposite is also true. Take this deal from Round 9, for example. Please.

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ KJ96		
Vul: None	♥ AK75		
	♦ ---		
	♣ AKJ87		
West		East	
♠ 7543		♠ Q10	
♥ Q86		♥ 43	
♦ AKQJ105		♦ 6432	
♣ —		♣ 96543	
	South		
	♠ A82		
	♥ J1092		
	♦ 987		
	♣ Q102		

West	North	East	South
<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Mittlman</i>	<i>Abe</i>	<i>Kokish</i>
1♦	Dbf	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

If you are an aficionado you'll have a field day with this auction.

Perhaps it's "normal" for East to remain silent but wild horses couldn't convince me that it's wrong to bid something over North's takeout double. 2♦ comes to mind. 3♦ would pass through the recesses of the minds of some of my countrymen (don't worry, Litvack-san, no one knows for certain to whom I am referring). A shooter might prefer 1♥ or 1♠. Okay, so East's pass was not a great sin. Perhaps I am a hard marker.

Over South's 1♥, West's "reflex" 1♠ would not pass the Ivory Snow Purity Test. Could it get E/W to a good 4♠ or 3NT? No. Could it cause N/S any harm? No. Did it describe a hand with

length and strength in the bid suits? No. Could it hurt E/W somewhere down the long, lonesome road? You bet. Diamonds. Bid more of those.

Over to you, North. So far you've been an exemplary citizen. Can you find a call to describe your very promising hand? Looks like you've got to bid diamonds, but how many? Here's some stream-of-consciousness reasoning: 4♦ commits to 4♥ and invites slam, pinpointing diamond shortness. 3♦, while ostensibly the same sort of thing, must in some way be different. Consider these three conflicting ideas: (1) 3♦ invites game while 4♦ invites slam; (2) 3♦ shows a singleton, 4♦ a void, with both having real slam interest; (3) 3♦ is a void slam try with four trumps while 4♦ is similar but with at least five trumps (South could, after all, have only three hearts). I very much prefer (3).

North's 2♦ had the advantage of being clear to him. South, perhaps wrongly, dismissed the possibility of a slam try with four hearts and no diamonds. So far, however, he didn't care. He had a huge hand for his 1♥ response and started to express it by showing his spade asset. North, believing that he would have bid 2♣ or 3♣ with long clubs and only three hearts, felt secure in introducing clubs now. To an extent this was reasonable because his partnership can overcall with very strong hands. However, 2♣ would have shown something like:

♠Kxx ♥AQx ♦Ax ♣KQJxx,

a strong takeout double with three-card support and a good suit. And 3♣ would have been stronger, longer, but not quite forcing, e.g.

♠KQJ ♥AQx ♦x ♣AKJ10xx.

In order to force with clubs, it was, alas, necessary to double, then cue-bid. So 3♣ was forcing now but did not imply four-card support for hearts. South's hand was getting better and an honest club raise was the comfortable

action, particularly because it denied as many as four clubs (else 3♣ and not 2♠ at his second turn).

Two cue bids followed before North added the rarely-used 5NT bidding card to the tray and sent the creature under the screen to titillate his tormented teammate.

North intended this particular 5NT bid to mean “pick a slam,” a treatment you may have read about with interest or horror (choose one) in certain American and British publications. Could this be a situation in which the agreement would (should) apply?

South thought not because he was under the impression that North held lots of clubs and no more than three hearts. Clubs were clearly agreed as trumps, he thought. Therefore 5NT was a grand-slam try involving trumps, with no outside concerns. Just in case this was not so, however, South’s heart intermediates might provide some extra chances.

And so it was that N/S played these cards in the nauseating contract of 7♣ on a deal on which more than half the field did not reach 6♥. The contract at the other table in this match

(CANADA OLYMPIAD vs GOING) was 4♥, so the odds on 7♣ were even more odious than normal. With 11 imps available for stopping in 6♥, the Canadians would gain an extra 3 imps for making 7♣ while exposing themselves to an 11-imp loss if the grand slam failed. Is this not too much macho?

And now, for the tragic denouement—at least for GOING. East, guided by his partner’s voluntary 1♠ rebid, gently caressed the ♠Q, reconsidered, then placed her face up on the table. With all those trumpets staring him in the face, a diamond might have been a more logical choice, the spade bid notwithstanding.

North won the ace, drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy, passed the ♥J, led a second heart to his ace, drew East’s remaining trumps, then cashed the ♥K and the ♠K, claiming when the ♠10 dropped. Had it not fallen, the fourth round of hearts would have squeezed West in diamonds and spades, so the “proven” finesse against the ♠10 would not have been necessary.

Is this not great bidding?



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Round Ten: the Ultimate Swiss Experience

As is so often the case with Swiss qualifying events, there were plenty of teams still in contention on the brink of the final match. In fact, even some of the teams not really in contention had to be considered because they had the potential for big wins against teams no longer breathing vigorously. As Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers once sang, “the future was wide open.” Indeed. Let’s focus on the most significant matches.

Bd: 2	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 3	
Vul: N/S	♥ 10987	
	♦ AK84	
	♣ AK62	
West		East
♠ AKJ1095		♠ 842
♥ QJ		♥ A65
♦ 53		♦ Q1072
♣ J108		♣ 973
	South	
	♠ Q76	
	♥ K432	
	♦ J96	
	♣ Q54	

After Pass-Pass-1♠-Dbl; 2♠, South has a pile of junk but is far from broke. 3♥, vulnerable, seems like a lot. And so too does a responsive double. We’d vote for pass. If West raises himself to 3♠, as he well might, North doesn’t have enough for a second double and 3♠ should become the final contract. How is it, then, that this rarely happened in our “select seven” matches? Perhaps West should open 2♠ in third seat. We would.

Lebi-Hanna (CANADA-OLYMPIAD) saved at 4♠ (we can’t tell you whether this was early or late in the auction) and guessed trumps to escape for minus 500, but their teammates went down in 4♥ so INDONESIA PATTIMURA gained 12 imps in a match between two occupants of qualifying spots.

GREAT BRITAIN’s Papa Hackett and Armstrong bought it in 2♠ against IRELAND’s Mesbur-Walsh for a lovely minus 50. We must

confess that a second takeout double from North would be a slight overbid for us. The twins went down in 4♥, however, so that was 4 imps to IRELAND.

In INDONESIA versus USA and DEFENDERS versus AUSTRALIA Newman, 4♥ was declared in both rooms. Itabashi (North) and Chen (South) made it while Tobing and Newman did not. It does matter whether North or South declares because the defenders can lead spades profitably through South, threatening North’s trump holding. Curiously, this is worse for the defense because declarer can’t afford the luxury of two heart finesses; his pips won’t be good enough. It’s actually a bit more complicated than that because declarer needs to discard a diamond from South on the long club and so will need two spade ruffs in North in any case, so a trump to the king is the logical and successful play in both variations.

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ A65	
Vul: E/W	♥ QJ107	
	♦ Q62	
	♣ AJ7	
West		East
♠ K1098		♠ J73
♥ K83		♥ 94
♦ A854		♦ J103
♣ Q2		♣ 98653
	South	
	♠ Q42	
	♥ A652	
	♦ K97	
	♣ K104	

N/S will do well to avoid their four-four heart fit on this one because there is simply too much to do, even if the defenders blow a trick in spades or diamonds. Bob Geller made 4♥ on the lead of the ♦J but that was a solo success story among the declarers in the major-suit game. In the elimination ending, if declarer gets the clubs right, East must rise with the ♠J when declarer leads towards the queen. If not, declarer ducks in South and West is skewered.

At two of the tables where West came in over 1♣ with a takeout double, N/S elected to defend a one-level contract. SPAIN's Lantarón-Ventín collected only 200 against Yu Zhang-Wenfei Wang's 1♦ doubled, but lost 5 imps to CHINA when Yalan Zhang made 3NT on a club lead at the other table.

INDONESIA's Santje Panelewen-Robert Tobing did well to pick off Jim Robison-Gene Freed for 500 in 1♠ doubled, neutralizing the excellent plus 400 by Mark Itabashi-Garey Hayden. 3NT came down to the club guess (declarer had been given a second spade trick) and declarer knew the suit was five-two. He elected to play for the queen to be in the short hand because West would have had a balanced 10-count without it. Right he was...to lose 3 imps. Tough way to make a living.

Bd: 7	North	
Dlr: South	♠ 8743	
Vul: Both	♥ QJ108	
	♦ 10432	
	♣ 5	
West		East
♠ KQJ9		♠ A6
♥ 93		♥ A6542
♦ J865		♦ KQ7
♣ K104		♣ A86
	South	
	♠ 1052	
	♥ K7	
	♦ A9	
	♣ QJ9732	

The news stayed grim for IRELAND on this deal, on which the twins stole the auction at 2♣, down 200, on a deal where everyone else bid and made 3NT with overtricks. We might get the story before we go to press, but the bottom line was 10 imps to GREAT BRITAIN, ahead now 33-16.

Bd: 6	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 1062	
Vul: E/W	♥ 943	
	♦ 9	
	♣ J108742	
West		East
♠ AKQ53		♠ 87
♥ A2		♥ K876
♦ Q76		♦ AJ853
♣ A65		♣ 93
	South	
	♠ J94	
	♥ QJ105	
	♦ K1042	
	♣ KQ	

Bd: 8	North	
Dlr: West	♠ 103	
Vul: None	♥ 743	
	♦ AQJ106	
	♣ 876	
West		East
♠ AQJ8765		♠ 2
♥ Q10		♥ J862
♦ 9		♦ K83
♣ A102		♣ KQJ95
	South	
	♠ K94	
	♥ AK95	
	♦ 7542	
	♣ 43	

You could imagine reaching 6♦ once in a while, and perhaps even making it. More often than not, though, you'd reach 3NT or 4♠ and make a bundle of tricks. There were a couple of noteworthy exceptions: Wang-Zhang reached 4♥ and went minus 200 to turn over 13 imps to SPAIN, who needed a good win to have a shot at qualifying; and IRELAND's Tommy Hanlon-Hugh McGann, who reached 5♦ against the Hackett twins, got doubled, and didn't find a way home. 13 imps to GREAT BRITAIN, who were back in the hunt after a disappointing second day.

The popular contract was 4♠, which had no chance if the defenders took their red winners, but Shoko Fukuda made it for OLYMPIAD WOMEN, who were ahead 34-1. But they were too far behind for it to matter. Weren't they?

Two E/W pairs bid and made 3NT when South didn't get around to diamonds soon enough—Noldy George-Leslie Gontha

(PATTIMURA) against CANADA OLYMPIAD, and Darren Wolpert-Jurek Czyzowicz (LITVACK) against JAPAN-GOING. In the former case, George Mittelman (South) led the ♥A and continued with a low heart, seeing that when his partner, John Carruthers, got in with the ♦A he could lead the third heart through declarer. But what he didn't see was that when declarer won the heart in dummy, he could simply lead a diamond toward his king for his eighth trick and the spade finesse would provide the ninth. At first glance a diamond switch seems to be good enough but North must put in one of his lower honors. If he plays ace and another, South will be strip-squeezed in the majors on the run of the clubs.

Bd: 9	North	
Dlr: North	♠ K9	
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ975	
	♦ K83	
	♣ 1082	
West		East
♠ AQ65432		♠ 10
♥ ---		♥ 108632
♦ J6		♦ A1095
♣ J754		♣ Q96
	South	
	♠ J87	
	♥ KQ4	
	♦ Q742	
	♣ AK3	

Here nearly everyone played 4♥ or 4♦ doubled, which had to go one or two down. It's taken us some time to report a Litvack-Hughes flight of fancy but it's never too late. They played 4♥ redoubled and went two down, minus 600, which amounted to an 11-imp loss against their teammates' plus 100 against the same contract, undoubled.

In stark contrast we can report the spectacular plus 400 recorded by Ishmael Del'Monte-Peter Newman in 3NT to bring in 11 imps and get their team back in the match against the DEFENDERS. After the lead of the ♠10, the E/W hands are effectively out of touch (a good thing it is, too, given declarer's tenuous spade guard). By playing clubs twice towards the ace-king, ducking if East produces the queen, East

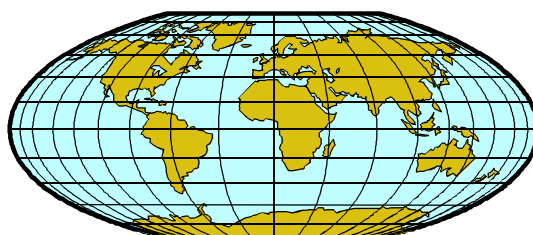
can be stripped of exit cards and thrown in to concede a second diamond trick. Perhaps it even happened that way.

Bd: 11	North	
Dlr: South	♠ 109742	
Vul: None	♥ J9873	
	♦ KJ	
	♣ 10	
West		East
♠ Q		♠ 85
♥ AKQ4		♥ 652
♦ A107542		♦ 63
♣ 32		♣ AKQJ65
	South	
	♠ AKJ63	
	♥ 10	
	♦ Q98	
	♣ 9874	

N/S can make 4♠ easily enough (Mesbur-Walsh were doubled there by Papa Hackett-Armstrong) but it's much more likely that E/W will bid up to 5♣, where they can't quite get home due to the bad heart break (spade lead, heart shift). Shimamura-Fukuda were permitted to make 5♣, however.

The intrepid Litvack-Hughes finished in 6♠ doubled. In these inflationary times perhaps they bid it to make. As fans of the Losing Trick Count they often see more merit in a poor hand than the Average Bear, but this looks like a stretch even for them. Let's just call it a phantom save against 6♣.

Wang-Zhang took 10 tricks in 3NT against Lantaron-Ventin, with the high spades on lead. The truth is often stranger than fiction. Take, for example, the two contracts in CANADA OLYMPIAD versus PATTIMURA: 4♦, plus 130, by George-Gontha. And 6♦. Minus 100, by Lebi-Hanna.



Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ K1098		
Vul: N/S	♥ AK962		
	♦ AQ8		
	♣ 2		
West		East	
♠ J2		♠ A65	
♥ 73		♥ 4	
♦ KJ752		♦ 109643	
♣ AJ63		♣ K854	
	South		
	♠ Q743		
	♥ QJ1085		
	♦ ---		
	♣ Q1097		

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q7		
Vul: N/S	♥ 103		
	♦ A10752		
	♣ KJ92		
West		East	
♠ J10986		♠ A5	
♥ 95		♥ AKJ7642	
♦ KQ43		♦ J	
♣ 83		♣ Q75	
	South		
	♠ K432		
	♥ Q8		
	♦ 986		
	♣ A1064		

Game in hearts, right? Well, mostly. In CHINA vs SPAIN, Ling Gu-Yalan Zhang finished in 6♥ doubled, one down, while their teammates doubled 4♥, which made five, plus 990. At least these disasters came on the same board, holding CHINA's loss to a mere 15 imps. DEFENDERS' Masayuki Ino-Dawei Chen also found a route to 6♥ and turned over 13 imps to NEWMAN, who took the lead in the match.

4♥ was the popular spot and it looks as if the defenders should prevail unless they allow declarer to get both a club ruff in West and a spade discard on a diamond. Tadashi Teramoto made it for DEFENDERS against NEWMAN, 41-27, and John Armstrong made it from the West side for GREAT BRITAIN against IRELAND on the lead of a low diamond from Pat Walsh, North (not that the hand is over after that start).

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 532		
Vul: Both	♥ J543		
	♦ J86		
	♣ 532		
West		East	
♠ AK96		♠ 108	
♥ 10		♥ K92	
♦ KQ1072		♦ A93	
♣ KJ10		♣ A9764	
	South		
	♠ QJ74		
	♥ AQ876		
	♦ 54		
	♣ Q8		

Bd: 16	North		
Dlr: West	♠ AJ9		
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ53		
	♦ KJ952		
	♣ 3		
West		East	
♠ Q1052		♠ K87	
♥ 984		♥ 1076	
♦ 4		♦ Q1083	
♣ KQ984		♣ J75	
	South		
	♠ 643		
	♥ KQ2		
	♦ A76		
	♣ A1062		

3NT or five-of-a-minor, right? Well, usually. Papa Hackett-Armstrong, Fukuda-Shimamura, and Wang-Zhang threaded their way to 6♣ and at all three tables, declarer found the trump queen to bring in the slam.

We haven't spoken about HIRATA because they too were apparently out of it, but they were having a big match against an out-of-contention team and needed only a normal result on this, the final deal, to sneak past the strugglers into the quarterfinals.

Here's how they bid the N/S cards:

North	South
<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>
1♦	2♣(FG)
2♦	3♦
3♥	4♦
4♠	5♣
6♦	Pass

6♦ went down (only) two on the bad trump break (and such). Had North bid 3NT over 3♦, that would have been enough. Assuming, of course, that Makoto Hirata would have made 3NT. On a club lead (or otherwise) declarer must eventually play spades for two tricks. We wonder whether any West played second hand high on the first spade and whether declarer misgessed the suit later in the play. In our "elite" sample, only Ventin and Panelewen made 3NT. There were several pairs down in 5♦ and 6♦. Not an easy hand to conclude the Swiss.

OLYMPIAD WOMEN, who had lost their first match by 73 imps, won their final match by 71. Their imp quotient, which had been negative until the very last round, was suddenly quite respectable. Just respectable enough to break the Victory Point tie with CANADA OLYMPIAD and propel them into the knockout phase of the NEC CUP. What an incredible parlay.

There are surely a dozen hard luck stories out there, waiting to be reported. Eight teams will finish their knockout matches this morning. Another ten teams fell just short of qualifying.



"They told me this is where the Abe Lincoln look-alike contestants were supposed to wait, but it's been three days now."



"Either my arms are getting longer or my sleeves have shrunk."



"I like Seabiscuit in the 4th."



"All right, now listen up, class."



"We're cute, single, and take lots of tricks."

The Quarterfinals

USA vs JAPAN-OLYMPIAD WOMEN
 DEFENDERS vs JAPAN-GOING
 INDONESIA vs AUSTRALIA-NEWMAN
 INDONESIA-PATTIMURA vs GREAT BRITAIN

First Segment:

Bd: 1	North	
Dlr: North	♠	J954
Vul: None	♥	AQ98
	♦	72
	♣	J102
West		East
♠ 73		♠ AKQ10862
♥ J7652		♥ 3
♦ QJ6		♦ 854
♣ A65		♣ 93
	South	
	♠	---
	♥	K104
	♦	AK1093
	♣	KQ874

In PATTIMURA vs GREAT BRITAIN, both East opened 4♠ in second seat. South doubled for takeout, which looks much better to us than 4NT (two suiter). North passed the double and collected 300, which was fair enough, although 5♣ can be made thanks to the good breaks in the minors, even on a heart lead.

In INDONESIA vs AUSTRALIA, Henky Lasut also opened 4♠ and went for 300, but in the other room Peter Newman started with 1♠. There are several ways to develop the South hand and Franky Karwur preferred to start with 2♦. This came around to Newman, who giggled and passed. If partner were short in diamonds with some high cards he would have taken some action so it figured to be the opponents' hand. Bingo; minus 110. 5 imps to AUSTRALIA.

In USA vs Olympiad both N/S pairs reached 5♣ and made six but in DEFENDERS vs GOING, Geller-Ogihara finished in 5♥ doubled, presumably after taking out a takeout double. That had to go one down while 5♣ made six in the other room, so the DEFENDING

CHAMPIONS were on the board first with an 11-imp gain.

Bd: 2	North	
Dlr: East	♠	K54
Vul: N/S	♥	KJ2
	♦	K73
	♣	QJ64
West		East
♠ 8		♠ A10963
♥ 984		♥ A107
♦ AQJ9852		♦ 6
♣ A5		♣ K1083
	South	
	♠	QJ72
	♥	Q653
	♦	104
	♣	972

3NT is an excellent contract for E/W and with hearts four-three and diamonds three-two, it's quite cold. You would expect everyone to bid it, too, after East opens the bidding, but Papa Hackett-Brigitte Mavromichalis (GREAT BRITAIN) stopped in 3♦ to turn over 7 imps to PATTIMURA and Gene Freed-Jim Robison went down in 5♦ to give OLYMPIAD a 10-imp start.

Newman-Del'Monte made 3NT for AUSTRALIA from the West side (relay auction) on a club lead, but there was some excitement at the other table, where Lasut declared after 1♠-2♦; 2NT-3NT. Khokan Bagchi led the ♥3, playing fourth-best leads. Lasut ducked Seamus Browne's king and ducked again when the jack came back. The danger in this line was brought to Henky's attention when Khokan overtook the ♥J with the queen to switch to the ♠2 to the king and ace. Seamus returned a spade when he won the ♦K and 3NT was one down; minus 50. 10 imps to AUSTRALIA, 15-0.

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ KQ3	
Vul: E/W	♥ 10854	
	♦ Q95	
	♣ K105	
West		East
♠ 1097		♠ 642
♥ KJ97		♥ 63
♦ A82		♦ KJ76
♣ 984		♣ Q763
	South	
	♠ AJ85	
	♥ AQ2	
	♦ 1043	
	♣ AJ2	

In two matches this one was flat in 3NT making, after a heart lead. We know that Jason Hackett made it by guessing clubs and that Leslie Gontha made it rather differently when Brigitte M led the ♥9, third best from even. The ten held in dummy and declarer continued with a heart to the queen, East following three-six. It was now open to West to switch to diamonds but that would have been a rather big play. Continuing hearts or switching to spades would have left declarer to find the ♣Q, but West advanced the ♣9. No swing there.

Franky Karwur had to guess clubs after a heart lead and did so but Browne declared from the North side at the other table and got a neutral spade lead. Here there was really no chance. With the diamond weakness in dummy, Karwur switched to that suit when he won his ♥K and Browne was two down; minus 100. 11 imps to INDONESIA, 4 imps behind now.

Setsuko Ogihara made 3NT for GOING on a heart lead and club guess, but Ino-Teramoto found the strange resting place of 2♥; plus 110. A system fix, perhaps? 7 imps to GOING, 8-11.



"Very strange...mine's blank."

Bd: 4	North	
Dlr: West	♠ KJ10	
Vul: Both	♥ A106	
	♦ K9	
	♣ K5432	
West		East
♠ 8754		♠ AQ3
♥ 9743		♥ Q852
♦ 4		♦ AJ1032
♣ J976		♣ Q
	South	
	♠ 962	
	♥ KJ	
	♦ Q8765	
	♣ A108	

In three matches, N/S went one or two down in 3NT, but in the fourth, 3NT was never in the picture.

INDONESIA vs AUSTRALIA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Del'M</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Newman</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♦	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Browne</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Bagchi</i>
Pass	1NT	Dbl	Pass(1)
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

(1) Forces Rdbl

Now this was real bridge. In the Open Room, Browne's 12-14 point notrump was doubled innocently enough by Lasut. Trouble brewing. Bagchi's pass asked his partner to redouble, the start of a one-suited escape sequence or the way to reach 1NT redoubled. With a complete maximum, Seamus really had no reason to break discipline, but he tried 2♣ instead and now we'll never know what would have transpired had he redoubled. How much is 1NT redoubled with an overtrick? Plus 90 was a good result, nonetheless.

Meanwhile, over in the other chamber, we

perceive some different discipline problems. Newman's double of 1NT was for penalty but Ishmael was not keen to defend. Why he thought he had a safe haven elsewhere, vulnerable, we cannot tell you, but a long series of wriggles located a four-four fit and attracted the inevitable penalty double.

A trump lead was strongly indicated but Karwur wanted it all; he underled the ♣A. The first trick was completed by the six, deuce, and queen. Newman played ♦A, diamond ruff, club ruff, and passed the ♦10, discarding a spade from dummy. Sacul ruffed and switched to a spade, the queen winning. A trump was conceded and declarer ruffed the club continuation to play another heart. Declarer had a club, two spades, a diamond, and four trump tricks for plus 670. 13 imps to AUSTRALIA, 28-11.

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AJ75		
Vul: N/S	♥ 85		
	♦ AKJ10		
	♣ 1065		
West		East	
♠ Q109643		♠ 82	
♥ 94		♥ KQ	
♦ Q62		♦ 9843	
♣ A8		♣ QJ943	
	South		
	♠ K		
	♥ AJ107632		
	♦ 75		
	♣ K72		

This was a non-controversial 4♥ at seven of the eight tables. At the eighth table, Geller-Ogihara contracted for nine tricks in notrump, which is every bit as odd as it looks. A club lead set it and DEFENDERS gained 13 imps from nowhere to lead 24-8.



"When I double, you pass. Got it?"

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 43		
Vul: E/W	♥ 62		
	♦ 106432		
	♣ K854		
West		East	
♠ 952		♠ J86	
♥ K104		♥ J975	
♦ QJ5		♦ A97	
♣ J1093		♣ A76	
	South		
	♠ AKQ107		
	♥ AQ83		
	♦ K8		
	♣ Q2		

In two matches, South declared 1♠ or 2♠, making in comfort. It was more exciting in the other two matches.

Freed-Robison sold out peacefully to 1♠ in USA vs OLYMPIAD, but at the other table Nobuko Setoguchi reopened with the East hand. The doubling began and Hiroko Ota finished in 2♣ doubled, down 1100. Hey, that ain't the way to have fun. 14 imps to USA, 17-10. A similar fate befell DEFENDERS' Hirata-Chen when they finished in 2♥ doubled, down 800. 12 imps to GOING, down 20-24 now.

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ J975		
Vul: Both	♥ 109875		
	♦ 3		
	♣ J73		
West		East	
♠ 10864		♠ 3	
♥ AKJ3		♥ Q62	
♦ 10		♦ KQJ92	
♣ 9852		♣ KQ106	
	South		
	♠ AKQ2		
	♥ 4		
	♦ A87654		
	♣ A4		

At most tables, this was a partscore in spades for N/S or a partscore in diamonds for one side or the other. The diamond guys had mixed

success but all the spade partials flourished.

Bagchi-Browne (AUSTRALIA) hid themselves all the way to 4♠, South advertizing length in both his suits and West showing diamonds too. Eddy Manoppo might have led a trump but he chose the ♣9, jack, queen, ace. Bagchi tried a heart, crossing his fingers. Manoppo tried to win the ♥J but Lasut overtook and played ♣K10. Bagchi ruffed low, uncrossed his fingers, and crossruffed his way to 10 tricks; plus 620. 12 imps to AUSTRALIA, 40-12.

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ K9		
Vul: None	♥ Q952		
	♦ J64		
	♣ 8753		
West		East	
♠ A654		♠ J1087	
♥ KJ4		♥ 76	
♦ Q1095		♦ 8732	
♣ J2		♣ Q104	
	South		
	♠ Q32		
	♥ A1083		
	♦ AK		
	♣ AK96		

4♥ or 3NT? Choose your poison. In GREAT BRITAIN vs PATTIMURA, 3NT was the flavor of the month. Papa Hackett, after spades had been bid and raised, started with the ♠7, third best. In the suit itself this was perhaps second best. Brigitte won the ♠A to continue spades. As West had opened the bidding, Noldy George played hearts by leading to the ace and back towards the queen. He soon had nine tricks; plus 400. At the other table, where E/W had remained silent, Mukhibban Bakti led the ♦5 against Jason, who won perforce to play ♣A9. He won the diamond continuation, cashed the ♣K, and led a spade but Bakto went in with the ace, cashed diamonds, and played a spade. He had to score a heart later for one down; minus 50. 10 imps to PATTIMURA, 18-3.

In Indonesia vs AUSTRALIA, both N/S pairs played in 4♥. Sacul, who had seen West open the bidding, got the trumps right, but Bagchi,

who had not, took two finesses and went down. Chalk that one up as a minus for opening light, balanced cheese. 10 imps to INDONESIA, 22-40. Everyone else played in 4♥. Only Garey Hayden went down, so we can assume he got no assistance from the bidding. 10 imps to OLYMPIAD, ahead now 20-19.

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AQ7		
Vul: E/W	♥ K982		
	♦ Q3		
	♣ 5432		
West		East	
♠ J1082		♠ 965	
♥ Q74		♥ J103	
♦ K64		♦ J1082	
♣ J76		♣ AQ8	
	South		
	♠ K43		
	♥ A65		
	♦ A975		
	♣ K109		

Two balanced hands, 25 points, a few promising intermediates—usually everyone's 3NT. Not so. Gontha-George and Ino-Teramoto stopped in 1NT, Shimamura-Fukuda in 2NT. That cost their teams 6 or 7 imps when nine tricks were unstoppable and their counterparts reached game.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ Q1053		
Vul: Both	♥ ---		
	♦ 943		
	♣ AKQ1094		
West		East	
♠ KJ		♠ A974	
♥ J1086		♥ K2	
♦ KQJ1072		♦ A865	
♣ 5		♣ J76	
	South		
	♠ 862		
	♥ AQ97543		
	♦ ---		
	♣ 832		

The popular start was 1♦ by East, 3♥ by South.

What would you do with the West hand? Six of our quarterfinalists bit the bullet and tried 3NT, finishing down 300 or 400. Brigitte, facing a Precision 1♦, tried 4♦, which really ought to be forcing for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the possibility that 1♦ could be opened with a singleton. Papa passed, however, and pleased up plus 130 to gain 11 imps, taking the lead 20-18. Hirata-Chen finished in 5♦ doubled, down 200, but gained 3 imps. DEFENDERS by 6 imps.

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ J10		
Vul: None	♥ J942		
	♦ AJ8		
	♣ A987		
West		East	
♠ AQ		♠ K642	
♥ 107653		♥ AKQ	
♦ KQ1032		♦ 74	
♣ Q		♣ KJ52	
	South		
	♠ 98753		
	♥ 8		
	♦ 965		
	♣ 10643		

For most pairs this was an easy 4♥ or 3NT. Ota-Setoguchi and Lasut-Manoppo reached 5♥ on their own power and had to lose three tricks one way or the other. 10 imps to USA, 36-23. 10 imps to AUSTRALIA, 53-22.

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 10		
Vul: N/S	♥ AQ973		
	♦ QJ9873		
	♣ 2		
West		East	
♠ AQ87		♠ KJ962	
♥ KJ2		♥ 10	
♦ A		♦ K1052	
♣ AK1094		♣ 753	
	South		
	♠ 543		
	♥ 8654		
	♦ 64		
	♣ QJ86		

6♠ is a reasonable slam and it can be made in two different ways on this layout. It was bid by OLYMPIAD's Setoguchi-Ota, AUSTRALIA's Newman-Del'Monte, and PATTIMURA's Bakti-Waradia, all of whom ferreted out East's crucial heart control. The last two pairs mentioned above got a heart lead to the queen, and the ♥A. Ota declared from the West side and we can't tell you how the play went, but both the ♥A and the singleton club lead would have simplified the play. OLYMPIAD trailed USA now by just 2 imps while AUSTRALIA's lead had mounted to 64-22. PATTIMURA regained the lead against GREAT BRITAIN, 29-20.

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ A98		
Vul: Both	♥ A9543		
	♦ 9		
	♣ QJ98		
West		East	
♠ K		♠ QJ764	
♥ 1076		♥ K	
♦ K7543		♦ AQ1082	
♣ 7642		♣ K3	
	South		
	♠ 10532		
	♥ QJ82		
	♦ J6		
	♣ A105		

In USA vs OLYMPIAD, Itabashi-Hayden bought the contract in 3♥ and made six, plus 230. A whole lot of hearts but still a lukewarm result. Robison-Freed reached 5♦, down 200, at the other table, scoring neither of their singleton kings. 1 weird imp to USA, 37-34. Remarkably, the same pair of results produced the same 1 imp for DEFENDERS against GOING, 33-26.

Browne-Bagchi managed to reach 4♥ for AUSTRALIA while Newman-Del'Monte were down the traditional 200 in 5♦. If 4♥ would produce anywhere near the same number of tricks as in the other two matches we've reviewed, AUSTRALIA would gain another 9 imps, but it was not to be. Browne got lead of the ♠Q from Lasut, low, king, ace. Ace and another trump would work well not only on this layout but also when trumps were two-two, regardless of the location of the ♣K, but

Browne had reason to fear king-third of hearts onside after Lasut's two-suited overcall with the East hand. He led a club to dummy's ten. No more worry about that suit, but he could still not afford to lose to the ♥K onside, have a diamond come through for ♠J, spade ruff. Seamus passed the ♥Q, and the worst befell him: ♠J, spade ruff, diamond to the queen. One down. Lose 7.

In GREAT BRITAIN vs PATTIMURA, the twins stopped in 3♥ and made five but George-Gontha reached 4♥ after a 1♠ overcall by Papa Hackett. After the routine start, Mr Noldy played the ♥A at trick two and secured his vulnerable game and 10 imps, 39-20.

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AJ42		
Vul: None	♥ 76		
	♦ A85		
	♣ 9753		
West		East	
♠ 108		♠ 73	
♥ AK953		♥ J108	
♦ 1032		♦ J964	
♣ A108		♣ KQJ2	
	South		
	♠ KQ965		
	♥ Q42		
	♦ KQ7		
	♣ 64		

N/S are on for 3♠ without raising much sweat, but they were not always left to play where they wanted to.

In INDONESIA vs AUSTRALIA, both E/W competed to 3♣, one after a reopening double by West (Del'Monte), the other after a direct double by West (Manoppo). The defense was much easier for N/S with East declarer: ♠K overtaken, low diamond switch. Lasut was soon one down; minus 50. With West on play, North led a sensible trump and achieved an unreasonable result when declarer finessed hearts and took nine fast winners; plus 110 for Ishmael and 4 imps to AUSTRALIA, 68-29.

The twins played peacefully in 2♠ but at the other table, Brigitte came in over 1♠ with 2♥.

Over Gontha's limit-raise cue-bid of 3♥, Papa Hackett tried to attract the right lead by bidding 4♣, and was left to rot, down 100. Just 1 imp to GREAT BRITAIN, 21-39.

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 86		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q10986		
	♦ K84		
	♣ J94		
West		East	
♠ A543		♠ Q109	
♥ K542		♥ 7	
♦ Q		♦ 109752	
♣ Q653		♣ K872	
	South		
	♠ KJ72		
	♥ AJ3		
	♦ AJ63		
	♣ A10		

Itabashi-Hayden played a normal 3NT and made it; plus 600. Shimamura-Fukuda played a less normal 6♥, got doubled, and went for 800. 16 imps to USA, ahead 53-35.

There was a swing in DEFENDERS vs GOING too, but a different one altogether. Ino-Teramoto were plus 630 but Geller-Ogiwara stopped in 3♥, plus 170. Those 10 imps made it 43-26, DEFENDERS.

GREAT BRITAIN also gained a swing when the twins bid and made 4♥ while George-Gontha stopped in 2♥ after a heavy notrump from South and a transfer to hearts. 10 imps to the Brits, 31-39.



"Now you'ze utes listen up to me..."

And, finally...

Bd: 16	North
Dlr: West	♠ A3
Vul: E/W	♥ K653
	♦ A
	♣ AK10987
West	East
♠ 1086542	♠ 9
♥ 8	♥ AQJ94
♦ K1086	♦ QJ5432
♣ J6	♣ 5
	South
	♠ KQJ7
	♥ 1072
	♦ 97
	♣ Q432

3NT is cold and so is 5♣ if North declares. 6♣ is flat out on the ♥A onside with no adverse ruff.

Geller-Ogiwara and George-Gontha tried 6♣ but had to live with disappointment. In fact, the PATTIMURA guys, who had stopped in 5♣ only to take the push over Brigitte and Papa's paying adverse vulnerability 5♦ sacrifice, were doubled for their change of mind. Those 11 imps enabled GREAT BRITAIN to win the set 42-39. The 11 imps won by the DEFENDERS gave them the first stanza 54-26 over GOING.

Meanwhile, USA picked up 20 imps against OLYMPIAD, 55-35, and AUSTRALIA had done swimmingly against INDONESIA, outscoring them 68-31.

Teams	1 st Segment	2 nd Segment	Cumulative	3 rd Segment	Final
USA	55	66.5	121.5		
JAPAN WOMEN	35	18	53		
DEFENDERS	54	32	86		
GOING	26	39	65		
INDONESIA	31	38	69		
AUSTRALIA	68	39	107		
PATTIMURA	39	5	44	Resigned	44
GREAT BRITAIN	42	46	88		88



"I hate getting up early to play."



"Remember, girls just gotta have fun..."

NEC Cup Round-Robin: Final Results (VPs)

Rank	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total	
16	1		10			19					12			15				23		13		4			18	25	16					155	
23	2	20		14						12				13				16	17					10	19					5	8	134	
17	3		16		20			11			19			16		10				12		6						22		23		155	
28	4			10			15			6		7	8				23							20			5		22	1		117	
10	5	11					24				7			17		10				22				19		9		14			24	157	
25	6				15	6			14				9				16		8				16				16		14		13	127	
2	7			19					17		22					25				15		13					24	6		18	21	180	
26	8					16	13					25			10		14	8			8		17				6		8			125	
14	9		18		24						4					12	23	17			17					11				10	20	156	
5	10	18		11		23		8		25				17		18		20		18								13				171	
20	11				23								25	4			13	13		4			24				16	8			13	143	
30	12				22		21		3			0			5		6		3				14		4				17			95	
12	13	15	17	14		13					13	25			15					13	17					14						156	
15	14								20				25	15					10		12	7	25		17	16					8	155	
4	15			20		20		5		18	12						25			22		18		21				11				172	
22	16				7		14		16	7		17	24			5							15		18				12			135	
19	17	7	14						22	13	10	17						25			15			5	20							148	
8	18		13			8	22						25		20			0							11		25		20		15	159	
9	19	17		18				15			12	25		17		8						12	16		19							159	
13	20								22	13				13	18			15		18				16	24			6			11	156	
1	21	25		24					17							23	12				14			18		16			16		25		190
29	22				10		14		13			6	16		0		15						12		12					15			113
18	23		20			11										9		25		11	14		18		13	14				17		152	
21	24		11									25		13			12	10	19		6	14		17		11						138	
7	25	12				21				19				16	14										16	19		14		23	8		162
27	26	2			25		14	6	24		14								1							16			16	4		122	
3	27	14		8		16		24			17	22				19						24	14							22			180
24	28				8		16		22				13				18		10				15			7	14	8					131
6	29		25	7	25				12		20											5		13		22	25					10	164
11	30		22			6	17	9		10		17			22				15		19									20			157

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Bd	DATUM	CANADA Lit		QUEEN & KN		CHINA		DREAM		IRELAND		MERRY QUEE		DEFENDING		YOUTH		AUS Chua		GOING	
		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	70	2	-8	-3	-10	-5	-1	-5	5	-5	5	-5	-8	-3	-8	8	3	-5	5	-5	-1
2	650	0	1	-10	-10	-1	-13	0	11	0	0	-1	-10	13	0	-10	0	-11	0	-10	0
3	-120	-1	-6	-1	-1	-1	-1	-12	-1	2	1	2	-12	1	1	-1	-1	1	12	1	1
4	60	4	-1	2	-4	-4	6	-5	-4	-6	-10	1	5	-4	-10	-4	-3	4	5	1	-3
5	-150	-1	-2	5	3	1	-5	-8	-1	6	-5	0	1	-6	-1	-8	-1	1	8	0	8
6	-180	7	-11	2	10	7	-7	-9	-9	-10	-2	-10	-7	-9	-7	-10	-7	9	9	-10	9
7	50	11	4	-6	-11	-4	6	-6	4	-4	4	11	6	11	4	-4	4	-4	6	11	4
8	550	-12	2	-6	2	-2	4	-2	-10	10	12	-10	3	-2	-10	10	-10	10	2	-2	-13
9	20	-2	3	-3	-4	3	3	-2	2	3	-4	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-3	-2	2	-3	2
10	70	-7	-11	2	5	11	-2	-5	-3	11	-3	-5	5	11	-3	-5	5	3	5	-7	5
11	-210	-5	-6	-6	5	-7	5	-5	-6	3	-7	-5	6	-5	-6	6	5	6	5	6	5
12	-70	-8	-5	3	-3	5	-3	-1	2	3	-3	3	2	3	-5	-2	-3	-2	1	3	3
13	-100	-1	1	-2	1	-1	-7	9	0	7	-5	-1	-5	-1	1	-1	1	0	-9	-1	0
14	-150	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	-2	-5	1	0	2	8	1	6	-7	0	5	2	1	6
15	350	7	-6	-5	-6	-5	-6	-7	-6	-5	10	6	-6	-5	-7	-6	5	6	-7	-5	10
16	-130	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	6	15	-1	0	-2	1	-9	0	1	10	-15	-6	0	0
IMP +		32	11	14	26	28	24	22	39	46	32	25	39	40	14	25	33	45	62	23	53
IMP -		38	57	43	50	30	46	62	45	31	39	41	48	46	57	60	28	39	22	43	17

Bd	DATUM	TAIPEI San		BRIDGE FOR		SPAIN		OKAY		PATTIMURA		YOKOHAMA		TAIPEI Don		OLYMPIAD W		CANADA Oly		OLYMPIAD O	
		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	70	2	-2	8	5	-5	5	1	5	1	5	2	-2	9	-2	-5	-2	1	5	-3	-8
2	650	-14	10	10	1	0	0	0	0	13	1	-10	14	-1	0	0	14	0	10	0	10
3	-120	8	-2	12	-2	-1	-2	1	12	1	1	2	-8	1	2	-9	-1	-1	-1	1	1
4	60	-4	-4	-5	-1	10	6	12	-1	-6	4	4	4	1	-1	1	-1	3	-1	3	4
5	-150	1	-5	-1	0	5	-6	0	-1	5	-1	5	-1	7	3	5	8	-8	0	1	8
6	-180	7	-7	7	10	2	10	9	-7	7	-7	7	-7	-3	10	7	-7	-9	10	7	10
7	50	-4	-11	-6	-11	-4	4	-4	-4	-6	4	11	4	11	-11	-4	4	-4	-11	-4	4
8	550	-3	-10	-3	10	-12	-10	-4	12	-4	2	10	3	-2	2	-2	2	13	2	10	-10
9	20	3	2	-2	2	4	-3	5	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	3	-3	-2	-3	-2	3	3	2
10	70	-5	7	-5	5	3	-11	-5	7	2	-11	-7	5	-5	5	-5	-11	-5	7	-5	5
11	-210	3	5	-6	5	7	-3	7	5	-5	7	-5	-3	6	-6	-5	5	-5	-6	-5	-6
12	-70	3	8	-2	-3	3	-3	3	8	3	-5	-8	-3	-1	-3	-8	8	-3	-3	3	2
13	-100	-1	1	5	1	5	-7	-1	1	7	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	-1	1
14	-150	1	-1	-8	-2	0	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	5	-1	1	-1	-6	-1	0	7
15	350	7	10	6	-6	-10	5	-5	10	6	5	-10	-7	-5	-7	6	5	-10	5	-5	6
16	-130	-1	-6	-1	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	6	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	-10	-1
IMP +		35	43	48	41	39	31	44	64	46	30	48	32	49	23	20	47	17	43	28	60
IMP -		32	48	39	25	32	46	19	13	24	28	43	35	18	34	41	26	53	23	33	25

Bd	DATUM	USA		PENSEE		POLAND		DARUMA		GR. BRITAIN		HANAGUMI		INDONESIA		ESPERANZA		AUS Newman		HIRATA	
		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	70	8	-2	-5	-1	-5	5	2	-9	-5	5	2	-1	8	3	1	-2	10	3	2	5
2	650	-1	0	0	0	0	-13	0	1	13	0	13	0	0	-13	0	-13	10	10	-14	0
3	-120	6	1	-12	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	1	-2	-9	-1	-1	9	2	1	1	1	9
4	60	1	-4	1	-12	-8	6	1	-1	-6	8	1	-1	10	4	1	-1	4	-2	1	-1
5	-150	2	1	1	0	7	8	-3	-7	-8	-7	-3	-1	1	6	1	3	-3	-5	-8	-5
6	-180	11	-7	7	-9	7	9	-10	3	-9	-7	7	9	7	9	-9	-7	-10	-2	7	-7
7	50	-4	-11	-4	4	-6	6	11	-11	-6	6	-4	4	-4	-11	-4	4	11	6	-4	4
8	550	-2	12	-12	4	10	4	-2	2	-4	-10	10	2	10	2	-2	-10	-2	6	-2	2
9	20	-3	2	3	-5	-3	-3	3	-3	3	3	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	4	3	3	2
10	70	11	7	-7	5	2	-11	-5	5	11	-2	-5	-2	3	-11	2	5	-5	-2	11	5
11	-210	6	5	-5	-7	6	-6	6	-6	6	-6	-5	-6	6	5	6	5	-5	6	-5	5
12	-70	5	8	-8	-3	-8	-3	3	1	3	8	-2	-3	5	-3	3	2	3	-3	-8	8
13	-100	-1	1	-1	1	-1	5	-1	1	-5	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	2	-1	1
14	-150	1	-1	1	0	-1	6	1	-5	-6	1	1	-1	-6	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	-1
15	350	6	-7	-10	5	-10	-6	7	5	6	10	7	-6	7	5	6	-7	6	5	-5	-6
16	-130	0	1	0	-6	-5	10	0	-6	-10	5	-1	0	0	9	0	1	0	1	0	0
IMP +		57	38	13	19	32	59	34	18	43	48	41	18	57	46	30	25	50	43	26	41
IMP -		11	32	64	44	48	43	23	49	59	32	25	30	14	40	18	41	26	14	47	20

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Bd	DATUM	CANADA Lit		QUEEN & KN		CHINA		DREAM		IRELAND		MERRY QUEE		DEFENDING		YOUTH		AUS Chua		GOING	
		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	-350	-2	2	-2	2	9	2	-2	2	-2	-9	-2	2	-2	2	2	2	10	2	-2	2
2	130	-6	2	-6	-9	0	6	-9	6	-2	6	-6	2	10	8	0	-5	-2	-9	-2	6
3	150	6	-7	-5	5	6	-2	-6	-6	-5	5	7	6	6	5	-5	-7	6	5	7	-6
4	60	-6	-2	6	-1	2	-4	1	-1	1	4	-4	-2	1	-1	2	-4	-4	-2	2	6
5	-20	2	-2	-3	3	2	3	1	-3	3	5	2	3	-3	3	-3	-3	-3	-3	2	-2
6	-620	0	2	-2	0	0	-13	-2	1	-1	-13	3	2	-2	0	1	1	1	1	-2	0
7	-600	12	1	-2	1	-2	2	-1	-14	-2	-9	-1	1	-2	1	-1	1	-2	2	-1	-12
8	-60	3	8	-8	-3	3	-3	3	3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-8	-3	3	-3	-8	-3
9	-50	-11	2	-2	0	-6	6	-2	-10	0	2	-6	0	-2	-10	-2	-11	6	0	-2	11
10	-650	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	13	-1	1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1
11	70	-9	-8	-1	-11	-1	11	-10	-11	11	1	-1	-4	-1	1	-1	-11	-1	5	8	9
12	570	2	-2	-2	-2	-13	-9	-2	12	2	-2	-2	-2	-12	-2	2	-2	2	13	2	-2
13	-880	5	-7	4	-4	4	10	-10	-2	-10	-5	6	-6	6	-6	4	-4	4	-4	7	-5
14	-90	0	1	-2	-6	1	2	-2	0	-1	-4	-2	1	4	2	-2	2	-2	-1	-1	0
15	-50	3	-3	4	-3	3	-5	-3	-3	-9	-5	-9	9	4	9	3	9	4	-4	3	-3
16	40	-4	4	9	4	-3	-8	9	3	-4	8	-3	-8	-4	3	8	3	-4	-9	-4	4
IMP +		34	22	24	15	31	42	26	27	21	31	36	26	35	34	23	18	34	28	32	38
IMP -		38	32	35	40	25	45	38	51	36	51	34	26	28	23	22	51	20	36	22	34

Bd	DATUM	TAIPEI San		BRIDGE FOR		SPAIN		OKAY		PATTIMURA		YOKOHAMA		TAIPEI Don		OLYMPIAD W		CANADA Oly		OLYMPIAD O	
		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	-350	-2	2	-10	2	-2	-9	-2	10	-2	3	-3	2	-2	-10	-2	2	-3	2	10	2
2	130	-6	-9	9	1	-6	0	-1	-9	9	6	5	6	9	2	1	-1	-6	-9	1	2
3	150	6	6	-6	-6	2	-6	6	6	6	-2	-5	5	-5	-6	6	5	2	-6	-5	6
4	60	1	-1	4	-2	4	-2	2	-4	2	0	1	4	2	4	12	-1	0	-2	-6	4
5	-20	3	-1	2	-3	-3	-2	3	-2	2	-3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	-2	-3	-3
6	-620	-1	2	1	0	13	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	-2	1	-1	0	0	-9
7	-600	14	1	-13	0	2	0	13	-1	1	-2	0	0	-2	2	-1	1	-1	1	0	1
8	-60	-3	-3	-8	-4	3	-3	4	8	3	8	3	8	3	-3	-2	8	-8	-3	3	-3
9	-50	10	2	0	-10	-6	6	10	0	-2	2	6	2	0	-6	0	2	-2	2	-6	3
10	-650	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	-1	1	-1	1	0
11	70	11	10	1	10	-11	1	-10	-1	1	5	1	-8	-5	1	-1	10	-5	-1	-1	-1
12	570	-12	-2	2	-2	9	13	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-13	2	2	-2	2	-2	3	-2
13	-880	2	10	4	10	-10	-4	-10	-4	4	-4	-11	10	4	-4	4	10	4	-4	-10	10
14	-90	0	2	-2	-5	-2	-1	5	2	-1	-4	-1	2	1	2	5	2	4	1	-2	-1
15	-50	3	3	-3	-3	5	-3	3	3	3	-3	-9	-4	4	-4	3	3	3	-3	3	9
16	40	-3	-9	-4	-9	8	3	9	4	-4	3	-3	3	9	4	-3	4	-3	4	-3	6
IMP +		51	38	24	23	45	25	45	46	33	29	21	45	36	20	36	51	19	10	21	43
IMP -		27	26	46	45	42	31	23	24	10	19	34	15	28	34	11	5	29	33	36	19

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1	-350	10	3	-2	2	-2	-10	-2	3	9	2	-2	2	-3	-10	-2	-2	-2	2	-2	2
2	130	10	6	-2	6	-2	-1	-6	-5	-6	2	1	-1	-6	-10	5	0	-8	-10	9	6
3	150	6	-8	-6	-7	-6	5	-5	5	-5	5	-5	-6	8	-6	7	5	-5	-6	-5	5
4	60	2	-1	2	4	-4	6	-4	-1	-4	-1	1	-12	1	-2	4	-2	1	-1	1	-6
5	-20	-3	-4	-3	-2	3	3	-3	-2	-5	-3	-3	-2	4	3	3	3	-3	3	-3	3
6	-620	0	2	-2	-3	9	0	0	0	13	1	-1	2	-2	0	-1	-1	0	2	0	2
7	-600	-1	5	-1	1	-1	0	0	2	9	2	-1	1	-5	1	-1	1	-1	2	-1	2
8	-60	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-8	-3	3	-3	-8	2	3	-3	3	8	3	-3	3	8
9	-50	-6	0	0	6	-3	6	-2	-6	-2	0	-2	0	0	6	11	2	10	2	0	2
10	-650	0	-1	1	-13	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
11	70	-1	1	4	1	1	1	8	-1	-1	-11	-10	1	-1	1	11	1	-1	1	11	1
12	570	2	-2	2	-2	2	-3	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	12	2	2
13	-880	12	-12	6	-6	-10	10	-10	11	5	10	-10	-4	12	-12	4	-4	6	-6	4	-4
14	-90	1	0	-1	2	1	2	-2	1	4	1	-2	-5	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	-4	6	2
15	-50	4	-4	-9	9	-9	-3	4	9	5	9	-3	-3	4	-4	-9	-3	-9	-4	3	-4
16	40	-4	-8	8	3	-6	3	-3	3	-8	4	-4	3	8	4	-3	-8	-3	4	-4	-9
IMP +		50	17	26	34	19	36	15	34	51	36	5	11	43	15	51	22	23	28	40	35
IMP -		15	43	26	36	43	21	45	21	31	21	51	36	17	50	18	23	34	35	15	24