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Sweden vs Team e-bridge in Millennium NEC Cup Final

Today's NEC Cup final pits Sweden (P.O. Sundelin, Johan Sylvan, Bjorn Fallenius, Magnus Lindkvist) against Team e-bridge (Sam Lev, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Gawrys, Pinhas Romik). In one of yesterday's semi-final matches Sweden defeated England-Senior, the team that won the round-robin in convincing fashion, 111-70. In the other semi-final match Team e-bridge jumped out to a 34-IMP first-segment lead over Argentina/Australia and held on to win 147-109. In the quarter-finals Sweden defeated Japan-OHNO 148-72, e-bridge defeated GB-Hackett 102-80, England-Senior defeated Australia 153-36, and Argentina/Australia defeated Indonesia 147-106.

Congratulations to all the competitors and good luck to today's finalists.

OUCHI Cup Finals Today

The field for the finals of the 2001 OUCHI Cup will consist of 71 teams, including three dropping in after being eliminated from the NEC Cup. The Flight A and Flight B finals will each include 24 teams while the Flight C final will have 23 teams. The top three teams qualifying for the Flight A final from each of the seven sections in yesterday's qualifying event can be found on page 3 of today's bulletin.

Today's Match Times

F1: 10:00-12:20; **F2:** 12:40-15:00; **F3:** 16:00-18:20; **F4:** 18:40-21:00; **OUCHI:** 10:00-17:00
(Remember, you have 2:20 to play each 16-deal segment—plus a 5-minute grace period.)

It Pays to Play...Well

The winners and other high placers in the NEC and OUCHI Cups will win more than everlasting glory. Prize money for the two events totals almost 25,000 USD. Just in case you're interested in the details, here is the prize schedule:



NEC Cup

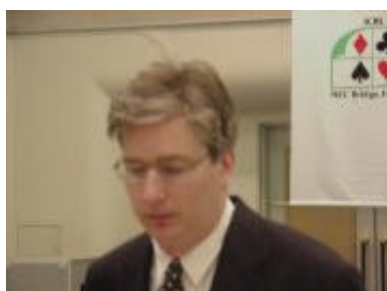
Place	USD
1 st	12,000
2 nd	6,000
3 rd	3,000
4 th	2,000

OUCHI Cup

Place	USD
1 st	1,000
2 nd	500
3 rd	300

Roster of NEC Cup Qualifiers

Team		
Rank	Name	Members
1	England-Senior	Brian Senior, Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett, Espen Erichsen
2	Sweden	P.O. Sundelin, Johan Sylvan, Bjorn Fallenius, Magnus Lindkvist
3	Argentina/Australia	Pablo Lambardi, Pablo Ravenna, Ishmael Del'Monte, Paul Marston
4	GB-Hackett	Paul, Jason, Justin Hackett, B. Mavromichalis, John Armstrong
5	Australia	Barry Noble, Terry Brown, Phil Gue, Mike Prescott, Peter Fordham
6	Indonesia	Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Santje Panelewen, Robert Parasiani
7	e-bridge	Sam Lev, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Gawrys, Pinhas Romik
8	OHNO	Kyoko Ohno, Akihiko Yamada, Katsumi Takahashi, Masaru Yoshida, Tadashi Imakura, Masayuki Ino



Team Sweden (clockwise from left): P.O. Sundelin, Bjorn Fallenius, Johan Sylvan, Magnus Lindkvist.

NEC Cup Finalists



Team e-bridge (clockwise from right): Jacek Pszczola, John Mohan, Sam Lev, Piotr Gawrys



Top Qualifiers for OUCHI Cup Finals

Flight	Rank	VP	Team Members
A	1	161	Kyoko Shimamura, Shoko Fukuda, Makiko Hayashi, Yuko Yamada
A	2	146	Toru Tamura, Mimako Ishizuka, Sonoko Namba, Chizuko Sugiura
A	3	139	Minako Hiratsuka, Aiko Banno, Michiko Shida, Kotomi Asakoshi
B	1	182	G.Schiesser, A Gloyer, M.Schifko, S.Wernle
B	2	169	Taeko Kawamura, Kazuko Nakamura, Hiroko Kobayashi, Chizuko Tsukamoto
B	3	153	Sakiko Naito, Tadashi Yoshida, Ayako Amano, Miho Sekizawa
C	1	222	W.W.Tsao, C.M.Lin, Donny Chen, Michale Ting
C	2	152	Chizuno Saito, Kyoko Toyofuku, Kumiko Matsuo, Momoko Kumano
C	3	150	Seiya Shimizu, Yasushi Kobayashi, Makoto Hirata, Takeshi Hanayama
D	1	178	Akiko Minamino, Hideko Hasegawa, Kayoko Kubota, Fumiko Kubo
D	2	156	J.Onstott, G.Kasle, B.Kasle, G.Hayden, J.Robison, C.Robison
D	3	153	Yugo Taka, Katsuhiko Ueki, Noboru Shida, Minoru Mizuta
E	1	159	Mieko Nakanishi, Haruko Koshi, Yoko Osako, Junko Arai
E	2	149	Yoichi Koyama, ichi Kajikawa, shiko Endo, roshi Ando
E	3	147	Setsuko Moriyama, Megumi Takasaki, Hiroko Ota, Nobuko Setoguchi
F	1	160	Masayasu Oga, Midori Sakamoto, Natsuko Nishida, Koji Ito
F	2	156	Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Kenji Miyakuni, Teruyoshi Hara, Kikuo Tatai, Yasuhiro Shimizu, Kazuo Furuta
F	3	148	Ryo Okuno, Takao Onodera, Akira Ohara, Yukinao Honma
G	1	185	Atsushi Kimura, Tomoya Yamaguchi, Kei Nemoto, Tamou Matsubara, Nobuko Tanai
G	2	147	Kunio Ueda, Ken'ichi Akita, Fumio Kaiwa, Yukie Ando
G	3	139	Tadashi Teramoto, Hideki Takano, Chen Da-Wei, Masaaki Takayama

Special e-bridge subscription offer to NEC Cup participants

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- ♠ Play the Life Master Pairs (Day 1 & Day 2): 2 CD-ROM set from Larry Cohen; retail value \$60,
- ♠ Larry Cohen's "To Bid or Not to Bid: The Law of Total Tricks," collector edition, leather bound, numbered and autographed by the author, retail value \$40.

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NEC Cup Bridge Festival on the Web

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<http://www.bridge.cplaza.ne.jp/necfest.html>

- or -

<http://www.jcbl.or.jp>

- or -

<http://www.e-bridgmaster.com>

A Swede in Queensland

Magnus Lindkvist stopped by on Friday to report a hand from Match 10 earlier that day in which his partner, Bjorn Fallenius, reached an unusual position on defense. This was the deal:

Bd: 21	Lindkvist	
Dlr: North	♠ 542	
Vul: N/S	♥ 10854	
	♦ K52	
	♣ K82	
West		East
♠ KJ		♠ A9
♥ AK		♥ J972
♦ AJ1074		♦ 863
♣ J754		♣ A963
	Fallenius	
	♠ Q108763	
	♥ Q63	
	♦ Q9	
	♣ Q10	

West declared 3NT and Lindkvist led a low heart, ducked by Fallenius to declarer's king. Declarer led a club to the ace, a diamond to the ten, ducked by Lindkvist, and he exited a low diamond which ran around to Fallenius' queen. Bjorn returned his second low heart to declarer's ace and declarer now cashed the rest of his tricks, three diamonds and two spades, reducing everyone to three cards. Bjorn then placed his hand on the table and claimed. His holding in the three-card ending?

♠ Q ♥ Q ♦ --- ♣ Q.



The King of Queens

Terry and the Piracy: Reprise

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ J762	
Vul: E/W	♥ KQ42	
	♦ Q983	
	♣ 6	
West		East
♠ AQ9843		♠ 10
♥ 3		♥ J
♦ 4		♦ J107652
♣ AJ752		♣ Q10983
	South	
	♠ K5	
	♥ A1098765	
	♦ AK	
	♣ K4	

On this lively deal from Round Seven, Australia's Terry Brown found himself in 5♥ doubled after his Slam dunkian opponents Yasuhiro Shimizu-Kazuo Furuta had competed to 4♠.

Shimizu, who had shown length in both black suits, cashed the ♣A, six, ten, four, and then the ♠A, deuce, ten...

Smooth as Silk, Brown followed with the ♠K. Had he not done so West would have known it was safe to continue spades no matter who held the king. Perhaps Shimizu should have played another spade anyway, but as he didn't Brown's thoughtful contribution paid off.

At the other table Hara/Miyakuni for Slam Dunk climbed all the way to 6♥, where they went two down, not doubled. Australia gained 13 IMPs en route to a 53-12, 24-6 VP win over their contending opponents.

[The editors apologize for the errors which found their way into yesterday's article.]

West	North	East	South
			1♣(1)
1♠	Dble	Pass	4♥(2)
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

(1) Polish; (2) 16+, 4+♥ or 11-15, 5♣, 4+♥

The NEC Cup Quarterfinals

by Eric Kokish

After the first "third" of the quarter-finals, Argentina/Australia was 18 IMPs ahead of Indonesia 46-28, and e-bridge had built a 51-31 lead over GB-Hackett. The other two matches were much more one-sided, with England leading Australia, 60-15, and Sweden ahead 97-32 against Japan (Ohno).

For the second segment, our featured match will be the closest of the four, Argentina/Australia (hereafter known as A/A, connotations left to your discretion) vs Indonesia, two four-man teams. Readers are invited to check the e-bridge Internet site (www.e-bridgemaster.com) under Essentials/Personalities for photos and bio information on most of these gladiators and to follow the entire NEC Festival on Vugraph.

Second Session (Boards 17-32):

Bd: 17	North	
Dlr: North	♠ K985	
Vul: None	♥ KJ98	
	♦ 6	
	♣ QJ74	
West		East
♠ AQJ104		♠ 76
♥ 7		♥ AQ1053
♦ 873		♦ K952
♣ 10963		♣ AK
	South	
	♠ 32	
	♥ 642	
	♦ AQJ104	
	♣ 852	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
	Pass	1♣(1)	2♦
Dble*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

(1) 15+

Nonvulnerable, Santje Panelewen decided on a conservative course, passing 2♠ where game had to be a live possibility. Here, where Robert Parasian had only five spades, that proved a good decision. Pablo Lambardi's lead of the ♣Q killed a club trick, and the rest of the play went very well for declarer, who won the first spade finesse, crossed to the ♣K and lost the second. Lambardi should have led a red card at this point but instead played jack and another club. Parasian won, drew trumps, and ducked a diamond to Pablo Ravenna, who was endplayed: plus 140.

Paul Marston/ Ishmael Del'Monte play Moscito system, an aggressive "majors-oriented strong club" system with lots of surrogate openings and relays. Their strong club starts at 15 HCP, so responder tends to bid a bit more conservatively than you might expect when the opponents interfere. Henry Lasut decided to test the Moscito guys early with a weak jump overcall on a five-card suit, an action that would probably be nearly universal in the modern expert game. Marston's double showed values but was not narrowly defined, but when he followed up with 2♠ he limited his hand. East, with a dubious asset in the ♦K, probably should have passed, but he may have reasoned that 2NT would play at least as well as 2♠ (with the lead coming through the ♦K). Lasut led the ♦Q and Ish opted to duck it, a questionable move. Lasut found the good switch to clubs but led the deuce rather than the eight, so Eddy Manoppo played the queen when dummy followed low. Declarer unblocked the other club honor, took a winning spade finesse, and knocked out the ♣J. Manoppo switched to the ♥9 and Del'Monte went up with the ace to repeat the spade finesse. Manoppo's king was a blow but the defenders were going to have a difficult time getting out of their own way. Declarer had discarded a heart on the third club, so Manoppo played king-jack of hearts. Del'Monte could take his remaining hearts but then had to play a diamond. Lasut had to give declarer the ♦K in the end but that was one down; minus 50. 5 IMPs to Indonesia, 33-46.

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J62		
Vul: N/S	♥ 987		
	♦ AJ2		
	♣ J865		
West		East	
♠ Q108		♠ A9	
♥ K104		♥ QJ62	
♦ 1053		♦ Q97	
♣ AK94		♣ 10732	
	South		
	♠ K7543		
	♥ A53		
	♦ K864		
	♣ Q		

Marston also led a high club and shifted to a heart. Lasut started trumps by leading low to the jack and so also lost only two trump tricks. Down one: minus 100. No swing.

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ J4		
Vul: E/W	♥ K1053		
	♦ KQ3		
	♣ J1064		
West		East	
♠ 1092		♠ KQ863	
♥ AJ9		♥ Q4	
♦ A10754		♦ J9	
♣ A7		♣ KQ83	
	South		
	♠ A75		
	♥ 8762		
	♦ 862		
	♣ 952		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
		Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs reached the normal 2♠, the Pablos employing a traditional "weak" forcing notrump auction while the Indonesians, playing Precision, were more involved with a direct space-consuming sequence. Parasian led the ♣K, then found the effective switch to the ♥4. Ravenna lost the diamond finesse and eventually led a trump to his king, going one down: minus 100.



"This clairvoyance thing isn't all it's cracked up to be."

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦(1)	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) Game-forcing inquiry

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After the 12-14 1NT rebid, Parasian/Panelewen's efficiently located the five-three spade fit. Ravenna's lead of the ♥6 (third from an even number) went to the nine, ten, and queen. Declarer took the (losing) heart finesse now, as the ♥A would later take care of his losing diamond. When the black suits behaved perfectly for declarer, he had eleven tricks: plus 650. Marston's 1NT showed 11-14 HCP and denied a five-card major (all limited 4333 hands must be opened 1NT but with 4M432 judgment rules. Del'Monte used Stayman, then bid a direct 4♠, perhaps because he feared one of his two doubletons would be a flaw in notrump (with such a "slow" hand) or that an artificial relay sequence

might attract an unwanted lead-directing double. Lasut's ♠7 lead went to Manoppo's king, and declarer had an easy eleven tricks when Marston produced a very suitable dummy: plus 650. No swing.

Bd: 20	North	
Dlr: West	♠ J62	
Vul: Both	♥ K10972	
	♦ QJ97	
	♣ 9	
West		East
♠ Q10973		♠ K4
♥ 3		♥ QJ4
♦ K864		♦ A103
♣ 1086		♣ J7532
	South	
	♠ A85	
	♥ A865	
	♦ 52	
	♣ AKQ4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	3♦(2)
Pass	4♦(3)	Pass	4♥

All Pass

(1) Hearts; (2) Big fit, weak doubleton

(3) Re-transfer

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦(1)	Pass	4♥

All Pass

(1) Hearts

Ravenna's "super-acceptance" of the heart transfer suited Lambardi well enough, and he was able to place the declaration in the strong hand. Parasian's lead of the ♠9 destroyed dummy's jack and when Ravenna won the first trick he could have succeeded by immediately discarding his spades on the high clubs, and playing a diamond. When he cashed two high hearts first and led a diamond to the ten, Panelewen could draw a third round of trumps and the younger Pablo found himself a trick short. Down one: minus 100.

Marston's 2♠ opening is described as 5-10 HCP, precisely five spades, undisciplined. Quite so. When Manoppo transferred to hearts over his partner's natural 2NT, Lasut relieved the potential pressure by jumping to game, a fair shot with his prime holding. Marston's diamond lead eased declarer's problems somewhat, and there were ten tricks available. When Lasut claimed, it seems the entire table forgot about the ♥Q, and eleven tricks were recorded. Plus 650, and 13 IMPs to Indonesia, tying the match at 46. Would that mysterious IMP make a difference?

Bd: 21	North	
Dlr: North	♠ J72	
Vul: N/S	♥ A105	
	♦ K63	
	♣ A932	
West		East
♠ 984		♠ K105
♥ K7		♥ Q86
♦ 987		♦ QJ1052
♣ KJ754		♣ 108
	South	
	♠ AQ63	
	♥ J9432	
	♦ A4	
	♣ Q6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♦(2)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Drury-fit; (2) Genuine opening

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
	1♦*	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣(1)
Dble	2♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

(1) Inquiry

After Lambardi's conservative pass, he used Drury-fit, learned that Ravenna had a genuine opening (2♥ would have denied one), and suggested notrump, which suited Ravenna well.

Although Panelewen's diamond lead gave Lambardi a few anxious moments, the heart suit was favorably laid out and the ♠K was onside, so he soon had nine tricks: plus 600.



"It's Stayman, unless I have clubs."

Playing a limited system Manoppo was more inclined to open the borderline North hand, and his 1NT rebid showed 12-14 HCP. When Marston risked a double of the artificial 2♣ inquiry he opened up the possibility of minus 760 in 2♣ redoubled, but it didn't happen. Manoppo showed his three-card heart support, and Lasut declared 4♥, which handled nicely for ten tricks: plus 620. 1 IMP to Indonesia, 47-46.

Bd: 22	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 10742	
Vul: E/W	♥ J3	
	♦ A52	
	♣ Q932	
West		East
♠ KJ5		♠ Q96
♥ 6542		♥ Q9
♦ 109		♦ KQJ863
♣ AJ74		♣ 106
	South	
	♠ A83	
	♥ AK1087	
	♦ 74	
	♣ K85	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
		2♦	2♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
		1♠(1)	2♥

All Pass

(1) 6+♦ or 5/4+ ♣+♦, 9-14

It's not often these days that someone is dealt a

textbook weak 2♦ opening and has that club in his bag. Come on down, Santje Panelewen! Ravenna, in 2♥, ducked the diamond lead and Panelewen won the queen to return the ten, trying to describe his spade holding. Just right, I think, with the combination of diamond honors he selected. After drawing trumps Ravenna led the ♣K, taken. Declarer had released a spade from dummy so Parasian should have switched to a spade. Instead he returned...the ♣J. Ravenna followed low and now had two natural club tricks for a spade discard: plus 140.

When you play against Moscito, you need to develop a mind set for the style that allows you a comfort level. Even though 1♠ always shows diamonds, the various hand types are not at all similar, but it's counterproductive to worry about what's going on with the other guys. You have to deal with finding a spade contract in some logical way but you also have to get into the bidding with several types of balanced hands, so the Moscito guys are operating from strength when they open the bidding. General principles get you only so far and you have to pay off to the system in some way early in the auction. The whole exercise in countering these methods can be fun but somehow it never feels that way when you don't have much time to deal with the issues. Here there was nothing to consider and Lasut finished in the same 2♥ as Ravenna. When Lasut led a club to the queen and ducked the ten on the way back, there was no pressure on the defense to attack spades: plus 110. 1 IMP to A/A; tied again at 47.

Bd: 23	North	
Dlr: South	♠ A4	
Vul: Both	♥ AQ10986	
	♦ K943	
	♣ 8	
West		East
♠ J1093		♠ K865
♥ K		♥ 532
♦ J765		♦ 2
♣ 10942		♣ A7653
	South	
	♠ Q72	
	♥ J74	
	♦ AQ108	
	♣ KQJ	

Open Room
 West North East South
 Parasian Lambardi Panelewen Ravenna
 1NT
 Pass 2♦(1) Pass 2♥
 Pass 3♦ Pass 3♥
 Pass 3♠ Pass 4♥
 Pass 5♣ Pass 6♦
 All Pass
 (1) Hearts
 Closed Room
 West North East South
 Marston Manoppo Del'Monte Lasut
 1NT
 Pass 2♦(1) Pass 2♥
 Pass 4♣(2) Pass 4♥
 All Pass
 (1) Hearts; (2) Long hearts, short clubs

Los Pablos conducted a controlled auction to a moderate 6♦. 3♦ was a natural force, 3♥ denied a doubleton heart, 3♠ was a cue-bid, 4♥ was regressive, 5♣ a further cue-bid, 6♦ a choice-of-slams. Panelewen led ace and another club. Tobing followed to the ♦A with the seven but declarer had to be in dummy to take the heart finesse after the third round of trumps, and was doomed when East showed out on the ♦K. Down one: minus 100 for N/S.

Manoppo decided to focus on hearts and opted for a self-supporting splinter 4♣ on the second round. That buried diamonds, which was just as well on this combination, but would have led to South declaring a heart slam, with a spade lead due to set it. Lasut, with a horrible hand on the auction signed off and Manoppo respected that decision. After the lead of the ♠J, Lasut lost a spade and a club for eleven tricks: plus 650. 13 IMPs to Indonesia, ahead now, 60-47.



"See, here's mathematical proof the Precision is superior to Moscito."

Bd: 24	North
Dir: West	♠ 732
Vul: None	♥ AK97
	♦ 6432
	♣ AK
West	East
♠ K86	♠ J1095
♥ 106432	♥ 8
♦ J	♦ AKQ10987
♣ 9865	♣ 3
	South
	♠ AQ4
	♥ QJ5
	♦ 5
	♣ QJ10742

Open Room
 West North East South
 Parasian Lambardi Panelewen Ravenna
 Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣
 Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT
 Pass 3NT All Pass
 Closed Room
 West North East South
 Marston Manoppo Del'Monte Lasut
 Pass 1♦* Pass 2♣
 Pass 2♦(2) Pass 3NT
 Pass Pass Dble All Pass
 (1) Could be balanced minimum unsuitable for 2NT

Ravenna's 2♣ was game-forcing, and Lambardi could rebid 2♥ without showing extra values. Surprisingly, Panelewen didn't double 3NT for a diamond lead. Although, a double might convince N/S to look elsewhere (to make 5♣ declarer must ruff the second diamond high and 4♥ can be made at double dummy unless East leads a spade), the importance of directing the lead justifies the risk in doubling. Parasian led the ♥3 against 3NT: plus 460.

Manoppo's 2♦ rebid did not promise extra length and in that context Lasut's bash at 3NT seems needlessly committal. Del'Monte doubled and got away with it, as he deserved to, perhaps. This would have been a good time for either North or South to redouble to show doubt about diamonds but both stood their ground. Marston was pleased to have a diamond to lead: three down, minus 500. 14 IMPs to A/Arg, 61-60.

Bd: 25	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J10		
Vul: E/W	♥ K9		
	♦ Q86532		
	♣ 752		
West		East	
♠ K7		♠ 952	
♥ Q		♥ AJ87532	
♦ AJ104		♦ K97	
♣ QJ8643		♣ ---	
	South		
	♠ AQ8643		
	♥ 1064		
	♦ ---		
	♣ AK109		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
	2♦	2♥	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
	Pass	1♦(1)	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

(1) 4+♥, 9-14

To have two pairs employing weak 2♦ openings in the same match is truly rare in these Multi-fried times. Panelewen risked 2♥ and Tobing drove to game, albeit with misgivings. Sensing that, perhaps, Ravenna doubled and led the ♠A, continuing with the ♠8. Declarer won the king, ruffed a clubs, and (expecting the ♥K to be with South) ruffed the ♠9 with the ♥Q. Lambardi over-ruffed with the king, gave Ravenna a diamond ruff and fulfilled his partner's fantasy by producing the ♥9 on a fourth round of spades to uppercut an honor, promoting the ♥10 to take the setting trick. One down: minus 200.

Del' Monte's 1♦ opening showed four or more hearts and 9-14 HCP. Marston's 2♣ was limited and suggested length in both minors (as he would have bid 3♣ with just one suit and the same 7-11

points). In the end Marston judged well to let his partner out in 3♥. The play followed similar lines and the uppercut held Ish to nine tricks: plus 140. 8 IMPs to A/A, ahead now, 69-60.

Bd: 26	North		
Dlr: East	♠ Q65		
Vul: Both	♥ Q75		
	♦ J87		
	♣ AJ85		
West		East	
♠ 73		♠ 42	
♥ J6		♥ K9832	
♦ AK109		♦ 6542	
♣ KQ742		♣ 63	
	South		
	♠ AKJ1098		
	♥ A104		
	♦ Q3		
	♣ 109		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
		Pass	1♠
2♣	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
		Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lambardi, with several options over 2♣, tried a natural 2NT, which got him to the best game easily. The club lead led to ten tricks: plus 630.



"Something smells in here and I don't think it's my bridge."

Manoppo decided to try for a penalty with his club stack, and passed 2♣. When Lasut did not oblige by reopening with a double, Manoppo upgraded his hand and jumped to 3NT. Ten tricks here too: plus 630. No swing. Still 69-60 for A/A.

takeout. Manoppo, expecting four-card support, went on to 3♥, where he was treated to a penalty double by Del'Monte. Ish led his singleton club and got two ruffs, and the slow spade trick defeated the contract: minus 100. 6 IMPs to A/A, ahead by 15, 75-60.

Bd: 27	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AQ83		
Vul: None	♥ 10654		
	♦ 8		
	♣ 10874		
West		East	
♠ J942		♠ K105	
♥ 7		♥ QJ93	
♦ KQ104		♦ A9763	
♣ A952		♣ 6	
	South		
	♠ 76		
	♥ AK82		
	♦ J52		
	♣ KQJ3		

Bd: 28	North		
Dlr: West	♠ K753		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q		
	♦ 753		
	♣ K9763		
West		East	
♠ Q82		♠ A1094	
♥ A108543		♥ K76	
♦ A2		♦ Q109	
♣ QJ		♣ A104	
	South		
	♠ J6		
	♥ J92		
	♦ KJ864		
	♣ 852		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
			1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Dble	All Pass

West has just enough that he might want to get into the bidding while the price is right. Once Parasian did not overcall 1♦, he was reluctant to double 2♥ in a live auction, with neither side vulnerable. With ten tricks available in diamonds, selling out to 2♥ was particularly painful. Panelewen's spade lead worked badly and when Parasian took the first club and played two rounds of diamonds, Lambardi had the timing for nine easy tricks: plus 140.

Although Lasut's catch-all 1♦ opening didn't mean much it certainly didn't deny diamonds, so Marston had no security when he doubled 2♥ for

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
1♥	Pass	2♣(1)	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Artificial, usually balanced

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
1♦(1)	Pass	1♥(2)	Pass
2♠(3)	Pass	2NT(2)	Pass
3♣(4)	Pass	3♦(2)	Dble
Pass(5)	Pass	4♦(6)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) 4+♥, 9-14; (2) Relay; (3) 6+♥, low "shortage"
 (4) 3622; (5) 6 slam points or less (A=3/K=2)
 (6) End signal, puppet to 4♥

Panelewen's 2♣ was artificial, adding some definition to other two-over-one responses. The partnership stopped smoothly in game after Panelewen relinquished captancy. Tobing ducked the club opening to his queen, then passed up restricted choice play in hearts because he wanted to retain the lead to repeat the club finesse to discard a diamond. Eleven tricks: plus 450.

The Moscito dudes relayed their way to 4♥ (it's possible that the annotations above are correct, but we make no promises). Lasut led a trump and Del'Monte took eleven tricks too: plus 450 and no swing. A/A, 75-60.

Bd: 29	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J874		
Vul: Both	♥ 10		
	♦ A10543		
	♣ KJ9		
West		East	
♠ A105		♠ K93	
♥ AJ64		♥ KQ95	
♦ KQ2		♦ 87	
♣ AQ4		♣ 8532	
	South		
	♠ Q62		
	♥ 8732		
	♦ J96		
	♣ 1076		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	2NT(1)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Limit raise, four trumps

4♥ is a good contract but it's not exactly laydown on the unfriendly lie of the cards. Both Norths led a spade, however, which allowed declarer to avoid a spade loser (else it would have been necessary to develop the long club).

Incidentally, Moscito reverts to a standard base in fourth seat, which explains Marston's natural four-card 1♥ opening. In the end-game, Manoppo unguarded his ♣K in an effort to defeat the game and Marston duly dropped it to secure an eleventh trick: plus 650 and 1 IMP to Australia/Argentina, ahead by 16, 76-60.

Bd: 30	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J752		
Vul: None	♥ 1074		
	♦ K9		
	♣ A875		
West		East	
♠ 943		♠ AQ86	
♥ J9532		♥ Q	
♦ 64		♦ A10532	
♣ KJ2		♣ Q43	
	South		
	♠ K10		
	♥ AK86		
	♦ QJ87		
	♣ 1096		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
		1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Panelewen's four-three 1♠ was a decent contract. Ravenna led the ♠K, reasonably enough, trying to cut down a possible scramble. Declarer took seven tricks for plus 80.



"Now repeat after me. 'Our father...'"

Del'Monte's 1♥ opening showed 9-14 HCP, and at least four spades. 2♥ was a mild overbid in the system, which gives you some idea about how little it takes to do a lot of bidding in Moscito. 2♥ was no fun to play and the defense gave nothing away. Marston was held to one spade, two hearts, and one club: down four. Minus 200 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia, 67-76.

Bd: 31	North	
Dlr: South	♠ J9874	
Vul: N/S	♥ ---	
	♦ KQ7	
	♣ AQ943	
West		East
♠ A1062		♠ KQ3
♥ A9764		♥ K82
♦ A1064		♦ J93
♣ ---		♣ 10872
	South	
	♠ 5	
	♥ QJ1053	
	♦ 852	
	♣ KJ65	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
			Pass
1♥	2♥(1)	Dble	2NT(2)
Pass	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double

(1) Spades and a minor;(2) Which minor?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
			Pass
1♦(1)	2♠(2)	Dble*	3♣
All Pass			

(1) 4+♥, 9-14; (2) Spades and clubs

4♥ is perhaps a trifle pushy, but it's a good contract. Not quite as good when it's doubled, however. Lambardi led a spade, blowing a trick, and despite the bad trump break Tobing was able to piece together nine tricks by eventually discarding a diamond from dummy on the long spade to avoid the second diamond finesse: minus 100.

2♠ was not alerted on one side of the screen, so the Aussies were in a potential damage situation, but when they sold out to 3♣ and went minus 110 they decided not to appeal because they believed that they could not make 3♥, and they might have reached four, like Panelewen/Tobing. If 4♥ had been makeable, Indonesia would have snatched the lead 79 to 76 (pending an appeal). As it was: A/A led by 9 IMPs, 76-67, with one board remaining in the session.

Bd: 32	North	
Dlr: West	♠ AK1065	
Vul: E/W	♥ AK2	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ A62	
West		East
♠ 3		♠ Q972
♥ Q98		♥ 107654
♦ K753		♦ 1042
♣ Q7543		♣ 10
	South	
	♠ J84	
	♥ J3	
	♦ J986	
	♣ KJ98	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parasian	Lambardi	Panelewen	Ravenna
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥(1)	Pass	2♠(2)
Pass	2NT(3)	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Two-way; (2) Which?; (3) Balanced, strong

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Marston	Manoppo	Del'Monte	Lasut
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	2♥(2)
Pass	3NT(3)	Pass	6NT

All Pass

(1) Weak 2♥ or weak 2♠ or strong, balanced

(2) Pass or correct; (3) 25-27

In the Argentinian auction Lambardi used a two-step approach to 2NT to show 23-24 points. Ravenna settled in 3NT, giving up on the possibility of a close minor-suit slam. Lambardi cashed out for nine tricks: plus 400 for N/S.

Manoppo decided to upgrade his hand, holding all four aces, and the good five-card suit. His jump to 3NT convinced Lasut to take a shot at 6NT. On the lie of the cards that was too high and on a heart lead, Manoppo finished three down: minus 150. 11 IMPs to A/A, who won the set 41-39. With 16 deals remaining in the match, the A/A lead was 20 IMPs, 87-67.

In the other matches, Sweden was virtually home and dry, leading Japan (Ohno) 136-40, England could make the same claim against Australia leading 104-19, but GB-Hackett vs e-bridge was still wide open, the Brits leading 67-58.

The NEC Cup Quarter-finals

by Rich Colker

With sixteen boards to play, GB-Hackett (Paul, Jason, Justin Hackett, B. Mavromichalis, John Armstrong) led Team e-bridge (Sam Lev, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Gawrys, Pinhas Romik) 67-58. It was still anyone's match.

Third Session (Boards 33-48):

Bd: 33	North	
Dlr: North	♠ AJ72	
Vul: None	♥ A7	
	♦ AJ3	
	♣ 10853	
West		East
♠ 6		♠ Q4
♥ Q6532		♥ KJ10
♦ KQ75		♦ 1062
♣ KJ7		♣ AQ964
	South	
	♠ K109853	
	♥ 984	
	♦ 984	
	♣ 2	

was a transfer, and 3♥ was a "super-acceptance" with a doubleton heart. Armstrong was having none of that and promptly signed off in 3♠, which was already an ambitious contract. John won the heart lead, drew three rounds of trumps (checking for lurkers?) as Lev discarded two hearts and Mohan a club, then played the ♦8 and when Lev ducked, passed it to Mohan's ten. He finished with nine tricks; plus 140. In the Closed Room Pszczola opened a Polish Club and Gawrys responded 1♦ (usually negative). Since a 1NT rebid would have shown 18-20, Pszczola's major-suit rebid could have been on a three-card suit. Even so, this incited Gawrys to invite with 3♠. Since where there are nine tricks there are often ten, Pszczola carried on to game and must have been relieved upon seeing dummy that one of its red suits was not exchanged for its clubs. Even so, game still required a minor miracle (both diamond honors or honor-ten doubleton onside) and the lead of the ♦6 must have given Pszczola hope. He took the queen with the ace, drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy and played a second diamond. When the king appeared he claimed ten tricks, plus 420, and 7 IMPs for Team e-bridge.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the Open Room Papa's 1NT was 14-16, 2♥



"Is this going to be another one of those 'the one that got away' stories?"

Bd: 34	North
Dlr: East	♠ AJ9
Vul: N/S	♥ AJ954
	♦ A97
	♣ K2
West	East
♠ KQ10842	♠ 73
♥ 2	♥ KQ87
♦ 105	♦ KJ64
♣ A986	♣ Q107
	South
	♠ 65
	♥ 1063
	♦ Q832
	♣ J543



Bd: 35	North
Dlr: South	♠ 108654
Vul: E/W	♥ 8
	♦ AK4
	♣ 10752
West	East
♠ K	♠ QJ932
♥ KQ7543	♥ J9
♦ Q93	♦ J7
♣ AK3	♣ QJ98
	South
	♠ A7
	♥ A1062
	♦ 108652
	♣ 64

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
		Pass	Pass
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
		1♥	Pass
1♠	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Lev's third-seat preempt propelled Papa-John into an unmakeable game. Mohan led a spade to the ten and Papa's jack. Papa played a diamond to the queen and Lev's ten (Smith Echo or unblock?) and took a losing heart finesse. Back came a second spade to the queen and ace and when the ♥A drew air the handwriting was on the wall. Papa had nothing better to do than knock out the other high heart and now a club to Lev's ace allowed him to cash out his spades for three down; minus 300. In the Closed Room the twins bought the hand for 2♠ and made it with an overtrick when Pszczola led the ♣K and rose with the ♥A at trick two, providing discards for Justin's remaining club losers; plus 140. 4 IMPs to e-bridge, leading GB-Hackett 11-0.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Looking at that East hand it would never occur to me to raise 3♥ to four, but then that's probably why I'm sitting here writing this rather than playing bridge. Of course West's 3♥ bid is not a thing of beauty either. It seems that everyone here got the result they deserved: a minus score. In the Open Room Papa led the ♦A and shifted to a spade to the ace. Armstrong's diamond return guaranteed a set immediately. Down two, minus 200. In the Closed Room Pszczola played ace, king and a third diamond but all roads led to down one; minus 100. 3 IMPs to GB-Hackett, trailing 11-3.

Bd: 36	North
Dlr: West	♠ K109
Vul: Both	♥ AQ3
	♦ A7432
	♣ Q7
West	East
♠ 7632	♠ 54
♥ K108	♥ J976
♦ K95	♦ J
♣ 652	♣ AKJ1083
	South
	♠ AQJ8
	♥ 542
	♦ Q1086
	♣ 94

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Papa-John's 2♣ was Puppet Stayman, but both N/S pairs reached 3NT off the whole club suit. And both East's led their suits from the top for a two-down push. Still e-bridge 11, GB-Hackett 3.

Bd: 37	North
Dlr: North	♠ KQ9762
Vul: N/S	♥ A98
	♦ A83
	♣ 4
West	East
♠ AJ54	♠ 8
♥ 107	♥ K632
♦ KQ104	♦ J97
♣ KJ7	♣ Q8652
	South
	♠ 103
	♥ QJ54
	♦ 652
	♣ A1093

Open/Closed Rooms

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

There was nothing to the play really except for North's view of the trump suit. In the Open Room Papa played a spade to the nine and lost only one trump trick while in the Closed Room Pszczola played a trump to the king and had to lose two of them. 1 IMP to Hackett, trailing now 11-4.

Bd: 38	North
Dlr: East	♠ J10842
Vul: E/W	♥ Q96
	♦ 63
	♣ QJ9
West	East
♠ AQ753	♠ K6
♥ KJ10	♥ 3
♦ 10	♦ AKQJ984
♣ A1086	♣ K74
	South
	♠ 9
	♥ A87542
	♦ 752
	♣ 532

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
		1♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

With 6♦ cold from either seat and 6NT cold from the West side and requiring a heart guess (on a low heart lead—right!) from the East seat, all that was at stake here was a few IMPs for overtricks and minor-notrump scoring differences. Papa led

the ♡A in the Open Room and the hand was over quickly; plus 1370. Pszczola, on lead from the other side in the Closed Room, tried the ♠J and succumbed to a black-suit squeeze to yield 1470. 3 IMPs to Hackett, trailing 11-7.

Bd: 39	North
Dlr: South	♠ AQ8
Vul: Both	♡ 7
	◇ K9432
	♣ AK92
West	East
♠ 10953	♠ K642
♡ AQ10983	♡ J5
◇ 6	◇ Q1075
♣ Q3	♣ 654
	South
	♠ J7
	♡ K642
	◇ AJ8
	♣ J1087

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
			Pass
2◇*	Dble*	2♡*	Dble
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
			Pass
2♡	Dble	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

John say tomAto, Piotr says tomahto, John says 3NT, Piotr says 5♣. The result was a push at plus 600. Lev led the ♠5 against 3NT, and John played low in case that was Lev's suit. Mohan won the king and back came the ♡J, ducked, then the ♡5, ducked again. When Lev cashed the ♡A at trick four the hand was over. Justin led his singleton ◇6 against 5♣ and Gawrys won, drew trump (no finesse), ruffed the fifth diamond good, and took the losing spade finesse. Still e-bridge 11, GB-Hackett 7.

Bd: 40	North
Dlr: West	♠ 74
Vul: None	♡ AQ
	◇ AQJ6
	♣ AQ1052
West	East
♠ 109	♠ AJ653
♡ KJ10	♡ 76542
◇ 9753	◇ K2
♣ K873	♣ 9
	South
	♠ KQ82
	♡ 983
	◇ 1084
	♣ J64

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
Pass	1♣*	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Papa's 3NT rebid denied a four-card major. Both declarers received spade leads and both took the diamond finesse and ended with ten tricks. No swing. Still e-bridge 11, GB-Hackett 7.

Bd: 41	North
Dlr: North	♠ J96
Vul: E/W	♡ QJ72
	◇ J864
	♣ 43
West	East
♠ A107	♠ 543
♡ 86	♡ 953
◇ 972	◇ KQ53
♣ QJ976	♣ A102
	South
	♠ KQ82
	♡ AK104
	◇ A10
	♣ K85

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Papa-John's auction was another Puppet one and they located their four-four heart fit in one more round of bidding than would regular Stayman users. Pszczola/Gawrys had a Polish club auction (the 1NT rebid was 18-20) to the same contract. Both Wests led the ♣Q and both Easts won the ace and shifted to a spade. A push at 420. Still e-bridge 11, GB-Hackett 7.



"And on this one I was very unlucky ...trumps split seven-one!"

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
		2♠*	Dble
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
		1♠	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Mohan's 2♠ was weak and showed two suits (his convention card doesn't say which two suits, but we presume spades and a minor as 2♥ could be used with both majors). Papa's 2NT was the start of Lebensohl but John knew where he wanted to be and went there—without passing Go. There was little to the play with only a spade, a diamond and a trump to lose on the indicated spade lead; plus 620. Same game, same lead, same score (plus 620) in the Closed Room. Still 11-7 e-bridge.

Bd: 42	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 632	
Vul: Both	♥ 873	
	♦ K1053	
	♣ K64	
West		East
♠ 1085		♠ KQ974
♥ J62		♥ Q
♦ A62		♦ QJ974
♣ J1082		♣ 75
	South	
	♠ AJ	
	♥ AK10954	
	♦ 8	
	♣ AQ93	

Bd: 43	North	
Dlr: South	♠ K1032	
Vul: None	♥ 9743	
	♦ Q5	
	♣ QJ7	
West		East
♠ AQJ64		♠ 97
♥ K108		♥ J6
♦ 72		♦ AJ864
♣ 954		♣ A1086
	South	
	♠ 85	
	♥ AQ52	
	♦ K1093	
	♣ K32	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
			1♥
1♠	2♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
			1♣*
1♠	1NT	All Pass	

Mohan's double was responsive and Lev chose to compete with his good suit and well-positioned ♠K facing what promised to be some useful values. Papa led the ♥4 and John won and switched to a trump, jack, king. Papa played another heart to the jack, queen and king. Lev ducked a diamond to John who played a second spade as Lev drew two more trumps. When the diamonds failed to behave he had to lose three tricks in the minors to go with his heart and two spades for one down, minus 50.

Pszczola preferred 1NT to a negative double (I agree) and Jason led the ♠9 to the jack and king. Pszczola erred by leading the ♣J (a spade or a diamond would both have resulted in a plus score), ducked, and he then tried the heart finesse. Justin won and found one of only three plays (along with either of his low spades) to allow the contract to make—the ♥10—, low, jack...low! Was Pszczola snoozing or did he just miss a heart card? Jason now proved that he may have been the only player still awake at the table by switching accurately to the ♠7. Justin now revived, cashed his two top spades, and exited with a club, ducked to the king. Pszczola cashed his remaining hearts but it was already too late. Jason had to come to a diamond and two clubs to go with the two tricks in each major the defense already had in for one down, plus 50. 3 IMPs to Hackett, decreasing e-bridge's lead to 1 IMP at 11-10.



"Oh all right, I'll autograph it but -2,800 really isn't anything to be proud of."

Bd: 44	North
Dlr: West	♠ AKQ65
Vul: N/S	♥ K542
	♦ Q5
	♣ 84
West	East
♠ 983	♠ 1072
♥ J106	♥ Q98
♦ AJ62	♦ 8
♣ Q32	♣ A109765
	South
	♠ J4
	♥ A73
	♦ K109743
	♣ KJ

Open/Closed Rooms

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

If you enjoyed your brief visit to the Twilight Zone in Friday's Bulletin, and the previous deal aroused your interest in the paranormal, then pay attention to the following.

Both Wests led the ♥J against South's 3NT and the defenses were identical for the first five tricks. South won the ♥A, led a diamond to the queen, and a diamond to the king and ace. West continued with the ♥10, ducked in dummy and overtaken with the queen. East now switched to the ♣10 and both declarers misguessed by inserting the jack. In the Open Room Lev won the queen, cashed the ♦J, and played a second club to Mohan's ace. But Mohan missed seeing Armstrong's king fall and switched to the ♠10. At least the defense had already taken five tricks so that was down one, minus 100. In the Closed Room Justin won the ♣J with his queen and played Jason for heart length and declarer for either the ♣A or club length. So he switched back to his ♥6 and now Gawrys sat up in his chair, said thank you, and took his five spades, three hearts, and diamond for plus 600. That was 12 IMPs to Team e-bridge, making the score e-bridge 23, GB-Hackett 10.

Bd: 45	North
Dlr: North	♠ Q43
Vul: Both	♥ J753
	♦ 1063
	♣ 832
West	East
♠ 952	♠ A87
♥ 42	♥ KQ1098
♦ AJ42	♦ Q98
♣ KJ106	♣ 95
	South
	♠ KJ106
	♥ A6
	♦ K75
	♣ AQ74

Bd: 46	North
Dlr: East	♠ K
Vul: None	♥ AKQ10
	♦ 9876
	♣ K965
West	East
♠ Q95	♠ 742
♥ 954	♥ 86
♦ QJ542	♦ K10
♣ 73	♣ AQJ1084
	South
	♠ AJ10863
	♥ J732
	♦ A3
	♣ 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
	Pass	Pass	1NT

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Papa-John play 15-17 notrumps in third and fourth seats, not that that had anything to do with Papa's pass. Lev led the ♣J and Armstrong probably had a bit of fun by ducking. Lev continued the ♣6 and was likely surprised to see the queen win the trick. Armstrong led a spade to the queen and ace and Mohan switched to the ♥Q, won by the ace. After three round of spades Armstrong cashed his ♣A and that was his last trick; down one, minus 100. In the Closed Room Jason's light 1♥ opening put Pszczola between a rock and a hard place. He had to bid a three-card suit and kept the auction as low as possible with 1♠. But Gawrys had too much in reserve to let the auction die in 1♠ when as little as queen-fifth of spades and the jack-ten of clubs might produce game. The defense was mostly irrelevant since Pszczola had seven losers and the defenders managed to get them all for two down, minus 200. 3 more IMPs to GB-Hackett to reduce the margin to 23-13.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
		1♣	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

It looks as if there ought to be twelve tricks in hearts, but looks are deceiving and there just is no way to do it with the ♣A offside, South's poor heart spots and his lack of a late entry. Papa-John eased their way into the contract and discovered too late that the resources were inadequate. Minus 50. In the Closed Room Pszczola-Gawrys were not as ambitious and never got past the four level. That was plus 450 and 11 more IMPs for e-bridge, increasing their lead to 21 Imps at 34-13. With only two boards to go things were looking grim for the Hackett squad. Still, two big swings could certainly turn the trick.



Bd: 47	North
Dlr: South	♠ J10875
Vul: N/S	♥ 92
	♦ 75
	♣ J1094
West	East
♠ A643	♠ KQ2
♥ K75	♥ 10843
♦ 98	♦ KJ632
♣ AK72	♣ 3
	South
	♠ 9
	♥ AQJ6
	♦ AQ104
	♣ Q865

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
Dble	Pass	1♥	All Pass

The South hand presents a classic problem for four-card majorities. It's a bit too strong for a 1NT rebid (which would show roughly 11-13), even if one is comfortable bidding it with a singleton in partner's suit (I am, but Papa tells me that in their system it is forbidden), and after a minor-suit rebid partner may play you for five hearts and take a preference on a doubleton, as here. Papa also pointed out that their systematic rebid with South's hand pattern is 2♣ but for some unknown reason John failed to register that he had four clubs. In the immortal words of the late Yul Brenner, "Tis a puzzlement." The defense started with three rounds of clubs, ruffed by Mohan, followed by a heart to the queen and king and another club ruff. I think you'll agree that this was not an auspicious beginning for poor John. Mohan exited with his last heart to prevent any diamond ruffs in dummy and in the fullness of time E/W collected a spade and two diamonds for three down, minus 300. In the Closed Room the shoe was on the other foot as the twins declared a heart partial. Well, at least it

was "all in the family." On the lead of a low club Jason cashed the ♣AK, ruffed a club, then tried ♠K and a spade to the ace, Gawrys discarding his last club. Now Jason played a third spade to the queen as Gawrys ruffed and played ace and a second heart. Jason won the king and tried a diamond to the jack and queen. Now Gawrys drew a third round of trumps with the jack and had to exit with a low diamond, allowing Jason to score his seventh trick in that suit; plus 80. 6 more IMPs to e-bridge, leading now 40-13 with one deal to go. The strains of the Fat Lady's song could now be heard echoing in the hallways of the Pacifico.

Bd: 48	North
Dlr: West	♠ AK3
Vul: E/W	♥ KQ62
	♦ K106
	♣ A32
West	East
♠ 952	♠ QJ4
♥ 83	♥ AJ1075
♦ A9875	♦ J3
♣ Q97	♣ K85
	South
	♠ 10876
	♥ 94
	♦ Q42
	♣ J1064

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Hackett	Mohan	Armstrong
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Pszczola	Jason	Gawrys
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Against Papa's 2NT Mohan started the ♥J, won by the king. Papa took his first shot by playing ace-king and a third spade and Mohan found himself on lead once again. Ace and another heart solved that problem. In once again Papa exited with his last heart and Mohan won, cashed his last heart, and got out with a club. That established a sixth trick for the defense and Papa ended one down for minus 50. A depressing finish to a thoroughly disgusting session for père Hackett. In the Closed

Room Pszczola's Polish Club system kept him at the one level and Jason chose to start the proceedings with the ♠Q lead. Pszczola played along the same lines as Papa, cashing the ♠AK and exiting with his third spade. Jason tried a low heart and was saved from embarrassment when Pszczola failed to put up the nine and Justin's eight forced the king. A diamond to the queen lost to the ace and back came a second heart to Jason's ten. Ace and a heart then put Pszczola back on lead and with nothing better to

do he resignedly plunked the ♦K on the table. Lo and behold the ♦J fell in the hushed silence of the playing room and Pszczola had his seventh trick for a nifty plus 90 and 4 more IMPs for Team e-bridge. The final session tally was 44-13 in favor of e-bridge.

e-bridge pulled off a come-from-behind victory as they move on to the 2001 NEC Cup semi-finals, the final match score being, e-bridge 102, GB-Hackett 80. Congratulations to the winners.

The NEC Cup Semifinals

by Eric Kokish

England (**Senior/Ericksen, Fawcett/Liggins**) and Sweden (**Sundelin/Sylvan, Fallenius/Lindkvist**) had won their quarterfinal matches by wide margins, e-bridge and Argentina/Australia more narrowly. It was perhaps surprising, then, that England opted to face the Scandinavians in the semis. Thus, it would be e-bridge (**Lev/Mohan, Gawrys/Pszczola**) versus Argentina/Australia (**Lambardi/Ravenna, Marston/Del'Monte**) in the other match.

First Session (Boards 1-16):

Bd: 1	North
Dlr: North	♠ J109
Vul: None	♥ 974
	♦ A8
	♣ 86432
West	East
♠ 8764	♠ 2
♥ 862	♥ AQ3
♦ 10942	♦ KQJ7653
♣ AK	♣ J9
	South
	♠ AKQ53
	♥ KJ105
	♦ ---
	♣ Q1075

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♦	2♠	4♦	4♥
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ericksen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♦	2♠	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

With spades four-one, would South make 4♠ on repeated diamond leads? Perhaps. Win the ♦A, throwing a heart, lead a club, ruff the second diamond, play a club. If West plays a diamond, ruff in dummy, throw a heart, lead a heart. East can't do anything positive. If West switches to a trump after one force, win in dummy and lead a heart. 4♠ is cold if you play for this black-suit distribution. Still, wouldn't you rather defend 4♠ with a chance to go plus than concede 300 in 5♦ doubled?

The auction was clearly forcing for Fawcett/Liggins so you can see why Liggins would double 5♦. There was no force for the Swedes at the other table, however, and Fallenius, limited by his failure to open 1♣, was not doubling for penalty but to suggest extra offense.

In the other match, the Poles pulled off a coup simply by bidding naturally:

A/A vs e-bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Marston	Pszczola	Del'Monte
	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♦	Dble
3♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Lev	Ravenna	Mohan
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♦	2♠	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

So it's not a great suit — but spades were invented to be bid. Plus 110 for Pszczola, and 9 IMPs to e-bridge.

Bd: 2	North
Dlr: East	♠ K1072
Vul: N/S	♥ A1085
	♦ 65
	♣ K83
West	East
♠ QJ63	♠ A9854
♥ KQ32	♥ J76
♦ K97	♦ Q10
♣ J6	♣ AQ4
	South
	♠ ---
	♥ 94
	♦ AJ8432
	♣ 109752

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
		1♠	Pass
2NT(1)	Pass	3♣(2)	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) 3+♠, Invitational+; (2) Minimum

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
		1♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

A seven- and eight-loser hand needn't combine to produce a ten-trick game, so the decisions of England's E/W pair look pretty good on paper, particularly nonvulnerable.

Senior made three when he cashed the trump ace: plus 140.

Sylvan took the view that even if game weren't a good contract, it wasn't worth the effort to try to

stop on a dime. There is much in that, of course. When the ♣K turned up onside at trick one, Sundelin thought it worthwhile to safety-play trumps, leading low from hand. Bravo. Liggins took the jack with his king to break diamonds, and now Sundelin had plenty of time to go about his business: plus 420. 7 IMPs to Sweden.

In the other match, Gawrys drove to game with the West hand, Ravenna with the East (if my guess about their methods is correct). Neither Pszczola nor Ravenna started trumps by cashing the ace so both came to ten tricks, flat at plus 420.

Board 3 was everyone's ten-trick 3NT.

Bd: 4	North
Dlr: West	♠ 87
Vul: Both	♥ AQ864
	♦ K2
	♣ AJ62
West	East
♠ KQ3	♠ AJ52
♥ KJ3	♥ 7
♦ 984	♦ Q10763
♣ K943	♣ 1075
	South
	♠ 10964
	♥ 10952
	♦ AJ5
	♣ Q8

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
1♣(1)	1♥	Dble*	3♥*
All Pass			
(1) 11-13 BAL or any 17+			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
1♣	1♥	Dble*	3♥*
All Pass			

Either South is too strong for a preemptive raise, or he's not. Even with a trump loser 4♥ is well worth bidding and our declarers took 11 (Liggins) and 10 (Lindkvist) tricks. 1 IMP to Sweden, 1-7.

Did anyone do something inferior? South has no trump honor and no singleton and the ♣Q doesn't look like an asset. So he's got an ace. He is vulnerable after all. Purists might scoff at 3♥ but I can't bring myself to point a finger at it. And I can't see why North should bid game with his moderate balanced hand, either. Maybe this combination is just too tough ...

A/A vs e-bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Marston	Pszczola	Del'Monte
1♣(1)	1♥	1♠	2♥

All Pass

(1) F1, Polish-style

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Lev	Ravenna	Mohan
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass

...Until you look at the uncontested Lev/Mohan sequence, which looks remarkably straightforward for a pair of hands we're struggling with. Had Marston tried for game, Ish would surely have bid it. 9 IMPs to e-bridge, 18-0.

The bottom line, then? Maybe 3♥ isn't such a good idea, after all. Someone might care to run a simulation on this one.

Bd: 5	North	
Dlr: North	♠ 943	
Vul: N/S	♥ ---	
	♦ AK10986	
	♣ K732	
West		East
♠ 2		♠ QJ1087
♥ J10975		♥ AKQ2
♦ 52		♦ QJ
♣ AQ654		♣ 108
	South	
	♠ AK65	
	♥ 8643	
	♦ 743	
	♣ J9	

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
	1♦	1♠	Dble*
1NT(1)	2♦	All Pass	

(1) Clubs

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
	1♦(1)	1♠	Dble*
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass

3♥ All Pass

(1) 4+♦, 11-16, unbalanced

With heart length marked in the South hand, neither Sundelin nor Sylvan was willing to bid the suit. Liggins deduced from this inactivity that diamonds were likely to be two-two, won the spade lead, played the top trumps, and led the first club from hand: plus 130.

Senior hit a home run by doubling 2♦ for takeout with a hand containing more ugly features than pretty ones. Erichsen gave him plenty of room by bidding only 3♥ and that's all he made: plus 140. 7 IMPs to England, 8-7.

A/A vs e-bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Marston	Pszczola	Del'Monte
	1♠(1)	2♠	All Pass

(1) 9-14, 6♦ or 5/4+ both minors

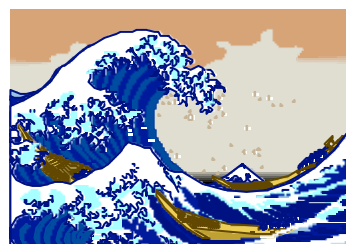
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Lev	Ravenna	Mohan
	1♦	1♠	Dble
1NT(1)	2♦	2NT	3♦

All Pass

(1) Clubs

Moscito jockeyed the Poles into 2♠, which went one down: minus 50. Lev took ten tricks in diamonds although he lost a trump trick: plus 130. 2 IMPs to e-bridge, 20-0.



Bd: 6	North
Dlr: East	♠ AK542
Vul: E/W	♥ K4
	♦ K43
	♣ K32
West	East
♠ J109	♠ --
♥ QJ96	♥ 10752
♦ 1076	♦ J985
♣ J105	♣ Q9876
	South
	♠ Q8763
	♥ A83
	♦ AQ2
	♣ A4

spade transfer. North checked on this and that before blasting into 7♠, but he was likely to catch a red queen on the auction. That proved to be a 17-IMP gain for e-bridge because Marston/Del'Monte, left to their relays very early in the auction, reached 7NT and went down. A request for clarification did not seem discreet. Forgive us. After six deals, e-bridge led 37-0.



"Try not to look at me."

England vs Sweden Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
Pass	2♥*	Pass	1NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	Pass	6♠
Pass		All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	5♣	Pass	4NT*
Pass	7♠	Pass	5♦
Pass		All Pass	

Without being privy to all the ramifications of these two sequences I would say that the Swedish relay auction gives the impression that North knew what South had when he jumped to 7♠. In the British auction, after clearing up the key cards and trump queen and South's lack of side kings, Liggins shot out the grand. Good job. No swing.

In the other match, the e-bridge South player showed his doubleton club in super-accepting the

Bd: 7	North
Dlr: South	♠ 109874
Vul: Both	♥ 10874
	♦ J2
	♣ AJ
West	East
♠ QJ	♠ A32
♥ KQJ6	♥ 5
♦ KQ1076	♦ 9843
♣ 106	♣ KQ743
	South
	♠ K65
	♥ A932
	♦ A5
	♣ 9852

England vs Sweden Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
1♦	Dble*	Rdbl	1♥
Dble	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
1♦	Pass	2♥(2)	1♣(1)
3♦	All Pass		Pass

- (1) 11-13 BAL, any 17+, or short ♦, 11-16
- (2) Splinter raise to 3♦

Erichsen made four after two rounds of clubs, Sylvan three after a spade lead. 1 IMP to England, 9-7.

A/A vs e-bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Marston	Pszczola	Del'Monte

	1NT		
Dble	2♥(1)	3♣	All Pass

(1) Spades

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lambardi	Lev	Ravenna	Mohan

	Pass	3♥(1)	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♥(1)	Pass

3NT All Pass

(1) Splinter

Moscito jockeyed the Poles into the wrong partscore, but Del'Monte led his partner's suit and Pszczola escaped with plus 110. At the other table, 3NT was just a trifle high, but it came close to making. Spade lead to the king, spade to the jack, club to the king, diamond to the king, club. Lev won the ace and put Mohan in with the ♥A to knock out the ♣K. The ♣8 was the setting trick: minus 100. 6 IMPs to e-bridge, 43-0.

Bd: 8	North
Dlr: West	♠ 73
Vul: None	♥ J65
	♦ J103
	♣ QJ1087
West	East
♠ QJ986	♠ K104
♥ K1082	♥ 943
♦ 9765	♦ Q84
♣ ---	♣ K532
	South
	♠ A52
	♥ AQ7
	♦ AK2
	♣ A964

All the Souths declared 3NT, Fallenius after Erichsen had opened the West hand with a weak two-suited (majors) 2♦, everyone else uncontested. The play was interesting indeed.

Del'Monte won the third spade, played ♦A, ♣A, club, club, club. Pszczola took the *third* club and led the ♥4, but Del'Monte put up the ace, took the clubs, and then took the diamond finesse for plus 400. I shudder to think of the Polish post mortem. Mohan took the third spade and played ♣A, club...heart finesse. Minus 50. Come to think of it, the entire e-bridge post mortem might have been worth filming. 10 IMPs to A/A, 10-43.

Fawcett took the third spade, cashed the ♦A, and played ♣A, club. Sundelin took the ♣K immediately and returned a heart but declarer won, finished clubs, and ran the ♦J: plus 400.

All we can tell you about Fallenius' table is that he went three down, which suggests that he was permitted to use the clubs but cashed ace-king of diamonds before finessing in hearts. 11 IMPs to England; 20-7.

Although there is no reason for declarer to do this, consider how the play might go if he starts a low club rather than the ace. That guarantees four clubs because if East withholds the ♣K, declarer can finesse through him twice and ends in dummy to take the right finesse. How curious!

Bd: 9	North
Dlr: North	♠ K62
Vul: E/W	♥ K5
	♦ 1062
	♣ KQ962
West	East
♠ AJ5	♠ 1097
♥ J1093	♥ Q86
♦ A7	♦ QJ983
♣ J874	♣ A3
	South
	♠ Q843
	♥ A742
	♦ K54
	♣ 105

England vs Sweden

Open Room/Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

The long and short of this one is that Sylvan covered the ♣10 with the jack while Erichsen did not. That was the difference between defeating the contract and allowing an overtrick. 5 IMPs to Sweden, 12-20.

In the other match Lambardi was permitted to open 1♣ in fourth seat with the West hand and finished in 1NT, which he made on the lead of the ♣Q, South unblocking the ten: plus 90. Moscito fetched up in 2♠ the other way after South scrambled to show both majors over North's weak notrump. Minus 50. 1 IMP to A/A, 11-43.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ		
Vul: Both	♥ AK9		
	♦ QJ64		
	♣ KQ75		
West		East	
♠ AJ743		♠ 10962	
♥ 8		♥ QJ753	
♦ AK107		♦ 3	
♣ J32		♣ 1098	
	South		
	♠ 85		
	♥ 10642		
	♦ 9852		
	♣ A64		

England vs Sweden
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Fawcett thought 3♣ was Stayman; Liggins did not. Two diamonds, two ruffs, a spade and a heart: two down, minus 200.

Erichsen won the ♠A, then decided that Lindkvist might have enough tricks in hearts and clubs if the

defense didn't cash out. ♦K to get a count...♦7. Plus 600 for Lindkvist. 13 IMPs to Sweden, 25-20.

In the other match both Easts jumped to 3♠ over North's double. Marston sold out with the North hand, an action I confess to liking a great deal. One down: minus 100. At the other table, Lambardi took a shot at 4♠, which prompted Lev to take a shot at Lambardi. Down 500. 9 IMPs to e-bridge, 52-11.

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AK10952		
Vul: None	♥ 982		
	♦ 32		
	♣ Q6		
West		East	
♠ QJ8		♠ 743	
♥ J6		♥ A1043	
♦ Q985		♦ AK7	
♣ AJ53		♣ 942	
	South		
	♠ 6		
	♥ KQ75		
	♦ J1064		
	♣ K1087		

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
			Pass
1♣(1)	2♠	Dble*	Pass
2NT	All Pass		
(1) 11-13 BAL or any 17+			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
			Pass
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	2♠(2)

All Pass

(1) Multi; (2) Good for hearts, misfit for spades

Fallenius had eight tricks in 2♠: plus 110. Sylvan made two club tricks and two heart tricks in 2NT but never made a spade: minus 50. 2 IMPs to Sweden, 27-20.

Both N/S pairs made a spade partial in the other match, Marston finding a trick more than Lev, 12-52.

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ AK84		
Vul: N/S	♥ J985		
	♦ K1098		
	♣ 10		
West		East	
♠ J1032		♠ Q97	
♥ ---		♥ KQ1042	
♦ A764		♦ 32	
♣ Q7432		♣ KJ9	
	South		
	♠ 65		
	♥ A763		
	♦ QJ5		
	♣ A865		

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ QJ43		
Vul: Both	♥ A84		
	♦ A102		
	♣ 1094		
West		East	
♠ K2		♠ A865	
♥ KQJ		♥ 1063	
♦ 85		♦ QJ96	
♣ KJ8752		♣ 63	
	South		
	♠ 1097		
	♥ 9752		
	♦ K743		
	♣ AQ		

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
Pass	1♦	1♥	2NT

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
Pass	1♦(1)	1♥	1♠(2)
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦

All Pass

(1) 4+♦, 11-16, unbalanced; (2) Not four spades

Neither contract made. No swing at minus 100. In the other match Mohan went minus 100 in 2NT but Marston, after opening 1♦ to show hearts, finished in 3♥. At first glance the horrible break seems fatal, but in practice he got a diamond lead to the ace and a club switch and was soon able to crossruff his way to nine tricks: plus 140. 6 IMPs to A/A, 18-52.

England vs Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Liggins	Sundelin	Fawcett
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥

Pass 1NT All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erichsen	Lindkvist	Senior	Fallenius
	1♣(1)	Pass	1NT

All Pass

(1) Three way 1♣; F1

Fallenius got a club lead around to his queen and drove out the spade honors for plus 90. Liggins got the lead of the ♦Q and could not find a seventh trick: minus 100. 5 IMPs to Sweden, 32-20.

The last three deals were all played in routine games (more or less) at all four tables, with no casualties.

Sweden won the first segment, 33-20. In the other match, e-bridge was off to a good start, leading Argentina/Australia by 34 IMPs, 52-18.