



# NEC Bridge Festival

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## NEC Cup: Standings After Day Two (Six Matches)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>VPs</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>VPs</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>VPs</u>
1	12 e-bridge	122	14	9 Australia	95	27	21 ESPERANZA	83
2	7 Sweden	120	14	17 HANA	95	28	31 2002	82
3	4 England/Norway	118	16	19 OKAY	92	28	37 Koyuzu	82
4	6 England	109	16	22 Three Diamonds	92	30	25 SKOTII	74
5	5 Russia	105	18	3 India	91	31	28 CITRUS	73
6	2 Netherlands	103	19	24 Girasol	90	32	20 PS-JACK	71
6	11 Canada	103	19	26 GEEZER T	90	33	38 My-bridge	70
8	14 GOING AT' EM	101	21	27 HANAGUMI	89	34	32 Merry Queens	66
8	15 PABF Open	101	22	13 Taiwan Amethyst	87	34	33 SWAN	66
10	8 USA	100	22	36 Kinki	87	36	34 K.S.	63
10	23 NAITO	100	24	18 SLAM DUNK	86	37	35 COSMOS	60
12	1 Chinese Taipei	99	25	10 Austria/Denmark	85	38	30 TORNADOS Plus	50
13	16 PABF Women	96	25	29 MATSUBARA	85			

## Today's Starting Times

<u>Match</u>	<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
Swiss 7	10:00-12:50	416-419
Swiss 8	13:10-16:00	416-419
NEC Cup QF1	17:10-20:00	416 & 417

## Tomorrow's Starting Times

<u>Match</u>	<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
NEC Cup QF2	10:00-12:50	416 & 417
Lunch Break	12:50-14:00	
NEC Cup SF1	14:00-16:50	416 & 417
NEC Cup SF1	17:10-20:00	416 & 417

## NEC Cup Bridge Festival on the Web

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

– or –

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

– or –

<http://e-bridgemaster.com>

## NEC Cup 2002: Conditions of Contest

An 8 round Swiss, qualifying the top 8 teams to the Knockout phase; no playbacks.

V.P. Scale            WBF 20-board scale (a copy can be found in the score book provided in your NEC Bridge Festival bag).

Seating Rights        Toss of coin 5 minutes before start of match. Failure will constitute loss of rights.

KO-Phase Seating    The winner of a coin toss has the choice of seating in either of the two 20-board segments. In the four 16-board segments of the final, the choices will alternate over segments.

Swiss Pairings        For the first and second Swiss matches, pairings will be determined by randomly pairing each of the teams numbered 1-19 with one of the teams numbered 20-38. Subsequent match pairings will be based on current VP totals.

Home and visiting    1st numbered team sits N/S in open room, E/W in closed room.

Tie-Breaks            At the end of the Swiss: ties will be broken by the result of the head-to-head match (if one was played) or an IMP quotient otherwise. If more than two teams are involved, WBF 2001 Conditions of Contest procedures will apply.

In the Knockout Phase, the team with the higher position from the Swiss will be assumed to have a ½-IMP carryover.

Systems                No HUM methods will be permitted in this event.  
In the Swiss, no Brown Sticker methods will be permitted.  
In the KO Phase, Brown Sticker methods will be permitted only if filed before the start of the Swiss. Written defenses to such methods may be used at the table.

Length of Matches    2 hours and 50 minutes will be allotted for each 20-board segment (or 2 hours and 20 minutes for each 16-board segment of the final). In addition a 5-minute grace period will be allotted to each team. Overtime and slow play penalties as per WBF 2001 Conditions of Contest.

Appeals                The WBF Code of Practice will be in effect. The Chief Director will have 12C3 authority. Appeals which are found to be without merit may incur a penalty of up to 3 VPs.

Match Scoring        Pick-up slips are to be completed and all match results are to be verified against the official result sheet (posted at the end of each match); score corrections and notifications of appeals will be permitted up until the start of the next session.

KO Draw                The team finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Swiss may choose their opponent from the teams finishing 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> will have their choice of the remaining teams from the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> group. And so on.

In addition, before the start of the Knockout Phase and after all quarter-final draws have been determined, the team that finishes 1<sup>st</sup> in the Swiss chooses their semi-final opponent from any of the other three quarter-final matches.

## Wednesday's Match Results

### Match 4

e-bridge (60)	19-11	ENGLAND/NORWAY(43)
PABF WOMEN (11)	10-20	SWEDEN (37)
AUSTRALIA (29)	5-25	ENGLAND (79)
USA (59)	23-7	INDIA (21)
SLAM DUNK (13)	3-25	RUSSIA (76)
NETHERLANDS (54)	13-17	OKAY (65)
AUSTRIA/DENMARK (42)	16-14	GOING AT 'EM (35)
MATSUBARA (30)	10-20	HANA (54)
KOYUZU (20)	12-18	PABF OPEN (35)
NAITO (59)	13-17	GEEZER T (68)
THREE DIAMONDS (28)	8-22	CHINESE TAIPEI (60)
SWAN (32)	12-18	CITRUS (48)
KINKI (41)	14-16	(K.S. 47)
SKOTII (19)	8-22	(GIRASOL 53)
HANAGUMI (65)	25-4	COSMOS (10)
2002 (11)	1-25	CANADA (86)
MY-BRIDGE (56)	12-18	TAIWAN AMETHYST (70)
PS-JACK (34)	19-11	TORNADOS PLUS (28)
ESPERANZA (34)	10-20	MERRY QUEENS (56)

### Match 5

e-bridge (48)	14-16	ENGLAND (55)
SWEDEN (50)	16-14	USA (42)
ENGLAND/NORWAY (50)	18-12	RUSSIA (37)
PABF WOMEN (49)	20-10	HANA (23)
AUSTRALIA (42)	18-12	OKAY (27)
NETHERLANDS (49)	18-12	PABF OPEN (35)
CHINESE TAIPEI (34)	8-22	GOING AT 'EM (69)
INDIA (41)	17-13	AUSTRIA/DENMARK (29)
HANAGUMI (47)	14-16	GEEZER T (50)
KOYUZU (26)	10-20	CANADA (49)
MATSUBARA (29)	8-22	NAITO (63)
CITRUS (56)	14-16	GIRASOL (62)
SWAN (17)	6-24	SLAM DUNK (64)
K.S. (31)	7-23	THREE DIAMONDS (71)
TAIWAN AMETHYST (67)	18-12	KINKI (52)
SKOTII (54)	20-10	PS-JACK (32)
COSMOS (23)	5-25	MY-BRIDGE (71)
ESPERANZA (74)	23-7	TORNADOS PLUS (37)
MERRY QUEENS (17)	7-23	2002 (55)

### Match 6

SWEDEN (78)	22-8	ENGLAND (46)
USA (20)	5-25	e-bridge (68)
ENGLAND/NORWAY (86)	25-4	PABF WOMEN (32)
GOING AT 'EM (46)	15-15	RUSSIA (44)
NETHERLANDS (53)	20-10	AUSTRALIA (30)
NAITO (62)	19-11	INDIA (42)
CANADA (71)	24-6	SLAM DUNK (27)
OKAY (8)	13-17	HANA (19)
PABF OPEN (58)	23-7	AUSTRIA/DENMARK (21)
THREE DIAMONDS (38)	17-13	GEEZER T (29)
GIRASOL (48)	16-14	HANAGUMI (40)
CITRUS (14)	1-25	CHINESE TAIPEI (93)
KOYUZU (44)	12-18	MATSUBARA (59)
TAIWAN AMETHYST (48)	20-10	SKOTII (24)
KINKI (59)	24-6	MY-BRIDGE (15)
K.S. (26)	2-25	ESPERANZA (93)
2002 (61)	24-6	SWAN (19)
COSMOS (47)	16-14	PS-JACK (42)
TORNADOS PLUS (34)	7-23	MERRY QUEENS (74)

## 7<sup>th</sup> NEC Bridge Festival Daily Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday (Jan. 31)	10:00-12:50	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 7	Room 416-419
	13:10-16:00	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 8	
	17:10-20:00	NEC Cup Quarter-Final 1	Room 416 & 417
Friday (Feb. 1)	10:00-12:50	NEC Cup Quarter-Final 2	Room 416 & 417
	12:50-14:00	Lunch Break	
	14:00-16:50	NEC Cup Semi-Final 1	
	17:10-20:00	NEC Cup Semi-Final 2	
Saturday (Feb. 2)	10:00-12:20	NEC Cup Final 1 & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Playoff	Room 416 & 417
	12:30-14:50	NEC Cup Final 2 & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Playoff	
	16:00-18:20	NEC Cup Final 3	
	18:30-20:50	NEC Cup Final 4	
	10:00-17:00	OUCHI Cup	Room 501 & 502
Sunday (Feb. 3)	10:00-17:00	Asuka Cup	Room 301 & 302
	18:00-19:00	Closing Ceremony	Room 303 & 304

### Manners: A View From the Top

About a year and a half ago the JCBL Manners Committee initiated a Zero Tolerance campaign, based on the successful effort by the ACBL.

The Committee's Chairperson, **Haruko Koshi**, tells us that, "In addition to the obvious bridge skills displayed by the foreign guests at the NEC Bridge Festival, we Japanese are anxious to see good examples of fine manners, courtesy, sportsmanship and ethics. If any of you have encountered a special instance of positive and noteworthy behavior, please report it to the Secretariat.

# NEC Cup Feature Match Four: e-bridge vs England/Norway

by Eric Kokish

At the top of the table after three matches we find the two teams who most strongly believe that they ought to be there: the defending champs and this year's version of Brigitte's Bandits (for this report we'll refer to England/Norway as Mavromichalis).

The match began in partscore mode...

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 92		
Vul: None	♥ 54		
	♦ AQ432		
	♣ J874		
West		East	
♠ KJ53		♠ Q76	
♥ J7		♥ A9862	
♦ J1086		♦ 75	
♣ 1096		♣ AK2	
	South		
	♠ A1084		
	♥ KQ103		
	♦ K9		
	♣ Q53		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
	Pass	1♥	1NT
All Pass			

2♠ was a nasty little contract and **Geir Helgemo** finished three down on a club lead; -150. In the other room **Glenn Groetheim** stretched to overcall 1♥ with 1NT and bought well in two ways: First, **Terje Aa** delivered enough to give 1NT a good play, and second, Aa didn't deign to try for game. Well done, Glenn! The play produced an unusual position that highlights a potential danger in reverse count signals. The lead of the ♥J ran to the king and Groetheim advanced the ♣Q, a good

practical shot. **Krzysztof Jassem** saw no reason to refrain from giving a true count as declarer would usually hold something like KQx or AQx for his club play, so he followed with the ten. All of a sudden, declarer had only two club losers by finessing against the nine on the next round. Groetheim was in splendid shape now and coasted home with eight winners; +120. 1 IMP to **e-bridge**, however.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AK1087		
Vul: N/S	♥ 92		
	♦ 73		
	♣ 7632		
West		East	
♠ Q93		♠ 654	
♥ 85		♥ AQ63	
♦ QJ106		♦ K82	
♣ AJ105		♣ KQ4	
	South		
	♠ J2		
	♥ KJ1074		
	♦ A954		
	♣ 98		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
		1♥	Pass
1NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
		1♣*	1♥
Dbl*	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Helgemo, in 1NT after **Justin Hackett's** 1♥ opening silenced **Bobby Blanchard**, got the lead of the ♠7 from **Sam Lev**. He won the queen and drove out the ♦A; +120, a nice result for Mavromichalis.

Meanwhile, **Piotr Gawrys'** Polish Club opening allowed Groetheim to enter the auction with 1♥ and after that it was awkward for both

Gawrys and Jassem to bid again. Not that it looks so awful for them to be defending against a vulnerable 2♥ with their combined assets. Jassem led the ♥5 to Gawrys' ace and three rounds of clubs followed. Groetheim ruffed and ducked a diamond, committing Gawrys to returning a trump. Groetheim won the jack and cashed the ♥K, Jassem releasing the ♠9. Now Groetheim could play four rounds of spades to dispose of his remaining diamond losers and lost only to the ♥Q; +110. 6 IMPs to **Mavromichalis**, 6-1.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 732		
Vul: E/W	♥ J4		
	♦ 8754		
	♣ J976		
West		East	
♠ Q65		♠ K108	
♥ Q932		♥ AK10	
♦ Q10		♦ 96	
♣ KQ32		♣ A10854	
South			
♠ AJ94			
♥ 8765			
♦ AKJ32			
♣ ---			
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♦	Dbl	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♦
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
			1♦*
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Sometimes those Precision guys actually have diamonds when they bid the suit. It was certainly reasonable for Gawrys not to worry about stopping diamonds at his first turn but his self-raise to 3NT was perhaps somewhat indiscreet, with 3♦ available to deal with the

issue. Groetheim led ♦AK and Aa followed five-four. When Gawrys produced the nine on the second round Groetheim could not rule out 9876 so he continued with the ♦J. When everyone's in Heat One, South continues with the suit-preference three to North's eight and a spade comes back to cash the long diamond. Groetheim, following the time-honored strategy of conserving partner's energy and sanity, cashed the ♠A before leading the fourth diamond to be certain of beating the contract. Although vulnerable undertricks are not to be sneezed at, you can be sure that Terje appreciated his partner's consideration first thing in the morning; -100.

Lev traded on the vulnerability and his natural methods (no inverted raises) to support diamonds and Blanchard competed all the way to the four level, where he was left to play. Helgemo led the ♦10, trying to protect his side's high cards. Blanchard won and played on hearts, eventually leading a spade from dummy. Justin remembered to play the ten, not always so obvious the morning after the night before, but Blanchard got the suit right, later ruffing the fourth heart in dummy to lead a second spade to the nine; +130. 1 IMP to e-bridge, 2-6.

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	♠ J93		
Vul: Both	♥ K8743		
	♦ K53		
	♣ K10		
West		East	
♠ 10764		♠ A52	
♥ QJ106		♥ A92	
♦ AJ9		♦ 10872	
♣ 63		♣ A82	
South			
♠ KQ8			
♥ 5			
♦ Q64			
♣ QJ9754			
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

In 1NT, Justin ducked the first two clubs, won the third, and took all the red-suit finesses for +120. In 2♣, Groetheim lost a spade, a heart, two diamonds and a club for +90. 5 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 11-2.

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K9		
Vul: N/S	♥ 75		
	♦ 952		
	♣ K97543		
West		East	
♠ J87632		♠ 10	
♥ 64		♥ KQJ32	
♦ 106		♦ AKJ743	
♣ AJ6		♣ 8	
	South		
	♠ AQ54		
	♥ A1098		
	♦ Q8		
	♣ Q102		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠*	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
1♠	2♣	2♥	Pass
2♠	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Gawrys was willing to bid out his shape; Justin was not, and so started with 1♥, treating his suits as equal in length. Helgemo's 2♠ was not what Justin was hoping to hear and he gave up on trying to show the general nature of his hand. Lev led a club so Helgemo got a club ruff in dummy and finished one down; -50.

Gawrys' 1♦ left Groetheim with the right shape for a takeout double and a more spirited auction concluded with Gawrys declaring 4♦. Groetheim led the ♦Q so Gawrys was able to draw trumps without loss. He conceded two hearts and a spade for +130. 5 IMPs to e-bridge, 7-11.

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K98		
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ3		
	♦ QJ6		
	♣ K964		
West		East	
♠ AJ64		♠ Q753	
♥ 74		♥ Q10952	
♦ 7532		♦ A109	
♣ 873		♣ A	
	South		
	♠ 102		
	♥ K86		
	♦ K84		
	♣ QJ1052		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
		1♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
		1♥	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

My respect for Lev's cardplay and defense is boundless. As you can see, his occasionally unfathomable bidding may lead him to the same contract as his counterparts, for better or for worse. He won the opening heart lead with his jack, knocked out the ♣A, won Justin's heart continuation and knocked out the ♦A, claiming nine tricks; +400.

Aa's reopening notrump, which looks like the normal action, suggested a slightly higher minimum than he happened to hold, which makes Groetheim's raise to game easier to

understand. The play started the same way here but when Gawrys came in with the ♣A he switched to a low spade. Jassem won and continued the suit and the defenders came to three spades and two aces for one down; -50. 10 IMPs to e-bridge, ahead now, 17-11.

Before I let this one slip away I must say that I tried hard to think of some way to stifle my opinion of our Wests' pass of 1♥. But I failed. Ugh.

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 8654		
Vul: Both	♥ Q87		
	♦ Q1083		
	♣ K9		
West			East
♠ A103			♠ QJ97
♥ ---			♥ AJ94
♦ AKJ76			♦ 9
♣ A7654			♣ QJ82
	South		
	♠ K2		
	♥ K106532		
	♦ 542		
	♣ 103		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
			2♥
Dbl	3♥	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

This just in: it has become apparent that vulnerability has not yet been installed in certain parts of Norway (not that those so deprived are complaining). Groetheim's blood-curdling vulnerable 2♥ opening hit a home run, spawning a scenario in which Gawrys/Jassem could not easily come to grip with their

combined assets. Groetheim led the ♥5 against Gawrys' very complicated 6♠. Gawrys decided to ruff with the ace (unblocking the nine to fool someone) and continue with the ♠10. Groetheim ducked, won the spade continuation, and led a second heart to the queen and ace. On the third and fourth rounds of trumps Groetheim discarded hearts. Had he not done so he would have been able to cash them when Aa got in with the ♣K to return a heart through declarer's jack. Nonetheless, 300 in the plus column was a handsome result for Mavromichalis.

In the other room the Geir and Justin show encountered no opposition (Bobby Blanchard would fall on his sword before opening 2♥ with the South hand; he is not planning a move to Trondheim in the immediate future) and they settled easily in 6♣ after trying for seven. Lev led the ♠6 and dummy's queen held at trick one. The ♣Q lost to the king and Lev switched to a heart. Helgemo won the ace to discard the ♠10, played ♦A, diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff, ♣J; +1370. 17 IMPs to Mavromichalis, ahead now, 28-17.

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A854		
Vul: None	♥ 852		
	♦ 8754		
	♣ 92		
West			East
♠ KQJ			♠ 9763
♥ AK63			♥ 109
♦ A			♦ 632
♣ KQ1087			♣ J543
	South		
	♠ 102		
	♥ QJ74		
	♦ KQJ109		
	♣ A6		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		



Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	2♦
Dbl(1)	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass
(1) The strong variety of the Polish Club			

Neither North found the impossible low spade lead so Helgemo and Jassem had no trouble making 5♣ when South won the first trump lead. No swing at E/W +400. I really like Helgemo's courageous natural, nonforcing 1♣ opening, although I confess I don't see why he didn't double 1♦ for takeout. Justin's thoughtful 4♣ helped too.

Bd: 9	North		
Dir: North	♠ 742		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ874		
	♦ 84		
	♣ Q103		
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 98		♠ KQ	
♥ A1063		♥ Q5	
♦ 965		♦ AKQJ1073	
♣ K862		♣ A7	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ AJ10653		
	♥ 92		
	♦ 2		
	♣ J954		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
	2♦(1)	Dbl	3♠(2)
Pass	4♥(3)	5♦	All Pass
(1) Weak with 5M/4+m, or 5M332			
(2) "Did we discuss this one, Terje?"			
(3) "No, Glenn, I don't think so."			

Glenn and Terje's excellent adventure only brought in 2 IMPs this time as 5♦ yielded +600 while 3NT netted +660. Mavromichalis, 30-17.

Bd: 11	North		
Dir: South	♠ 76		
Vul: None	♥ Q762		
	♦ AJ854		
	♣ 102		
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 432		♠ AKQJ	
♥ 843		♥ AJ5	
♦ Q63		♦ K2	
♣ QJ96		♣ A543	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ 10985		
	♥ K109		
	♦ 1097		
	♣ K87		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
	Pass	2♦	Dbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
			All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2NT
3NT	All Pass		Pass

Sam Lev, this is your life. You leave Poland. You leave Israel. You arrive on America's shores with just your wits and energy. Only two short decades later you emerge as Super Sam, the weak two-bidder. Just imagine, here you open 2♦ with a hand that the carefree Norwegian at the other table is forced to pass, and it turns out to be the whole board. You are a legend in your own time.

he opening lead of the ♦10 was permitted to hold, and we can imagine that Justin must have liked his chances when the diamond continuation was passed to his king. However, when Blanchard came in with the ♣K he had a third diamond to lead to Lev's ace; -50.

With nothing to steer him towards a diamond lead, Groetheim stated with the ♠10 against Gawrys, who won and cleared clubs. The diamond switch gave him his ninth trick but even on a heart switch the suit lies well enough for declarer to survive a misguess...unless he decides to duck two rounds of the suit. Plus 400 for Gawrys; 10 IMPs to e-bridge, 27-30.

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ QJ1064		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q107		
	♦ 109		
	♣ 952		
West		East	
♠ 32		♠ A97	
♥ KJ2		♥ 9543	
♦ J642		♦ AQ53	
♣ J864		♣ KQ	
	South		
	♠ K85		
	♥ A86		
	♦ K87		
	♣ A1073		

Both Easts opened and closed the bidding with 1NT. The South hand is not much fun to lead from but Blanchard made it much more pleasurable for his side when he hit upon the lead of the ♠5. Justin won the first spade, lost the ♣Q to the ace, and had the spades run on him. Lev led a diamond when he was finished with his spades and Blanchard cashed the ♥A for one down; -50.

Groetheim led a club around to the queen, took the ♣K with the ace, and switched to a low heart. Gawrys, who needed to gain the lead, called for the king, and was able to knock out the ♦K for +90, reclaiming the lead with a 4-IMP gain, 31-30.



"I owe it all to yoga."

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 93		
Vul: Both	♥ Q6		
	♦ AJ1063		
	♣ 10984		
West		East	
♠ QJ86		♠ K105	
♥ J932		♥ 85	
♦ K		♦ Q98752	
♣ J763		♣ K2	
	South		
	♠ A742		
	♥ AK1074		
	♦ 4		
	♣ AQ5		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2♠(1)
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣(2)
Pass	3♥	All Pass	
	(1) 4♠/5♥		
	(2) 4513		

Lev/Blanchard's sensible more-or-less natural auction landed them in 2NT, with game in notrump far from unreasonable. After a diamond lead to the king and ace, Lev led a club to the queen and cleared the suit. Helgemo switched to spades so Lev did not get a second diamond winner; +120.

Gawrys led the ♥8 against Aa's short-side 3♥. Declarer won the ♥Q and passed the ♣10 to the jack. A diamond switch knocked out the ace and declarer played a second club to the king and ace, cashed the ♥AK, then the ♣Q, and exited with a heart. Jassem exited with the ♠6 and Aa had to lose dummy's three spades for one down; -100. 6 IMPs to e-bridge, 37-30.

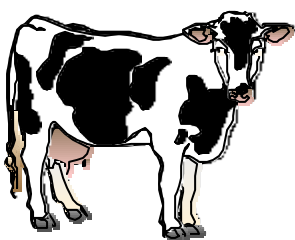
Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 108632		
Vul: None	♥ Q10984		
	♦ 7		
	♣ 108		
West		East	
♠ AQJ4		♠ ---	
♥ AJ5		♥ 2	
♦ AKJ5		♦ 10986432	
♣ Q6		♣ AK742	
	South		
	♠ K975		
	♥ K763		
	♦ Q		
	♣ J953		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
		3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
		2NT*	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q96		
Vul: N/S	♥ K987		
	♦ 1083		
	♣ AQ5		
West		East	
♠ AKJ54		♠ 103	
♥ Q4		♥ AJ10532	
♦ 7542		♦ Q	
♣ 108		♣ 7432	
	South		
	♠ 872		
	♥ 6		
	♦ AKJ96		
	♣ KJ96		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
			1♦
1♠	Dbl*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
			1♦*
1♠	Dbl*	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♣
3♥	All Pass		

Picture bridge as an Olympic sport. The commentators are trying to explain the auctions in both rooms to the mildly interested but largely unenlightened spectators watching at the venue and from their homes all over the world. Suddenly, the lights go out. Everywhere.

Perhaps there are other ways to reach 6♦ and 7♦, but how could any of them top these two bidding sequences? Plus 940 and +1440. 11 IMPs to e-bridge, 48-30.

Is anyone having fun yet?



That's easy for him to say. He doesn't get milked each am.

With a good suit and some attractive spot cards Blanchard decided not to hang a trick short of a vulnerable game. Justin did well to lead his partner's suit, but his failure to mention his hearts proved fatal when Helgemo ducked the ♠10. Lev took a spade and nine tricks in the minors for +630.

Gawry's 3♥ was an interesting contract, but the result hardly mattered. In the event, he went two down after the lead of the ♦A and a switch to the ♠8, which he ducked to the queen. He ruffed the diamond continuation and cashed the ♥A before reverting to spades, playing Groetheim for 2-1-5-5 shape. Aa ruffed the fourth spade so that plan proved fruitless; -100. 11 IMPs to e-bridge, who had run off 42 IMPs without reply over the last five deals to lead 59-30.

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ A82		
Vul: N/S	♥ 8		
	♦ J73		
	♣ AKQ1072		
West		East	
♠ K965		♠ 73	
♥ KQ4		♥ A10652	
♦ 985		♦ K42	
♣ J65		♣ 984	
	South		
	♠ QJ104		
	♥ J973		
	♦ AQ106		
	♣ 3		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
		2♥	Pass
3NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT(1)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) Maximum, 6+ clubs			

Whatever Aa's 2NT lacked in heart stoppers, it got the job done. He played low from dummy on the heart lead and the defenders cleared the suit. The play record does not reveal how he achieved his overtrick; +630.

Justin's weak two-bid created a completely different situation for Lev and Blanchard to cope with. They finished in 4♠, which was the only suit that was not lying well for them. Justin overtook the lead of the ♥K with his ace to return the ♦2. Blanchard went up with the ace and played on trumps, Helgemo covering the second honor with the king. A third spade went to the ten and now Blanchard conceded a diamond. A heart went to the nine and queen and the ♠9 was the setting trick; -100. 12 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 43-60.

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ K8632		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ853		
	♦ KJ		
	♣ 7		
West		East	
♠ 1075		♠ ---	
♥ 1062		♥ A74	
♦ 4		♦ AQ8753	
♣ AQJ1065		♣ K843	
	South		
	♠ AQJ94		
	♥ Q9		
	♦ 10962		
	♣ 92		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Blanchard</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
6♣	6♠	Dbl	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Groetheim</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbl	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dbl	All Pass

Had anyone ventured 7♣, it would have been interesting to see whether the other guys would save yet again, the winning action. 6♠ doubled was three down at both tables; -500. Given the apparent doubt shown by the E/W pairs in reaching 6♣ both N/S pairs did very well to sacrifice.

The match ended with e-bridge ahead by 17 IMPs, 60-43, which translated into a 19-11 victory.



# NEC Cup Feature Match Five: Sweden vs USA

by Rich Colker

After two straight feature matches involving the top-ranked e-bridge team, we decided to give them (and you) a respite. Match Five features the Swedes (**P.O. Sundelin, Johan Sylvan, Magnus Lindkvist, Peter Fredin**) against USA (**Mark Itabashi, Jaggy Shivdasani, Jim Robison, Turuyoshi Hara**)—what's a nice Jewish boy doing on a team like this?

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K754		
Vul: None	♥ K4		
	♦ 8753		
	♣ AK9		
West		East	
♠ Q2		♠ A10986	
♥ 9763		♥ QJ82	
♦ KQ6		♦ 2	
♣ 8653		♣ Q42	
	South		
	♠ J3		
	♥ A105		
	♦ AJ1094		
	♣ J107		

Both N/S pairs reached 3NT, Fredin (South) taking eight tricks on a heart lead (-50) and Itabashi (North) taking six tricks after a spade lead (-150); first blood, 3 IMPs, to Sweden.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AKQ3		
Vul: N/S	♥ 8		
	♦ QJ9		
	♣ A10974		
West		East	
♠ J7		♠ 1098542	
♥ AKJ764		♥ Q9	
♦ AK3		♦ 754	
♣ J8		♣ 65	
	South		
	♠ 6		
	♥ 10532		
	♦ 10862		
	♣ KQ32		

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Dbl	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	4♣	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣ (1)	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
(1) 11-13 balanced or any 17+			

What a difference an auction makes! Lindkvist seems to have become quite enamored of his holding as he over-competed to the four level following Fredin's takeout to 2♣ (what would you have bid as South after 1♥-Dbl holding ♠xx ♥xxxx ♦xxx ♣xxx?). But justice was served when 4♣ failed by one trick. Did I hear you ask "How is that possible?" Well, just watch. Jaggy led the ♥A, cashed the ♦AK, and continued a small heart at trick four. Fredin ruffed high (in case Jaggy started with seven hearts), played a club to the king, a spade to the ace, and then passed the ♣10. Simple, once you think of it.

When 2♥ made two at the other table Sweden had turned a 4-IMP gain into a push. Sweden still ahead by 3-0.



"I'm sure this is the guy who robbed the candy store."

Bd: 3	North		
Dir: South	♠ A953		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q763		
	♦ QJ975		
	♣ ---		
West		East	
♠ 82		♠ KJ7	
♥ 852		♥ KJ1094	
♦ AK6		♦ 4	
♣ Q9542		♣ AK73	
	South		
	♠ Q1064		
	♥ A		
	♦ 10832		
	♣ J1086		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dbl
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Fredin's 1♠ overall would not have been our choice, but stranger bids have worked out well at this game. Still, his fate on this deal was not exactly deserved. 3♠ has no play on any lead (except a low diamond) and Fredin eventually ended one down; -50.

Sundelin/Sylvan arrived in 4♥ and avoided two bullets when they (a) did not receive a club lead and (b) did receive a spade lead, taking the guess out of that suit. Itabashi won the ♠A and shifted to a low diamond. P.O. won the ace and immediately played a heart to the jack and ace. He won the diamond return (pitching a club), passed the ♥8, finished drawing trumps and cashed the ♣A, revealing the position. The last trump squeezed Robison in the black suits and P.O. ended with an astounding overtrick for +650; 12 IMPs to Sweden, now leading 15-0.

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ KQJ2		
Vul: Both	♥ A64		
	♦ 1082		
	♣ KJ6		
West		East	
♠ A743		♠ 109865	
♥ 5		♥ 10732	
♦ KQJ		♦ A3	
♣ A10542		♣ 87	
	South		
	♠ ---		
	♥ KQJ98		
	♦ 97654		
	♣ Q93		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
1♣	Dbl	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Not every push board is unexciting. E/W have a good play for 4♠ (the four-zero trump split is very unlucky) but both E/Ws were never really in the auction after West's opening bid. Both N/Ss ended up failing in hopeless games for a pair of -100s. Still Sweden by 15.\

Bd: 5	North		
Dir: North	♠ J10932		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q		
	♦ 1064		
	♣ Q874		
West		East	
♠ AQ84		♠ 7	
♥ J875		♥ AK943	
♦ 7		♦ AKQJ95	
♣ K1052		♣ J	
	South		
	♠ K65		
	♥ 1062		
	♦ 832		
	♣ A963		

Both E/W pairs bid briskly to 6♥ and when Itabashi failed to lead a club Sylvan scored a 1-IMP overtrick. Sweden 16, USA 0.

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J8		
Vul: E/W	♥ J108		
	♦ K9		
	♣ KJ10862		
West		East	
♠ Q542		♠ K109	
♥ Q9542		♥ K76	
♦ 53		♦ AQJ84	
♣ A9		♣ Q5	
	South		
	♠ A763		
	♥ A3		
	♦ 10762		
	♣ 743		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣*	Dbl	Pass*	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After the Stayman response to East's strong notrump both Norths doubled to show clubs, and both Souths promptly competed to 3♣. In the Open Room Jaggy wisely went quietly and led a diamond to Hara's jack. Hara cashed the ♦A and shifted to the ♠10. Fredin won the ace, ruffed a diamond, then played a heart to the ace and a second heart to Hara's king. Fredin ruffed Hara's ♠K, ruffed a heart, and then led a club up. Jaggy rose with the ace and placed his fourth spade on the table for two down; -100.

In the Closed Room Sylvan bid 3♥ over 3♣ and P.O. raised him to game. Itabashi led the ♣10 to dummy's queen and Sylvan crossed to the ♣A to lead a heart to the jack, king and ace. Robison's ♥3 return was ducked and Itabashi cleared the trumps. Sylvan played a diamond

to the queen and followed this with the ♠9, 2,...3, jack. One down; -100. USA was finally on the board with a 5-IMP pick-up. Sweden's lead was now down to 16-5.

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 1064		
Vul: Both	♥ A10		
	♦ 10632		
	♣ J1063		
West		East	
♠ 97		♠ K853	
♥ Q6543		♥ 2	
♦ KQ8		♦ AJ74	
♣ KQ7		♣ A985	
	South		
	♠ AQJ2		
	♥ KJ987		
	♦ 95		
	♣ 42		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
			1♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
			1♥
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

Jaggy took a big position when he went for the gusto in 1♥ doubled. He started the ♠9, ducked to the queen, and Fredin cashed the ♠A and exited with a third spade to the ten. He was now in a position to score five trump tricks by force to go with his two spades; +160.

Robison rebid the "normal" 2♣ over Itabashi's forcing notrump and ended in his four-two club fit. Sylvan played three rounds of diamonds as Robison ruffed. A heart to the ace was followed by the fourth diamond, ruffed and overruffed. Sylvan tried the ♠9, won with dummy's ten, and Robison led a second spade to his queen. When he tried to cash the ♥K, P.O. ruffed and led a third spades for Sylvan to ruff. Dummy could score one more trump trick but that was it; three down, -300, and 10 IMPs to Sweden,

whose lead was now up to 21 IMPs at 26-5.

A flat 460 in 3NT was followed by this high-level battle.

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ QJ93		
Vul: E/W	♥ 964		
	♦ AKQ53		
	♣ 5		
West	East		
♠ A8652	♠ 104		
♥ A108732	♥ KQ5		
♦ ---	♦ J8642		
♣ K2	♣ J87		
	South		
	♠ K7		
	♥ J		
	♦ 1097		
	♣ AQ109643		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
	1♦	Pass	3♣(1)
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		
(1) Invitational, 6+ clubs			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
3♣	Pass	4♥	5♣
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

While 4♥ is a reasonable contract, the black-suit splits render it unmakeable. Fredin had presumably shown his hand with his 3♣ bid but decided to act unilaterally over 4♥. Perhaps a 4♣ bid would have given North something to say about it. Jaggy cashed the ♠A followed by the ♥A, then tried a second spade. Fredin ruffed and tried to get to dummy with a diamond to play a club. Jaggy ruffed and Peter still had to lose a trump; two down, -300.

Robison had more justification for bidding 5♣ since 2♣ did not show a suit of anywhere near this magnitude, nor did he have a way to bring

Itabashi into the picture before it was time for the crucial decision. But Sylvan, undoubtedly spurred on by P.O.'s 4♥ bid on the previous round, chose to try 5♥ with his sixth trump—not his best move of the set. Robison started the ♦10, ruffed, and P.O. played a trump to the king and a spade to the eight and nine. A club to the ace was followed by a club ruff and P.O. still had one more spade to lose for two down; -500. That was 13 IMPs to USA. Sweden's lead was now down to 8 at 26-18.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ Q		
Vul: Both	♥ 9764		
	♦ KJ532		
	♣ K95		
West	East		
♠ J6	♠ AK932		
♥ KJ8	♥ 1053		
♦ A86	♦ 1097		
♣ 76432	♣ A10		
	South		
	♠ 108754		
	♥ AQ2		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ QJ8		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
		Pass	1♣(1)
Pass	1♠(2)	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass			
(1) 11-13 balanced or any 17+			
(2) 8+ HCP, 4+ hearts, unbalanced			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Hara's double presumably showed spades. Fredin's redouble did too. Lindkvist's 2♦ bid said he wanted no part of it. Good decision. 2♥ ended one down for -100.

Against Sylvan's 1NT Itabashi led the ♦3 and Johan won to track the ♠J. As we can see that



was met with both good news and bad news. The good news was that the ♠Q was onside; the bad news was that it was singleton. The defense eventually took four diamonds, two clubs, and one trick in each major; two down, -200, and 7 more IMPs to USA, trailing now by only 1 IMP at 26-25.

After a couple of partscore pushes and a 1-IMP overtrick pick-up for USA the score was tied at 26 all. Then Sweden struck back on this deal.

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 965		
Vul: None	♥ 10987		
	♦ AQ7		
	♣ 1087		
West	East		
♠ QJ73	♠ A1082		
♥ A32	♥ Q5		
♦ 86	♦ J952		
♣ Q943	♣ A52		
	South		
	♠ K4		
	♥ KJ64		
	♦ K1043		
	♣ KJ6		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
		Pass	1NT(14-16)
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
		1♣(1)	1♥
Dbl(2)	3♥	3♠(3)	All Pass
(1) 11-13 balanced or any 17+			
(2) Negative			
(3) When you've got it, flaunt it			

Against Fredin's 1NT Jaggy led the ♠3. Hara won the ace and returned the ♠2 to Fredin's king, Jaggy unblocking the jack. A diamond to the queen was followed by a heart to Jaggy's ace. Jaggy cashed the ♠Q and led his fourth spade to Hara's ten, hoping for a club through. But Hara returned a diamond to Fredin's ten. A diamond to dummy's ace now provided the entry to repeat the heart finesse and Fredin

finished with eight tricks for +120.

If opening the East hand is not bad enough, the only logical explanation we can find for the 3♠ bid is the deprivation that obviously comes from those long, cold, lonely winter nights in Stockholm. But P.O. must be living right since not only did he find one of the black-suit kings onside but he also received the only lead (a low heart) which permits the contract to make. Plus 140 was worth 6 IMPs and returned the lead to Sweden by that same margin.

Board 15 was a push when both pairs reached the cold 4♥ game. Then came...

Bd: 16	North		
Dlr: West	♠ AJ752		
Vul: E/W	♥ KQ8		
	♦ 10		
	♣ 9542		
West	East		
♠ Q83	♠ K		
♥ J10974	♥ A652		
♦ J982	♦ A763		
♣ 8	♣ AKJ10		
	South		
	♠ 10964		
	♥ 3		
	♦ KQ54		
	♣ Q763		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Jaggy</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Hara</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	1♠	Dbl	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Robison</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣(1)	1♦
Pass	1♠	Dbl	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	
(1) 11-13 balanced or any 17+			

The auction was almost identical at both tables until Itabashi took exception to 4♥, a view that seems totally in keeping with his trump holding

and Robison's overcall—if not the end result. Lindkvist led the  $\diamond 10$  and Jaggy rose with the ace to lead the  $\clubsuit K$  followed by the  $\clubsuit 10$ . Fredin covered as Jaggy ruffed and played a heart to...the ace! He now had to lose two trumps, one diamond and one spade for one down, -100.

The defense began virtually identically in the Closed Room but Itabashi covered the  $\heartsuit J$  on the first round of the suit and now the contract was foolproof. Plus 790 was worth 13 IMPs to Sweden, leading now 45-26.

Bd: 17	North		
Dlr: North	$\spadesuit$ K932		
Vul: None	$\heartsuit$ KQ102		
	$\diamond$ 109		
	$\clubsuit$ 862		
West		East	
$\spadesuit$ J5		$\spadesuit$ A104	
$\heartsuit$ A983		$\heartsuit$ 5	
$\diamond$ KJ8		$\diamond$ Q65432	
$\clubsuit$ J1097		$\clubsuit$ A54	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ Q876		
	$\heartsuit$ J764		
	$\diamond$ A7		
	$\clubsuit$ KQ3		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Jaggy	Lindkvist	Hara	Fredin
	Pass	Pass	1 $\clubsuit$ (1)
Pass	1 $\heartsuit$ (2)	2 $\diamond$	2 $\spadesuit$
3 $\diamond$	All Pass		
(1) 11-13 balanced or any 17+			
(2) 8+ with 4+ spades or 12+ balanced			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Sylvan	Itabashi	Sundelin	Robison
	Pass	Pass	1 $\clubsuit$
Pass	1 $\heartsuit$	All Pass	

Overcalls like Hara's have a potentially huge downside, but here it was worth a partscore swing for USA. Plus 110.

When P.O rejected a 2 $\diamond$  overcall the auction died a sudden and terrible death. But 1 $\heartsuit$  was unbeatable and when Itabashi scored up an

overtrick USA was +110 for a nifty 6-IMP gain. Trailing now by 13 at 45-32.

The next board saw both Easts open 1NT and play it there, taking seven tricks for push 190s. Then along came this little ditty.

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	$\spadesuit$ J1087542		
Vul: E/W	$\heartsuit$ 9		
	$\diamond$ Q92		
	$\clubsuit$ K4		
West		East	
$\spadesuit$ 9		$\spadesuit$ AK6	
$\heartsuit$ Q632		$\heartsuit$ A10874	
$\diamond$ J4		$\diamond$ K1073	
$\clubsuit$ AQ10763		$\clubsuit$ 9	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ Q3		
	$\heartsuit$ KJ5		
	$\diamond$ A865		
	$\clubsuit$ J852		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Jaggy	Lindkvist	Hara	Fredin
			1 $\clubsuit$ (1)
Pass	1 $\diamond$ (2)	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass
4 $\heartsuit$	4 $\spadesuit$	Dbf	All Pass
(1) 11-13 balanced or any 17+			
(2) 0-7			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Sylvan	Itabashi	Sundelin	Robison
			Pass
Pass	3 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	

With 4 $\heartsuit$  on ice, Lindkvist did well to cut his losses by bidding 4 $\spadesuit$ . Hara led his singleton club and obtained a ruff, then cashed his major-suit winners and waited for his diamond trick. Three down; -500.

When Robison (sanely) elected not to open the South hand Itabashi timed his slightly offbeat 3 $\spadesuit$  opening perfectly, blowing P.O. out of the auction. 3 $\spadesuit$  failed by one trick when P.O read the spot card Sylvan led to give P.O. his ruff as a signal for a diamond shift, thereby losing the defense their diamond trick. Still, even two down would not have saved more than 1 IMP.

Plus 50 was 10 IMPs to USA, cutting Sweden's lead to just 3 IMPs at 45-42.

Bd: 20	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 108653		
Vul: Both	♥ 876		
	♦ KJ9		
	♣ 104		
West	East		
♠ 7	♠ K942		
♥ K53	♥ AQ109		
♦ Q1075	♦ 864		
♣ KQ872	♣ J3		
	South		
	♠ AQJ		
	♥ J42		
	♦ A32		
	♣ A965		
Open/Closed Rooms			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Jaggy	Lindkvist	Hara	Fredin
Sylvan	Itabashi	Sundelin	Robison
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Timing is everything. Fredin won Jaggy's ♣K lead with the ace and lost no time in banging down the ♠AQ. Hara won the king and tried the ♥A, Jaggy discouraging, and now a club to the queen and a third club garnered Hara a second trump trick at the expense of a heart trick. In the end Fredin lost two hearts, two spades, and a club for +110.

Sylvan also led the ♣K and continued with a low club to P.O.'s jack when Robison ducked. In an effort to reach dummy to take the trump finesse and not wishing to commit to forward finessing the diamond Robison tried to ruff a club low only to have his ♠3 overruffed by the ♠4. The nerve! Three rounds of hearts were then followed by the ♣Q, ruffed with the ♠10 and overruffed with the king. One down, -100, was worth 5 IMPs for Sweden.

The Swedes prevailed in a hard-fought contest, 50-42, 16-14 in VPs.

## More Images of Our Game



"Oops, no bounce."



"I said I had *two* Key Cards."



"Selma, where are the car keys?"



"I had a difficult childhood."

# NEC Cup Feature Match Six: England/Norway vs PABF Women

by Eric Kokish

For the final match of the second day, the antepenultimate round in the hotly contested Swiss, we bring you a glimpse or two of Japan's PABF Women's team, who are doing splendidly, and the perennial contenders from Swiss Family Hackett, here representing England and Norway under the guidance of Brigitte Mavromichalis.

were plus.

At the other table, **Paul "Papa" Hackett**, a light opener from the womb, passed where Nishida opened, but that was the last time he remained silent in the auction, eventually turning at least +300 into -100 in **5♣** doubled (**Geir Helgemo** conjuring ten tricks on a combination of cross-ruff and scramble). 5 IMPs to **PABF** where it might have been a like number of IMPs to Mavromichalis.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q832		
Vul: None	♥ 7		
	♦ A8532		
	♣ A103		
West		East	
♠ KJ1096		♠ 754	
♥ AQJ4		♥ K863	
♦ 7		♦ QJ64	
♣ QJ5		♣ 76	
	South		
	♠ A		
	♥ 10952		
	♦ K109		
	♣ K9842		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass*	2♠	Dbl*
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AQ		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q10962		
	♦ AK6		
	♣ KJ8		
West		East	
♠ KJ85		♠ 7	
♥ AK7		♥ J54	
♦ J92		♦ Q874	
♣ 1064		♣ AQ752	
	South		
	♠ 1096432		
	♥ 83		
	♦ 1053		
	♣ 93		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dbl	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦*	Dbl	2NT(1)	Pass
3♣	3♥	All Pass	

(1) Minors, not strong

**Natsuko Nishida** thought enough of the North hand to open it, and after an anxious moment or two was pleased to sell out to 3♠ without doubling it. That strategy and slightly soft defense netted her side 100 points rather than the 500 available on defense, but at least they

Either the North hand is an acceptable 1♥ overcall or it's not. "Not," said Paul and Natsuko, who were soon to discover that doubling with imperfect shape does not entitle

the bearer of glad tidings to a free lunch. Nishida might have guessed 3♥ a bit better but finished four down when she didn't. Minus 400 was a dreadful result but not much more dreadful than the -300 achieved by Helgemo in 4♠. 3 IMPs to **Mavromichalis**, 3-5. If you're thinking that perhaps Geir should not have bid freely with his zero count, it's too difficult to play the game that way. A guy who doubles without support must be prepared for two-level action from his partner. Which brings us back to that takeout double...

Bd: 3	North		
Dir: South	♠ ---		
Vul: E/W	♥ 5		
	♦ AJ65		
	♣ KQJ109653		
West		East	
♠ K754		♠ AJ1062	
♥ QJ63		♥ 74	
♦ 2		♦ K9843	
♣ A872		♣ 4	
	South		
	♠ Q983		
	♥ AK10982		
	♦ Q107		
	♣ ---		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	All Pass	3♥
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
Pass	2♣*	Dbl	1♥
3♠	5♣	All Pass	Pass

At both tables, North's 2♣ response was forcing to game. After three rounds of bidding in the Open Room, however, it was no longer so clear to South that there shouldn't be an escape clause in precisely this sequence. He backed his judgment and passed; +150 on a diamond lead from the king.

In the Closed Room Nishida settled for a bounce to 5♣, realizing that some of the diamond cards she was looking for would be on her left. She ruffed the lead of the ♠A, knocked out the ♣A, then carefully rose with the ace on the diamond switch; +400. 6 IMPs to PABF, 11-3.

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ AKJ1074		
Vul: Both	♥ Q10763		
	♦ 104		
	♣ ---		
West		East	
♠ 9		♠ 852	
♥ 52		♥ AJ84	
♦ KQJ9875		♦ 3	
♣ KJ2		♣ Q10964	
	South		
	♠ Q63		
	♥ K9		
	♦ A62		
	♣ A8753		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
2♦	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
1♦*	1♠	Dbl*	2♦*
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

On a good day you might make 6♠. Both Papa and Nishida made five safely. Natsuko will not bid 3♠ the next time she picks up that hand, but I suspect that next time **Midori Sakamoto** will not pass 3♠. 10 IMPs from nowhere to Mavromichalis, ahead now 13-11.



"Reflections of my life."

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 765		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q6		
	♦ 8765		
	♣ KJ32		
West	East		
♠ K9843	♠ AQ		
♥ A10973	♥ 52		
♦ 10	♦ AKJ932		
♣ 97	♣ 865		
	South		
	♠ J102		
	♥ KJ84		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ AQ104		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
	Pass	1♦*	Dbl
1♠	2♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

With spades three-three **Yuko Yamada** had no trouble making 2♠, rejecting the diamond finesse. **Terje Aa's** 3♦ was more complicated on **Sakamoto's** good lead of the ♥4. Aa ducked to the queen and **Nishida** switched to a low club rather than a trump, which might have beaten the contract. When **Sakamoto** won the ♣10 she continued with two more rounds of the suit, simultaneously eliminating declarer's third club loser and (in a moment) her own potential trump winner. Declarer, ruffed in dummy, came to the ♠A, and cashed ♦AK; +130. 1 IMP to **Mavro** **Michalis**, 14-11.



"O36"—"Bingo!"

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 86		
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ5		
	♦ AQJ653		
	♣ A7		
West	East		
♠ K75	♠ AQJ2		
♥ 63	♥ KQ1087		
♦ K8	♦ 1074		
♣ J98643	♣ Q		
	South		
	♠ 10943		
	♥ 942		
	♦ 92		
	♣ K1052		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		1♥	Pass
1NT*	2♦	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
		1♥	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♦	All Pass	

**Groetheim**, facing a limited opening bid, thought he would do best by passing 1♥. That strategy enabled him to show his clubs economically but did not inconvenience **Nishida**, who finished in 2♦, as **Papa** did at the other table. The swing came in the play.

Against **Papa**, **Makiko Hayashi** led the ♥K, 2, 6, 5, and continued the suit. With a second heart trick in the bag, declarer played ace-queen of trumps and somehow managed a tenth trick in the endgame; +130.

Against **Nishida**, the opening lead was the ♣Q. Declarer would have done best to win the king and take the diamond finesse, but instead she won the ace and tried a second club. **Aa** ruffed in and got a suit-preference club from **Glenn Groetheim**. He duly switched to the ace and deuce of spades, **Groetheim** winning to return a heart. With no entry to dummy, **Nishida** lost two hearts and the ♦K for one down; -50. 5 IMPs to **Mavromichalis**, 19-11.

slam—the West hand is just about as good as it can be and slam is very poor. No swing.

Bd: 7	North		
Dir: South	♠ Q6543		
Vul: Both	♥ QJ84		
	♦ K8		
	♣ 65		
West		East	
♠ 10		♠ AJ	
♥ AK75		♥ 962	
♦ A754		♦ 63	
♣ K983		♣ AQJ1074	
	South		
	♠ K9872		
	♥ 103		
	♦ QJ1092		
	♣ 2		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♠	2♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
			Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥(1)	Pass
2♠(2)	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠(3)	Pass	5♣	All Pass
(1) Natural or game-forcing relay			
(2) 5+♦/4♠ max, or spade splinter for hearts			
(3) Spade splinter, three-suited			

Without a diamond lead 6♣ needs three-three hearts. It's not the sort of slam you want to be in even when you're way behind in the match, and both E/W pairs did well to stay out of it. Paul's 1♠ overcall got his side to 4♠ in a hurry, leaving Yamada with a tough guess in an auction that was not forcing for her side. It would be nice to define 4NT as a hand too strong for 5♣, but that takes other hand types out of the mix and it would require some further partnership work. Yamada took the conservative course and was rewarded for doing so.

Unless there was something deeper to the Norwegian auction, it looks as if Aa simply played the percentages when he gave up on

Bd: 8	North		
Dir: West	♠ Q54		
Vul: None	♥ A942		
	♦ 82		
	♣ KQ104		
West		East	
♠ AJ972		♠ 1063	
♥ K5		♥ QJ107	
♦ 1065		♦ K743	
♣ J53		♣ 98	
	South		
	♠ K8		
	♥ 863		
	♦ AQJ9		
	♣ A762		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbf*	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

3NT needs the diamond finesse and one of the minors to play for four tricks, or a second spade trick. It's sensible to bid it, even non-vulnerable, and indeed, it seems normal to do so. Had Sakamoto rebid 1NT, she would have accepted Nishida's invitational raise. Both Paul's 3NT and Sakamoto's 3♣ produced 10 tricks, +430 and +130, respectively. 7 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 26-11.



"Yes, that was a smelly result."

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ QJ72		
Vul: E/W	♥ J10984		
	♦ 8		
	♣ AJ8		
West	East		
♠ K10984	♠ A653		
♥ 6	♥ 732		
♦ J4	♦ 973		
♣ Q10932	♣ 754		
	South		
	♠ ---		
	♥ AKQ5		
	♦ AKQ10652		
	♣ K6		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	7♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl*	2♠	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

What would you make the odds on both Souths in the same match opening 1♦ with their one-loser hand? And then, having survived that in the best possible way (finding partner with hearts), would you expect both Souths to use Blackwood and guess a final contract opposite a one-ace response? Sure you would.

The bottom line is that Geir chose more effectively than Midori: 1510 and 1010. 11 IMPs more to Mavromichalis, 37-11.

We know that several pairs used Exclusion RKCB for hearts to determine that partner's ace was in clubs, and that some pairs tried to play in diamonds to protect the ♣K if partner didn't have the ace, sometimes after forgetting that North bid diamonds first (2♣-2♦).

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K92		
Vul: Both	♥ Q97		
	♦ K109		
	♣ 8543		
West	East		
♠ 1083	♠ 4		
♥ 542	♥ AKJ106		
♦ A752	♦ J43		
♣ 1092	♣ AK76		
	South		
	♠ AQJ765		
	♥ 83		
	♦ Q86		
	♣ QJ		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♣	3♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
		1♣*	1♠
Dbl*	2♠	All Pass	

Sakamoto made 2♠ without guessing diamonds by establishing the ♣8, a delightful +110. Hayashi's natural 1♥ worked better, ostensibly pushing her opponents to the three-level. The ♣8 came into its own here too; -100. 5 IMPs to PABF, ending Mavromichalis' 34-IMP run.

Five Easts bid and made 4♥ on this deal, not all of them on the strength of their declarer play. Say that South leads the ♣Q. Declarer wins and concedes a spade, a critical move. He wins any return, cashes the ♠K, crosses to the ♦A, finesses in trumps and cashes the ace, leaving the queen outstanding. Then a club to the ten, a spade ruff, and the fourth club, ruffed safely as North has to follow. Declarer loses only two diamonds and a spade.





Bd: 12	North		
Dir: West	♠ KQJ83		
Vul: N/S	♥ J8		
	♦ 4		
	♣ 86542		
West	East		
♠ 765	♠ 10		
♥ 2	♥ KQ103		
♦ Q1098752	♦ AK63		
♣ 107	♣ AQJ3		
	South		
	♠ A942		
	♥ A97654		
	♦ J		
	♣ K9		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
3♦	3♠	5♦	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Against 5♦, Nishida led the ♠K, 10, 2, 7, and switched accurately to a club to defeat the contract; -50.

Against 5♠ doubled Hayashi led the ♠10, which ran to the jack. Hackett played a heart to the ace and a second heart to the jack and queen. Hayashi cashed the ♦K and the ♣A and played a second club. At this point the play record ends and Papa is debited with two down, which would appear to be an error: ♣K, heart ruff high, spade to the nine, heart ruff high, spade to the ace, claim. Down two it is, however; -500. 11 IMPs to PABF, 27-37.



"See, I told you he'd go down if I doubled."

Bd: 14	North		
Dir: East	♠ 93		
Vul: None	♥ ---		
	♦ QJ107532		
	♣ A653		
West	East		
♠ AK76	♠ 52		
♥ J94	♥ AQ876		
♦ A	♦ K84		
♣ J10972	♣ Q84		
	South		
	♠ QJ1084		
	♥ K10532		
	♦ 96		
	♣ K		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
		1♥	1♠
2NT*	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Hayashi, who was not doubled in 4♥, won the spade lead in dummy and made the unfortunate choice of the ♥J for her first trump play. She had to fail now, but got out for one down when the defenders telescoped their club winners; -100.

It was more interesting for Aa, who had a shrewd idea about the trump position in 4♥ doubled. He won the diamond opening lead with the ace and led the ♣J. Nishida, like Papa, went up with the ♣A, crashing the king. She gave her partner a club ruff and declarer won the spade return in dummy to lead a heart to the ace and a second heart. It didn't matter whether or not Sakamoto took the king to block the suit because declarer had a ruffing entry to hand in spades and had unblocked the clubs; +590. 12 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 52-27.

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 1062		
Vul: N/S	♥ QJ62		
	♦ 2		
	♣ KJ974		
West		East	
♠ AJ853		♠ 94	
♥ 43		♥ K1098	
♦ QJ4		♦ K10863	
♣ AQ2		♣ 106	
	South		
	♠ KQ7		
	♥ A75		
	♦ A975		
	♣ 853		

At both tables South declared 1NT after West overcalled in spades. West led a low spade and the ten won. Sakamoto played ♥A, heart to the queen and king. Aa returned a spade and Groetheim let the queen hold. Declarer tried a club to the king. When hearts didn't come in she had to go one down; -100.

In contrast, Helgemo called for the ♥Q, which Hayashi covered. That left Helgemo in his hand, where he wanted to be, and dummy with a heart entry. He led a club to dummy's jack, then continued with a spade to the queen and ace. A switch to the ♦Q was indicated but West cleared spades. Declarer played another club up and soon had nine (count 'em) winners; +150. 6 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 58-27.

Bd: 16	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A64		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q7		
	♦ K10754		
	♣ Q74		
West		East	
♠ K82		♠ QJ9	
♥ 1094		♥ AK8652	
♦ AQJ63		♦ 9	
♣ AJ		♣ K92	
	South		
	♠ 10753		
	♥ J3		
	♦ 82		
	♣ 108653		

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Both Easts showed long hearts, short diamonds, and slam interest. The Wests took different approaches, Yamada signing off while Groetheim showed controls in all side suits with a weak trump holding. Slam is just about even money but when you're going well it must seem like it's a significant favorite to make. Ask Glenn about that: +1430 and +680. 13 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 71-27.

Bd: 17	North		
Dlr: North	♠ KQ865		
Vul: None	♥ 4		
	♦ AJ762		
	♣ K2		
West		East	
♠ J3		♠ 10972	
♥ Q1073		♥ AK986	
♦ 108		♦ 95	
♣ 108753		♣ 96	
	South		
	♠ A4		
	♥ J52		
	♦ KQ43		
	♣ AQJ4		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

I thought that Board 9 might be a tough act to follow, but I was wrong. It's not every day that both pairs in a match have uncontested Blackwood auctions and with neither partner holding a void reach seven voluntarily off a cashing ace. Read it and weep.

It looks as if Helgemo placed Papa with a heart void for his jump to 4♥, so that 4NT became Exclusion RKCB. Meanwhile, Paul thought that 5NT confirmed all the key cards and the trump queen.

I'm not sure whether Nishida's 4♦ was RKCB and whether 4NT was misinterpreted as showing all the key cards, or whether the auction was a cue-bidding exercise gone amok. Aa's double was lead directing, telling himself to lead a heart. Down 100 and down 50. 2 IMPs to Mavromichalis, 73-27.

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ4		
Vul: N/S	♥ ---		
	♦ AJ10863		
	♣ AK74		
West		East	
♠ 1076		♠ A98	
♥ KQJ8743		♥ A1095	
♦ K7		♦ Q	
♣ 8		♣ J10653	
	South		
	♠ J532		
	♥ 62		
	♦ 9542		
	♣ Q92		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
		Pass	Pass
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
		1♦*	Pass
4♥	Dbl	All Pass	

It takes specifically a spade lead to defeat 4♥, and Nishida was up to it. Well done indeed; -100. Sakamoto's decision to pass the double was not an easy one, no matter what anyone tells you.

In a not entirely dissimilar position, Helgemo took out to 4♠. Perhaps Paul should continue with 5♦, but that would be sensible only if doing so suggested just this type of flexible hand. It looks as if 4♠ would have been an exciting undertaking for Geir, but Hayashi's 5♥ looks like the indicated action. Helgy doubled more out of fear than conviction and Paul led the ♣K, not a spade. He switched at trick two but it was too late for the second undertrick. Yamada set up the fifth club for a spade discard and so was out for one down; -100. No swing.

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ KJ105		
Vul: E/W	♥ K109		
	♦ J1072		
	♣ Q9		
West		East	
♠ 98		♠ A632	
♥ Q843		♥ A2	
♦ Q3		♦ 964	
♣ A10842		♣ 7653	
	South		
	♠ Q74		
	♥ J765		
	♦ AK85		
	♣ KJ		

Both Souths declared 1NT on a low club lead.

It came down to a heart guess for Helgemo, who called for the king and went one down; -100. Sakamoto had different considerations when Aa ducked two rounds of spades. She abandoned the suit and turned to hearts, hoping to build tricks there. As a result she needed the queen onside; +120. 5 IMPs to PABF, 32-73.

And, finally...

Bd: 20	North	
Dlr: West	♠ K93	
Vul: Both	♥ ---	
	♦ AKJ106	
	♣ 65432	
West		East
♠ Q8		♠ 765
♥ AKQ94		♥ J652
♦ 752		♦ Q983
♣ J98		♣ 107
	South	
	♠ AJ1042	
	♥ 10873	
	♦ 4	
	♣ AKQ	

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♥	2♦	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Groethem</i>	<i>Nishida</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>Sakamoto</i>
1♥	2♦	3♥	Dbl*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Sakamoto, in 4♠, ruffed the heart lead in dummy, crossed to a club, and took a diamond finesse. She won the club continuation, ruffed a second heart, cashed the ♠K, threw hearts on diamonds, and lost a diamond overruff to West, who gave East a club ruff; +620.

Helgemo, in 6♠ after crediting E/W with the nine hearts their bidding suggested, ruffed the heart lead in dummy and passed the ♠9 to the queen. With the clubs blocked a diamond switch would have caused Helgemo some discomfort, but he expected West to play another heart, and she did. Helgy ruffed with the ♠K, came to a club, drew trumps, made the clubs break, and crossed in diamonds for the remaining three minor-suit winners; +1430. 13 IMPs to Mavromichalis, who won the match 86-32, 25-4 in VP.

## ...And Still More Images of Our Game



"I don't think I would have made it even if I was awake."



"I ask you—am I not brilliant?"



"Gee, we're sitting with the Schwartz's."



# DATUM

## Match 2 (Revised)

Bd	DATUM	CH. TAIPEI		NETHERLAND		INDIA		ENG/NOR		RUSSIA		ENGLAND		SWEDEN		USA		AUSTRALIA		AUT/DEN		CANADA		e-bridge		TAIWAN		AME	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1	100	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	1	2	-2	0	1	-1	0	2	1	-1	1	0		
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Bd	DATUM	GOING		PABF		OPEN		PABF		WOMEN		HANA		SLAM		DUNK		OKAY		PS-JACK		ESPERANZA		THREE		DIAM		NAITO		GIRASOL		SKOTII		GEEZER		T	
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20	180	-2	2	1	2	1	7	-9	2	2	-2	-1	2	1	2	10	2	-2	2	-2	-10	10	2	-2	12	2	-9	0									
IMP +		28	42	20	47	43	29	26	32	11	33	45	12	54	39	59	25	24	32	34	57	52	21	44	38	23	43										
IMP -		41	31	66	35	17	21	38	23	56	29	35	60	18	33	21	52	57	34	32	24	25	59	24	46	66	14										

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