



# NEC Bridge Festival

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## Sweden Heads Field in 2003 NEC Cup

With three wins in their first three matches, P.O. Sundelin's Swedish team (Johan Sylvan, Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom) will take a healthy 9-VP lead into day two with all 75 of their day-one VPs intact. Last year's winners, England's (Brian Senior, Brian Callaghan, Pablo Lambardi and Dawei Chen filling in for John Armstrong—okay, so Pablo is from "nearby" Argentina), and the strong Polish team of Krzysztof Martens, Marcin Lesniewski, Michal Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola, Witold Wasak, and npc Radoslaw Kielbasinski are tied for second with 66 VPs. Canada-IOC and Japan Cosmos round out the top five. (The complete day-one standings are below.)

### NEC Cup: Standings After Day One (Three Matches)

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	Sweden	75	13/15	KIMURA	52	29/31	Friends	37
2/3	England	66	16	PABF Open	49	29/31	Wales	37
2/3	Poland	66	17	Tajima	48	29/31	Korea	37
4	Canada-IOC	61	18/19	USA	47	32	Hong Kong 1	36
5	Cosmos	57	18/19	Fairy Tale	47	33	Gryffindor	35
6	Chinese Taipei-Lin	56	20/21	SWAN	45	34	PS-JACK	34
7	Ron	55	20/21	GOING+MN	45	35	Cactus	33
8/9	Hackett	54	22	ESPERANZA	44	36	PABF Women	31
8/9	Hungary	54	23	Canada-Comm.	42	37	MERRY QUEENS	30
10/12	HIRATA	53	24	European Alliance	41	38/39	Hong Kong 3	27
10/12	South Africa	53	25	Girasol	40	38/39	RHEIN	27
10/12	Hong Kong 2	53	26	Kinki	39	40	JAPAN YOUTH	25
13/15	TONPUKU	52	27/28	Taiwan Amethyst	38	41	My-Bridge	21
13/15	SKOTII	52	27/28	Kacho-Fugetsu	38	42	DARUMA	18

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## NEC Cup 2003: 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 1-21 with one of the teams numbered 22-42. 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 2002 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.

Smoking                    No smoking in the playing areas. You may not leave the playing room to smoke.

## Tuesday's Match Results

Match 1		
England (119)	25-0	JAPAN YOUTH (8)
Canada-IOC (69)	22-8	Kacho-Fugetsu (33)
Canada-Commonwealth (79)	22-8	ESPERANZA (43)
Hackett (66)	25-4	GOING+MN [GELLER] (11)
South Africa (57)	21-9	SKOTII (28)
Hungary (118)	25-0	Kinki (26)
Poland (75)	19-11	MERRY QUEENS (58)
USA (74)	20-10	KIMURA (50)
Sweden (91)	25-1	DARUMA [NISHIDA] (17)
Wales (51)	18-12	PS-JACK (36)
European Alliance (54)	20-10	Cactus (29)
PABF Open (35)	16-14	My-Bridge (28)
PABF Women (82)	25-2	Fairy Tale (16)
Korea (37)	11-19	Gryffindor (56)
Hong Kong 1 (20)	8-22	Friends (55)
Hong Kong 2 (47)	10-20	SWAN (70)
Hong Kong 3 (55)	19-11	Cosmos (38)
Chinese Taipei-Lin (53)	15-15	TONPUKU (52)
Taiwan Amethyst (65)	14-16	Girasol (69)
TAJIMA (48)	18-12	Ron (34)
HIRATA (74)	25-3	RHEIN (11)
Match 2		
Hungary (31)	14-16	England (34)
Sweden (90)	25-1	PABF Women (16)
Hackett (43)	17-13	HIRATA (31)
Canada-IOC (50)	21-9	Canada-Commonwealth (21)
Friends (31)	14-16	South Africa (36)
USA (32)	16-14	European Alliance (29)
SWAN (52)	21-9	Gryffindor (25)
Hong Kong 3 (28)	8-22	Poland (61)
Wales (32)	5-25	Tajima (81)
Girasol (40)	16-14	PABF Open (33)
Taiwan Amethyst (38)	14-16	Chinese Taipei-Lin (46)
TONPUKU (56)	23-7	My-Bridge (19)
PS-JACK (30)	9-21	Ron (58)
MERRY QUEENS (24)	7-23	Cosmos (62)
Hong Kong 2 (76)	24-6	Korea (29)
KIMURA (59)	17-13	Cactus (49)
SKOTII (42)	20-10	Hong Kong 1 (17)
Kacho-Fugetsu (34)	14-16	ESPERANZA (39)
GOING+MN [GELLER] (38)	16-14	RHEIN (31)
DARUMA [TAJIMA] (21)	4-25	Fairy Tale (76)
Kinki (71)	22-8	JAPAN YOUTH (37)
Match 3		
Tajima (35)	5-25	Sweden (83)
Hackett (32)	12-18	Canada-IOC (47)
England (80)	25-4	SWAN (23)
HIRATA (46)	15-15	Hungary (47)
South Africa (50)	16-14	TONPUKU (42)
Friends (9)	1-25	Poland (83)
Hong Kong 2 (49)	19-11	USA (31)
Cosmos (69)	23-7	European Alliance (29)
Ron (59)	22-8	Girasol (23)
Chinese Taipei-Lin (94)	25-0	Hong Kong 3 (1)
Canada-Commonwealth (26)	11-9	PABF Open (47)
Gryffindor (28)	7-23	SKOTII (69)
Fairy Tale (54)	20-10	Taiwan Amethyst (31)
PABF Women (24)	5-25	KIMURA (73)
ESPERANZA (52)	20-10	Cactus (28)
Wales (34)	14-16	Kacho-Fugetsu (38)
JAPAN YOUTH (45)	17-13	DARUMA [TAJIMA] (34)
RHEIN (32)	10-20	Korea (54)
MERRY QUEENS (47)	12-18	Hong Kong 1 (62)
My-Bridge (14)	0-25	GOING+MN [GELLER] (104)
PS-JACK (42)	13-17	Kinki (54)

## Match One: Hackett vs Geller

For the first round in the Swiss phase of the NEC Cup, the top 21 teams drew their opponents at random from the teams seeded 22-42. The most promising of these encounters figured to be HACKETT (Paul Hackett/Hugh McGann, Justin Hackett/Geir Helgemo) vs GELLER (Bob Geller/Setsuko Ogihara, Akira Morozumi/Sei Nahasaka, Hidenori Narita/Yoichi Ito).

The first deal of the match was a lively one...

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J9743		
Vul: None	♥ 10		
	♦ K		
	♣ QJ10943		
West	East		
♠ 10852	♠ KQ6		
♥ KQ976	♥ J43		
♦ A92	♦ QJ8743		
♣ 8	♣ K		
	South		
	♠ A		
	♥ A852		
	♦ 1065		
	♣ A7652		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1NT	2♦	3♦
Dbl	4♣	Pass	5♣
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	2NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Facing a passed partner, both Souths resisted the temptation to commit a nauseating two-level overcall, but when both Norths showed a weak black two-suiter, South drove to game. The vagaries of North's intervention had

different effects on East and in the Closed Room it was attractive for Geller to compete to 5♦ as a practical two-way shot. He was not expecting to go three down but that was the result when McGann led the ♠A, saw the neutral seven from Paul, cashed the ♣A (eight, queen, king), and switched to the ♥A, ♥8. The defenders got a heart ruff and a spade ruff and Ogihara was -500 in 5♦ doubled.

5♣ presented no problems for Nagasaka on a heart lead. He won and led a diamond to open communications between the North and South hands. When trumps went one-one, Nagasaka could claim +420. 2 IMPs to HACKETT, 2-0.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 95		
Vul: E/W	♥ K1074		
	♦ K10652		
	♣ Q3		
West			East
♠ KJ6			♠ Q1083
♥ AQ865			♥ 9
♦ 874			♦ J93
♣ KJ			♣ A8642
	South		
	♠ A742		
	♥ J32		
	♦ AQ		
	♣ 10975		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Geller	Paul H	Ogihara	McGann
			1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Morozumi	Justin H	Nagasaka
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

It's a trademark of the Hackett side to open most 11-counts, especially when there's a four-card major available, and that style showed well here when McGann's 1♠ silenced Geller

and got his side to a makeable contract. Indeed, Papa Bear made three on two rounds of clubs, East ducking the second. Paul was permitted a second club trick later; +150. Helgemo/Justin, given a free run, declared 1NT the other way in the Closed Room. Morozumi led a diamond and Nagasaka took the ace and queen before switching to the ♥J, covered. The defenders got five diamonds, a heart and a spade and Helgemo was one down, -100. 2 IMPs to HACKETT, 4-0.

Say that you held, as West,

♠ J10972 ♥ 5 ♦ Q65 ♣ AQ73

and saw your partner (East) open 3♥ in third position, unfavorable vulnerability. South, on your right, overcalls 3♠. Would you consider doubling? Neither Geller nor Helgemo doubled, suggesting that it's not really a close decision. The play in 3♠ proved interesting at both tables.

Bd: 4	North
Dlr: West	♠ 6
Vul: Both	♥ J7
	♦ J743
	♣ KJ9654
West	East
♠ J10972	♠ K
♥ 5	♥ AQ986432
♦ Q65	♦ 82
♣ AQ73	♣ 102
	South
	♠ AQ8543
	♥ K10
	♦ AK109
	♣ 8

Both Wests led the ♥5. In the Open Room Ogihara gave Geller his heart ruff, returning the six. Geller cashed the ♣A and exited with a club but McGann countered immaculately, putting in the ♣J (diamond discard) to play three rounds of trumps. West had to give declarer either the ♣K or the diamond finesse. One down; -100.

In the Closed Room Justin switched to the ♦8 at trick two. Nagasaka won the ace and tried to

cash the ♥K but Helgemo ruffed and exited with the ♠J to the king and ace. Declarer cashed the ♠Q and exited with his club. Helgemo took the ♣A, cashed his trumps and exited with a club but Nagasaka put in the jack and so had two diamond discards; -100. No swing.

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 1062		
Vul: N/S	♥ K10752		
	♦ Q6		
	♣ AQJ		
West		East	
♠ K874		♠ J95	
♥ A64		♥ QJ	
♦ 752		♦ J10984	
♣ K107		♣ 863	
	South		
	♠ AQ3		
	♥ 983		
	♦ AK3		
	♣ 9542		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>	
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Against Paul's 4♥ Ogihara led the ♦10, Rusinow. Paul played two rounds of diamonds, then passed the ♥9. He got a club switch to the king and ace, and was not well placed to do anything other than take the spade finesse. When he misguessed trumps later he was one down; -100.



Robert Geller

Morozumi's 3NT was much more promising on a low club lead to the king and ace. Declarer tried a low heart from hand and Justin won the jack to switch to the ♠J, covered by the queen and king. Declarer now had nine tricks but didn't know the clubs were running. He won the spade continuation in dummy and passed the ♥8 to the queen. Justin knocked out the ♠10 and Morozumi cashed the ♣Q, hoping to see the ten. When it did not appear he decided to knock out the ♥A, hoping that its owner would not hold the long spade. Curses! Minus 100 here too. No swing.

Bd: 6	North	
Dlr: East	♠ AKJ5432	
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ94	
	♦ J2	
	♣ ---	
West		East
♠ 10		♠ Q
♥ 832		♥ K107
♦ KQ1063		♦ A987
♣ AKQ2		♣ J7543
	South	
	♠ 9876	
	♥ Q65	
	♦ 54	
	♣ 10986	

At both tables West opened 1♦ in third position and North overcalled 4♠. From our safe perch in the Press Room the editors are confident that they would double with the East hand, the strategy adopted by Justin. That's not quite the same as suggesting that this double—normally defined as “cards” although it really should be more precisely explained as either [your choice] cooperative takeout or cooperative penalty—would convince West to take it out. Helgemo, buying into the idea that such a double should be removed only with both significant distribution and realistic hopes for a make, passed the double and so went -590. We would expect this to be a common result across the field despite our view that the double should be cooperative takeout, making it more attractive for West to take out to 5♣.

In contrast, Oghihara was unwilling to double 4♠ because that would have been a stronger

penalty suggestion, and Geller passed it out where it would not have been outrageous to protect with a takeout double. The bad news for E/W is that they were cold for 5♣ or 5♦ but the good news for Geller/Oghihara is that they gained 4 IMPs for -450 (they didn't broach diamonds in time) and tied the match, 4-4.



Setsuko Oghihara

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ KJ10874		
Vul: Both	♥ AK103		
	♦ 86		
	♣ 8		
West		East	
♠ AQ		♠ 9532	
♥ J864		♥ 2	
♦ Q		♦ AK9432	
♣ AQJ972		♣ 64	
	South		
	♠ 6		
	♥ Q975		
	♦ J1075		
	♣ K1053		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♥	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♠	All Pass	

Against Paul's 2♥ Oghihara cashed two high diamonds, then switched to a club to West's nine. Declarer ruffed the ♣A continuation with the ♥10 and continued hopefully with the ace and king of trumps. When East showed out declarer crossed to the ♥Q to lead a diamond

winner, but Geller ruffed in with the master trump, cashed the ♠A, and exited with the ♣Q, taking the setting trick with the ♣J at trick thirteen; -100.

The trump position looks very good for Morozumi in 2♠, but the play didn't go well for him after ♦K, club to the nine, ♣A. Declarer ruffed with the seven, crossed to the ♥Q and discarded a diamond on the ♣K as East scored the ♠2. Declarer ruffed the ♦A continuation and exited with the ♠10. East scored the ♠9 on a club over-ruff and led a diamond for West to ruff with the ♠A. A heart ruff followed and Morozumi was two down: -200. 3 IMPs to HACKETT, 7-4.

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AK108		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ1074		
	♦ AK		
	♣ A8		
West			East
♠ J64			♠ 93
♥ 6			♥ Q8532
♦ QJ43			♦ 10962
♣ QJ532			♣ K6
	South		
	♠ Q752		
	♥ A9		
	♦ 875		
	♣ 10974		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Although the North hand is not a classic strong two-bid in hearts and not ideal for 2♣-2♦; 2NT, the danger in opening 1♥ can be seen in the

Closed Room, where Paul had to invent a jump shift over McGann's 1♠ response. At his third turn Paul might have jumped to 4♠ to get his fourth trump across but that would have suggested a void in diamonds. Accordingly, he settled for 3♠ and when McGann innocently retreated to 4♥, unaware of the eight-card spade fit, Paul abandoned all hope for a cooperative exchange and issued a gentle slam try of 6♠. Brute force 1, Science 0. Had Geller led a club, our Irish Doctor might have been in the operating room for quite some time, but alas, the velvet fingers of West extracted the ♥6, which ran to the nine. Declarer drew trumps, cashed the ♥A, and was able to ruff out the ♥Q painlessly for +980.



Hugh McGann

Meanwhile, Morozumi followed up his 2♣ opening with a two-way 2♥ (natural or strong, balanced) and raised Nagasaka's constructive (5-6 HCP) 2NT to 3NT, burying the spade fit. The lead of the ♣2 was ducked to the king and a second club went to the ace. Declarer took four rounds of spades, then played ♥A, ♥9, and passed it; +460. 11 IMPs to HACKETT, ahead now 18-4.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K64		
Vul: Both	♥ AQ86		
	♦ Q93		
	♣ J107		
West	East		
♠ A10752	♠ Q9		
♥ 1032	♥ 9754		
♦ AK	♦ 65		
♣ 985	♣ AKQ32		
	South		
	♠ J83		
	♥ KJ		
	♦ J108742		
	♣ 64		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The HACKETT surged continued on Board 10 when Justin opened a hand (note the canape influence that is another signature Hackettism) that Ogihara passed, reached a thin but playable game, and brought it home (note Helgemo's imaginative 2♥ on the way to game). Justin took the diamond lead in dummy, led the ♣9 to the ace, and passed the ♠Q. He won the diamond continuation, led the ♣8 to his king and overtook the ♠9 with the ten. With both black suits behaving, Justin was +660.

At the other table, Geller felt he could pass Ogihara's semi-forcing 1NT response because he would not accept a game invitation. Ogihara ducked the second round of clubs for safety and held herself to four clubs and three prime tricks; +90. 11 IMPs to HACKETT, 29-4.

Bd: 11	North	
Dlr: South	♠ J3	
Vul: None	♥ AKJ4	
	♦ 9742	
	♣ K83	
West		East
♠ 108		♠ AQ972
♥ 9872		♥ Q103
♦ 1065		♦ QJ83
♣ AQ94		♣ 10
	South	
	♠ K654	
	♥ 65	
	♦ AK	
	♣ J7652	
Open Room		

West	North	East	South
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl*	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♣
All Pass			

If there is something pretty about either of these auctions I am incapable of seeing it.

McGann went two down, −100, in 2NT on the lead of the ♠10 to the jack and queen and a low diamond shift. A club to the king and a second club left him badly placed.

It was much more comfortable for Nagasaka in 2♣ on the same line of defense as he could take a significant number of ruffing tricks: +110. 5 IMPs to GELLER, 9-29.



Sei Nagasaka

However, that was to be the last significant gain for the trailing team in the match, and they recorded only 2 overtrick IMPs over the last nine deals.

Meanwhile, HACKETT continued to score heavily, registering big gains on four of the remaining deals, presented below.



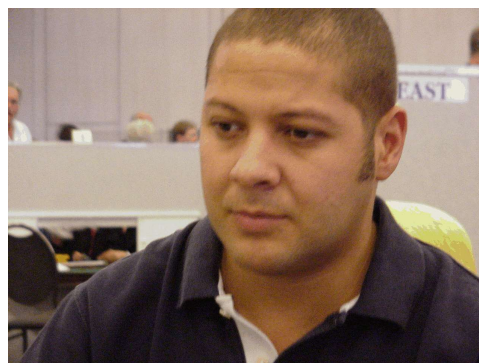
Bd: 12	North		
Dir: West	♠ Q87		
Vul: N/S	♥ 109876532		
	♦ 7		
	♣ 6		
West		East	
♠ A954		♠ K63	
♥ AK4		♥ J	
♦ AK5		♦ 9432	
♣ A75		♣ KJ943	
	South		
	♠ J102		
	♥ Q		
	♦ QJ1086		
	♣ Q1082		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
2♣*	4♥	Pass*	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In 3NT (3♣ was five-card major Stayman) Helgemo got a heart lead to the jack, queen and king, played ♣A, club to the king, ♦A, ♦K, and was now in trouble. Gamely, he crossed to the ♠K and led a second spade to the ten, king and...eight. Now North had to win the third spade and South could not gain the lead to cash his four minor-suit winners. "Sorry, partner," said Morozumi, perhaps, but we're not in a position to tell you whether South's second spade should have been the ten or the jack in keeping with the partnership's agreements. Not that North shouldn't unblock the ♠Q in any case. A spectacular +400 for Helgemo.

On a good day Geller's 6♣ would have made. On Tuesday, however, he was two down, -100. 11 IMPs to HACKETT, 40-9.

Bd: 13	North		
Dir: North	♠ QJ82		
Vul: Both	♥ J752		
	♦ 83		
	♣ AK7		
West		East	
♠ 1063		♠ 9	
♥ 108643		♥ AK9	
♦ J106		♦ AKQ742	
♣ J5		♣ 1082	
	South		
	♠ AK754		
	♥ Q		
	♦ 95		
	♣ Q9643		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♦	Dbl	Pass
2♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

4♠ was easy to make; +620. 5♦ doubled was sure to be a good save even if Justin got the hearts wrong, but he didn't, and so escaped for only -200. 9 IMPs more, 49-9.



Justin Hackett

Bd: 16	North		
Dir: West	♠ 75		
Vul: E/W	♥ J43		
	♦ 109654		
	♣ K95		
West		East	
♠ 84		♠ Q1062	
♥ Q62		♥ A987	
♦ AK872		♦ QJ3	
♣ AJ8		♣ Q7	
	South		
	♠ AKJ93		
	♥ K105		
	♦ ---		
	♣ 106432		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>	
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In 2♠ doubled, McGann got to a position where he could have scored both the ♣K and the ♥K to go with his five trump winners, but he played low on East's heart switch and so did not make a heart trick, finishing two down, -300. Still, that was worth 7 IMPs to HACKETT when Helgemo brought home 3NT in remarkable fashion. He got a low diamond lead around to his eight, unblocked diamonds, and passed the ♣Q to the king. Morozumi exited with a heart rather than a spade so declarer could duck in dummy, taking five diamonds, two clubs and two hearts for +600. HACKETT, 56-10.



Paul "Papa" Hackett

Bd: 19	North		
Dir: South	♠ KQ973		
Vul: E/W	♥ J8		
	♦ J3		
	♣ AQJ8		
West		East	
♠ 52		♠ AJ106	
♥ Q7532		♥ 4	
♦ 108		♦ AQ52	
♣ K952		♣ 10763	
	South		
	♠ 84		
	♥ AK1096		
	♦ K9764		
	♣ 4		
Open Room/Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Geller</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Ogihara</i>	<i>McGann</i>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morozumi Justin H</i>	<i>Nagasaka</i>	
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

At both tables East led a high club spot to the king and ace and West took declarer's ♥J with the queen. Geller continued clubs but Paul won and ran hearts, discarding two spades and a club. Ogihara parted with a diamond, two clubs and a spade. Now a spade went to the queen and ace and Ogihara switched to a low diamond, which ran to the jack. Declarer cashed his club and led a diamond and so had 10 winners: +430.



Akira Morozumi

In the Open Room, Helgemo switched to the ♠5 when he won the ♥Q. Justin took the king with the ace and returned the jack to declarer's king. Although Morozumi had all the spade pips he was a bit short on re-entries to his hand, so

he elected to run the hearts. Stuck in dummy after doing so, he exited with a diamond to the jack and queen. Justin took the ♠10 and ♦A: -50. 10 IMPs more to HACKETT, who won the match 66-11. 25-4 in VP.

Bd: 20	North	
Dir: West	♠ A832	
Vul: Both	♥ A1074	
	♦ K983	
	♣ 4	
West		East
♠ QJ7		♠ K1096
♥ KJ53		♥ Q982
♦ QJ2		♦ 64
♣ J85		♣ Q72
	South	
	♠ 54	
	♥ 6	
	♦ A1075	
	♣ AK10963	

We include Board 20 to show you a graphic application of the phrase, "when you're hot, you're hot." Brian Senior and Pablo Lambardi, of the defending champions, held the N/S

cards. Brian, mis-sorting his hand, thought he held ace-king-fifth of diamonds and so happily opened the North hand with 1♦. Over Pablo's 2♣ Brian discovered his real hand and could do no better than rebid 2♦, as who would not. Pablo launched into RKCB, caught a zero or three response that he could not distinguish with confidence, continued undaunted with 5♥ to locate the trump queen, and put Brian in 6♦, which attracted not a spade lead but a heart lead. Plus 1370, thank you very much.

Apart from being lucky it must be conceded that England was also very good in dispatching YOUTH 25-0.



Geir Helgemo

## Match Two (The Battle of the Plains of Abraham, more or less)

The Department of Cheesy Introductions: Brother versus brother, families torn apart by the cruel realities of war, an unfeeling wall dividing the Canadian nation.

Not quite that dramatic. Just another bridge match in which all the international competitors happen to be sometime teammates from one country. Canada-Commonwealth vs Canada-IOC. Catch it here, nearly live.



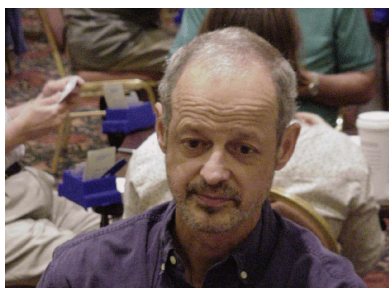
Bd: 1	North	
Dir: North	♠ 86	
Vul: None	♥ 5	
	♦ AQ107543	
	♣ A76	
West		East
♠ J1032		♠ AKQ5
♥ 98643		♥ Q107
♦ 8		♦ J
♣ J108		♣ KQ542
	South	
	♠ 974	
	♥ AKJ2	
	♦ K962	
	♣ 93	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Duquette</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
	1♦	Dbl	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>
	1♦*	Dbl	1♥
Pass	2♦	Dbl	4♦
All Pass			

An exquisite deal to start the match. Where Peter Jones was willing to risk a second double, John Duquette was not (I'm with the him, should anyone ask). Jones' aggressive action convinced Judy Gartaganis that it wouldn't pay to look for 3NT, and she tried the effect of 4♦, intending it as invitational with the possibility of coaxing E/W into an indiscretion. North (Nick Gartaganis) had the wrong singleton and passed, but game was pretty good anyway, requiring a heart finesse to discard a second club: +150 when Jones led three rounds of spades, allowing Judy the safe finesse when a club switch would have convinced her to ruff out the ♥Q instead.

In the Open Room Silver expected neither opponent to hold as many as five spades on the auction so he rolled the dice with 3NT, hoping that diamonds would run and that dummy would produce the ♥A or a spade guard. 3NT is a pretty good bid but not one that slaps you in the face.

I can just see Joey at the table, waving his hand at his opponents as he showed out on the third spade, claiming with complete confidence. Plus 400. A rather dynamic 6 IMPs to IOC.



Joey Silver

Bd: 2		North	
Dir: East		♠ 854	
Vul: N/S		♥ 984	
		♦ AQ96	
		♣ Q65	
West		East	
♠ KQJ6		♠ A97	
♥ A76		♥ KQ1052	
♦ 103		♦ 42	
♣ J984		♣ 1072	
		South	
		♠ 1032	
		♥ J3	
		♦ KJ875	
		♣ AK3	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Silver	Duquette	Gitelman
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♦	2♥	3♦
Dbl*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Campbell	Nick G.	Jones	Judith G.
		Pass	1NT
All Pass			

In the closed Room Judy's 11-13 notrump shut everyone out. The defenders cashed four spades efficiently and on the last Jones discarded the ♥2 to encourage a switch to that suit. That cost the defenders a vulnerable trick but secured the defeat of the contract, which is an admirable objective. Two down; -200.

The bidding was of an altogether different species in the Open Room, where Balcombe did an awful lot of bidding (his double of 3♦ showed three-card heart support). Silver encouraged with the five on the lead of the ♣K but Duquette *discouraged* by concealing the deuce. Gitelman led over to the ♦A and Silver cashed the ♣Q before returning a diamond. Gitelman cashed the ♣A for two down: -100. 7 IMPs to IOC, off to a 13-0 lead after two deals.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ KQJ87		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q8		
	♦ A64		
	♣ Q52		
West			East
♠ 96			♠ 103
♥ 9			♥ AJ5432
♦ J10987			♦ KQ
♣ K10964			♣ A87
	South		
	♠ A542		
	♥ K1076		
	♦ 532		
	♣ J3		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Duquette</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	2♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>
Pass	1NT	Dbl	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♠	Dbl	All Pass

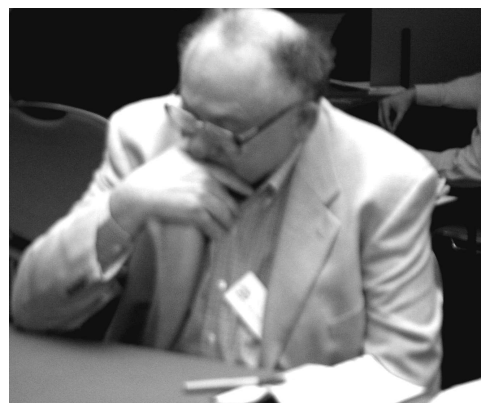
Silver, in a quiet 2♠ after a quiet auction, recorded a quiet +110, taking the ♦K lead with the ace to draw trumps and lead a club.

Once again the bidding was completely different at the other table, where Nick started with a 14-16 notrump. It is easier to understand the rest of the N/S bidding (South's 2♥ showed both majors, a pass would have forced redouble—or, exceptionally, allowed 2♣ on five—after which passing for penalty seemed a bit too cavalier to her) than E/W's but it would seem that Campbell did not have a "minors" 2NT or double in his bag at either his second or third turn, hence his strange-looking 3♣. Jones' double of 3♠ seems to indicate that he was expecting more from Campbell for his delayed three-level action and the N/S bidding had marked West with short hearts. Accordingly, Jones led the ♥A and continued with the deuce,

got back in with the ♣A, and led a second club to the king. A diamond switch followed, and Nick still had to lose one diamond trick for one down; −100. 5 IMPs more to IOC, 18-0.

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A4		
Vul: Both	♥ AKQJ853		
	♦ J8		
	♣ 32		
West		East	
♠ QJ2		♠ K108765	
♥ 1076		♥ 94	
♦ Q		♦ A7653	
♣ QJ10876		♣ ---	
		South	
		♠ 93	
		♥ 2	
		♦ K10942	
		♣ AK954	
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Duquette</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	1♥	2♠	Dbl
3♠	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♠	2♦
2♠	3NT	All Pass	
(1♣=strong, artificial)			

Um, that's how we bid 'em in Canada, I guess. No swing at N/S +630.



"Hmm, if I play the wrong card I think I can correct it before anyone back home sees it since it's still yesterday in Dallas."

B	d			:
5	North			
Dlr: North	♠ K107			
Vul: N/S	♥ Q4			
	♦ K109			
	♣ KJ1083			
West				East
♠ QJ8				♠ A632
♥ 7652				♥ AKJ10
♦ Q873				♦ 654
♣ Q4				♣ A5
	South			
	♠ 954			
	♥ 983			
	♦ AJ2			
	♣ 9762			
Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Balcombe	Silver	Duquette	Gitelman	
	1♣	Dbl	Pass	
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass	
Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
Campbell	Nick G.	Jones	Judith G.	
	1NT	Dbl	Pass*	
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass	
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AK		
Vul: Both	♥ J9		
	♦ K2		
	♣ A987543		
West			East
♠ 10742			♠ Q863
♥ A87			♥ KQ1053
♦ AQ1075			♦ 93
♣ 10			♣ Q6
	South		
	♠ J95		
	♥ 642		
	♦ J864		
	♣ KJ2		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Duquette</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♣	Dbl*	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Both declarers managed nine tricks, which seems pretty good. Because they bid more cautiously than their counterparts (it looks as if Jones was again expecting a bit more from Campbell for his delayed 2♥), Balcombe/Doucette brought in 5 IMPs for their side, cutting wealth's Common deficit to 13 IMPs



Nick Gartaganis

Were I the sort of person prone to insert exclamation marks into auctions, Nick's 14-16 notrump would get one. The fact that it achieved a plus should not be interpreted as an indication that Judy will insert it as a classic example of the genre in her version of the system notes. Nick lost the first five tricks in hearts and the next in diamonds: +90.



Judy Gartaganis

The fact that Silver's resumé is filled with highlight deals featuring stopperless successful 3NT contracts should not be interpreted as an indication that every deal is a candidate for inclusion. Take this one, for example, which resulted in two down, -200. 7 IMPs to Commonwealth, 12-18.

Bd: 8		North	
Dir: West		♠ AK52	
Vul: None♥		KQ94	
		♦ 9653	
		♣ J	
West		East	
♠ ---		♠ Q87	
♥ J1063		♥ 87	
♦ AQ1082		♦ J7	
♣ 9763		♣ K108542	
		South	
		♠ J109643	
		♥ A52	
		♦ K4	
		♣ AQ	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Silver	Duquette	Gitelman
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Campbell	Nick G.	Jones	Judith G.
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6♠ by South is quite reasonable. Assuming that trumps come in, declarer has time to try for four heart tricks with possible options in doing so, then to lead towards the ♦K some of the times the heart venture is unsuccessful. The Gartagani were out of luck this time when the small losing chance in trumps came into play. Campbell led the ♦A and Judy had to go one down, -50.

At the other table, where Silver's natural raise to 4♥ removed any slam implications from Gitelman's 4♠ continuation, IOC's N/S pair stopped safely without expressing the full potential of its assets. Plus 420 on a club lead. 10 IMPs to IOC, 28-12.

Bd: 9		North	
Dlr: North ♠ 108			
Vul: E/W		♥ A73	
		♦ A542	
		♣ KJ75	
West		East	
♠ KJ53		♠ AQ964	
♥ K865		♥ J1094	
♦ KJ87		♦ 63	
♣ 4		♣ 98	
		South	
		♠ 72	
		♥ Q2	
		♦ Q109	
		♣ AQ10632	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Silver	Duquette	Gitelman
	1♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Campbell	Nick G.	Jones	Judith G.
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Souths chose an invitational sequence ending in 3♣ (Nick's 1NT was 11-13). Where Silver tried a technical 3♥ Nick borrowed a page from Silver's mercifully unpublished book of tactics and shot out 3NT. Whose action do you like better (noting that the question was not "Do you like either action?")?

Nick got a spade lead and so took the last eight tricks for one down, -50. Gitelman lost the first two spade tricks to East and got a heart switch through the queen. He got the diamonds right for two down, -100, and Commonwealth gained 2 IMPs, 14-28.



Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ Q654		
Vul: Both	♥ 2		
	♦ Q104		
	♣ AQ1043		
West		East	
♠ AKJ		♠ 109872	
♥ AQ96		♥ J3	
♦ A653		♦ 87	
♣ K8		♣ J972	
	South		
	♠ 3		
	♥ K108754		
	♦ KJ92		
	♣ 65		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Duquette</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
		Pass	2♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>
		Pass	2♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Perhaps 3NT is the right bid, but it will take some convincing to sway me. Both Norths led a low club and both Wests pieced together seven tricks. IOC earned that 3-IMP undertrick in the bidding, say I. IOC, 31-14.



Fred Gitelman

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ K52		
Vul: None	♥ KJ3		
	♦ KJ83		
	♣ 952		
West		East	
♠ Q976		♠ A1043	
♥ 1096		♥ Q8	
♦ 76		♦ AQ105	
♣ K1074		♣ J86	
	South		
	♠ J8		
	♥ A7542		
	♦ 942		
	♣ AQ3		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Duquette</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Dbl	2NT
Dbl*	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>
			1NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2♣	Dbl	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Having played a great deal of bridge with Joey Silver over the years I'm in a strong position to tell you that the Open Room auction is not a misprint. The art of opening a three-card major in third position is not a subject that has received much ink in the trade literature but it can be an effective tactic even if partner bids a lot. Not this time, however. Silver went four down even after the helpful lead of the ♠A, so it would be fair to say that 4♥ was not much of a contract. You can be sure that Gitelman was duly apologetic when he put down the dummy, not only because his eagle eye caught Silver's fingers playing with the collar of his shirt in the fashion of a person with a noose around his neck. Minus 200.

This adventure cost IOC only 3 IMPs when Campbell/Jones wriggled into 2♠ and emerged



with +110. Commonwealth led by 14 IMPs, 31-17.

Bd: 15		North	
Dir: South		♠ 95	
Vul: N/S		♥ AQ983	
		♦ 1054	
		♣ J108	
West		East	
♠ A107		♠ KQ632	
♥ J42		♥ 5	
♦ Q6		♦ AJ72	
♣ K9763		♣ A54	
		South	
		♠ J84	
		♥ K1076	
		♦ K983	
		♣ Q2	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Silver	Duquette	Gitelman
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Dbl	3♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Campbell	Nick G.	Jones	Judith G.
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After a Drury-Fit 2♣ by West the East players took radically different approaches. Perhaps Jones was a bit lucky that the hands fit so well, but the murkiness attending Duquette's 3♦ and Balcombe's 3♥ should give us cause to question the wisdom in trying to cut it so fine. 4♠ deserved to make and both declarers came to ten tricks, so IOC gained 6 IMPs for the non-vulnerable game vs partscore swing, 37-17.



John Duquette-Keith Balcombe

Bd: 16		North	
Dir: West		♠ 5	
Vul: E/W		♥ J1083	
		♦ 102	
		♣ KJ10852	
West		East	
♠ K4		♠ A10863	
♥ AQ42		♥ 6	
♦ AK76		♦ QJ983	
♣ Q73		♣ A4	
		South	
		♠ QJ972	
		♥ K975	
		♦ 54	
		♣ 96	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Silver	Duquette	Gitelman
1♣*	3♣	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Campbell	Nick G.	Jones	Judith G.
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

6♦ is a good contract and Campbell made it despite finding spades five-one and the ♣K over the queen. He got the lead of the ♠5 to the nine and king, drew two rounds of trumps, tested spades, and tried ♣A, club to the queen and king. Now he had time for the heart finesse to develop the discard he needed to dispose of his long spade: +1370.



Gordon Campbell

Balcombe's strong club acted as a red flag for the already Bull-like Silver, whose 3♣ preempt gave Duquette a hard ride. Trying to conserve space he tried the unusual tactic of introducing his lower-ranking five-card suit first. That located the best fit early but left Balcombe with an awkward bid over 4♠, lacking a club control. It's easy to see what went wrong and perhaps not unreasonable to sympathize with the plight

of Commonwealth's E/W pair, but the bottom line was a 13-IMP gain to IOC, 50-17.

Commonwealth recouped 4 IMPs over the last few deals to reduce their deficit to 29 IMPs, but IOC's 50-21 victory (21-9 VP) was a fair reflection of the bridge, despite some good luck on the important Board 8.

### Match Three: Sweden vs TAJIMA

Our featured match in the third round involves the top of the table duel between Sweden and local heroes TAJIMA. For the third successive match the first deal was an exciting one.

peacefully at 4♠, cold for +450.

It was dramatically different in the Open Room, where Masayuki Ino's free 2♦ over PO Sundelin's 1♠ undercall significantly improved the North hand. Although Johan Sylvan was able to check on key cards for spades Ishmael Del'Monte could not be talked out of jumping to 6♦ as he expected to have chances for a make either legitimately or otherwise. The Swedes sorted out the key card situation at the six level and got their three tricks against 6♦ doubled, but that was only 300 and TAJIMA was on the board first with a 4-IMP gain.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ ---		
Vul: None	♥ 62		
	♦ K1085		
	♣ AKJ10742		
West		East	
♠ Q10764		♠ AJ953	
♥ AK9754		♥ 103	
♦ A		♦ 62	
♣ 3		♣ Q865	
	South		
	♠ K82		
	♥ QJ8		
	♦ QJ9743		
	♣ 9		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Del'Monte	Sundelin	Ino
	1♣	1♠	2♦
4NT	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Tajima	Bertheau	Teramoto	Nystrom
	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♣	4♣	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room Peter Bertheau's natural 2♣ opening buried the N/S diamond fit and Tadashi Teramoto bought the contract

Bd: 2		North	
Dir: East		♠ AJ7	
Vul: N/S		♥ J97	
		♦ AKQ865	
		♣ 6	
West		East	
♠ Q63		♠ K9	
♥ A4		♥ KQ10862	
♦ 1043		♦ J92	
♣ AQ1092		♣ K8	
		South	
		♠ 108542	
		♥ 53	
		♦ 7	
		♣ J7543	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Del'Monte	Sundelin	Ino
		1♥	Pass
2♣	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Both E/W pairs judged extremely well to defend against a low-level doubled diamond partscore.

Teramoto started with two rounds of clubs against 2♦ doubled. Bertheau ruffed the second and drew trumps to exit in hearts, but the defenders did not break spades and Bertheau could take only six trumps and the ♠A for one down: -200.

Against 3♦ doubled, Sundelin led the ♥K, which held, then switched to two rounds of clubs. Here Del'Monte did not draw trumps, exiting with the ♥J instead. Sylvan won the ace and continued clubs, ruffed and over-ruffed. On the ♥Q Sylvan tried to uppercut with the ♦10 but declarer discarded his heart loser, ruffed the club continuation high, and extracted the remaining trumps. He still had to lose two spades and so was three down, -800. 12 IMPs to Sweden, 12-4.

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ KQ109	
Vul: E/W	♥ K	
	♦ AKQ	
	♣ KQ1087	
West	East	
♠ J7	♠ 642	
♥ QJ10653	♥ A984	
♦ J1054	♦ 873	
♣ 9	♣ J62	
	South	
	♠ A853	
	♥ 72	
	♦ 962	
	♣ A543	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
			Pass
2♦*	Dbl	2♠*	Pass
3♥	Dbl	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs did well to reach slam, Del'Monte overcoming Sylvan's Multi 2♦ and Sundelin's "good for hearts" 2♠. 6♠ isn't as good as 6♣, which allows more flexibility and timing in spades, but it's worth bidding just the same. Plus 980 when trumps came in easily.

When Mitsue Tajima elected to remain silent Bertheau/Nystrom had all the room in the world after a strong club opening and artificial 1♥ response showing at least five 3-2-1 points (ace=3, king=2, queen=1) and most hands with no shortage. Bertheau relayed no less than seven times, learned Nystrom's precise shape, the nature and location and of his high cards, and placed the contract where it belonged: +920. 2 IMPs to TAJIMA, somewhat unjustly, 6-12.

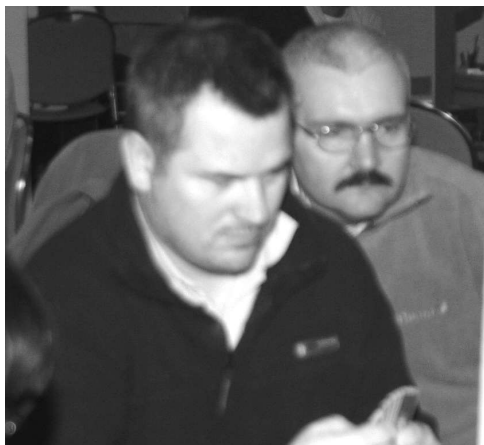


Mitsue Tajima

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	♠ J84		
Vul: Both	♥ AQ10		
	♦ A984		
	♣ KJ4		
West		East	
♠ AK632		♠ 1075	
♥ 976		♥ K83	
♦ 3		♦ Q10762	
♣ A1072		♣ Q9	
	South		
	♠ Q9		
	♥ J542		
	♦ KJ5		
	♣ 8653		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
1♠	Dbl	2♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Sylvan's 2♠ handled very well despite Del'Monte's good trump lead, and a slip in defense allowed declarer a less than obvious overtrick: +140.

Tajima's curious decisions to stay out of the auction throughout left Bertheau to declare 1NT, which also handled nicely after a low diamond lead ran to the eight. Declarer finished with four diamonds, three hearts and a spade for +120. 6 IMPs to Sweden, 18-6.



"If I watch long enough, I too can be a bridge majician."

It was 18-8 for Sweden when Board 7 arrived...

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 84		
Vul: Both	♥ A109874		
	♦ Q109		
	♣ K8		
West		East	
♠ QJ10763		♠ A2	
♥ ---		♥ 52	
♦ AK62		♦ 8743	
♣ A104		♣ Q7653	
	South		
	♠ K95		
	♥ KQJ63		
	♦ J5		
	♣ J92		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
			1♥
1♠	2♠*	Dbl	3♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			1♥
1♠	4♥	All Pass	

Facing a limited opening bid Bertheau was content to offer a heavy game raise. That worked very well when Tajima did not reopen with an attractive hand for further action. 4♥ had four obvious losers: -100.

Del'Monte couldn't comfortably afford the luxury of an atypical bounce to 4♥ facing a potentially strong opening bid, but his limit-plus cue-bid made it easy for Sundelin to show something in spades. It's not likely that the Swedes would have stayed out of 4♠ in any case so in practice North's decision to save in 5♥ saved 120 points. Ino was down 500 and Sweden gained 9 IMPs, 27-9.

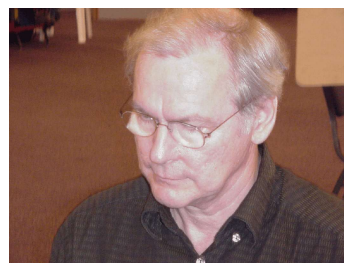
A variety of filthy contracts producing different degrees of failure netted TAJIMA a total of 8 IMPs over the next three deals and left Sweden ahead by 11, 28-17. Among those deals was

one that offered Ino the chance to defeat Sundelin's nauseating 4♥ by giving Del'Monte a *second-round* rather than a third-round diamond ruff, but that would have been important only if Ishmael had opened a weak 2♠ on a five-card suit. Of course, Ish had been dealt only five, so he was sorely aggrieved that Masayuki hadn't found the winning line.

Tajima handed back 5 IMPs on Board 11 by misplaying a side suit of A108 opposite Q954 to go down in a contract that would have made had she taken two finesses. That made it 33-17 for Sweden. Then...

Bd: 12	North		
Dir: West	♠ 108		
Vul: N/S	♥ K3		
	♦ 10873		
	♣ J10754		
West			East
♠ AQJ96			♠ K
♥ AQ1085			♥ J9762
♦ A4			♦ Q9652
♣ 8			♣ A3
	South		
	♠ 75432		
	♥ 4		
	♦ KJ		
	♣ KQ962		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Del'Monte	Sundelin	Ino
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
(1♣=11-13 balanced or any 17+)			
(2NT=18+ with ♥ support)			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Tajima	Bertheau	Teramoto	Nystrom
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Dbl
5♥	All Pass		

Sylvan/Sundelin's serendipitous sequence placed the declaration in 6♥ in the East position, so the contract could not be beaten legitimately. Ask yourself how you would play 6♥ as East on the lead of the ♦J. If you judge to rise with the ace you still have to decide whether to take the heart finesse or play off the ace, hoping that if the king does not drop you will find the player with the master trump (and the suit two-one) holding four spades, enabling you to pitch all of East's diamonds in time. Ino led the ♣K, of course, so Sundelin won and passed the ♥K. Although spades were five-two the fall of the ten secured the slam: +980. There is a pretty improvement on PO's line: Win the ♣A, ruff a club, and cross to the ♠K to take the heart finesse. If North was dealt the singleton ♥K and the ♦K and spades are five-two, North would be meaningfully endplayed.



P.O. Sundelin

Tajima did not have the right hand for RKCB as the one-key response didn't tell her enough to know what to do. At this table there was sure to be a club lead against 6♥, so slam would have made without difficulty: +480. 11 IMPs to Sweden, 44-17.

Bd: 13	North		
Dir: North	♠ AK43		
Vul: Both	♥ 106		
	♦ KQ853		
	♣ Q3		
West	East		
♠ Q92	♠ 65		
♥ AQ93	♥ KJ42		
♦ AJ10	♦ 6		
♣ K54	♣ AJ10962		
	South		
	♠ J1087		
	♥ 875		
	♦ 9742		
	♣ 87		

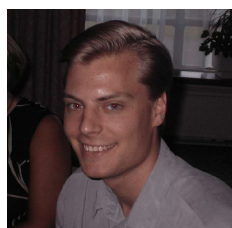
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
	1♦	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	1♦*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♥*	3♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

PO's 2♣ overcall simplified matters in the Open Room and after three rounds of spades against 3NT, Sylvan led a low club towards dummy, reserving his options in the suit. Ino had followed seven-eight-ten in spades (nominally encouraging), so it would certainly have been reasonable for declarer to finesse clubs through South. However, Ish recognizing this classical second-hand high position (in isolation, alas) produced the ♣Q. Sylvan guessed how to take the rest: +660.

When Teramoto passed over 1♦ Fredrik Nystrom saw a chance to create a false impression of strength and responded 1♠, an acceptable move in the system. Bertheau's 2♥ was an artificial four-trump raise so Teramoto had some measure of security in coming into the live auction. It's not clear what a double of 2♥ would have meant but in any case Tajima's 4♣ got her side to neither 3NT nor 4♥ and Teramoto got the clubs wrong for +130. 11 IMPs more to Sweden, 55-17.



Tadashi Teramoto



Fredrik Nystrom

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ A973		
Vul: N/S	♥ 108		
	♦ K953		
	♣ 1043		
West	East		
♠ QJ105	♠ K42		
♥ KQ4	♥ 9762		
♦ AQ106	♦ 84		
♣ 96	♣ KJ75		
	South		
	♠ 86		
	♥ AJ53		
	♦ J72		
	♣ AQ82		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Del'Monte	Sundelin	Ino
			1♣
Dbl	1♠	2♥	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Tajima	Bertheau	Teramoto	Nystrom
			1♦*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Both Swedish partscores went one down for a total loss of 150 points, so TAJIMA recouped 4 IMPs, 21-55. Sylvan/Sundelin turned over 3 IMPs on the next deal by getting a trick higher than their counterparts (not unreasonably), cutting their lead to 31. Two deals later, TAJIMA achieved something more substantial.



"You're quite right ladies, I am not prepared to believe this story."

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ1094		
Vul: N/S	♥ 7		
	♦ 762		
	♣ 10754		
West		East	
♠ A87		♠ J52	
♥ A93		♥ K108542	
♦ J108		♦ AKQ4	
♣ A982		♣ ---	
	South		
	♠ 63		
	♥ QJ6		
	♦ 953		
	♣ KQJ63		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
		1♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠	Dbl	6♥	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Sylvan's 2NT showed at least three hearts and at least game-invitational strength. Sundelin's 4♣ indicated a club void and when he went past game Sylvan could hardly hold back with his aces and diamond fillers. Ino led a spade and when trumps failed to behave PO had to go one down, -50.

Tajima/Teramoto stopped safely in 4♥ after a sound sequence and gained 11 IMPs for their +450.



Johan Sylvan

TAJIMA was within 20 IMPs at 35-55.

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AKQ86		
Vul: E/W	♥ 8762		
	♦ 4		
	♣ Q94		
West		East	
♠ 9432		♠ 10	
♥ AQJ954		♥ K3	
♦ 1052		♦ AQ73	
♣ ---		♣ KJ8632	
	South		
	♠ J75		
	♥ 10		
	♦ KJ986		
	♣ A1075		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♣	3♣*
3♥	3♠	4♣*	Pass
4♥	Dbl	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♣	4♠
All Pass			

The Open Room bidding is particularly interesting, as Sylvan's passed-hand 3♥ suggested a club fit, prompting Sundelin to compete to 4♣. Sylvan was aware of the implications of his bid but expected PO to have some hearts, as he was known to be short in spades. Hence Johan's retreat to 4♥. Sensing a possible misunderstanding and counting on Ino for some useful defensive assets outside spades, Ish doubled 4♥. That was right in theory, as a trump lead would have left Sylvan with far too many mountains to climb, but wrong in practice when Ish led the ♠A and switched to his singleton diamond. Sylvan took the ace and called for a low club. Ino, who was not privy to any announcement of an implied club fit, went in with the ♣A. Curtains. Sylvan took six hearts in hand, two spade ruffs, the ♣K



and the  $\diamond A$  for +790.

It would not occur to everyone to jump to 4 $\spadesuit$  with the South cards facing a third-in-hand 1 $\spadesuit$  opening but Bertheau/Nystrom like to have at least five cards in their major suits in all positions, so they're entitled to a reward for that strategy once in a while. Teramoto did not find the killing club lead but his choice of the  $\spadesuit 10$  carried plenty of promise for the defense. Bertheau won in hand to lead his diamond. Teramoto took the  $\diamond A$  and switched to the  $\heartsuit K$  where a club would have been most effective. Tajima did not overtake and Teramoto continued hearts. Bertheau elected to ruff low in dummy to continue with the  $\diamond K$ , the  $\spadesuit J$ , and a diamond ruff. Now Bertheau drew trumps so when he gave up a club Teramoto could cash the  $\diamond Q$  for one down: -50. The position is quite complicated but had Bertheau ruffed the second heart with the  $\spadesuit J$  and finessed the  $\spadesuit 8$  he would have been in the running to take five trumps in hand, a heart ruff, the  $\diamond K$  and three club winners, with West cut off from his partner's heart trick. 12 IMPs to Sweden, 67-35.



Peter Bertheau

And last, but hardly least...

Bd: 20	North
Dlr: West	$\spadesuit 2$
Vul: Both	$\heartsuit ---$
	$\diamond AKJ73$
	$\clubsuit AKJ9843$
West	East
$\spadesuit KJ1053$	$\spadesuit 764$
$\heartsuit 73$	$\heartsuit AK6542$
$\diamond 10654$	$\diamond Q$
$\clubsuit Q2$	$\clubsuit 1076$
	South
	$\spadesuit AQ98$
	$\heartsuit QJ1098$
	$\diamond 982$
	$\clubsuit 5$

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Ino</i>
Pass	1 $\clubsuit$	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass
1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\diamond$	2 $\spadesuit$	3NT
Pass	6 $\clubsuit$	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Tajima</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	1 $\clubsuit^*$	2 $\heartsuit$	Pass
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6 $\diamond$
All Pass			

Nystrom trapped over 2 $\heartsuit$ , but when Bertheau showed a huge minor two-suiter, he took a shot at slam. He ruffed the heart lead in dummy, cashed the  $\clubsuit A$ , ruffed a club, and led a diamond to the ace. The fall of the queen was very good news; +1370.

At the other table, Del'Monte drove to 6 $\clubsuit$ , mentioning his secondary diamonds on the way. Ino, who could have had a variety of more and less useful hands, did not believe he was expected to give preference to diamonds with three small cards, so there they rested. Ish won the spade lead with the ace and decided to use his only entry to dummy to lead a diamond to the jack. A new spelling of the word "pain" has now been invented.



Ishmael Del'Monte



Masayuki Ino

The fall of the  $\clubsuit Q$  was not enough to bring cheer to the house of Del'Monte and he had to concede one down, -100. 16 IMPs to Sweden, who won the match 83-35, 25-5 in VP. For Sweden that completed a perfect day and they lead the field with 75 VP.



## Meet Canada-IOC

*Joey Silver/Fred Gitelman  
Gordon Campbell/Peter Jones*



All four members of Team Canada-IOC were on the Canadian Team that won the Gold Medal at the 2002 IOC Grand Prix in Salt Lake City (that's how we got our team name). We would like to thank NEC and the Japan Contract Bridge League for inviting us to play in this prestigious event.

Our team captain, Gord Campbell, is 51 years old and lives in Calgary, Alberta. Gordon was born in England and he is a former British Junior Chess Champion. A true games player, Gord also enjoys Go (especially playing against Japanese opponents in high stakes games). Gord has won the Canadian National Teams Championships twice and he was a member of Canada's first-ever Bermuda Bowl team (in 1985). He was also part of the Canadian team that won the Gold Medal in the 2002 Commonwealth games. Gord recently went on a cruise and won a prize for having the most muscular legs on the ship.

Gord's partner, Peter Jones (54), is from Edmonton, Alberta. He was appointed to the Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame by virtue of his win in the 2002 IOC Grand Prix. Peter is well known in Canada for being a great partner and this virtue has also helped to make him a

successful rubber bridge player. In an effort to get away from the Canadian winter (and perhaps Gordon), Peter spent the past month or so on a boat off the coast of Mexico. He will be easy for you to recognize, as he is the only Canadian player in the NEC Cup who has a suntan.

Joey Silver (61), a successful criminal lawyer, lives in Montreal. Joey is living proof of the theory that if you play bridge long enough, you will win your share of major tournaments. He won the Vanderbilt in 1974 and the Cavendish Pairs in 1985. He has won the Canadian National Teams Championships four times and he was part of Canada's Silver Medal team in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl. This is Joey's 5<sup>th</sup> trip to Japan for bridge. His favorite form of the game is rubber bridge and he is also an accomplished poker player. If you are the declarer in a suit contract and Joey leads a small diamond, there is a good chance that he has the ace. When Joey first played with Fred (in 1992) he was certain that Fred would never amount to anything as a bridge player.

Fred Gitelman (38 on February 6) lived in Toronto for most of his life, but he moved to Las Vegas about eight months ago. Fred and his wife, Sheri Winestock, own and operate Bridge Base Inc, a world leader in the development of educational software and Internet services relating to bridge. Fred has won two Canadian National Teams Championships, three Silver Medals in World Championship events and the 2002 Reisinger. He has had several other high finishes in both ACBL and invitational events. Fred always looks forward to playing with Joey and one of the main reasons for this is that it takes only a few minutes for them to fill out their convention card (which contains only a few conventions).



The 2002 IOC grand prix winners in Salt Lake City

# My Son the Genius

by Zia Mahmood

*This year bridge players everywhere have the opportunity to compete in the new European Open Championships being staged in the French Mediterranean resort of Menton between June 14-28, 2003 at the Palais de l'Europe. As part of a series leading up to the Championships the mercurial Zia offers us a glimpse into the future.*

If you don't see me winning any tournaments for a while, don't be surprised. It's not that I am becoming senile (that too) but I am too busy playing with my 1½-year old son, Zain. Which means that at times when I should be reading the system notes, I am gleefully playing soccer in the park.

Naturally the important question looming is, "Should I ever encourage him to learn bridge?" My gut reaction is no. I wouldn't like him to spend his life as I did, albeit with great passion, in the pursuit of a one-suit squeeze.

And what if the dream I had the other night was a look into the future? In it my son (aged around ten) returned home from a bridge lesson; he was furious! "The teacher told me I wasn't any good." He complained.

"What happened?" I asked.

"I held ♥KQ107 against a 4♠ contract; partner led the ♥9, I played the queen and declarer won the ace. Later when I got in, I played the ♥10, and declarer won his stiff jack."

"That does sound wrong; you know the rule about cashing winners in suit contracts."

"Of course, but it was you who taught me that there always are exceptions. This was my hand as East: ♠ KQ6 ♥ KQ107 ♦ K105 ♣ A87.

The bidding was not complicated:

East	South	West	North
Son			
1♥	Dbl	2♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Partner led the ♥9 to this dummy:

♠ J85 ♥ 532 ♦ Q64 ♣ KQ105.

I played the queen and declarer won the ace. South now played the ♣3, partner the ♣2 and I took the ace. I was about to play the ♥K when I stopped to think. It seemed the whole hand looked something like this (declarer likely to hold seven spades and one club):

♠ J85	
♥ 532	
♦ Q64	
♣ KQ105	
♠ ---	♠ KQ6
♥ 9864	♥ KQ107
♦ J972	♦ K105
♣ J9642	♣ A87
♠ A1097432	
♥ AJ	
♦ A83	
♣ 3	

If I played the ♥K and another heart, declarer would ruff and play a low spade to dummy's eight. I would now be endplayed, so it seemed the only chance was to sacrifice a heart trick.

But exiting with the ♥7 wouldn't work either. Declarer could win, lead a spade to dummy's eight and my queen. Now if I played the ♥10, declarer would discard a diamond and I would still have to give dummy an entry. No, the only card to defeat the contract was the ♥10. That way I could later play the ♥7 and declarer could not afford to discard, as now partner could win the trick."

That's when the teacher got angry. But I could see my son was correct. What a defence! Brilliant! Experts could look at all four hands and never see the position. I was excited and thrilled, until I started to see the follow-ups. Kantar and Barry Rigal hounding him endlessly for hands. Bob Hamman chasing him to play the Blue Ribbon Pairs. And worse, endless hours in chat rooms on the Internet, discussing

double-dummy problems with Kevin Rosenberg (son of Michael and Debbie).

I knew then, it must never happen. I had to put in the three steps to stop this before it actually occurred.

1. Build a higher shelf in the bathroom on which I could hide *Adventures in Card Play* by Ottlik and Kelsey.
2. Make sure my son never heard the name of Eric Kokish—coach di tutti

coaches.  
3. Wake up.

(The hand above is taken from Geza Ottlik and Hugh Kelsey's wonderful book *Adventures in Card Play*. I found it so beautiful that I wanted to share it with the world.)

To find out how to meet Zia and a host of other stars visit [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) or [www.eurobridge.org/competitions/03Menton/Menton.ht](http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/03Menton/Menton.ht)

## Meet the Swedish Team

*Peter Bertheau/Fredrik Nystrom*  
*P.O. Sundelin/Johan Sylvan*



Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom just left the junior ranks, but they are already well-seasoned players with a semifinal appearance in the 2002 Rosenblum Teams in Montreal as their latest international success. Slightly more seasoned and slightly less young, but holding on to his childhood by intense Gameboy training ("Does wonders for my reflexes") is Johan Sylvan. His partner, P.O. Sundelin (at least youthful) cites his latest achievement of having spent a weekend coaching last year's PABF winners—Japan.



# DATUM

## Qualifying Round 1

Bd	DATUM	ENGLAND		CANADA-IOC		COMMONWEAL		HACKETT		S.AFRICA		HUNGARY		POLAND		USA		SWEDEN		WALES		EURO		ALLIA		PABF		OPEN		PABF		WOMEN		KOREA	
		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	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W		
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Bd	DATUM	HONGKONG1		HONGKONG2		HONGKONG3		CH.TAIPEI		AMETHYST		TAJIMA		HIRATA		ESPERANZA		GOING+MN		GRYFFINDOR		TONPUKU		SKOTII		GIRASOL		DARUMA							
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# DATUM

## Qualifying Round 2

Bd	DATUM	ENGLAND		CANADA-IOC		COMMONWEAL		HACKETT		S.AFRICA		HUNGARY		POLAND		USA		SWEDEN		WALES		EURO		ALLIA		PABF		OPEN		PABF		WOMEN		KOREA	
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Bd	DATUM	HONGKONG1		HONGKONG2		HONGKONG3		CH.TAIPEI		AMETHYST		TAJIMA		HIRATA		ESPERANZA		GOING+MN		GRYFFINDOR		TONPUKU		SKOTII		GIRASOL		DARUMA							
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## Qualifying Round 3

		ENGLAND		CANADA-IOC		COMMONWEAL		HACKETT		S.AFRICA		HUNGARY		POLAND		USA		SWEDEN		WALES		EURO		ALLIA		PABF		OPEN		PABF		WOMEN		KOREA	
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IMP +		36	67	45	39	10	18	64	77	12	42	27	29	48	24	40	50	59	69	38	25	50	25	64	36	14	36	37	30						
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## 8<sup>th</sup> NEC Bridge Festival Daily Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday (Feb. 5)	10:00-12:50	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 4	Harbor Lounge
	12:50-14:00	Lunch Break	
	14:00-16:50	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 5	
	17:10-20:00	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 6	
Thursday (Feb. 6)	10:00-12:50	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 7	Harbor Lounge
	13:10-16:00	NEC Cup Swiss - Match 8	
	16:00-17:10	Lunch Break	
	17:30-20:20*	NEC Cup Quarter-Final 1	
Friday (Feb. 7)	10:00-12:50	NEC Cup Quarter-Final 2	E204/206
	12:50-14:00	Lunch Break	
	14:00-16:50	NEC Cup Semi-Final 1	
	17:30-20:20*	NEC Cup Semi-Final 2	
Saturday (Feb. 8)	10:00-12:20	NEC Cup Final 1 & Playoff for 3 <sup>rd</sup>	E204/206
	12:30-14:50	NEC Cup Final 2 & Playoff for 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	14:50-16:00	Lunch Break	
	16:00-18:20	NEC Cup Final 3	
	18:30-20:50	NEC Cup Final 4	
	10:00-17:00	Yokohama Swiss Plate	
Sunday (Feb. 9)	10:00-17:00	Asuka Cup	F203-206
	18:00-19:00	Closing Ceremony	F201-202

\* Note time change



### Ms. Manners Calling

The Manners Committee of JCBL has been practicing Zero Tolerance and is appealing to players to recommend a good mannered player. In this NEC Cup, if anyone notices his partner's or opponent's high ethical conduct, please tell either the Daily Bulletin editors or Haruko Koshi, chairperson of the Manners Committee.