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Poland Overtakes Sweden, Leads 2003 NEC Cup

"Who was in that truck that ran us over?" a Swede was overheard to say as the boys from Poland (Krzysztof Martens, Marcin Lesniewski, Michal Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola, Witold Wasak and npc Radslaw Kielbasinski) scored 70 VPs and steamrolled through the field yesterday to take a 20-VP lead over Sweden (P.O. Sundelin, Johan Sylvan, Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom) into today's final two matches. Hungary is close behind in third place while USA and South Africa lie fourth and fifth, respectively. HIRATA, England and Hackett round out the top eight. (The complete day-two standings follow.)

NEC Cup: Standings After Day Two (Six Matches)

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	Poland	136	15	Chinese Taipei-Lin	93	29	MERRY QUEENS	80
2	Sweden	116	16	KIMURA	91	30	Hong Kong 3	76
3	Hungary	115	17	PABF Women	89	31/33	Friends	75
4	USA	112	18/19	Kacho-Fugetsu	88	31/33	ESPERANZA	75
5	South Africa	111	18/19	Fairy Tale	88	31/33	GOING+MN	75
6	HIRATA	110	20/24	Kinki	86	34/36	SWAN	72
7/8	England	109	20/24	Canada-IOC	86	34/36	RHEIN	72
7/8	Hackett	109	20/24	PABF Open	86	34/36	JAPAN YOUTH	72
9/10	Wales	106	20/24	Cactus	86	37	Girasol	70
9/10	European Alliance	106	20/24	PS-JACK	86	38/39	Gryffindor	67
11	Tajima	101	25/26	Hong Kong 1	85	38/39	Korea	67
12	Hong Kong 2	98	25/26	SKOTII	85	40	Cosmos	64
13/14	Canada-Comm.	94	27/28	Ron	82	41	DARUMA	59
13/14	TONPUKU	94	27/28	Taiwan Amethyst	82	42	My-Bridge	53

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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 1st in the Swiss may choose their opponent from the teams finishing 4th-8th. The team finishing 2nd will have their choice of the remaining teams from the 4th-8th 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 1st 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.

Wednesday's Match Results

Match 4

England (73)	25-5	Sweden (25)
Poland (67)	25-5	Canada-IOC (19)
Cosmos (18)	0-25	Chinese Taipei-Lin (102)
Ron (22)	1-25	Hungary (95)
South Africa (24)	8-22	Hackett (59)
HIRATA (89)	25-4	Hong Kong 2 (31)
SKOTII (25)	10-20	KIMURA (47)
PABF Open (81)	25-4	TONPUKU (23)
Fairy Tale (48)	10-20	TAJIMA (74)
GOING+MN [GELLER] (18)	0-25	USA (105)
SWAN (39)	15-15	ESPERANZA (39)
European Alliance (37)	16-14	Canada-Commonwealth (32)
Kinki (66)	20-10	Girasol (41)
Taiwan Amethyst (41)	9-21	Kacho-Fugetsu (69)
Korea (12)	2-25	Wales (79)
Gryffindor (65)	18-12	Friends (50)
Hong Kong 1 (61)	16-14	PS-JACK (56)
Cactus (12)	8-22	PABF Women (47)
RHEIN (44)	20-10	MERRY QUEENS (19)
JAPAN YOUTH (41)	15-15	Hong Kong 3 (42)
DARUMA [NISHIDA] (52)	10-20	My-Bridge (75)

Match 5

Poland (48)	23-7	England (11)
Sweden (46)	20-10	Chinese Taipei-Lin (21)
Hungary (41)	11-19	Hackett (60)
PABF Open (21)	6-24	HIRATA (67)
USA (45)	21-9	Tajima (14)
KIMURA (25)	14-16	Canada-IOC (33)
SKOTII (33)	11-19	Wales (54)
SWAN (21)	5-25	South Africa (72)
ESPERANZA (16)	4-25	Kinki (71)
Kacho-Fugetsu (28)	6-24	European Alliance (72)
Fairy Tale (13)	6-24	Hong Kong 2 (55)
Canada-Commonwealth (69)	25-5	Cosmos (18)
TONPUKU (45)	18-12	Ron (32)
PABF Women (48)	18-12	Gryffindor (32)
Girasol (28)	7-23	Hong Kong 1 (68)
PS-JACK (40)	13-17	Friends (51)
RHEIN (31)	11-19	Taiwan Amethyst (50)
GOING+MN [GELLER] (41)	12-18	Hong Kong 3 (55)
My-Bridge (27)	6-24	Cactus (72)
MERRY QUEENS (56)	22-8	JAPAN YOUTH (22)
DARUMA [NISHIDA] (31)	14-16	Korea (38)

Match 6

HIRATA (24)	8-22	Poland (60)
Sweden (46)	16-14	Hackett (38)
USA (50)	19-11	England (33)
Chinese Taipei-Lin (17)	2-25	Hungary (83)
KIMURA (14)	5-25	South Africa (63)
Kinki (13)	2-25	European Alliance (85)
Canada-IOC (29)	4-25	Wales (84)
Hong Kong 2 (49)	17-13	Canada-Commonwealth (39)
Tajima (67)	24-6	PABF Open (21)
Hong Kong 1 (35)	10-20	TONPUKU (59)
PABF Women (50)	18-12	SKOTII (37)
Ron (49)	14-16	Taiwan Amethyst (56)
Cactus (40)	21-9	Friends (9)
Gryffindor (27)	2-25	Fairy Tale (99)
Kacho-Fugetsu (67)	23-7	SWAN (30)
ESPERANZA (32)	12-18	MERRY QUEENS (46)
Cosmos (0)	2-25	PS-JACK (67)
Hong Kong 3 (38)	16-14	RHEIN (35)
Korea (33)	12-18	GOING+MN [GELLER] (48)
Girasol (37)	13-17	DARUMA [NISHIDA] (46)
JAPAN YOUTH (68)	24-6	My-Bridge (22)

Match Four: Sweden vs England

Perfect days don't grow on trees at a tournament of this caliber, so Sweden could not realistically hope to duplicate Tuesday's 75 VP



Dawei Chen

performance. In the first match of the day they drew the defending champions, who were lying joint second, tied with Poland on 66 VP. The arrival of John Armstrong ended the successful cameo role of

Dawei Chen, who stood in brilliantly for the absent Englishman. Thoughts of Wally Pipp and Lou Gehrig are probably unrealistic.

In each of the first three matches the initial deal was very interesting. The tradition continued in Match Four...

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q975		
Vul: None	♥ ---		
	♦ J85		
	♣ AJ8642		
West	East		
♠ KJ10843	♠ ---		
♥ J964	♥ AKQ853		
♦ 97	♦ A632		
♣ 7	♣ 1053		
	South		
	♠ A62		
	♥ 1072		
	♦ KQ104		
	♣ KQ9		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
	Pass	1♥	Dbl
3♥	4♠	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Dbl	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Everyone has his own standards for doubling for takeout with 4333 shape, and the possession of four cards in an unbid major is another variable that carries more weight in some partnerships than others. Most experts would double 1♥ with the South cards despite the shape and the missing fourth spade because there is no wasted strength in the enemy suit and because the overall strength and honor dispersion are quite promising. Fredrik Nystrom passed, however, and had to decide what to do when Peter Bertheau came in with a passed-hand double over Armstrong's raise to 2♥ and Brian Callaghan made an ostensibly natural game try. Nystrom elected to pass again, which was no way to get to 5♣, but achieving that result after the actual start would have been an impressive feat. Nystrom led the ♥2 against 4♥ and Callaghan won the trick cheaply in dummy to advance the ♠K, discarding a club. Nystrom won the ♠A, cashed the ♣K, and switched to the ♦K, which held. He reverted to trumps but declarer won dummy's nine and led the ♠J, ruffing North's queen with the ♥Q. A third trump to dummy allowed declarer to cash the ♠10 and ruff a spade to establish the long cards in the suit with a trump entry remaining to reach them: +420, a very nice result for England. It would not have helped Nystrom to force dummy.

In the Open Room, where Pablo Lambardi was willing to double 1♥, Johan Sylvan had every reason to bid more than 2♥. What would you bid with the North hand? Brian Senior's choice, 4♠, would get a lot of support from a bidding panel. And from Sylvan too, who was doing his ethical best to avoid drooling on the green baize. We can only wonder whether he would have risked doubling 4♠ and if he would have, whether Senior would then have exited the fire stage left to the benign frying pan of 5♣. Of course, PO Sundelin had other ideas and Lambardi doubled 5♥ on general principles more than firm conviction that he could beat it. He too led his lowest trump, and the fate of the contract was immediately at issue. Had PO called for the four or six he would have been in a position to get home by divining the spade position, not such a tall order after the bidding and opening lead. However, declarer called for

the ♡9, which deprived him of the communications he needed to establish and cash the spades. He followed low and called for the ♠J, which Senior covered. Declarer ruffed with the eight and conceded a club but Lambardi won and continued with the ♡7. Switch the location of the six and seven of trumps and declarer can survive, but not here. PO won the ♡J and passed the ♠K to the ace. Lambardi exited with the ♡10, which declarer had to win in hand. From here he could take only one ruff in dummy and the ♠10, the ♦A, and his remaining trumps, and so was two down when the ♠9 failed to capitulate: -300. 12 IMPs to England, a delightful start for the defending champions.

declarers lost a club, took a club ruff in dummy, and lost two trump tricks for +620. No swing.



Brian Senior

Bd: 2	North		
Dir: East	♠ K76		
Vul: N/S	♡ K985		
	◇ A1032		
	♣ 108		
West		East	
♠ J103		♠ A5	
♡ 74		♡ Q1062	
◇ J654		◇ KQ98	
♣ KQ73		♣ 965	
	South		
	♠ Q9842		
	♡ AJ3		
	◇ 7		
	♣ AJ42		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
* 11-13 balanced or any 17+			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
* Includes all balanced 11-14 and 18-19 hands			

Bd: 3	North		
Dir: South	♠ 9		
Vul: E/W	♡ A96543		
	◇ J		
	♣ A9765		
West		East	
♠ J865		♠ K7432	
♡ Q2		♡ KJ108	
◇ K9		◇ 10875	
♣ KJ832		♣ ---	
	South		
	♠ AQ10		
	♡ 7		
	◇ AQ6432		
	♣ Q104		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
			1◇
Pass	1♡	Pass	2◇
Pass	2♡	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			2◇
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Nystrom's 2◇ was natural, 11-15, 5+◇. Bertheau's artificial 2NT showed at least five hearts and was forcing for a moment or two. Bertheau needed a fair bit of luck to make his upside-down 3NT and he didn't get it. He got the lead of the ♠2 (third and low) from Callaghan, put in the queen, and tried a low diamond. Declarer had his hopes up when West won the king to return the ♠J, but had the diamonds been three-three it's not likely that West would have gone in with the king. When West showed out on the third diamond,

Both N/S pairs did well to reach 4♠ and West's fairly normal of the ♣K simplified the play. Both

Bertheau tried the ♣Q, covered. He was able to build a seventh trick in clubs while he retained the ♥A but the defenders had six winners of their own: -100, an ugly result for Sweden.

Senior had quite a good hand for a gentle 2♥ but he could hardly do more with such a poor suit and a simple rebid over a known six-card suit is best treated as constructive, so the auction came up quite well for him. As did the play. He won the ♠A at trick one and called for the ♣Q, covered. Although East ruffed and switched to a diamond, Senior was in control. He won the ♦A and led the ♣2 to his five. East ruffed and forced declarer in diamonds, but Senior ruffed and played ♥A, heart. Sundelin won and tried a low spade but Senior called for the queen and lost only one more trick, to the ♣J: +140. 6 IMPs to England, ahead 18-0.

eyes Callaghan's 3♦ looks much better than PO's 3NT. Please don't tell me I need glasses; I'm very sensitive. Sylvan got a club lead and continuation, Armstrong a spade lead to the queen and ace. Both declarers led a diamond to dummy's king, eschewing the safety play (covering North's spot card) as the contract was safe. That precluded any misguess in diamonds so both took 12 tricks. No swing at +690. If they were going to get the diamonds right there was some money to be made in 6♦.



Brian Callaghan

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ J765		
Vul: Both	♥ 105		
	♦ 75		
	♣ 98643		
West		East	
♠ AK10		♠ 83	
♥ Q96		♥ AKJ	
♦ A1096		♦ K8432	
♣ K72		♣ QJ10	
	South		
	♠ Q942		
	♥ 87432		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ A5		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bd: 5	North		
Dir: North	♠ 74		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q832		
	♦ KQJ7		
	♣ QJ10		
West		East	
♠ 98632		♠ 5	
♥ A75		♥ KJ964	
♦ A		♦ 108642	
♣ A964		♣ K5	
	South		
	♠ AKQJ10		
	♥ 10		
	♦ 953		
	♣ 8732		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥*	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

Sylvan's 1NT was 14-16, Armstrong's 15-17. Whether that should affect East's decision to bid carefully is a personal matter but to these

I'm surprised that Lambardi did not open 2♠ in third seat, and his light 1♠ set a problem for Senior, who was a bit rich for 1NT in his style and it would seem that 2NT was not available. At least his short diamonds were chunky. Sundelin, expecting Sylvan to have a spade trap with diamond shortage and some length in the rounded suits, bid boldly over the double. Lambardi cashed a high spade before switching to a trump, but PO took seven trump tricks on a cross-ruff and ace-king-ace for a lovely +420.

Callaghan's 2♥ showed a weak heart-minor two-suiter and Armstrong was not inclined to stretch for a close non-vulnerable game: +170 on the same sequence of plays. 6 IMPs to Sweden, 6-18.

Sylvan's 2♠ was intermediate so Lambardi, out of range for a weak notrump opening, had to decide whether to protect with a useful-looking but balanced hand. He didn't and the defense stayed off clubs, so Sylvan had to go two down, -200.

The stakes were higher at the other table, where Nystrom risked a second double (this one for takeout) and Bertheau opted to defend. The opening lead was the ♣5, four, queen ace. Armstrong exited with a diamond and Nystrom won the ten to play the ♥A. Armstrong ruffed and played a second diamond, the defenders playing their remaining cards in the suit. Bertheau over-ruffed the fourth round and exited with the ♥K, but the end was in sight. Armstrong ruffed and played three rounds of spades. Bertheau won and had to play a club. He chose the ten, sparing Armstrong the guess. One down, -200. No swing.

Bd: 6	North		
Dir: East	♠ Q873		
Vul: E/W	♥ K105		
	♦ A72		
	♣ 1065		
West		East	
♠ AK106542		♠ ---	
♥ ---		♥ Q987642	
♦ 985		♦ Q43	
♣ A92		♣ J74	
	South		
	♠ J9		
	♥ AJ3		
	♦ KJ106		
	♣ KQ83		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		2♦*	DbI
Rdbl*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	DbI
All Pass			
*2♦=Multi			
*Rdbl="bid your major"			

Bd: 8	North		
Dir: West	♠ AK6		
Vul: None	♥ J7		
	♦ K98		
	♣ AQJ62		
West		East	
♠ 52		♠ QJ97	
♥ 1086542		♥ A3	
♦ A75		♦ Q102	
♣ 53		♣ K984	
	South		
	♠ 10843		
	♥ KQ9		
	♦ J643		
	♣ 107		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
2♦*	DbI	2♥*	Pass
Pass	DbI	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Senior had no trouble making 3NT (would you remember to raise with Lambardi's hand?) On the lead of the ♠7. Dummy's eight held and he drove out the ♥A. Sundelin switched to the ♦10 to the jack and ace and Sylvan reverted to spades, but Senior could knock out the ♣K: +400.



Pablo Lambardi

4♠ was easy to make, more difficult to bid. Armstrong might have reopened 4♥ with a double or even 4♠, but he can hardly be pilloried for not doing so. 4♥ was two down, -100, and 4♠ produced +650. 11 IMPs to Sweden, a ray of light. 29-17, England.



John Armstrong

Armstrong's Multi 2♦ created some problems for Bertheau/Nystrom that they were unable to solve; in the end, Nystrom used a lebensohl variation to show a weak 3♦ bid and there they rested. The play went badly for Nystrom too and he finished two down: -100. 11 IMPs to England, ahead 29-6.

Bd: 9	North		
Dir: North	♠ A10		
Vul: E/W	♥ QJ432		
	♦ 10975		
	♣ 97		
West		East	
♠ J732		♠ KQ985	
♥ A		♥ 98	
♦ A2		♦ K64	
♣ AJ10852		♣ 643	
	South		
	♠ 64		
	♥ K10765		
	♦ QJ83		
	♣ KQ		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
	2♥	Pass	4♥
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♣	4♥	All Pass	

Bd: 10	North		
Dir: East	♠ 75		
Vul: Both	♥ 765		
	♦ AKQ6		
	♣ A1095		
West		East	
♠ KQJ10863		♠ A92	
♥ ---		♥ K1042	
♦ 832		♦ J7	
♣ J86		♣ KQ74	
	South		
	♠ 4		
	♥ AQJ983		
	♦ 10954		
	♣ 32		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		1♣*	2♥
4♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		1♣*	2♥
2NT*	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

There was no defense to 4♠, doubled or otherwise. Bertheau's gambling double cost his side 5 IMPs, 790 vs 620. 34-17, England. The exceptional diamond fit and three-two break allows South to enter dummy often enough to neutralize East's heart holding, so had anyone deigned to compete to 5♥, that contract would

have been there for the making. Opposite a vulnerable weak jump overcall, would bidding 5♥ be so ridiculous? Perhaps it would be.



Peter Bertheau

Bd: 12	North		
Dir: West	♠ 6		
Vul: N/S	♥ 108542		
	♦ 1064		
	♣ J954		
West		East	
♠ KQJ84		♠ A73	
♥ KJ6		♥ Q93	
♦ AK8		♦ Q9	
♣ 63		♣ AQ1082	
	South		
	♠ 10952		
	♥ A7		
	♦ J7532		
	♣ K7		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
1♣*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

6♠ is a bit worse than a straight finesse, so a purist would approve of the results achieved by the E/W pairs. Perhaps PO's 3NT is the only possible response to Sylvan's two-way club opening, but it looks dangerous to me. Sylvan had to engage in some contortions to show his hand and in the end PO guessed a contract. One down when the club finesse lost: -50.

Armstrong's 2NT showed extras and his 4♦ denied a club control. With a near-minimum and no heart control Callaghan was not willing to go past game to show the missing club control: +450. 11 IMPs to England, 45-17.

On Board 14, the South players held:

♠ 963 ♥ J42 ♦ K4 ♣ KQ874.

With neither side vulnerable, they saw partner double West's third-seat 3♠ opening for takeout. What would you bid?

Bd: 11	North		
Dir: South	♠ 8632		
Vul: None	♥ 8		
	♦ AK83		
	♣ J743		
West		East	
♠ KJ105		♠ AQ974	
♥ 7		♥ K643	
♦ J10976		♦ 5	
♣ K109		♣ 865	
	South		
	♠ ---		
	♥ AQJ10952		
	♦ Q42		
	♣ AQ2		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
1♠	Dbl*	4♠	1♣*
All Pass			5♥
*Dbl=FG, quasi-balanced			

Heart contracts were cold for 450 (even on a diamond lead) but Armstrong/Callaghan get a brownie point for forcing a mildly unpleasant guess on Nystrom.

Both Lambardi and Nystrom judged well to jump to 5♣, which required a bit of luck and yielded +400. No swing. North held:

♠ A ♥ AK95 ♦ 107632 ♣ A96.

It was 45-18 for England when Board 17 made an appearance...

Bd: 17	North		
Dir: North	♠ K1095		
Vul: None	♥ KJ7		
	♦ A5		
	♣ QJ84		
West	East		
♠ 8743	♠ AQ6		
♥ A8643	♥ 1095		
♦ J6	♦ KQ42		
♣ 92	♣ A107		
	South		
	♠ J2		
	♥ Q2		
	♦ 109873		
	♣ K653		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
	1NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♦*
2♥	Pass	2NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	1NT	Dbl	All Pass

Senior alerted 2♦ and explained to Sundelin that he believed this showed both red suits. Sylvan did not have this information and so bid a natural 2♥. PO had reason to believe that 2♥ was a cue-bid, so he moved on with 2NT, where he failed. The Director, summoned later, adjusted the score to E/W +110 in 2♥, and no one quarreled with that decision.

At the other table Callaghan led the ♦4 (third and low leads) against 1NT doubled. Declarer took the jack with the ace and led club honors from hand, both ducked. Now a spade. Callaghan went in with the queen to switch to hearts but Bertheau had the time to drive out

the ♠A and come to seven tricks: +180. 7 IMPs to Sweden, 25-45.

Bd: 18	North		
Dir: East	♠ 1082		
Vul: N/S	♥ 95		
	♦ 542		
	♣ QJ532		
West	East		
♠ K7	♠ AQ965		
♥ AK642	♥ 3		
♦ QJ109	♦ AK73		
♣ 74	♣ A108		
	South		
	♠ J43		
	♥ QJ1087		
	♦ 86		
	♣ K96		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

Although Nystrom led a trump and hearts were foul, Callaghan had time to ruff two hearts in East and a spade in West in the course of drawing trumps and so took thirteen tricks in relative comfort: four spades, two hearts, a club and six trump tricks: +1440. Well done, the Brits.

Sundelin's 1♠ rebid did not reveal whether he held 11-13 balanced or 17+ HCP. 2♦ was an artificial game force and 2♠ revealed the strong type with at least five spades. 3♥ looks strange to me but perhaps that was the right system continuation. The fact that no one mentioned

diamonds confirms that this deal will not make it onto the Sylvan/Sundelin 2003 highlight film due to be released on Valentine's Day. Indeed it is no longer likely that the boys will stay on to sign autographs at Mitsukoshi on the 14th. 14 IMPs to England, 59-25.



Johan Sylvan



P.O. Sundelin

When it rains in Yokohama, apparently it pours.

Bd: 19	North		
Dir: South	♠ J2		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ6532		
	♦ 82		
	♣ A73		
West		East	
♠ KQ964		♠ A85	
♥ A104		♥ 97	
♦ Q109		♦ KJ	
♣ J5		♣ KQ10942	
	South		
	♠ 1073		
	♥ Q8		
	♦ A76543		
	♣ 86		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
			2♦
Pass	2♥	3♣	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			Pass
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After Lambardi's weak 2♦ and heart raise in competition Sylvan had to guess whether his red suits would be good enough to bring in 3NT or whether to branch out into spades. Senior led a heart against 3NT and Sylvan was a mere three down, -300.

Once Nystrom passed with the South cards the auction was comfortable for Armstrong/Callaghan, who sailed into 4♠, their best contract. Bertheau led the ♦8 to the king and ace and Nystrom switched to the ♥Q. Armstrong won the ace and continued with the queen and ten of diamonds, discarding dummy's remaining heart when Bertheau ruffed in with the ♠J. Armstrong ruffed the heart continuation low in dummy and tried the ♣K. Bertheau won to play another heart but Armstrong ruffed with the ♠A, led the ♠8 to his nine, drew trumps, and claimed: +620. 14 IMPs more to England, ahead 73-25.

The last deal was a flat 3NT so England won the match by 48 IMPs, 25-5 VP, taking over the lead at the halfway mark in the Swiss.



"No Paul, I don't believe I've ever seen someone 'chug' a whole bag of m&m's before."

Scenes of Our Game



"And how do you plan to return to your hand if you ruff a club?"



"And now, for my next trick..."

Match Five: Hungary vs HACKETT

The Danube meets the Thames. Budapest versus Manchester. Not to mention Oslo.

from nowhere to Hungary. As first boards have gone so far in our featured matches this one was relatively tame, but it produced a major swing nonetheless.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 97		
Vul: None	♥ Q732		
	♦ Q9654		
	♣ K10		
West			East
♠ J862			♠ AK5
♥ J84			♥ A1096
♦ AK82			♦ 107
♣ A7			♣ Q953
	South		
	♠ Q1043		
	♥ K5		
	♦ J3		
	♣ J8642		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ		
Vul: N/S	♥ 108742		
	♦ AQ		
	♣ A932		
West			East
♠ AJ976			♠ 84
♥ A9			♥ KQJ53
♦ 1065			♦ KJ
♣ QJ5			♣ K1074
	South		
	♠ 10532		
	♥ 6		
	♦ 987432		
	♣ 86		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♦*	2♥	Dbl	All Pass

Peter Lakatos' weak notrump simplified the auction for his side. In 3NT he got a low spade lead and cleared the suit. He won the diamond switch and took repeated heart finesses for +400.

In contrast Justin Hackett's 1♥ opening spawned an auction that is usually reserved for horror movies, with two balanced hands focusing exclusively on their seven-card major fits without sniffing at notrump. Still, on a bright day 4♥ might make. After a club lead from Peter Gal to the king and a switch to the ♦Q from Gabor Winkler, Justin had too much work to do and finished one down, -50. 10 IMPs

Justin managed 10 tricks in the normal 3NT against gentle defense. but the contract was always going to make: +430. That wasn't nearly enough to cover the 1100 conceded by Papa Paul in 2♥ doubled. When something as bizarre as Paul's 2♥ overcall (West's 2♦ was a game-forcing inquiry, so South was marked with a Yarborough) takes place I always try to determine what was going on. In this case it was not as if Paul thought that 2♦ was a transfer to hearts. My best guess is that he didn't see the 1NT opening and thought he was coming in with 2♥ over West's weak 2♦ opening. 12 IMPs to Hungary, 22-0.

Bd: 3	North		
Dir: South	♠ AJ106		
Vul: E/W	♥ K		
	♦ 965		
	♣ QJ932		
West		East	
♠ 83		♠ 9752	
♥ AQ76		♥ 10985	
♦ KJ4		♦ AQ10	
♣ 8765		♣ A4	
	South		
	♠ KQ4		
	♥ J432		
	♦ 8732		
	♣ K10		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT*	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Winkler's peculiar weak notrump got him to a more or less normal contract, which doesn't make it any more makeable. The ♥10 ran to the singleton king and Winkler drove out the ♣A, Geir Helgemo following eight-five. Justin continued hearts and the defenders took three of those to go with three diamonds and the ♣A for one down, -50.

Papa would never overlook a chunky four-card major to introduce a fair five-card minor, and his 1♠ opening got him to 2♠. The ♥10 went to the ace and Geza Homonnay led a diamond over to the ten, hoping for a heart continuation. Instead Peter Lakatos switched to a trump. Paul won in dummy and led the ♣K to the ace. Lakatos continued trumps, which was not his best strategy. Paul ran the black suits for +110. 4 IMPs to HACKETT, 4-22.

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ 10984		
Vul: Both	♥ QJ8		
	♦ 63		
	♣ Q1074		
West		East	
♠ Q53		♠ 2	
♥ A103		♥ 94	
♦ 107		♦ AKJ9842	
♣ A8652		♣ KJ9	
	South		
	♠ AKJ76		
	♥ K7652		
	♦ Q5		
	♣ 3		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♦*
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

As we can plainly see, E/W can make either 3NT or 5♦ by guessing the ♦Q correctly, so the -200 recorded by Paul and Hugh in 4♠ (not doubled) stood a fighting chance of being a plus position.

It was not to be, however. Helgemo got a heart lead in 3NT, took the ace, tried king-ace of clubs, then passed the ♦7. The defenders took the next eight tricks and Geir was five light, -500. 12 IMPs more to Hungary, ahead now by 30, 34-4.



"Let's see, I play a heart to the ace, ruff a club and... zzzzz..."

Bd: 5	North		
Dir: North	♠ Q985		
Vul: N/S	♥ 53		
	♦ KQJ8		
	♣ J108		
West	East		
♠ K43	♠ 10		
♥ KJ107	♥ A842		
♦ A65	♦ 10972		
♣ Q65	♣ A943		
	South		
	♠ AJ762		
	♥ Q96		
	♦ 43		
	♣ K72		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

In 4♥, Helgemo ducked the lead of the ♦K and when Gal encouraged with the three, Winkler continued with the eight. Helgemo was now in a strong position to get home on the lie of the cards as the clubs were deliciously placed (there was a relevant unblocking position, however), the ♠A was onside, and the ♥Q was manageable. Helgemo won in dummy and played a spade and later, when he led a club from dummy, Gal went in with the king. Down to the trumps now, Helgemo got the suit wrong, playing North for the queen: -50.



Geir Helgemo

In 1NT, Homonnay took the lead of the ♦K with the ace, got the hearts right, and soon came to eight tricks: +120. 5 IMPs to Hungary, 39-4.

The match was starting to slip away from HACKETT, but then the tide turned...

Bd: 6	North		
Dir: East	♠ J		
Vul: E/W	♥ AKQJ74		
	♦ 1085		
	♣ J82		
West	East		
♠ K5	♠ AQ10732		
♥ 6	♥ 852		
♦ J96	♦ KQ		
♣ AQ97653	♣ K4		
	South		
	♠ 9864		
	♥ 1093		
	♦ A7432		
	♣ 10		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
		1♠	Pass
3♣	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dbf	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT*	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

With E/W cold for 11 tricks in spades, the N/S pairs were right to save in 5♥. Winkler started diamonds by playing ace and another and so could not avoid losing either a second club or a trump trick when East ruffed a good diamond. Down three, -500. Paul got out for -300 by reading the position and ducking two rounds of diamonds when the E/W communications were broken, thus earning 5 IMPs for his side, 9-39.

Bd: 7	North		
Dir: South	♠ KQ84		
Vul: Both	♥ J652		
	♦ AJ107		
	♣ 6		
West	East		
♠ A	♠ 109753		
♥ 7	♥ Q943		
♦ Q9843	♦ 2		
♣ AJ10842	♣ KQ7		
	South		
	♠ J62		
	♥ AK108		
	♦ K65		
	♣ 953		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
			Pass
1♣	Dbf	1♠	2♣*
2♦	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay Paul H.</i>		<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			1♥
2NT*	4♥	All Pass	

Bd: 8	North		
Dir: West	♠ 865		
Vul: None	♥ 97652		
	♦ 108		
	♣ K87		
West	East		
♠ Q1093	♠ K7		
♥ J10	♥ K4		
♦ AJ93	♦ K7652		
♣ AQ4	♣ J965		
	South		
	♠ AJ42		
	♥ AQ83		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ 1032		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay Paul H.</i>		<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
1NT	All Pass		

Both auctions are entirely understandable. Although both Wests cashed the ♠A, underled the ♣A, got a spade ruff, and exited in diamonds, both declarers came to ten tricks by exercising only normal care. HACKETT won the board 620 versus 170 and gained 10 IMPs, 19-39.



Gabor Winkler



Peter Gal

Decide for yourself whether the 7-IMP gain by HACKETT on Board 8 was simply random or a function of better bridge. Helgemo upgraded to a 15-17 notrump and was soon in game. Homonnay was content with a 12-14 notrump,

Please try to be objective. Would you lead a heart from five to the nine against 3NT or would you try to find your partner by leading a spade or a club? Those who rely on fourth-best would beat 3NT two tricks without a care in the world. Winkler, however, led the ♠8 to the jack and queen. Helgemo tested diamonds and knocked out the ♠A and soon had nine tricks, eschewing the club finesse: +400. Had Gal saved the ♠J and taken the first or second spade with the ace, a club shift would still have beaten the contract with accurate defense thereafter.

Against Homonnay's 1NT, Paul led a heart, holding declarer to seven tricks, +90. 7 IMPs to HACKETT, much closer now at 26-39.

Bd: 10	North		
Dir: East	♠ K10983		
Vul: Both	♥ 43		
	♦ AKJ107		
	♣ 10		
West		East	
♠ 7652		♠ Q4	
♥ QJ8		♥ 9652	
♦ 954		♦ 83	
♣ KJ6		♣ A9732	
	South		
	♠ AJ		
	♥ AK107		
	♦ Q62		
	♣ Q854		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay Paul H.</i>		<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Both declarers took 12 tricks in 3NT on the lead of the ♥Q by cashing out, dropping the ♠Q en route. Neither auction made much of a run at reaching the fair 6♦.



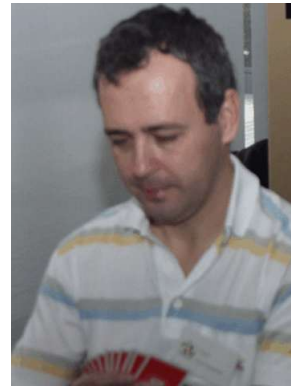
"The name's Jones, of Campbell and Jones. And you guys are Jones and Jones. Which one of you plays with Smith?"

Bd: 11	North		
Dir: South	♠ AK3		
Vul: None	♥ 853		
	♦ QJ74		
	♣ Q105		
West		East	
♠ 964		♠ QJ8752	
♥ KJ10		♥ A42	
♦ 1093		♦ K6	
♣ A764		♣ KJ	
	South		
	♠ 10		
	♥ Q976		
	♦ A852		
	♣ 9832		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay Paul H.</i>		<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dbl*
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

In 2♠, Gal's heart lead simplified the play for Justin, who won in dummy to lead a trump: +140. In 3♠, McGann's lead of the ♣8 to the queen and king left Lakatos with an awkward guess about the best way to proceed. Rather than open up hearts or risk having a club winner ruffed, declarer decided to lead trumps from hand, choosing the best play (in isolation) of a low card. That loses only to singleton ten. Argghhh! Minus 50; 5 IMPs to HACKETT, 31-40.

The next six deals produced 6 IMPs for HACKETT and 1 for Hungary, and with three boards left to play the Hungarian lead was down to 4 IMPs, 41-37.

time credulity stretching contest. 13 IMPs to HACKETT, in the lead for the first time, 50-41.



Geza Homonnay



Peter Lakatos

Bd: 19	North
Dlr: South	♠ K7
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ42
	♦ 873
	♣ AK95
West	East
♠ 954	♠ Q108
♥ 109	♥ A763
♦ KQJ92	♦ 1054
♣ J82	♣ 643
	South
	♠ AJ632
	♥ Q85
	♦ A6
	♣ Q107

Could it get any worse for Hungary? Actually, yes, it could. Both N/S pairs fetched up in 3NT on routine auctions and both Wests led the ♦K against 3NT, looking for a count signal. Both Easts provided one and declarer took the second diamond.



Hugh McGann

Gal decided to knock out the ♥A and hope the defenders couldn't take three more diamond

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 532		
Vul: N/S	♥ 96		
	♦ QJ10875		
	♣ 92		
West	East		
♠ AKJ10986	♠ Q		
♥ 5	♥ AKQ1032		
♦ 92	♦ K6		
♣ AQ4	♣ K1065		
	South		
	♠ 74		
	♥ J874		
	♦ A43		
	♣ J873		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Gal</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Paul H.</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

There had been little for Hungary to cheer about since Board 5, but who could predict the double tragedy looming on Board 18? In the Closed Room, Homonnay forgot that he was playing a weak jump response of 2♠ to 1♥ and was unlucky in having Lakatos remember their agreement. 2♠ made five on the lead of the ♦Q, +200. But there was reason to hope that this might prove a miraculous gain for Hungary as 6♠ might well be reached at the other table, with West declaring, and the diamond lead seemed to be blatantly normal.

Indeed. Alas, Winkler was not having much luck with his opening leads in this match and when Gal did not double the 5♦ Blackwood response, Winkler decided that clubs would offer a better chance. Helgemo soon claimed 13 tricks for +1010. The parlay of these two results is surely among the leaders in the all-

tricks. One down, -50. McGann, believing East's diamond count, played a spade to the king, a spade to the jack, and cashed the ♠A: +430. 10 IMPs to HACKETT, 60-41.

There was some swing potential in the final deal but the same result was achieved at both tables and HACKETT prevailed 19-11, coming back from far behind.

Match Six: Poland vs HIRATA

Poland had been rising steadily with near-maximum wins following their 19-11 victory in MATCH ONE, and were now 12 VP clear of the field (114 out of 125 maximum). Meanwhile, Japan's HIRATA had quietly recorded three blitzes, a tie and a small loss to stand second with 102, a couple of VP ahead of Sweden. Five teams in the 90s are nipping at their heels.

HIRATA's troops are all well-seasoned internationalists so this match offered great promise. Let's see how it panned out...

Michal Kwiecien's double of Kyoko Ohno's 2♣ Gladiator puppet to 2♦ showed a hand strong enough to double a weak notrump in the direct position. Akihiko Yamada's pass presumably denied five diamonds, which he could have shown with impunity once West had doubled. When Ohno ran to 2♠ she was simply using the systemic escape route from 1NT. If you don't care much for Jacek Pszczola's 4♥ I'm with you, but it looks as if he had no conventional way to get his heart length and overall strength across accurately. 4♥ had four sure losers on a spade lead and continuation, Ohno switching to a club after winning the ♠K: -50.

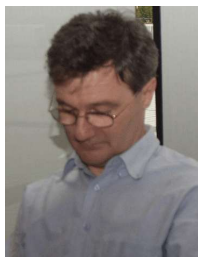
Marcin Lesniewski's 1♠ rebid after receiving a potentially negative 1♦ response to his Polish Club could have been based on a three-card suit in a weak notrump. Thus Krzysztof Martens had no Total Tricks security in competing to 3♠, and indeed, the Poles were in three down territory after the lead of the ♣5 from Makoto Hirata. Best defense would be to win the ace and switch to a low diamond, but Nobu Hayashi won the king and switched to the ♦J, so Lesniewski could no longer go wrong. He was out for two down, -100, holding Poland's loss to 4 IMPs.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AQ98		
Vul: None	♥ J104		
	♦ KQ9		
	♣ 986		
West			East
♠ 104			♠ J7
♥ A86			♥ K9752
♦ J10653			♦ A8
♣ AKJ			♣ Q1053
	South		
	♠ K6532		
	♥ Q3		
	♦ 742		
	♣ 742		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J9832		
Vul: N/S	♥ J2		
	♦ 974		
	♣ 843		
West			East
♠ 7			♠ AK10654
♥ A1074			♥ 3
♦ KJ853			♦ Q106
♣ AK10			♣ Q97
	South		
	♠ Q		
	♥ KQ9865		
	♦ A2		
	♣ J652		

At both tables East opened 1♠, then reopened 2♥ with a takeout double. West, with an eye on the vulnerability, passed for penalty and North had nowhere to go.

Kwiecien led his singleton spade, Pszczola playing king, then ace, ruffed low and over-ruffed. The ♦5 went to the queen and ace and Ohno passed the ♥8 successfully. A second trump went to West's ace and West had plenty of safe diamond exits. Declarer could take only her remaining trumps and could not build a trick for her long club. Three down, -800.



Michal Kwiecien

The defense was less effective in the Closed Room where Hayashi led the ♣K and switched to a spade. Hirata won and returned a club to the jack and ace. Martens ducked the diamond swich, won the diamond continuation, and conceded a club to East's queen. Martens took the diamond force but had the tempo advantage he needed. He passed the ♥9 and continued with a low heart, Hayashi withholding his ace. Now declarer could not return to hand without promoting West's ♥10 but that was only two down: -500. 7 IMPs to Poland, ahead 7-4.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
			Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
			3♠
Dbf	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

The Poles scored mightily on Board 3 with big results at both tables. Martens hit a home run with his vulnerability-influenced 3♠ opening. It's difficult to see what either Hayashi or Hirata should have done differently. Hayashi made the sensible lead of his singleton trump but that didn't work particularly well. Martens took the jack with the ace and started diamonds. Hayashi won, cashed a club and played on hearts, but Martens was able to ruff a diamond in dummy. Hirata could over-ruff and return a trump, allowing Martens to establish his long diamond, or he could not over-ruff and eventually come to a second truck but allow Martens to ruff another diamond in dummy to his advantage. Either way, 4♠ doubled was three down, -500.

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ Q92	
Vul: E/W	♥ J65	
	♦ J8	
	♣ Q8764	
West		East
♠ 3		♠ KJ7
♥ AK97		♥ Q8432
♦ AKQ9		♦ 43
♣ AKJ10		♣ 932
	South	
	♠ A108654	
	♥ 10	
	♦ 107652	
	♣ 5	



Krzysztof Martens

In HACKETT vs Sweden Geir Helgemo switched to his singleton trump relatively early in the play against 4♠ doubled, then underled his heart honors to give Justin the lead to clear trumps. That was 800 to HACKETT but 12 IMPs to Sweden when Sundelin/Sylvan were

given an easier ride and reached 6♥, +1430 on the lead of the ♠A.

Meanwhile, back in our match, Yamada led a club against 6♥, which shortened the play. Kwiecien drew trumps and could afford a spade to the king to try to steal seven: +1430. With trumps three-one and the ♣Q wrong, a trump lead would leave declarer with a guess or two in the play. 13 IMPs to Poland, ahead 21-4.

Would you accept partner's 3♣ length game try, vulnerable, after raising 1♠ to 2♠ with: ♠QJ9 ♥32 ♦K98643 ♣74? Ohno did not but Martens did. Both 3♠ and 4♠ went one down on relatively normal line of defense, so there was no swing. North held: ♠A10876 ♥KQ ♦Q7 ♣AQ65.

Then...

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q		
Vul: N/S	♥ 1087632		
	♦ 763		
	♣ 1098		
West	East		
♠ AK1075	♠ J32		
♥ AQ	♥ J54		
♦ Q1052	♦ J8		
♣ J4	♣ Q6532		
	South		
	♠ 9864		
	♥ K9		
	♦ AK94		
	♣ AK7		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Ohno, a weak notrumper, had to start with 1♦,

and was not keen to reopen with 1NT, a slight overbid in any case, with much better defense than offense. Kwiecien came to nine tricks in 1♠, +140.



Kyoko Ohno

Martens thought he was slightly too good for a 15-17 notrump, so started with a Polish Club. When 1♠ came around to him he too might have passed, but instead he tried 1NT, ostensibly 18-20. Lesniewski refused to sell out to 2♠ and lost all six of the tricks he was eligible to lose: -200. 2 IMPs to HIRATA, 6-21.

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ QJ73		
Vul: E/W	♥ 2		
	♦ AQ74		
	♣ 9842		
West	East		
♠ K654	♠ A82		
♥ AK1074	♥ QJ9		
♦ 1053	♦ KJ92		
♣ 3	♣ AK10		
	South		
	♠ 109		
	♥ 8653		
	♦ 86		
	♣ QJ765		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	Pass	1♦	3♣
Dbl*	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

Would Ohno/Yamada have wriggled into clubs? That looks like the ¥64,000 question. It's hard to see why Pszczola would not wish to defend 1♠ doubled, but perhaps Kwiecien's double was not for penalty.

We can't help but wonder whether someone has been spiking Martens' fruit juice. Maybe the auction has been misrepresented. 5♣ doubled was four down, -800. As E/W can make 6♥ if they bid it and are cold for 680 or so, Martens' little joke had a nice upside, but here he lost 3 IMPs for his enterprise. Poland, 22-9.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K743		
Vul: Both	♥ J9642		
	♦ 10943		
	♣ ---		
West		East	
♠ A1082		♠ Q9	
♥ KQ83		♥ A1075	
♦ KQ7		♦ J	
♣ K4		♣ AJ10986	
	South		
	♠ J65		
	♥ ---		
	♦ A8652		
	♣ Q7532		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
		1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

6♥ certainly has a decent play at single dummy but the trump break and unfriendly lie was too much for Kwiecien, who finished two down. -200.

Could Hayashi bring home his humble 4♥ on a

diamond to the ace and a spade switch? Had he ducked he might well have done so, but when he rose with the ace to take his spade discard from dummy on a high diamond he could only get home at double dummy. When he tried the ♣K, North ruffed and exited in diamonds. Lesniewski discarded on the next club towards dummy, but when Martens did not cover a club equal, Lesniewski could score another small trump and force dummy with a spade. Hayashi fought like a tiger from that point but couldn't quite scramble a tenth winner. Minus 100; 3 IMPs to HIRATA, 12-22.



Nobu Hayashi

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ J103		
Vul: None	♥ J106		
	♦ 93		
	♣ A8765		
West		East	
♠ A92		♠ 654	
♥ K53		♥ A82	
♦ K62		♦ AJ874	
♣ KQ42		♣ 103	
	South		
	♠ KQ87		
	♥ Q974		
	♦ Q105		
	♣ J9		

At both tables East raised West's 1NT to three and North led the ♣6 to the ten and jack. In the Open Room Kwiecien won the ♣K, lost a diamond to South, ducked the ♣9, and ducked the low spade switch to the ten. When North continued with the ♠J declarer took the ace and finished the diamonds, discarding the ♠9 and the ♣Q from hand. South parted with two hearts, North the ♣5, the ♣8 and...a heart. Kwiecien had a third heart winner now and so chalked up +400.

In the Closed Room, Hayashi won the first club with the queen and followed the line of his counterpart but ducked two rounds of spades before winning the third. Here the defenders had no problems discarding and Hayashi could not conjure up a ninth winner. One down, -50. 10 IMPs to Poland, 32-12.

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AKQJ854		
Vul: Both	♥ 3		
	♦ 5		
	♣ J963		
West		East	
♠ 7		♠ 6	
♥ AJ10762		♥ K85	
♦ K9863		♦ J74	
♣ 10		♣ AK8542	
	South		
	♠ 10932		
	♥ Q94		
	♦ AQ102		
	♣ Q7		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	4♠	All Pass	

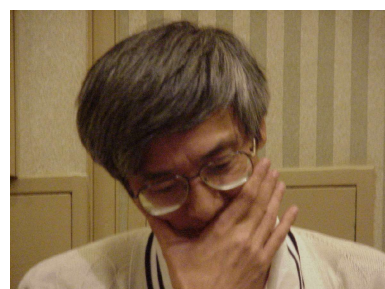
Kwiecien's courageous vulnerable two-suited 4NT won the board for his side when Ohno took the push to 5♠ with three top losers. Had she passed or doubled it's not clear whether the Poles would have played in 5♦ or 5♥ or how they would have fared, but minus 200 would have been a significant triumph and minus 500 still would have won the board. 4♠ yielded +620 and Poland gained 13 IMPs, 45-12.



Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ K9763		
Vul: N/S	♥ K9754		
	♦ 72		
	♣ 2		
West		East	
♠ 82		♠ AJ	
♥ 6		♥ AQ2	
♦ Q954		♦ AKJ83	
♣ KQJ983		♣ 754	
	South		
	♠ Q1054		
	♥ J1083		
	♦ 106		
	♣ A106		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
			Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
			Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Kwiecien's 5♣ was an awful lot better than Hirata's 3NT and had the Poles reached 6♣ they would have made that with the aid of the successful heart finesse: +400 on a spade lead, declarer playing safely for his contract.

Against 3NT Martens led a low spade to the king and ace. Hirata led a club but it was too difficult for Martens to rise ace and cash the ♠Q. When he followed low Hirata won in dummy and finessed the ♥Q: +400, no swing.



Makoto Hirata

Bd: 16	North		
Dir: West	♠ J7		
Vul: E/W	♥ 107643		
	♦ J82		
	♣ K94		
West		East	
♠ KQ106		♠ A54	
♥ AK9		♥ J	
♦ K976		♦ Q10543	
♣ Q8		♣ J765	
	South		
	♠ 9832		
	♥ Q852		
	♦ A		
	♣ A1032		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
1NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With both E/W pairs playing the same notrump range it's surprising to see such a radical difference in evaluation by the East players, even giving some weight to the perceived state of the match.

In 1NT, Kwiecien made four, winning the first heart trick and crossing to the ♠A to lead a diamond. Easy game.

In 3NT, Hayashi made two, winning the first heart trick and leading a diamond to the queen and ace. Martens switched briskly to the ♣2, reading some suit preference implications in the ♦2 that Lesniewski contributed to the first round of that suit. When the ♣K won and the nine came back, Martens ducked to the queen, and when North came in with the ♦J he led his remaining club through dummy's jack for one down, -100. 7 IMPs to Poland, ahead by 40, 52-12.



Bd: 17	North		
Dir: North	♠ A87		
Vul: None	♥ AQ9		
	♦ 732		
	♣ Q987		
West		East	
♠ ---		♠ QJ10952	
♥ 1062		♥ J54	
♦ AQJ10984		♦ K5	
♣ AK10		♣ 64	
	South		
	♠ K643		
	♥ K873		
	♦ 6		
	♣ J532		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Dbl*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	1♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

It's interesting to speculate about the prospects for Kwiecien's swashbuckling 3NT. While Yamada might have been up to leading the ♥A or the ♠A it's at least as likely that he would have tried a club, with a fatal result to his side. Kwiecien, trying to make his impossible 5♦, lost an extra trick by refusing to take his club ruff, so HIRATA gained 2 IMPs, 14-52.



"I loved the movie but I can only give it one thumb up."

Bd: 18	North		
Dir: East	♠ 10932		
Vul: N/S	♥ 32		
	♦ J73		
	♣ A764		
West		East	
♠ AKJ4		♠ 875	
♥ AJ986		♥ K104	
♦ A82		♦ 1095	
♣ 9		♣ QJ32	
	South		
	♠ Q6		
	♥ Q75		
	♦ KQ64		
	♣ K1085		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
		Pass	1NT
Dbl	2♣*	Pass*	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		Pass	1♣*
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Had Hirata located the ♥Q correctly after a diamond lead, he would have made his interesting 3NT contract. When he played North for it somewhat perversely in an absolute sense, he was two down, -100.

Yamada played 2♣ doubled carefully after a diamond lead and could not be prevented from scrambling seven tricks: -200. 7 IMPs to Poland, 59-14.



Akihiko Yamada

Bd: 19	North		
Dir: South	♠ Q8765		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q8542		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ Q		
West		East	
♠ 1094		♠ AKJ32	
♥ K107		♥ J6	
♦ 62		♦ 743	
♣ K6432		♣ J97	
	South		
	♠ ---		
	♥ A93		
	♦ AK10985		
	♣ A1085		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Ohno</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hayashi</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Hirata</i>	<i>Martens</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Pszczola led the ♠A against Yamada's 3NT and noted partner's upside down ten. A club lead and perfect defense thereafter would have beaten the contract but dummy's club holding suggested that a heart switch would more often be better. It wasn't. Yamada ducked to the king, then covered the ♠9, and could no longer be defeated: +400, a nice result on a very complicated deal.

Martens, with an unknown new wave band on rotation in his personal CD player, boldly raised himself to game in hearts, giving up on 3NT. The notion of leading the nine from a ten-nine combination in dummy's suit looks particularly dangerous to me but having said that, it doesn't account for Hirata's play of the ♠K at trick one when dummy followed low, Martens ruffed and

played three rounds of diamonds. The play record is impossible to follow but it looks as if Martens came to a position, after conceding various ruffs, that allowed him to extract the opponents' last two trumps with his ace to finish diamonds. It is axiomatic that players who indulge themselves in the bidding tend to play with exceptional skill. Is this the Martens I though I knew? He was a much more down-the-middle guy before this tournament, wasn't he?



"Yes, his bidding is rustic but he plays like Chopin."

Sitting North, with both sides vulnerable, you hold: ♠ Q ♥ AJ10853 ♦ 104 ♣ KQ73. Over 1♠ on your right you overcall 2♥. East raises to 3♠, preemptive and West gives himself four. Your lead?

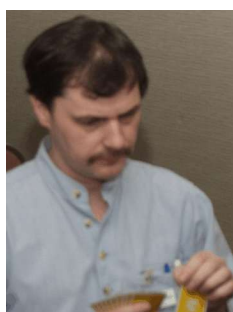
Lesniewski tried the queen of trumps and was disappointed to discover that this was the complete layout:

Bd: 20	North	
Dir: West	♠ Q	
Vul: Both	♥ AJ10853	
	♦ 104	
	♣ KQ73	
West		East
♠ AKJ102		♠ 9875
♥ 74		♥ Q962
♦ AQJ6		♦ K85
♣ 52		♣ 104
	South	
	♠ 643	
	♥ K	
	♦ 9732	
	♣ AJ986	

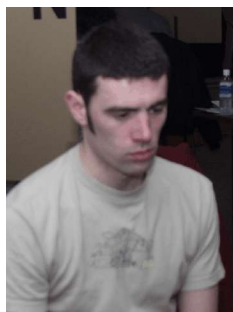
Declarer drew trumps and discarded a club from dummy on the fourth diamond: +620.

Same lead at the other table but E/W were only in 3♠, +170. 10 IMPs to HIRATA, but Poland won handily, 60-24, 22-8 in VP, and increased its lead in the overall rankings with just two rounds to play in the Swiss qualifying stage.

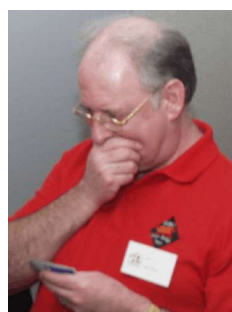
Meet the Welsh Team



Peter Goodman



Adam Dunn



Gary Jones



Dafydd Jones

*Peter Goodman/Adam Dunn
Gary Jones/Dafydd Jones*

In 1999 the United Kingdom devolved into England, Scotland and Wales (Bridge). Since then the top Welsh players have "fast tracked" to international recognition. Recent invitations to Bonn, Amsterdam and South Africa together

with Olympiad and European team outings have culminated in a silver medal in the Commonwealth Nations Cup. Peter and Adamroll out a traditional Two-Over-One System whilst Gary and Dafydd use a more aggressive Four-Card Major Weak Notrump system. This foursome probably represent the only four Welsh people without a singing voice.

Writing and Playing

by Jan van Cleeff

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 14-28 June 2003 at the Palais de l'Europe. As part of a series internationally reputed Dutch player and editor of IMP magazine Jan van



Jan van Cleeff

Cleeff recalls some memorable hands in his career as player and writer.

My career as a bridge journalist started in Menton in 1993 during the European Bridge Championships. In fact, I had two good reasons for being there. As the bridge correspondent of NRC-Handelsblad, a Dutch newspaper, I took care of the daily coverage of the event, and for my own magazine IMP I coordinated its EC Special.

It goes beyond saying that I followed step by step the performance of the Dutch squad. No complaints whatsoever, since our open team was in contention for the top spot nearly throughout. I will never forget the match Holland versus Poland. Together with Toine van Hoof, the bridge reporter of the Volkskrant - another Dutch newspaper, I was watching the match in the View Graph auditorium. At that time, the Poles were way up in the ranking and so far they had not lost a single match. Against the Netherlands however, they had a bit of a rough time.



Bauke Muller

Bauke Muller was at the top of his form. With this deal he struck a severe blow at the Polish bastion:

Dir: South		♠ AJ84	
Vul: Both		♥ A4	
		♦ 102	
		♣ K8632	
♠ 53		♠ 1092	
♥ KQ8732		♥ J1096	
♦ K76		♦ J953	
♣ QJ		♣ 94	
		♠ KQ76	
		♥ 5	
		♦ AQ84	
		♣ A1075	
West	North	East	South
<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Muller</i>
			1♣
1♥	Dbf	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

North's double showed precisely four spades. After an auction with a number of cue bids and Roman Key Card Blackwood, Bauke Muller landed in 6♠, against which contract Marcin Lesniewski led the ♥K.

Every one in the auditorium, including the commentators, predicted that Muller's contract would fail. Seeing all cards, they were sure that declarer would apply the *principle of restricted choice* in clubs. Therefore, he was likely to lose a club and the ♦K. Seeing 26 cards only, Muller proceeded as follows: he won the ♥A, cashed the king and ace of trumps, ruffed the dummy's low heart, crossed to dummy with the ♣K and played a club to the ten. West won the trick but he was endplayed. At the table, he returned a diamond into South's tenace.

Muller's partial elimination netted The Netherlands 16 imps since at the other table Piotr Gawrys, a world class player in his own right, somehow managed to go three down in the same contract. Beside Muller, only two other declarers playing in Menton handled the

slam in similar fashion: Marcus Joest of the German open team and Daniela von Arnim of the German women's team.

Muller's play earned him a gold fountain pen. Van Hoof, an accomplished and witty journalist ('better a defeat before the deadline than a win afterwards') and I received one also. This had something to do with our report of the match in the Daily Bulletin. The Netherlands won by 25-5, finished fourth and left for Chile to play in the Bermuda Bowl a few months later. How The Netherlands performed over there? Van Hoof and I were in Santiago to write our country to the world title. Not easy, but we succeeded. Hard to imagine a better debut as a journalist, can you?

As a player I gained a certain reputation. My bidding is not exactly 'sound as the Bank of England'. Just check Forum, IMP's bidding panel, and read director Jaap van der Neut's comments and you'll understand what I'm talking about. He is quite picky about my bidding style and he is probably right. But being a 'loose' bidder has some advantages as well. My opponents are never quite sure of my hand. This approach puts pressure on my partners, too. For a long time I played with Jan Jansma, a player who could take the heat.

Take this one, for instance. June 1997, the very last day of the European Championships in Montecatini, Italy. The Netherlands are lying sixth and France is in fifth place. Finishing in the top five earns a berth in the Bermuda Bowl. In the next to last round it's Holland against France. We need a big win. Every one vulnerable, West is the dealer. Jansma is sitting South with:

♠J103 ♥K9 ♦74 ♣AKQJ32

West	North	East	South
Lévy	Van Cleeff	Mari	Jansma
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	?

An impossible sequence. What the hell is this crazy North doing? Jansma, who has no clue at all, finally decides to pass. According to the great Bob Hamman that is always the right thing to do. Looking at the North hand, this rule has proved its worth once again:

♠KQ98 ♥A10 ♦Q82 ♣10986

With diamonds blocked, three no trumps was a piece of cake. Piet Jansen at the other table opened 3♦ as well and he was allowed to play there. The contract went one down, but The Netherlands gained 11 imps on the board. My reason for bidding 3NT in this off-beat position was that I fully relied on the French methods. French players tend not to play 'loaded' pre-empts, third hand or not. Therefore, I was quite certain that Jansma possessed some useful values.

Jansen-Westerhof put up a splendid performance and we won 25-4. Just what we needed, because now we could even afford a small defeat against Great-Britain in the last match. It was not to be. The match turned into a nightmare. The Hacketts and the Tredennicks crushed us 25-5. Bye, bye Bermuda Bowl.

Another test. The 1998 Cavendish Teams in Las Vegas. West dealer, EW vulnerable. Jansma was South again. This time he had:

♠AQ9543 ♥A3 ♦42 ♣KQ4

West	North	East	South
Fallenius	Van Cleeff	Moss	Jansma
2♥(1)	Dbl	3♥	4♥
Pass	5♥(2)	Pass	?
(1) weak; (2) extra's			

Jansma leapt all the way to 7♠! Bingo, because I held: ♠KJ2 ♥4 ♥AQ1095 ♣AJ105

In the other room, Lambardi-Camberos rested in six and we gained 11 imps. My most cherished bridge recollections are those of that year's Cavendish. Together with Bauke Muller and Wubbo de Boer we won the Jack Dreyfuss Cup, as the event is officially called. In our wake, one match or more off the pace, followed a very strong field.

I have been traveling around the world to play and to write about bridge for years now. The game provides me with lots of fun and excitement. I definitely hope to make it to Menton. You, too? Au revoir.

To find out how to meet Jan and a host of other stars visit www.ecatsbridge.com

Dear fellow competitor:

No matter how you try to tell the tale, in the end, in order to fully appreciate it, you have to be there. And therein lies the message. When the time comes to play the main event, when you participate, the opportunity for the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat lurks behind every event, every deal, every bid and play. After playing in hundreds of tournaments from the local club to the world championship, where else?, I ask can one experience so many highs and lows



and reversals of fortune than at the scene.

When I started to recount a memorable tournament from my own experience, I could think of many, but none has the potential of this one. Think about it for a minute. Menton, La Cote de Azur, France, 2003. The first open European Championship. How often do you have the opportunity to be part of the first of anything? How in the hell can you let this one go by without being there? There is really nothing more to say.

Hope to see you there,

Bob Hamman
WBF Grandmaster #1

Special Introduction to Japanese Courtesy



“So, there we were in the Pesce d’Oro restaurant in Queen’s Square, awaiting the arrival of our appetizers,” says Wayne Chu of the South African team. “We were very hungry and everything emerging from the kitchen looked and smelled fantastic... including a dish that our

waitress brought to the next table, where two sophisticated-looking Japanese ladies were smiling their approval.”

“You know how it is in these situations. We couldn’t help but glance in their direction in appraisal of the food, and as luck would have it, Neville Eber’s attention did not go undetected by the ladies.”

“Well, Neville turned slightly red but he recovered nicely and smoothly asked in his most charming manner about the identity of the dish. One of the ladies graciously replied that it was veal with lemon and that seemed to satisfy Neville, who smiled and thanked her. Under normal circumstances that would have been the end of it, but this is Japan, where everyone

is unbelievably polite and considerate. A moment later, our new friend appeared at our table smiling brightly, asking Neville if he wanted to taste her piccata limone. The last time Neville declined an offer of free food Harry Truman was in the White House, so he slipped into a chair at the ladies’ table and cut himself a dignified-sized slice of the irresistible veal. His face lit up and he oohed and aahed ecstatically before thanking the ladies and returning to our table.”

“The next thing we knew the ladies were back at our table, this time giggling visibly. One of them was carrying her dinner plate with the untouched remainder of her piccata. She bowed slightly and placed the dish in front of Neville and wished him a pleasant experience.



Neville Eber

Then, suddenly, the ladies had disappeared into the night.”

“The lasagna and seafood were pretty good too, but it’s fair to say that nothing compared with the piccata limone.”

1ST EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Menton - Cote d'Azur - France

14th - 28th June 2003



Meet the Team From Darkest Africa

Wayne Chu/Craig Gower
Neville Eber/Bernard Donde



Wayne Chu



Craig Gower



Neville Eber



Bernard Donde

It was with regret that we learned that Chris Convery was not able to join us due to family matters. Undaunted, the remaining three Europeans plus one oriental “bridgenik”/guide are still hanging in there.

Bernard Donde and Neville Eber—the shortest and the tallest in the room—play a super duper suped up Acol, probably the only pair in the tournament to do so.

“Vague” Craig Gower and Wayne “Fu Man” Chu are more traditional Two-Over-One exponents.

We are all good friends and have been associated with one another in various partnerships.

Wayne plays OKbridge for most of his wakeful hours being isolated in a small faraway town in South Africa. However, he does get to a fair

number of international tournaments.

Craig is a bridge pro—runs a bridge club, teaches and plays for high stakes when possible, locally and abroad.

Bernard, an oncologist, plays competitive bridge and rarely misses a tournament.

Neville, an ex bridge pro (taught, wrote and played for a living in addition to owning a bridge club), now is involved in many things, none of which involves a 9-to-5 working day; gambling, taking positions in sport and business, backgammon and poker feature prominently.

Here is an exciting hand from the third match of this tournament.

Bd: 20	♠ 2		
Dir: West	♥ ---		
Vul: Both	♦ AKJ73		
	♣ AKJ9843		
♠ KJ1053		♠ 764	
♥ 73		♥ AK6542	
♦ 10654		♦ Q	
♣ Q2		♣ 1076	
	♠ AQ98		
	♥ QJ1098		
	♦ 982		
	♣ 5		
West	North	East	South
	<i>Eber</i>		<i>Donde</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦...		

After a slow start things started hotting. Not wanting partner to pass, whatever his reasons, I reopened with 2♥ and somehow we eventually reached 7♦—not a contract I am proud of. On the ♥A lead I ruffed, cashed the ♦A. Noting the fall of the queen on my left I unblocked the ♦8, cashed the ♣A and then ruffed a club with the ♦9, finessed the ♦7, drew trumps and claimed.

DATUM

Qualifying Round 4

		ENGLAND		CANADA-IOC		COMMONWEAL		HACKETT		S.AFRICA		HUNGARY		POLAND		USA		SWEDEN		WALES		EURO	ALLIA	PABF	OPEN	PABF	WOMEN	KOREA			
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DATUM

Qualifying Round 5

Bd	ENGLAND		CANADA-TOC		COMMONWEAL		HACKETT		S. AFRICA		HUNGARY		POLAND		USA		SWEDEN		WALES		EURO	ALLIA	PABF	OPEN	PABF	WOMEN	KOREA		
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IMP -		25	38	40	13	50	19	51	32	23	33	48	30	21	24	34	56	51	33	38	41	27	26	35	45	48	63	21	51

Bd	DATUM	RON		RHEIN		CACTUS		FAIRY	TALE	KIMURA		MERRY	QUEE	FRIENDS		SWAN		PS-JACK		COSMOS		MY-BRIDGE		KINKI		KACHOFUGET		YOUTH	
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Bd	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	25	27	43	33	44	23	19	40	47	48	43	26	22	15	42	50	34	19	29	37	43	30	28	33	39	45	34
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2	-420	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	-1070	-8	-9	11	8	9	-9	9	8	-8	1	-8	8	9	-9	-8	8	9	8	-8	-9	-8	-9	-8	-11	-8	8	9	8	8		
4	-60	-1	-5	-4	4	-1	1	12	1	-4	-5	12	4	-1	1	-4	-6	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-5	-1	-12	6	4	5	1	1		
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7	-670	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-13	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	13	0	-1	1	-13	1	0	-13	-13		
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9	-660	-13	0	1	-13	13	1	-1	13	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-13	0	-13	13	-1	-13	-13	0	-1	-13	13	0	0	13	13		
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11	-10	2	-2	-9	9	2	-2	2	3	2	-2	-9	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-3	2	-3	3	3	-2	-2		
12	-440	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13	390	-3	11	6	-6	6	-6	-11	11	-11	-6	-3	10	6	-6	6	-10															

8th NEC Bridge Festival Daily Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
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	
Friday (Feb. 7)	17:30-20:20*	NEC Cup Quarter-Final 1	E204/206
	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 rd	E204/206
	12:30-14:50	NEC Cup Final 2 & Playoff for 3 rd	
	14:50-16:00	Lunch Break	
	16:00-18:20	NEC Cup Final 3	
	18:30-20:50	NEC Cup Final 4	
Sunday (Feb. 9)	10:00-17:00	Yokohama Swiss Plate	F203-206
	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 highly unethical conduct, please tell either the Daily Bulletin editors or Haruko Koshi, chairperson of the Manners Committee.