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## Poland Tops 2003 NEC Cup Qualifiers

With a blitz and a tie in their final two matches, Poland (Krzysztof Martens, Marcin Lesniewski, Michal Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola, Witold Wasak and npc Radislaw Kielbasinski) emerged from the Swiss qualifying stage more than a full match ahead of European Alliance (Benedicte and Philippe Cronier, Barbara Hackett and Katrin Farwig), who rallied from ninth-tenth place at the start of today's play to qualify second. In close succession were Hungary, Hackett, USA and the Japanese teams of TAJIMA and HIRATA. One of the bigger surprises was the performance of last year's winners, England, who finished the Swiss tied with South Africa for the eighth and final qualifying slot. According to the published tie-break procedure (see p. 2), the winner of the head-to-head (if there was one) moves on. Since in this case the teams never met in the Swiss, the next step was to compute an IMP quotient. The bean counters were in their full glory as abacuses flew. When the final tally was in, the holders, England, survived with a quotient of 1.59 to 1.30. Whew! The complete final standings were:

### NEC Cup: Final Qualifying Swiss Standings

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	Poland	176	15	Fairy Tale	125	29/30	JAPAN YOUTH	109
2	European Alliance	147	16	Cactus	121	29/30	PABF Open	109
3	Hungary	145	17/19	PABF Women	118	31	Taiwan Amethyst	107
4	Hackett	144	17/19	Canada-IOC	118	32	Kacho-Fugetsu	106
5/6	USA	141	17/19	Hong Kong 2	118	33	Friends	105
5/6	Tajima	141	20/21	Ron	116	34	Hong Kong 1	104
7	HIRATA	139	20/21	GOING+MN	116	35	TONPUKU	102
8/9	England	137	22	MERRY QUEENS	115	36	Girasol	99
8/9	South Africa	137	23/25	Kinki	113	37	My-Bridge	94
10	Wales	136	23/25	Gryffindor	113	38	Hong Kong 3	91
11	Canada-Comm.	132	23/25	ESPERANZA	113	39	Korea	89
12	Chinese Taipei-Lin	131	26/27	KIMURA	112	40	SWAN	86
13	SKOTII	130	26/27	RHEIN	112	41	Cosmos	84
14	Sweden	128	28	PS-JACK	110	42	DARUMA	80

### Poland, TAJIMA, England, Hackett Lead Quarterfinals at the Half

First prize in the qualification derby (that's darby in Britain) was choice of opponents. Poland chose HIRATA, European Alliance chose TAJIMA, Hungary chose England, and Hackett and USA were left with each other. The Swami says, "Be careful of what you ask for, you just might get it!" The standings after 20 boards in each of the quarterfinal matches are on p. 3.

## 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.

## Thursday's Match Results

### Match 7

Poland (73)	25-4	Sweden (17)
Hungary (42)	15-15	USA (44)
South Africa (54)	16-14	HIRATA (51)
Hackett (43)	19-11	England (24)
Wales (21)	9-21	European Alliance (51)
TAJIMA (95)	25-4	Hong Kong 2 (41)
TONPUKU (12)	2-25	Canada-Commonwealth (84)
KIMURA (39)	5-25	Chinese Taipei-Lin (89)
PABF Women (44)	14-16	Kacho-Fugetsu (49)
PS-JACK (43)	10-20	Fairy Tale (65)
PABF Open (26)	13-17	Canada-IOC (36)
Cactus (28)	15-15	Kinki (27)
Taiwan Amethyst (48)	10-20	SKOTII (72)
Hong Kong 1 (50)	10-20	Ron (76)
Hong Kong 3 (32)	13-17	MERRY QUEENS (42)
GOING+MN [GELLER] (47)	17-13	ESPERANZA (36)
Friends (45)	15-15	RHEIN (43)
JAPAN YOUTH (57)	18-12	SWAN (42)
Girasol (49)	18-12	Korea (36)
DARUMA [NISHIDA] (16)	2-25	Gryffindor (86)
My-Bridge (57)	21-9	Cosmos (29)

### Match 8

Hungary (41)	15-15	Poland (39)
Hackett (28)	16-14	USA (22)
European Alliance (38)	20-10	South Africa (14)
HIRATA (30)	15-15	Tajima (31)
England (46)	17-13	Canada-Commonwealth (36)
Wales (64)	22-8	Sweden (31)
Fairy Tale (62)	17-13	Chinese Taipei-Lin (51)
SKOTII (73)	25-2	Kacho-Fugetsu (4)
Canada-IOC (27)	15-15	PABF Women (26)
Ron (36)	14-16	Hong Kong 2 (40)
Cactus (44)	20-10	PABF Open (22)
Kinki (35)	12-18	MERRY QUEENS (49)
KIMURA (35)	16-14	PS-JACK (31)
TONPUKU (31)	6-24	GOING+MN [GELLER] (75)
Gryffindor (60)	21-9	Hong Kong 1 (33)
Friends (40)	15-15	Taiwan Amethyst (41)
JAPAN YOUTH (54)	19-11	Girasol (35)
ESPERANZA (101)	25-2	Hong Kong 3 (32)
SWAN (1)	2-25	RHEIN (67)
Korea (23)	10-20	My-Bridge (49)
Cosmos (17)	11-19	DARUMA [NISHIDA] (36)

## Quarterfinal Standings at the Half (20 Boards)

Team	Carry	IMPs
<b>Poland</b>	.5	<b>40</b>
<b>HIRATA</b>		<b>34</b>
<b>European Alliance</b>	.5	<b>12</b>
<b>TAJIMA</b>		<b>35</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	.5	<b>16</b>
<b>England</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Hackett</b>	.5	<b>42</b>
<b>USA</b>		<b>33</b>

## Match Seven: Clash of the Titans—Poland vs Sweden

With 136 VP out of the available 150, the mighty Poles had set a blistering pace over the first two days and were sure to qualify for the quarterfinals. Sweden, after a brilliant first day, had slipped a bit on the second and were 20 VP behind, a distant second, with equal-eighth only 7 VP behind. Sweden was in good shape, but a serious loss would leave them vulnerable to a last-round accident. Not that anyone was expecting either of these powerhouse teams to bury the other. It's just that most of our featured matches so far had resulted in convincing victories and it's always tough to buck tradition.

However, the first deal did just that, producing nothing of interest where each of the first deals in the previous six featured matches was a dynamic one.

The second deal, however, brought a game swing...

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Krzysztof Martens' 3NT was a good contract and deserved to succeed. Peter Bertheau's low diamond lead shortened the play, too, and when Fredrik Nystrom took the ♣K with the ace Martens was in a position to take 12 tricks when the ♣J dropped in the course of cashing out: +490.

PO Sundelin's 4♥ (notrump was never really a possibility at this table, Johan Sylvan focusing on hearts and leaving Sundelin no opportunity to describe a balanced hand) boiled down to finding the ♣J after the lead of the ♠J. Sundelin ducked once, took the second spade, and played four rounds of trumps, Michal Kwiecien discarding first the ♣2, then the ♦3 and ♦4. When Sundelin advanced the ♣K from hand Kwiecien ducked in tempo, and now declarer ran the ♣10 to the jack. He lost another spade and the ♣A for one down: -50; 11 IMPs to Poland, a well-earned gain.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ2		
Vul: N/S	♥ J854		
	♦ QJ85		
	♣ J3		
West		East	
♠ A73		♠ 986	
♥ A97		♥ KQ1063	
♦ K107		♦ A2	
♣ Q876		♣ K109	
	South		
	♠ J1054		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 9643		
	♣ A542		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwecien</i>
		1♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♥			
*2NT=3+-card ♥ support, limit+ values			
*3♣=Artificial, minimum			

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ KQ7		
Vul: E/W	♥ 753		
	♦ J		
	♣ K87432		
West		East	
♠ A1032		♠ J	
♥ K8		♥ AJ1064	
♦ 106432		♦ Q987	
♣ J5		♣ Q96	
	South		
	♠ 98654		
	♥ Q92		
	♦ AK5		
	♣ A10		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
* 2+♣, may be artificial with fit			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
*2♥=spade support, limit+			
*2NT=game try, no SPL (in theory)			

4♠ is not a very good contract and the four-one trump break doesn't help. In fact both declarers took eight tricks when West did not over-ruff the third club. Poland won the board +100 vs -50 and gained 2 IMPs, 13-0.

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ AJ		
Vul: Both	♥ J109		
	♦ AQ1084		
	♣ J76		
West		East	
♠ K654		♠ 10987	
♥ Q52		♥ K8763	
♦ K62		♦ 5	
♣ AQ9		♣ K83	
	South		
	♠ Q32		
	♥ A4		
	♦ J973		
	♣ 10542		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	All Pass		
*2♦=Many hand types, including weak with 5+♥ or 5+♠			
*2♥=Minimum			

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
1♣*	1♦	1♥	3♦*
All Pass			
*1♣=Polish			
*3♦=Preemptive			

As E/W have a fighting chance for nine tricks in hearts or spades, selling out to 3♦ for -110 looks like a fairly soft result for Martens/Lesniewski, but it's not easy to stop at 3♥ or 3♠ once South bounces to the three-level preemptively. Even if East starts with a negative double of 1♦, West can hardly justify competing at the three level with dull pattern and a dubious value in the ♦K. And if West should risk 3♠, might not East raise to four? In any case, the Polish Club opening had allowed North to enter the auction painlessly, so chalk this one up as a somewhat random system swing.

Meanwhile, Sundelin's 14-16 notrump kept Jacek Pszczola out of the auction and landed the Swedes in a comfortable 2♥. The lead of the ♥J facilitated the play for declarer, who ducked it to his queen, then ducked on the way back. When Kwiecien broke spades declarer had no timing issues and soon claimed three, +140. 6 IMPs to Sweden, 6-13.

Bd: 5	North		
Dir: North	♠ 962		
Vul: N/S	♥ QJ10742		
	♦ 98		
	♣ 52		
West		East	
♠ AQ754		♠ KJ8	
♥ 8		♥ AK953	
♦ J1064		♦ 53	
♣ A64		♣ K109	
	South		
	♠ 103		
	♥ 6		
	♦ AKQ72		
	♣ QJ873		

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
	Pass	1♥	2NT
3♣*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
* Spades			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	Pass	1♥	2NT
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Perhaps it's normal to compete with an Unusual 2NT at unfavorable vulnerability facing a passed partner with the South hand but that looks like a big commitment to me, with no great bias toward offense. Where Sylvan preferred to show his spades Martens preferred to show general strength with decent defensive prospects, which led to Marcin Lesniewski doubling 3♣.

Sundelin took 11 tricks easily after two high diamonds and a switch to the ♣Q: +450, but the drama was at the other table, where Nystrom had to play 3♣ doubled. The defense started with a heart to the ace, king-jack of spades, and the ♥9. Nystrom discarded and Martens scored the ♣4. Nystrom ruffed the spade continuation, cashed ♦AK and tried the ♣Q, which ran to the king. Nystrom ruffed the ♥K continuation and Martens refused to over-ruff. A diamond was ruffed and over-ruffed and Lesniewski exited with a trump in case his partner held the ♦Q. Three down, -800, 8 IMPs to Poland, ahead 21-6.



Background: "Those guys can barely follow suit."

Foreground: "Those guys can barely tell one suit from another."

Bd: 6	North		
Dir: East	♠ 9642		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q9		
	♦ KQ10		
	♣ KJ104		
West	East		
♠ A5	♠ KJ73		
♥ AK32	♥ 8764		
♦ J9653	♦ 874		
♣ 65	♣ A2		
	South		
	♠ Q108		
	♥ J105		
	♦ A2		
	♣ Q9873		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Dbl	3♥	All Pass
* Reverse Drury-Fit			
*2♥=Minimum			

Sylvan's 1♦ opening worked well, making it difficult for N/S to enter the auction and drive his side past its safety level of 2♥: +110.

Martens' 1♥ opening, which looks very reasonable in third position, worked less well when Lesniewski stretched to use a form of Drury, then allowed himself to be driven to the three-level, surely assuming (presumptuously) that Martens held a fifth heart. The defense had to be accurate to beat 3♥ after the lead of the ♦K, and it was. Nystrom overtook and returned a diamond to Bertheau's ten and now a club switch was vital. Bertheau found it: -100. 5 IMPs to Sweden, 11-21.

Bd: 7	North		
Dir: South	♠ KJ6		
Vul: Both	♥ Q10543		
	♦ K753		
	♣ A		
West		East	
♠ A87		♠ 954	
♥ 976		♥ J2	
♦ J86		♦ 104	
♣ Q1074		♣ K98653	
	South		
	♠ Q1032		
	♥ AK8		
	♦ AQ92		
	♣ J2		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
			1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
*4♦=Double fit			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
*2♦=5+♥ or INV with 4+♥			
*2♠=Maximum with 3♥			
*3♦=Re-transfer			

Facing a 14-16 notrump, Bertheau's slam interest was only marginal and he was not inclined to look for perfect cards once it had become clear that there was only an eight-card fit in hearts. While a nine-card fit might have been available in diamonds, this was not a good sequence for the partnership's methods: +680.

Kwiecien's nominal range was 15-17, so Pszczola had serious slam interest and was able to introduce his second suit without difficulty. When South went past 3NT to show the double fit in the red suits, Kwiecien took a practical shot at slam. With both red suits

behaving it proved unimportant to choose the right strain: +1370, 12 IMPs to Poland, again well-deserved, 33-11.

Bd: 8	North		
Dir: West	♠ Q109842		
Vul: None	♥ ---		
	♦ 32		
	♣ KQ542		
West		East	
♠ K		♠ A753	
♥ AJ986		♥ 732	
♦ J10987		♦ 654	
♣ J10		♣ A63	
	South		
	♠ J6		
	♥ KQ1054		
	♦ AKQ		
	♣ 987		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Dbl	Rdbl*	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
*2♠=5+♠/5+m, about 5-10 HCP			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
2♥*	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
* 5+♥/5+m, about 5-10 HCP			

Perhaps it's just a coincidence but I've noticed over the years that these Polish two-bids seem to come in pairs. When N/S open 2♥ it's remarkable how often E/W open 2♠ at the other table. Here neither pair that used this treatment bought the contract, which is often just as well for the user.

3♦ doubled didn't handle very well for Sylvan. Pszczola led the ♣K and continued with the ♣Q when Sylvan ducked. Declarer took the ♣A and tried a heart to the queen and ace, North getting a ruff with one of his small trumps. He exited with his remaining trump and South took

his three winners before forcing declarer with a club. Sylvan conceded a heart to the ten and was able to keep control, losing another trick to the ♥K. Three down, -500.

In the Closed Room Nystrom had an awkward decision over 3♥ but too good a hand to risk defending undoubled. Although Bertheau had a shrewd idea that Nystrom was trapping, he couldn't bring himself to reopen with a double on a hand with so little defense. He got a heart lead against his 4♠ and called for the ten, ruffing away the jack to start trumps. West won and returned a diamond and Bertheau might have tried a club, but instead he continued trumps. East won and played a second heart to the king and ace. Bertheau ruffed and drew trumps, crossed to a diamond, and led a club to the ten and king. At this critical point in the play Bertheau decided to exit with a low club rather than the queen and that was that. He lost to the ♣J and later to the ♣A, and so was one down, -50. 11 IMPs more to Poland, ahead 44-11.

Martens/Lesniewski gained 2 IMPs on Board 9 when they did two tricks better against 2♠ than Sylvan/Sundelin. Poland, 46-11.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Martens	Bertheau	Lesniewski	Nystrom
		1♣*	1♠
Pass	3♠*	All Pass	

Just to add to Sweden's misery, this deal was particularly unlucky for them. Both 1♣ openings most often deliver a minimum-range balanced hand but various strong hands were possible. Where Pszczola's gentle 2♠ made it easy for Sundelin to get his strength and playing tricks across, Bertheau's heavy preemptive raise finished off Lesniewski. Apart from a wild stab at 3NT, what could Lesniewski do?

Nystrom would have made 3♠ with an overtrick on the lead of the ♦9 had he drawn trumps but instead he embarked on a scramble that included some cross-ruffing. In the end he lost control and went one down, -100.

At the other table the Swedes reached 3NT with the spade overcaller on lead, which looks like a good thing for them to do, but here Pszczola's double of 3♠ apparently was positive (I was under the impression that this type of double in Poland is widely used to suggest a lead in *another* suit) so the spade lead did not cost a trick and was in fact essential to defeat the contract: on a heart lead declarer wins immediately and can play on diamonds to get home. Minus 100 for Sundelin, 5 IMPs more to Poland; ahead by 40, 51-11.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K1095		
Vul: Both	♥ Q1086		
	♦ Q		
	♣ 10863		
West		East	
♠ Q6		♠ A4	
♥ A95		♥ 43	
♦ 109862		♦ KJ3	
♣ J75		♣ AKQ942	
	South		
	♠ J8732		
	♥ KJ72		
	♦ A754		
	♣ ---		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Pszczola	Sundelin	Kwiecien
		1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♠	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AQ72		
Vul: None	♥ AK653		
	♦ Q3		
	♣ K3		
West		East	
♠ J		♠ K109843	
♥ QJ94		♥ 8	
♦ AK972		♦ 105	
♣ 1075		♣ AQJ9	
	South		
	♠ 65		
	♥ 1072		
	♦ J864		
	♣ 8642		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
			Pass
1♦	Dbl	1♠	Pass
1NT*	2♥	2♣	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

As Sylvan's 1NT suggested an unbalanced hand, Sundelin was not keen to do too much in spades. On the lie of the cards the play was not taxing: +170.

Although the Poles usually open 1♣\* with minimum-range balanced hands the inference that opener would not be balanced for this sequence was not as strong for them and Lesniewski was willing to take his chances opposite a singleton honor. After a heart to the queen and ace and a switch to the ♣K, Lesniewski won and led the ♠K from hand, avoiding any communications difficulties: +590. 9 IMPs to Poland, 60-11.

But the Swedish agony was not yet at an end...

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A		
Vul: N/S	♥ K52		
	♦ AK104		
	♣ 87654		
West		East	
♠ 8754		♠ KJ2	
♥ A10983		♥ QJ74	
♦ QJ9		♦ 653	
♣ 9		♣ K32	
	South		
	♠ Q10963		
	♥ 6		
	♦ 872		
	♣ AQJ10		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martens</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Dbl	2♠*	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

Bertheau's mildly eccentric 14-16 notrump, coupled with his voluntary acceptance of the transfer over West's double, landed him in 4♠, which lost a heart, two trumps, and a club ruff for one down, -100.

Perhaps it was mandatory for Pszczola to open 1♣ and rebid 2♣ but if that is so the system could use some tinkering. This was an auspicious day for Poland, however, so only good things followed 2♣. Kwiecien liked his hand a lot in context and in effect drove to 5♣ over 2♣. On a heart lead to the ace and a switch to the ♦J, Pszczola got home easily by winning, cashing the ♠A, taking two trump finesses around a spade ruff, drawing the last trump and passing a spade equal around to the king for safety: +600. 12 IMPs to Poland, ahead 72-11.

Someone in the Swedish camp may have waved a white flag at this point because suddenly the scoring came to an abrupt halt. Sweden gained a partscore swing on the final deal of the match, but Poland won it 73-17, 25-4 in VP.

So much for my prediction of a close match.

Poland could relax in Match Eight, Sweden could not, having slipped to equal ninth, 4 VP behind eighth.

## Match Eight: the Last Hurrah—European Alliance vs South Africa

Crunch time. With one Swiss match to play Poland was home and dry with 161, breaking out the figurative caviar and champagne. Hungary was second on 130, followed by Hackett on 128, USA, South Africa and European Alliance on 127, TAJIMA on 126 and HIRATA on 124, eighth. England and Sweden were tied 9th/10th on 120, with Canada-Commonwealth, Chinese Taipei-Lin and Wales (114) the only other teams with a realistic shot.

We're going to follow the match between European Alliance and South Africa because it gives us a chance to see some new faces in the limelight and because Philippe Cronier explained to us that he has found the formula for success as the lone male member of his otherwise pulchritudinous squad. "My strategy is to promote *liberté, égalité and fraternité*, of course (I am French, you know), and in bridge terms this amounts to encouraging everyone to get involved in the team's administrative duties, to discuss bridge without inhibition (as if I could do anything to prevent this), and to follow their instincts in the play. Pretty good strategy, *n'est-ce pas?*"

Um...*mais, oui, Professeur...*we can hardly wait for the official training manual to come out.

Meanwhile, we are delighted to offer you another glimpse of the continuing adventures of Team South Africa, fresh from their feast at the Pesce d'Oro. They will be a tough act to follow at the bridge table rather than the dinner table.

The match started quietly with Katrin Farwig/Barbara Hackett extracting one more trick on defense against 1NT than Bernard Donde/Neville Eber. 2 IMPs to European Alliance.



Katrin Farwig



Barbara Hackett

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ74		
Vul: N/S	♥ J42		
	♦ K73		
	♣ Q97		
West		East	
♠ J65		♠ A108	
♥ K1096		♥ AQ85	
♦ 964		♦ A10852	
♣ A52		♣ 6	
	South		
	♠ 932		
	♥ 73		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ KJ10843		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
* Mini-splinter raise to 3♥			

Both E/W pairs did well to reach the thin but worthwhile 4♥, which presented no problems on the lead of the ♠K. No swing at E/W +420.

South Africa got on the board with an overtrick on the third deal, halving the European lead. But Board 4 was much more important...

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ AKJ6		
Vul: Both	♥ J43		
	♦ K5		
	♣ KQ107		
West	East		
♠ Q732	♠ 95		
♥ K1082	♥ AQ75		
♦ 10642	♦ 8		
♣ 5	♣ AJ9632		
	South		
	♠ 1084		
	♥ 96		
	♦ AQJ973		
	♣ 84		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
Pass	1NT	2♣*	3NT
4♥	Pass	Pass	4NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
Pass	1NT	2♣*	3NT

Hackett's 2♣ showed clubs and an undisclosed major, Bernard Donde's hearts and another suit. As 3NT can be beaten off the top it's theoretically wrong for E/W to be saving (Farwig could have done so by competing with 4♥, pass or correct, but it's easy to see why she passed) but in practice Neville Eber's decision was a huge winner. First of all, it pushed Philippe to 4NT (if Benedicte didn't want to double 4♥ neither did he), and second, it convinced Donde to lead a heart rather than a low club (which would have allowed Benedicte to make 4NT with the successful spade finesse). The defenders took four hearts and the ♣A for two down, -200.

In contrast, Farwig's silence offered Hackett no obvious reason to stay off the low club lead and Gower claimed the first nine tricks; +600. 13 IMPs to South Africa, ahead 14-2.

There was no swing on Board 5, but it's worth looking at...

Bd: 5	North		
Dir: North	♠ 2		
Vul: N/S	♥ AJ84		
	♦ KQJ7652		
	♣ 8		
West	East		
♠ AQJ	♠ K109873		
♥ 10632	♥ K95		
♦ 9	♦ 3		
♣ AJ1073	♣ KQ9		
	South		
	♠ 654		
	♥ Q7		
	♦ A1084		
	♣ 6542		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
	1♦	1♠	2♦
4♦*	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
	1♦	1♠	2♦
3♦*	5♦	5♠	All Pass

6♦ doubled costs only 300, and North must have been tempted to bid it, but there is a natural antipathy to pushing the opponents to the five level and then saving against them, regardless of the how cheap the sacrifice might be.



"You would think that one of my 12 bets would be a winner. Am I not wretched?"

Bd: 6	North		
Dir: East	♠ KQ108		
Vul: E/W	♥ AQ		
	♦ AQJ10654		
	♣ ---		
West			East
♠ A96543			♠ 7
♥ K6			♥ J9753
♦ 9			♦ K2
♣ K1065			♣ QJ743
	South		
	♠ J2		
	♥ 10842		
	♦ 873		
	♣ A982		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	1NT	2♥
2♠	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Benedicte Cronier's approach got her to a game that offered a legitimate chance on the lie of the cards and deserved its success (it can't be all bad to bid diamonds with that North hand, can it?), Philipper's apparent uncertainty about the nature of 4♦ notwithstanding.

After a spade to the ace, a spade ruff, and a heart to the king and ace, Benedicte cashed the ♦A: +400.

Craig Gower preferred to force below 3NT and thought enough of Wayne Chu's 3♣ to take a shot at the nine-trick game. He was a bit unlucky to get a club lead *and* find the ♦K in the hand that did not open the bidding. Two down: -100, 11 IMPs to European Alliance, 13-14.

Another IMP went in the same direction on the

next deal, where the Croniers serendipitously played a normal game from the short-trump side and got a favorable lead that conceded an overtrick. The match was tied at 14.

The teams proceeded to play six deals in succession with the same contracts and results in both rooms, but just when it looked as if the run would never end...

Bd: 14	North		
Dir: East	♠ Q7632		
Vul: None	♥ Q10952		
	♦ ---		
	♣ A87		
West			East
♠ AKJ105			♠ 98
♥ A7			♥ KJ863
♦ K1032			♦ 7
♣ Q2			♣ K10965
	South		
	♠ 4		
	♥ 4		
	♦ AQJ98654		
	♣ J43		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♦
Dbl	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
		2♥*	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		
* 5+♥/5+m, weak			

Hackett was armed for the occasion and started with a Polish-style 2♥. The popular expert strategy is to treat jumps as strong over weak openings, weak over strong openings, but there is a school of thought that believes that long suits were created for jumping. Wayne Chu, a graduate of that school, tested the merits of the bold approach and was handed his head by Farwig. The defense started ♠K, ♥A, heart. Chu ruffed and played ♦A, ♦J to the king. West switched to the ♣Q

and declarer took the ace to lead a second club towards the jack. East won and gave her partner a club ruff but that came with a trump trick. Three down: -500.

In the Open Room, where East had no destructive two-bid available to him, Philippe considered his hand too strong for 4♦ non-vulnerable and nothing else felt right either, so he passed. Imagine his delight at being doubled for penalty in 2♦. Dummy was a disappointment, of course, and the defense got off to a good start with ♠A, ♣Q. Now, if declarer wins and plays a club back, West gets a club ruff and can put East in with a heart for another club play to promote a third trump winner (West discards if declarer ruffs with an honor). Reading the position accurately, Philippe countered by doing what he could to kill the trump promotion by leading the ♠Q from dummy to discard his heart loser. Eber won and tried the ♥A but declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A, and exited with the ♦5. When Eber followed low, the hand was over. He took the ♦Q continuation with the king and arranged his club ruff to get his *second* trump trick back but he could as easily have excused passively and waited for Donde to get two club tricks later. A rather spectacular +180 for Philippe and 12 IMPs to European Alliance, ahead 26-14. That looks like the hand of the tournament so far.

The Europeans gained another IMP on Board 16 to make it 27-14. Then...

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
	1♥	2♣	2♥
3♣	3♥	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
	1♥	1NT	2♥
3NT	4♥	DbI	All Pass

The East players chose different initial actions that led to different final contracts. Hackett might have made her 3NT on a heart lead as North comes under serious pressure on the run of the diamonds. He can release a club and two spades, and will be forced to part with two hearts, allowing declarer to give up a club safely. Thus, Gower's sacrifice in 4♥, down only 100, was a sensible effort and probably a big winner.

Well, perhaps. Philippe did not lead a heart, however, instead choosing the ♠9. Dummy's ten held, giving Donde an eighth trick, but the contract could no longer be made. If declarer cashes the ♠A before running diamonds he sets up the setting trick for North, and if declarer retains the ♠A, North can keep four hearts and discard a club, two hearts and two spades. At the table, Donde tried a club at trick two but Benedicte went in with the ace to switch to hearts. Three down, -150. 6 IMPs to European Alliance, 33-14.

Bd: 17	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K753		
Vul: None	♥ QJ8543		
	♦ 2		
	♣ A5		
West		East	
♠ Q102		♠ A4	
♥ 97		♥ K6	
♦ A98653		♦ KQ74	
♣ Q7		♣ KJ1094	
	South		
	♠ J986		
	♥ A102		
	♦ J10		
	♣ 8632		

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J8		
Vul: N/S	♥ 875		
	♦ QJ932		
	♣ 753		
West		East	
♠ Q543		♠ K10976	
♥ J106		♥ ---	
♦ 106		♦ K87	
♣ K942		♣ AQ1086	
	South		
	♠ A2		
	♥ AKQ9432		
	♦ A54		
	♣ J		

Open Room/Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
		1♠	Dbl
3♠	Pass	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

East would have made 4♠ easily enough and five in all probability, so South's initial takeout double, which foisted 5♥ on him later, worked well enough. Had hearts gone two-one declarer might have made 5♥ by crossing to dummy's third trump to lead the queen and jack of diamonds through East, pinning the doubleton ten. Here, however, there was no entry to the table so South had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Farwig</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>B Hackett</i>	<i>Chu</i>
			Pass
1NT	2♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Please don't ask for a review of the Open Room bidding. In the Closed Room, Gower's 2♠ overcall purported to show at least five spades and an unspecified minor, which makes Chu's game raise more attractive. Although Hackett led a heart rather than a club, Gower couldn't quite manage his communications against the four-two diamond break and had to lose a fourth trick in the wash: -50. 2 IMPs to European Alliance, 35-14.

The last deal was a normal doomed game that yielded 3 more IMPs to the match leaders for an extra undertrick, so European Alliance prevailed 38-14, 20-10 in VP, and secured their place in the knockout phase. Actually, they finished second, a wonderful performance.

And what of South Africa? Alas, they finished in a tie with England for the eighth qualifying spot but lost the tiebreaker. The other qualifiers, from third through seventh: Hungary, Hackett, USA, Tajima and Hirata. Wales missed finishing in a three-way tie for eighth by just one VP. The biggest surprise was the demise of powerful Sweden, but both Canadian teams and PABF Open were also expected to do much better. Congratulations to the host country, with two teams in the final eight.

Bd: 19	North		
Dir: South	♠ AJ65		
Vul: E/W	♥ 7		
	♦ A9763		
	♣ 642		
West		East	
♠ Q4		♠ 1073	
♥ QJ96		♥ 10854	
♦ KJ82		♦ Q10	
♣ K53		♣ AQ87	
	South		
	♠ K982		
	♥ AK32		
	♦ 54		
	♣ J109		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Benedicte</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Philippe</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	



"He really fell for that one didn't he?"



"Hello Mr. Hand, how are you?"

## The Quarterfinals

### Boards 1-20:

For the first half of the 40-board quarterfinals we will concentrate on the match between Hackett and USA. The other matches are Poland vs Hirata, European Alliance vs Tajima and Hungary vs England. These pairings were consummated when Poland chose first from the teams finishing fifth through eighth, then runner-up European Alliance, then third-place Hungary. That left Hackett with USA, perforce, our current victims.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ A1032		
Vul: None	♥ Q73		
	♦ J1053		
	♣ 94		
West		East	
♠ Q96		♠ K8754	
♥ K652		♥ AJ98	
♦ K972		♦ ---	
♣ J5		♣ KQ73	
	South		
	♠ J		
	♥ 104		
	♦ AQ864		
	♣ A10862		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	1♠	2NT*
3♠	4♦	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
	Pass	1♠	2NT*
Dbl	4♦	All Pass	



"5NT—pick a slam!."

Had anyone found 4♥ with the E/W cards, the play might have taken some time. We'd bet on declarer. Thus, going two down in 4♦, -100, wasn't half bad for N/S and makes 2NT look like an acceptable if not aesthetically pleasing action. Which doesn't mean I have to like it.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AQ652		
Vul: E/W	♥ ---		
	♦ KJ87543		
	♣ 2		
West		East	
♠ 93		♠ 87	
♥ AQ763		♥ J542	
♦ 102		♦ A	
♣ J873		♣ KQ9654	
	South		
	♠ KJ104		
	♥ K1098		
	♦ Q96		
	♣ A10		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
			4♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
			1♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Style issues surfaced here in a big way, as Bobby Wolff's "five-card majors" 1♦ convinced John Sutherlin to abandon science and toss in a measure of dissembling. 6♦ was cold as there was no spade ruff out: +920. At the other table Hugh McGann's "four-card majors" 1♥ opening created a scenario in which it was not convenient to support diamonds, so Paul Hackett couldn't tell how well the hands would fit. As he had no security at the five level facing a hand that couldn't make an advance cue-bid

for spades, he gave up on slam. Indeed, 6♠ is appreciably worse than 6♦ as there are more ways to run into a ruff, and it would have been difficult to finish in diamonds. Plus 480 for Paul, but 10 IMPs to USA, the first swing of the match.

Bd: 4	North		
Dir: West	♠ QJ852		
Vul: Both	♥ A10		
	♦ AKQ		
	♣ K64		
West		East	
♠ AK4		♠ 3	
♥ J7		♥ K653	
♦ 9873		♦ J10542	
♣ QJ98		♣ A52	
	South		
	♠ 10976		
	♥ Q9842		
	♦ 6		
	♣ 1073		
Open Room/Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

It would be nice to stop in 2♠ with the N/S cards but that would be almost impossible, even in a strong club system, as South would like his hand for that strain. Reaching spades at any level proved impossible for both pairs when North opened 2NT (in range for Paul, in sight for Sutherlin) and South placed the contract in 3♥.

Sharon Osberg led her singleton spade over to the king and Mark Feldman switched craftily to the ♣J rather than the queen, hoping to fool declarer in this very position. Indeed, Paul covered and the defenders took three clubs, ♠A, spade ruff, and eventually the ♥K when Paul guessed the trumps correctly: -300.

Justin, with long trumps, preferred to lead his long suit. Sutherlin took two club discards from dummy and started spades. Geir Helgemo won the ♠K, then the ♣Q, then the ♠A, and returned a diamond. Sutherlin ruffed in dummy and

conceded a spade ruff to Justin, who forced dummy with the ♣A. Sutherlin had to go two down: -200. A triumph! 3 IMPs to USA, 13-0.

Bd: 5	North		
Dir: North	♠ 109742		
Vul: N/S	♥ K4		
	♦ AJ107		
	♣ 62		
West		East	
♠ K5		♠ J8	
♥ AQ10632		♥ 95	
♦ Q64		♦ 953	
♣ A10		♣ KQJ874	
	South		
	♠ AQ63		
	♥ J87		
	♦ K82		
	♣ 953		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The two auctions would suggest that E/W held different hands in their respective rooms, but no, that was not the case. 3NT had a good play on a spade lead and continuation but Helgemo eventually lost the heart finesse to go two down, -100 (Sutherlin had blanked the ♥K).

Paul did well to lead a club against Feldman's 2♥, a good start toward cutting him off from dummy. Declarer won in dummy and led a heart to the queen and king. A second club tucked him in hand and when the ♥A did not fall the jack he was headed for two down. Paul broke spades, however, and Feldman escaped for -50. 2 IMPs to USA, 15-0.



Bd: 6	North		
Dir: East	♠ AKQJ1043		
Vul: E/W	♥ ---		
	♦ AKQ5		
	♣ 65		
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ 6	
♥ KQJ10873		♥ 9542	
♦ 108		♦ 6432	
♣ A97		♣ J1032	
	South		
	♠ 9872		
	♥ A6		
	♦ J97		
	♣ KQ84		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		Pass	Pass
3♥	6♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
		Pass	Pass
4♥	6♠	All Pass	

To which we can only tip our hats. Nice buy, gentlemen. No swing at +980 but a good story for the grandchildren.

Bd: 7	North		
Dir: South	♠ 10		
Vul: Both	♥ AQJ9873		
	♦ 852		
	♣ K3		
West		East	
♠ J765		♠ AKQ983	
♥ 6		♥ 105	
♦ J973		♦ K	
♣ J854		♣ AQ102	
	South		
	♠ 42		
	♥ K42		
	♦ AQ1064		
	♣ 976		

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
Pass	4♥	4♠	5♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Dbl	Rdbl
1♠	2♥	4♠	All Pass

Although this deal may have lacked the pizzazz of the previous one it was pretty lively in its own right. In the Open Room Feldman needed another sign of life from his partner to consider 5♠ and Osberg owed it to him to double 5♥ even though that could have been cold with 5♠ standing no chance. A 4♠ overcall covers so much ground that the strong versions have to follow up with a double to separate them from the lesser overcalls. It's not clear that Feldman would have removed to 5♠ but at least there would have been a bigger plus on defense. Paul ruffed the second spade, drew trumps and led a diamond. When the king came up he had to decide whether to play for a make (king-jack doubleton or tripleton onside) or for one down (duck the diamond and protect the ♣K, establish the long diamond later). Paul called for the ace and could not keep West out. Two down, -200.

Sutherlin's 1♥ didn't work out nearly as well, as his side sold out to 4♠: +650. 10 IMPs to Hackett, 10-15.



"...and while you were in the men's room we sold your coat to a caddy."

made sure to thank Justin for presenting him with the challenge. 4 IMPs to Hackett, 14-15.



"Who loves ya, baby?"

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K74		
Vul: E/W	♥ 92		
	♦ Q105		
	♣ A10974		
West			East
♠ A6			♠ Q95
♥ 10864			♥ KQ7
♦ K7432			♦ AJ9
♣ K6			♣ QJ53
	South		
	♠ J10832		
	♥ AJ53		
	♦ 86		
	♣ 82		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	Rdbl	All Pass

With the diamonds as they are anyone could make 3NT with the E/W cards, even after Paul's excellent low spade at trick one when Osberg ducked McGann's lead of the ♠J: +600.

It takes a real man to make 2♣ redoubled, however, Justin doing his level best to subtract a few years from Helgemo's life. Sutherlin led the ♥9 and Wolff followed with the five to dummy's king. A trump went to the king and ace and Sutherlin played a second heart to the queen and ace, then discarded a spade on the ♥J. The spade switch ran to the king and Sutherlin exited with the ♣10 to dummy's queen. Helgemo came to the ♠A and led the ♥10, which Sutherlin elected to ruff with the seven. Helgemo discarded the ♠Q, reading the distribution correctly. That gave dummy a major tenace in trumps with the jack-five over the nine-four and when Sutherlin exited with a diamond, Helgemo took three rounds ending in hand and led another diamond, neutralizing Sutherlin's trumps. Plus 760 for Helgemo, who

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KJ52		
Vul: Both	♥ Q96		
	♦ Q9		
	♣ KQ106		
West			East
♠ A4			♠ 1098
♥ 103			♥ AK875
♦ A764			♦ KJ3
♣ 98743			♣ A2
	South		
	♠ Q763		
	♥ J42		
	♦ 10852		
	♣ J5		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
*2♠=minors or invitational raise			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT is not much of a contract but East's decision to open 1NT more or less assured that game would be reached. With hearts three-three, spades four-four and the ♦Q where declarer wanted it to be, both Easts chalked up a delightful +600. The score comparison brought neither pair much cheer.

Bd: 11	North		
Dir: South	♠ K10742		
Vul: None	♥ AQ		
	♦ J1052		
	♣ Q2		
West			East
♠ 6			♠ AQ953
♥ K97654			♥ ---
♦ 973			♦ KQ6
♣ A97			♣ K8643
	South		
	♠ J8		
	♥ J10832		
	♦ A84		
	♣ J105		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
2♥	2♠	Dbl	All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
			Pass
2♥	All Pass		

master club. Wolff ruffed the ♣9 and led a trump at trick twelve, but Helgemo put in the nine: +110. No swing.

Bd: 12	North		
Dir: West	♠ K62		
Vul: N/S	♥ KJ108		
	♦ AK652		
	♣ 8		
West			East
♠ 53			♠ 1097
♥ 542			♥ AQ976
♦ QJ987			♦ 10
♣ Q102			♣ AK75
	South		
	♠ AQJ84		
	♥ 3		
	♦ 43		
	♣ J9643		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
2♦	All Pass		

Either you're a true believer in overcalls like Paul's 2♠ or you're not. Osberg's penalty double must have left Paul in doubt about the wisdom of his approach, but it didn't turn out too badly for him. The ♦K held at trick one and Osberg tried a low trump, the eight winning. The ♠J ran to the queen and East exited with the ♦6, ducked to the ten. Osberg took the ♠K with the ace and got off play with her last diamond to dummy's ace. Feldman went in with the ace on dummy's low club continuation and gave Osberg a heart ruff, but the ♣K was the last trick for the defense. Just one down, -100.

I'm not sure which action is more surprising, Helgemo's weak 2♦ or Wolffie's pass in the protective position. Sorry, I take that back, Helgy's bid is almost routine these days, but I've never seen Bobby go quietly with a hand like South's. Despite the bad trump break, Helgemo came to seven tricks in 2♦: -50.

Against Helgemo's 2♥ Sutherlin led the ♠4, dummy's queen winning. Declarer ruffed a spade and led a diamond to the king and ace. Wolff's low trump switch was ducked to the queen and the ♦J knocked out dummy's queen. Wolff ruffed the ♠A with the ♥10 and Helgemo discarded his diamond loser. He ruffed the diamond continuation, played ace-king of clubs and led another spade from dummy, scoring another small trump when South discarded the

McGann's 4♠ had only two top losers, but after the lead of the ♦Q to the ace, a club to the king and a trump switch, declarer soon ran out of gas and finished two light. -200. 6 IMPs to USA, ahead 21-14.



Bd: 13		North	
Dir: North		♠ KQ753	
Vul: Both		♥ J	
		♦ Q753	
		♣ A108	
West		East	
♠ J4		♠ 109	
♥ A10742		♥ KQ86	
♦ 98		♦ K10642	
♣ KJ32		♣ 97	
		South	
		♠ A862	
		♥ 953	
		♦ AJ	
		♣ Q654	
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
All Pass			
* 4-card limit raise or 16+			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass			

With spades two-two and the ♦K onside, Paul could afford to misguess clubs and still get home: +620. 4♣ is certainly worth bidding but in order to get there it's important that someone on your side opens the bidding. 12 IMPs to Hackett, from out of the blue, ahead now 26-21.



"Mary Poppins, look out!"

Bd: 15		North	
Dir: South		♠ 10764	
Vul: N/S		♥ QJ	
		♦ J97	
		♣ AQ75	
West		East	
♠ K9		♠ QJ85	
♥ 832		♥ 1097	
♦ AKQ62		♦ 543	
♣ K108		♣ J32	
		South	
		♠ A32	
		♥ AK654	
		♦ 108	
		♣ 964	
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			1♥
2♦	Dbl*	Pass	2♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin HWolff</i>	
			1♥
2♦	Dbl*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Sorry, guys, it was the last deal on which you were supposed to open light. Wolff and Sutherlin conducted an auction that looks revolting and is revolting but is also one that we can understand, given South's awkward rebid problem over North's negative double. It's always nice to know who, if anyone, suggests four spades on auctions of this type. Wolff got out for one down in 4♥ when he was able to develop a long club for a spade discard: -100.

McGann took eight tricks in 2♥ for +110 and Hackett gained 5 IMPs, 31-21.

An extra overtrick in a routine 3NT gave Hackett another IMP. Then...



Bd: 17	North		
Dir: North	♠ 6		
Vul: None	♥ KQ10863		
	♦ 754		
	♣ A54		
West		East	
♠ Q83		♠ K1042	
♥ A5		♥ J97	
♦ K103		♦ AJ9862	
♣ J9632		♣ ---	
	South		
	♠ AJ975		
	♥ 42		
	♦ Q		
	♣ KQ1087		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	2♥	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Look, mom, a real weak two-bid! I guess that the crazies will not want to do this because they're far too strong for a non-vulnerable 2♥, but that's why they're crazies. Paul got a spade lead, won the ace, and led dummy's diamond. East won and switched to trumps, West playing ace and another. Declarer took five hearts and four black-suit winners for +140.

In 4♦ Justin ducked the heart lead to the queen, won the heart continuation, ruffed a club, and advanced the ♠K. Wolff won and forced declarer with a club and Justin tried a spade to dummy's queen. North ruffed and led a trump back and declarer was one down: -50. 3 IMPs to Hackett, 35-21.



"No, I was not born in Yorkshire."

Bd: 18	North		
Dir: East	♠ K2		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q7		
	♦ AJ76		
	♣ 109642		
West		East	
♠ QJ9874		♠ 3	
♥ J1032		♥ AK94	
♦ K		♦ 10542	
♣ Q8		♣ AJ75	
	South		
	♠ A1065		
	♥ 865		
	♦ Q983		
	♣ K3		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
		1♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		
* 4-card limit raise or 16+			

Feldman did brilliantly in spades when the lead of the ♣10 was allowed to run to the queen and declarer later did not finesse on the way back. He lost only a diamond and two trumps, neutralizing South's guarded ten in an elopement position of sorts: +170.

Justin did less brilliantly in 3♥ on a trump lead, leading a spade to the queen and eventually running out of tricks: -50. 6 IMPs to USA, 27-33.



"You promised me a holiday."

Bd: 19	North		
Dir: South	♠ A743		
Vul: E/W	♥ 102		
	♦ AQ84		
	♣ Q93		
West		East	
♠ K10965		♠ 82	
♥ KQJ96		♥ 75	
♦ 5		♦ K1073	
♣ AJ		♣ 86542	
	South		
	♠ QJ		
	♥ A843		
	♦ J962		
	♣ K107		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			1♥
1♠	Dbl*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♥	All Pass		

3♦ was a safe-looking spot for N/S and it's not clear that Paul didn't intend his last bid as forcing, but 3♦ proved to be too high when McGann eventually got his ♥A ruffed after some changes in plan in the early going: -50.

Wolff didn't open, and who could blame him? I'm not sure why Justin didn't give preference to spades as his hand wasn't hopeless in context, but he must have felt that North was a favorite to hold a spade stack. 2♥ ran into some spade ruffs after Sutherlin's excellent club lead and Helgemo finished two down, -200. 6 IMPs more to USA, 33-35.



Bd: 20	North		
Dir: West	♠ AQJ932		
Vul: Both	♥ 82		
	♦ Q		
	♣ J862		
West		East	
♠ 6		♠ 1054	
♥ A1093		♥ 75	
♦ 9632		♦ AJ10875	
♣ K973		♣ AQ	
	South		
	♠ K87		
	♥ KQJ64		
	♦ K4		
	♣ 1054		
Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Paul H</i>	<i>Osberg</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♥
3♠*	Dbl	4♦	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dbl
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Justin H</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Just because you can't make 4♠, that's not necessarily a good reason not to bid it. Paul's 1♠ opening ensured that his side would reach the doomed game but Osberg had reason to believe she would come close to making 5♦ and so took the push: -200.



Air guitar or violin?

Sutherland, s weak 2♠ made it unlikely that his side would reach game and Justin would have bought the contract in 4♦ had he protected against 3♠, but once he had passed over 2♠ he was not inclined to reopen at the four level with a balanced hand. The defense against 3♠ was pretty: Heart lead to the king and ace, low club switch to the...ace, ♦A, ♣Q overtaken, club ruff. One down, -100. 7 IMPs to Hackett, who

won the first half 42-33.

In the other quarterfinal matches, Poland was 6 IMPs up on Hirata, 40-34, Tajima was +23 (35-12) against European Alliance, and England was piling it on against Hungary, 63-16. In fact, Poland would have been trailing Hirata had Yamada/Ohno stayed out of 7NT on Board 6 (everyone else's 6♠) with the ♣A offside.

## Meet the Hungarian Team

*Peter Lakatos/Geza Homonnay*  
*Peter Gal/Gabor Winkler*



Peter Lakatos



Geza Homonnay



Peter Gal



Gabor Winkler

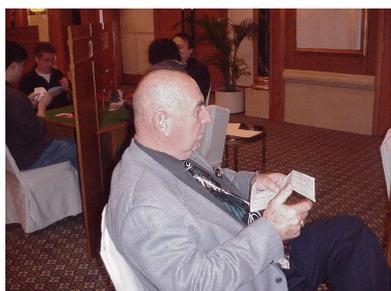
Part of the Hungarian team (Peter Lakatos-Geza Homonnay, both then freshly graduated from the Technical University Budapest) has already played in the forerunner of this tournament back in 1985. Hungary being a communist country then, the planned economy determined the price of traveling within the

communist bloc, so the tram traveled by plane to Moscow, then to Habarovsk, then by the Trans Siberian train to Vladivostok and then by ship to Yokohama. It all took four days in one direction and cost \$100 in all for a person. But traveling back we did not reach our Moscow flight in Habarovsk, so a next plane took us not to Moscow but to the inland Domodedovo airport, being some 70 kilometers away from the international Seremetevo airport. We arrived at 11 pm and our Budapest flight was due at 5 am.

In Domodedovo there was rain and two three-mile lines, one at the taxi and one at the bus. No working taxi or bus was in sight. But Geza Szappanos, who graduated in Moscow, was up to the task. He went to the bus drivers' resting room and began to say loudly, "I pay 100 rubles for a bus." Soon some six drivers were around him and an auction took place; the cheapest driver won at 70 rubles. So we boarded the bus, which put up a 19 sign, drove to the bus stop and took up 12 happy Russians, each having to pay 5 kopeks. The bus drove to Red Square, deposited the Russians, and then drove us to Seremetevo.

Those were the days, my friend. The other two guys on our team (Peter gal, a computer analyst, and young Gabor Winkler, a soon-to-be lawyer) did not understand why it was so boring for us to fly directly from Frankfurt to Narita Airport this time.

## A Bientot, Monsieur Le Directeur



William "Kojak" Schoder

Competitive bridge at the highest level can be an emotional, pressure-packed, confrontational experience and those entrusted with making the whole process work live through

the same sorts of stressful experiences and the inevitable highs and lows—perhaps even more of them. Uniquely equipped to deal with the slings and arrows of this world thanks to a personality incorporating a special blend of irreverence, respect, authority, humor and grace under fire, Bill "Kojak" Schoder was Chief Tournament Director of the World Bridge Federation from 1988 until he announced his retirement at the Montreal World Championships.

Bill first played bridge in the US Air Force in the middle 50's with fellow instructor pilots between flights with students. Their game included many aspects of poker, which seemed wrong to him, so he read the Law book, an auspicious first move in the direction he would follow. Through 1968, he directed games at Officers' Clubs in Texas, Taiwan, Andrews AFB in Washington, DC, and the US Embassy in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, enjoying some success in that period as a player and administrator.

His career as an ACBL Tournament Director began in 1960, when he was "discovered" by then legendary Director Jerry Machlin. He directed in ACBL as an avocation until 1966 when he went to Africa and on to Vietnam. He ran the game at the Officers' Club In Panama in the early 70's and helped to establish the Panamanian Bridge Association (NBO) and to form the CACBF Zone of the WBF. He remained Chief Tournament Director of the CACBF until 1995, when he was awarded the honorarium of "Chief Tournament Director Emeritus." Retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1975, Bill was hired full-time by the ACBL, rose quickly to the rank of National Director, and was part of the "Gang of Five" that ran the NABCs in the 80's and the US Team Trials for 10 years. He served as

ACBL Field Representative for the Southeastern US for over 10 years and retired from ACBL salary status in the mid-90's to pursue other interests.

After seeing him handle a cheating scandal in Caracas in 1972, Jaime Ortiz-Patino invited him to join the WBF staff. He was appointed Chief TD of the WBF in 1988. He officiated at eighteen consecutive World Championships over 15 years, and continues to serve on various WBF Committees, including the Laws Committee and the Laws Revision Drafting Subcommittee, at the pleasure of the WBF president. Over the years Bill was Chief Tournament Director at many Zonal championships and numerous international events throughout the world. He considers it his good fortune to have done the job at the Club, NBO, and WBF level over the course of his career.

His most memorable and satisfying tournament was the 50th anniversary Bermuda Bowl in Bermuda, a special moment of bridge history. His major contributions to the WBF have been reform of the ruling process to more expertly serve the players and reduce the numbers of appeals, and to be a steadying, unifying, and instructive influence on directing staffs from highly varied backgrounds.

He retired from the WBF Chief Tournament Director position largely because he wanted more time to enjoy his family and other interests. He wanted to leave with undiminished abilities, and with "his reputation intact with the players we serve." He felt it was time for Max Bavin, "a stalwart Assistant Chief for more years than fair to him," to take his place.

"I'll continue to be 'seen' at WBF events, and have no intention to separate myself from my most valued friends of many years. I'm 71 years old, comfortable financially, and with four children and nine grandchildren (and a great-grandchild on the way), I'm happy to spend more time with them."

As a straight shooter, you always know where you stand with Bill, a man with strong principles and a big heart.

## First Time

by Sabine Auken

*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. At the start of a series World Champion Sabine Auken recalls her first major event.*



Sabine Auken

White beaches, luxury yachts, Miami Vice, Don Johnson, blue eyes; surely that's what is on the mind of two young German girls travelling to Miami Beach in 1986.

Nothing of the sort, try again!

Aces, kings and queens, spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs and how to take as many tricks as possible with those come much closer to the truth. Somehow the German Bridge Federation had become convinced of our potential and, who knows, maybe there could be some hope for a future medal, thus they subsidized Daniela's and my trip to Miami in 1986. So off we went to our first World Championship, full of expectations.

On the plane to Miami we meet two young chaps from England, a tall and skinny one and a shorter one with glasses. Do bridge players have a natural magnetism to one another? They are on their way to the championships as well, so what more obvious way to pass the time than playing bridge in the back of the plane? Their names are Glynn Liggins and Andrew Robson. Who would have thought that years later they would be famous internationals and Andy together with Tony Forrester would form one of Britain's premier partnerships that

would dominate the tournament scene for a long time.

My first encounter with American culture is not a success. I had tried to fill in the immigration form for all visitors to the U.S. as diligently as possible, but had left the space for the address during my stay blank. Not out of stubbornness, I simply didn't know it. Daniela and I had agreed to share an apartment with two friends from Germany, who had already been in Miami for a week's vacation. They were supposed to pick us up at the airport. What did I care where the apartment was? The immigration officer is not satisfied with this explanation at all; he almost wouldn't let me into the country. Now I really turn stubborn; where I am going to stay is none of his business! Is this the glorious country of the free or is it a prison? I am fuming. In the end he gives me permission to stay for the duration of the championships, and not a single day more, but he is very close to putting me on the next plane back to Germany.

From then on everything is plain sailing. After a two-hour odyssey our friends Georg Nippgen and Jockel Bitchene had managed to find the entrance to the airport and were now taking us safely to our home for the next two weeks, the Beekman Suites Hotel, 9499 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbour, Florida. There you go, Mr. Immigration officer. Miami Beach is just like in the movies and so is the apartment, huge and with walk-in closets. I had never seen one before and I definitely liked them!

As the games begin we can smell the international tournament air. We kick off with the Mixed Pairs, which I play with a good friend from Augsburg, Andreas Pawlik, Germany's by far best-looking bridge-playing ophthalmologist. Once after one of my usual silly mistakes my partner seems a bit upset. "Don't you know whom we just played against?" he asks, "That was Eric Rodwell." I nod knowingly, but in reality have no clue. Quite evidently Eric Rodwell is not Don Johnson's double, so who is he? Two weeks later Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth had become the newly crowned World Pairs Champions. If only I had asked him

for an autograph, while I had a chance! The only other thing I remember from the mixed event was the fact, that we were E/W every single round and walking past an American lady who had painted spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs all over her fingernails and was notoriously at least five minutes late every single round. My mistakes were not very memorable, we finished nowhere; still I enjoyed every single minute of it!

The next event was the Rosenblum Teams, where Dany and I were playing with our friends Hasi Gwinner and Andreas and another German pair that was famous for their unreliability. You would never know whether they would show up for a round or not. We got knocked out fairly early and landed in the never-ending Swiss, it would go on and on and on. There were seemingly endless breaks between the matches, but every single one was an exciting adventure for us and every time we sat down at the table again we were determined to win. One round we played against a father-son combination from England. The son could not have been more than 14-15 years old and it appeared his twin brother was playing at the other table. His bridge was very impressive and he clearly also was convinced that Dany and I would be an easy prey. So of course we had to prove that we were not just two giggling girls exchanging boyfriend pictures, it was a matter of the highest prestige. By the way, their last name was Hackett. Who could imagine that fifteen years later we would be attending his brother's wedding with one of our teammates on the German Ladies National team in Manchester, UK?

At one point our teammates become very agitated, "Next round we are going to play against Malcolm Brachman's team," they whisper excitedly into our ears. Apparently Malcolm Brachman is a well-known sponsor from Texas, who had even won a World Championship. Imagine there was such a thing as bridge professionals getting paid large sums of money for playing bridge; we are marvelling. Actually the match goes very well for us. Dany and I sit down against Ron Andersen and Mark Lair, and I pick up:

♠ A54 ♥ 87 ♦ AQ84 ♣ A732

to hear the bidding go:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lair</i>	<i>Sabine</i>	<i>Andersen</i>	<i>Dany</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

\* New Minor Forcing

Partner doesn't figure to have a lot of high cards, but maybe the diamond layout is favorable for us, so I start with the ♦A. The whole hand:

	♠ A54	
	♥ 87	
	♦ AQ84	
	♣ A732	
♠ K107		♠ QJ86
♥ K53		♥ AQ42
♦ K92		♦ J3
♣ K1098		♣ QJ4
	♠ 932	
	♥ J1096	
	♦ 10765	
	♣ 65	

Dany signals enthusiastically for a diamond continuation and the ♦Q sinks the contract. At the other table the opening lead was a low diamond, after which declarer could not be prevented from taking nine tricks anymore.

Next:

	♠ A	
	♥ AK10863	
	♦ AK10752	
	♣ ---	
♠ J105		♠ KQ4
♥ J7		♥ Q54
♦ 96		♦ 843
♣ AQ10962		♣ KJ43
	♠ 987632	
	♥ 92	
	♦ QJ	
	♣ 875	

West	North	East	South
Lair	Sabine	Andersen	Dany
3♣	4♣	5♣	Pass
Pass	5NT(1)	Pass	6♣( 2)
Pass	7♣	Pass	7♦
All Pass			
(1) Two lowest suits			
(2) Equal length			

One way or another they missed this obvious grand slam at the other table.

Time passes quickly and we thoroughly enjoy life in the international bridge circus. There are always a lot of people around and it is never boring. There is this Frenchman wandering about the lobby telling everybody that wants to listen and also those that don't that he is not playing against two opponents, but five. His partner and his teammates were counteracting him all the time as well. They call him "the cigar," the French also call him "enfant terrible," but his real name is Paul Chemla. Now, years later, whenever I meet him at a tournament, the first thing he asks me is: "How are your children?" And when he visited my home in Copenhagen for dinner he told me "If I had a family and home like yours, I would never play bridge again."

We are invited to a cocktail party on the luxury yacht of Florida millionaire Diana Holt, where we meet a lot of people. There is this American guy, who insists on telling me his whole life story, while he is constantly jumping up and down and moving from one side to the other. His name is Alan Sontag. Wonderful to have met him, I think, when I read "The Bridge Bum" months later.

And who says there are no good-looking male bridge players? I distinctly remember a very attractive young man from a Middle Eastern country. Long walks on the beach in the moonlight, a long kiss good-bye in the lobby of my hotel. Furtive looks around, hopefully none of my friends is around and has seen anything. If only there wasn't a boyfriend waiting back in Germany!

The pairs game starts. Our friend "Schorsch" Nippgen is getting very upset. "They are cheating," he declares emphatically. "Every time they open one of a major and respond 1NT they alert. And when we ask them what it means they say it is forcing, but then they always turn up with only 3 or 4 high card points." The guy, who in 1986 hadn't heard of the forcing no trump and was convinced it should show a strong hand, became World Champion four years later in Geneva taking home the Rosenblum trophy to Germany.

Meanwhile Dany and I are doing quite well in the Women's pairs. We qualify for the semi final and then the final. Only 28 pairs are playing in that and we actually finish 7<sup>th</sup>. What a thrill, we are in seventh heaven! Is it really all over now and do we really have to go back home to our everyday life? Are we ever going to have so much fun again?

Many championships have followed this first one, and every single one of them has been a new and exciting experience. I have been to many countries, gained a lot of insight into other cultures and other peoples' mentality. But most and best of all I have made a lot of friends, that I meet again and again wherever the bridge circus pitches its tents. Next year in June I will be in Menton for the first ever European Open Championships.

Will I meet you there?

When I was preparing this article I wanted to use the two deals from the teams event, which I remembered Ron Andersen had written up for the Daily Bulletin. But I hadn't kept any copies of the Miami bulletins, so I sent an email to Barry Rigal asking whether he could help or whether he would know of anyone who could help. Three hours later I had an email with the scanned article in my inbox sent by Tim Bourke from Australia. Thank you Tim and Barry!

*To find out how to meet Sabine and a host of other stars visit [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)*

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## FORMAT

The championship will include:

- Mixed Teams
- Mixed Pairs
- Open, Women=s and Senior Teams
- Open, Women=s and Senior Pairs
- Side Games

## RIGHT OF ENTRY

**Bridge players (registered members of WBF NBOs) from all WBF zones, in good standing with their Federation, are entitled to participate.** All events will be **TRANSNATIONAL** and there will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

## VENUE

Palais de l=Europe, Menton, Côte d=Azur, France

## REGISTRATION

Must be made through your own Federation before **30<sup>th</sup> April 2003** and sent to:

European Bridge League  
Gianarrigo Rona B President  
Via Ciro Menotti 11/C  
20129 Milano B Italy  
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E Mail: ebl@federbridge.it

**Non-European players may also register by internet as from October 2002.**

## ENTRY FEES

To be paid in cash (Swiss Francs, Euros, and US Dollars) at the Tournament Reception and Registration Desk in Palais de l=Europe in Menton:

Mixed Teams - Swiss Francs 1200  
Mixed Pairs - Swiss Francs 400  
Open Teams - Swiss Francs 1400  
Women's Teams - Swiss Francs 1400  
Senior Teams - Swiss Francs 1200  
Open Pairs - Swiss Francs 700  
Women's Pairs - Swiss Francs 700  
Senior Pairs - Swiss Francs 500

## HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Please contact:

Syndicat des Hoteliers de Menton  
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## HOW TO REACH MENTON

- By plane: Nice Côte d=Azur Airport (30 mins.)
- By train: Menton Railway Station

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## INFORMATION ON INTERNET

<http://www.eurobridge.org>  
<http://www.worldbridge.org>  
<http://bridge.ecats.co.uk/>

## PROGRAMME & SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - Opening Ceremony  
- Mixed Teams (Qualifying round)  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Mixed Teams (Qualifying round)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Mixed Teams (16- & 8- Final/  
Consolation Swiss)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Mixed Teams (4- & Semi-final)  
- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 1st & 2nd  
Sessions)  
Wednes. 18<sup>th</sup> - Mixed Teams (Final)  
- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 3rd & Final 1st  
Sessions)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Mixed Pairs (Final 2nd & 3rd Sessions)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
(Qualifying Sessions)  
Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
(Qualifying Sessions)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
(Qualifying Sessions)  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
(16- & 8- Final / Consolation)  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Teams (4- &  
Semi-final)  
- Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
(1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions)  
Wednes. 25<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
(Final)  
- Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
(3rd Qual. & 1st Semi-final)  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
(2nd & 3rd Semi-final)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
(1st & 2nd Final & Consolation)  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
(3rd Final Session)  
- Closing Ceremony & Prize-Giving at  
7.30 p.m. followed by Victory Banquet

Play will start at 10/10.30 a.m. and finish at 8/8.30 p.m. each day, except for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, when play will start in the afternoon after the Opening Ceremony.

## AWARDS

Gold, silver and bronze EBL Medals will be awarded. Winners will receive the title of European Open Champion. Honour prizes will be presented to the best ranking pairs and teams in each category. MasterPoints will also be awarded.

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THE FIRST EUROPEAN  
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

## Meet the Teams from Hong Kong

Samuel Chow/S.P. Chan; Chris Wu/K.F. Tung  
C.C. Mok/Ichi Cheng; C.C. Wong/Irene Ho



Samuel Chow



S.P. Chan



K.F. Tung



C.C. Mok



Ichi Cheng



Chris Wu



C.C. Wong



Irene Ho

Fans from Hong Kong: Our beloved lady player Irene Ho guaranteed us profound bridge inspiration for the NEC and seven players finally joined her for the pilgrimage to Yokohama. With tender loving care to Hong Kong the host country spared some more pairs, enough for us to make three teams.

Hong Kong 1 is made up of players Samuel Chow, S.P. Chan, Chris Wu and K.F. Tung.

Hong Kong 2 is made up of C.C. Mok and second-timer Ichi Cheng, with support from our friends.

Hong Kong 3 is made up of C.C. Wong and Irene Ho, also with Japanese friends.

Interestingly, the 4♣ bid seems to be spellbound. Take this hand from Tuesday's Match One, played by Irene Ho's teammates (sitting E/W)...

Bd: 18	North		
Dir: East	♠ A109432		
Vul: N/S	♥ QJ4		
	♦ 8642		
	♣ ---		
West			East
♠ J85			♠ Q7
♥ 32			♥ 109875
♦ J107			♦ 53
♣ 108764			♣ AK93
	South		
	♠ K6		
	♥ AK6		
	♦ AKQ9		
	♣ QJ52		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass		Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥(♠)	Dbl	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	Dbl	6NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

6NT doubled of course went down two, a handsome welcome for Ho's team. Then came this hand from Match Two (Hong Kong 1 N/S):

Bd: 17	North		
Dir: North	♠ Q		
Vul: None	♥ J95		
	♦ 32		
	♣ AKJ7532		
West			East
♠ J762			♠ A94
♥ KQ86			♥ A10743
♦ QJ98			♦ A74
♣ Q			♣ 96
	South		
	♠ K10853		
	♥ 2		
	♦ K1065		
	♣ 1084		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
3♥	1♣	1♥	1♠
	4♣	Dbl	All Pass

Dear friends. Beware the Fall Club.—K.F. Tung.

## Meet the HACKETT Team

*Paul Hackett/Hugh McGann  
Justin Hackett/Geir Helgemo*



Paul Hackett



Hugh McGann



Justin Hackett



Geir Helgemo

It was in Pal Ais Eau, the year 1992, that Justin, Geir and Hugh met each other again. The first time Geir and Hugh played each other was Plovdiv, Bulgaria where Hugh declared 6♥ against Geir and won the Best Played Hand of the Tournament. Since then Hugh has become

a specialist in tropical diseases while Geir and Justin have gone from strength to strength on the professional scene. Football (think “soccer” if you’re from the U.S.) is a mutual love with Justin, a fanatic Manchester United supporter, while Hugh watches Leeds (in the company of Jason Hackett). Geir naturally supports the Norwegian team Rosenborg. Geir is busy fishing and shooting while not playing bridge. Hugh regularly goes to the Glastonbury Festival and Justin still plays football, especially five-a-side.

Ireland provides another connection. Hugh plays for the country while Paul’s father was Irish with a family tree going back to Pagamus de Hackett in 1090. And whence did Pagamus de Hackett come from? Norway!

Meanwhile the patriarch, Paul, is busily arranging participation in bridge tournaments all over the world. After this one Justin and Geir go to Iceland, while Paul and Hugh take the warmer climate of Japan. If you ever wish to follow their travels (and those also of Barbara and Jason) you can see their schedules on the Internet. Just go to [www.bridgewiththehacketts.com](http://www.bridgewiththehacketts.com).

### News and Notes

**Registration:** Those wishing to play in Saturday’s Yokohama Swiss Teams should register in the Secretariat (E202; x7202) by 18:00 hours (that’s 6:00 pm) on Friday, February 7.

Those wishing to play in Sunday’s Asuka Cup (Pairs) should register in the Secretariat (E202; x7202) by 18:00 hours (6:00 pm) on Saturday, February 8.

### Partners Wanted

For Saturday’s Yokohama Swiss Teams. Contact Nakatani-san in the Secretariat (E202; x7202).

For Sunday’s Asuka Cup. Contact Paul Hackett.

DATUM

Qualifying Round 7

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
1	630	-4	-8	-4	4	8	4	8	4	8	5	-5	4	-4	4	-4	5	-4	4	8	-8	8	-8	-4	4	-4	4	-5	5
2	-280	8	-8	-3	5	-4	4	8	-8	-4	5	-4	3	8	5	-3	4	-5	-8	-4	5	-5	4	-5	3	-3	5	8	4
3	10	-4	-3	-2	2	-2	-3	3	4	-2	-3	-3	2	-2	3	-2	3	-3	2	3	-2	-2	-3	-2	2	4	2	4	-3
4	20	-4	4	3	-5	-4	4	-4	4	3	-2	-4	-2	-4	-3	2	4	3	4	-4	-2	3	4	5	-3	2	4	-4	-5
5	-640	-13	10	6	13	13	-5	-10	13	5	10	-4	-6	5	4	6	4	-4	-5	4	-12	12	-4	-13	-6	6	-6	-4	-12
6	-80	1	1	-2	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-5	-1	5	1	5	-7	7	-5	-1	2	1	2	5	1	1
7	870	-5	5	-5	5	-5	6	-5	5	-5	5	11	6	11	5	-6	-11	-5	-11	-5	5	-5	5	-5	5	-5	-11	-5	5
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9	30	-2	-3	-2	2	-4	2	3	2	-2	2	-2	-3	4	-2	3	-2	2	-4	-2	-3	3	-2	2	3	-3	-6	2	2
10	-220	-10	9	1	-8	14	-8	-9	10	-8	-2	3	-8	8	-3	8	-2	3	-8	2	-8	8	-2	8	-1	12	9	8	-3
11	-250	2	-2	4	-2	14	-2	2	-2	-7	-3	4	-2	2	2	2	-4	-8	-2	2	-2	8	-2	2	-4	-6	2	-2	2
12	340	-5	-7	6	-6	6	5	7	5	-7	7	6	6	10	5	-5	-6	-10	-6	6	-7	7	-6	2	-6	-5	-6	-1	-5
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14	60	0	0	-3	-2	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	1	-2	2	-1	2	3	2	0	1	-1	-1
15	-430	0	1	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1
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17	-400	-2	2	-2	2	-1	2	-2	2	-1	2	6	2	-2	2	-2	-6	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-2	-1	2
18	50	0	4	2	-11	0	4	-4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	-2	-2	-2	0	0
19	150	2	-2	2	-2	2	2	2	-2	-13	-2	2	2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	2	2	-2	-2	-13	-4	-2	-2
20	90	2	-3	2	-1	1	-1	3	-2	-9	0	-5	5	-5	0	-5	5	0	5	2	0	0	-2	1	-2	-5	5	9	-1
IMP +		22	52	38	47	74	48	39	53	40	46	43	35	61	49	37	36	23	19	49	20	63	28	42	23	43	43	47	25
IMP -		53	39	23	42	26	26	52	22	57	24	36	37	19	23	35	43	49	61	28	63	20	49	47	38	46	44	47	42

Bd	DATUM	HONGKONG1		HONGKONG2		HONGKONG3		CH. TAIPEI		AMETHYST		TAJIMA		HIRATA		ESPERANZA		GOING+MN		GRYFFINDOR		TONPUKU		SKOTII		GIRASOL		DARUMA	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1	630	8	4	-5	-8	-5	4	8	4	-5	-8	8	5	-5	-8	8	-8	8	-8	8	4	-4	-8	8	5	-5	5	-4	-8
2	-280	-5	4	-5	3	8	-10	8	-8	-4	-8	-3	5	-5	4	-4	4	-4	4	9	4	-4	4	8	4	-4	-8	-4	-9
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7	870	-5	-11	11	5	11	5	-5	-11	-5	-11	-5	-11	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	5	-5	5	-6	5	11	5	-5	-5	-5	-5
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9	30	3	6	-5	-3	-2	2	3	-2	3	-3	3	5	-2	-2	4	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	4	-3	-2	-6	3	3	2
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11	-250	-5	-2	-8	-2	-2	-4	-2	2	2	5	2	8	3	7	-9	-3	3	9	7	8	2	4	-5	-2	-2	-8	-7	-7
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Qualifying Round 8

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

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
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	
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 ethical conduct, pleas tell either the Daily Bulletin editors or Haruko Koshi, chairperson of the Manners Committee.

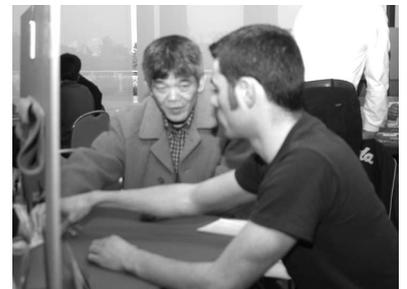
### Images of Our Game



"C'mon PO, play a card already!"



"Look me in the eye and tell me that you wouldn't have led the same card."



"Bet you can't hold your arm this was for 3 minutes."

### NEC Cup Bridge Festival on the Web

Call your friends and tell them that your exploits are being chronicled on the World Wide Web. They can follow all of the action at the 8<sup>th</sup> NEC Cup Bridge Festival by surfing to:

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

- or -

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