



# NEC Bridge Festival

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## USA Leads Qualifiers in 2004 NEC Cup

The team from the USA (Garey Hayden, Jim Robison, Simon Kantor, Mark Itabashi) defeated the team from Poland/Russia (Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Andrew Gromov, Alexander Petrunin) 21-9 in the final Swiss match to take the top qualifying spot for the NEC Cup quarterfinals. Indonesia (Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Santje Panelewen, Franky Karwur, Munawar Sawiruddin) and Israel (Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin, Michael Barel, Migry Zur Campanile) round out the other two top-four qualifiers followed by Canada, Germany/USA, China Ladies and the defenders, England. The final rankings in the qualifying Swiss are shown below; the individual results from the seventh and eighth matches as well as the quarterfinal match-ups and half-time standings may be found on page 4.

### NEC Cup Swiss: Final Standings

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	USA	154	19	NACS	126	37/40	KACHOFUGETSU	109
2	POLAND/RUSSIA	151	20	AUSTRALIA	125	37/40	OZAWA	109
3	INDONESIA	150	21	SKOTII	123	37/40	MERRY QUEENS J	109
4	ISRAEL	147	22	GRYFFINDOR	122	37/40	KATSUMATA	109
5	CANADA	144	23/24	C.T. LADIES	121	41	YEH BROS	107
6	GERMANY/USA	143	23/24	MIDORI-KAME	121	42	ACACIA	104
7	CHINA LADIES	140	25	KONISHI	120	43	SWAN	103
8	ENGLAND	136	26/28	SPICE	118	44	POODLE	101
9/10	ICELAND	134	26/28	KOSAKA	118	45/46	PS-JACK	96
9/10	BULGARIA	134	26/28	AOGUMI	118	45/46	NANIWADA	96
11/12	SLAM DUNK	132	29	FAIRY TALE	115	47/48	NETORA	95
11/12	HAYASHI	132	30/32	GIRASOL	114	47/48	ATHENS	95
13	DRAMAMI & ALICE	131	30/32	COSMOS	114	49	AMANTE	94
14/15	JAPAN OPEN	130	30/32	MATSUBARA	114	50	HAPPY BRIDGE	93
14/15	JAPAN LADIES	130	33	AKQ	112	51	DUM DUM'S	81
16	CHINA OPEN	128	34/35	ESPERANZA	111	52	MY-BRIDGE	68
17/18	JAPAN SENIOR	127	34/35	KINKI	111			
17/18	NAGASAKA	127	36	GOOD LUCK	110			

### NEC Cup Bridge Festival on the Web

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

– or –

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

## NEC Cup 2004: 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        Blind seating 10 minutes before the start of match
- 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 1-26 with one of the teams numbered 27-52. 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.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Places        Unless the two losing semi-finalists both agree to play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, there will be no playoff and the prize money will be divided evenly between the two teams.
- Smoking                No smoking in the playing areas. You may not leave the playing room to smoke.

## Team Rosters: 9th NEC Cup

#	Name	Members
1	England:	Brian Senior, John Armstrong, Brian Callaghan, Pablo Lambardi
2	Iceland:	Throstur Ingimarsson, Bjarni Einarsson, Anton Haraldsson, Sigurbjorn Haraldsson
3	Germany/USA:	Sabine Auken, Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson, Mark Molson
4	Israel:	Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin, Michael Barel, Migry Zur Campanile
5	Canada:	George Mittelman, Allan Graves, Joey Silver, John Carruthers
6	Poland/Russia:	Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Andrew Gromov, Alexander Petrunin
7	Indonesia:	Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Santje Panelewen, Franky Karwur, Munawar Sawiruddin
8	China Open:	Li Xin, Sun Shaolin, Kang Meng, Li Xiaoyi, Fu Zhong, Zhao Jie
9	China Ladies:	Hou Yunyan, Zhu Xiaoyin, Yan Ru, Dong Yongling, Lu Yan, Wang Yanhong
10	Chinese Taipei Ladies:	Fang-wen Gong(PC), Sheau-fong Hu, Lin-chin Liu, Wen-chuan Tsai
11	USA:	Garey Hayden, Jim Robison, Simon Kantor, Mark Itabashi
12	Australia:	Cathy Chua, Simon Hinge, Robert Fruewirth, Bill Jacobs
13	Bulgaria:	Gueorgui Stamatov, Ivan Tsonchev, Rumen Trendafilov, Kalin Karaivanov
14	Happy Bridge (Korea):	SUNG Kyunghae, HWANG Inryung, KWON Sooja, KO Jaehyun
15	Dum-Dum's (Korea):	SYNN Soohi, PARK Myungki, NOH Heajung, KIM Sookyoung
16	Amante (Korea):	HAHN Myungjin, LIM Hyun, SUH Eunae, KIM Yoonkyung
17	Acacia (Korea):	HAN Sunhee, YOO Kyungwon, PARK Jungyoon, YANG Sungae
18	Yeh Bros (Taiwan):	Chen Yeh, Chia-Hsin Wu, Chih-Kuo Shen, Chi-Hua Chen, Jung-Fong Cheng, Yi-Wen Lai
19	Taiwan-NaCS:	Kao Cheng, Tom Cheng, Chen Hung Yu, Lin Yung Yi, C. C. Chen
20	Japan Olympiad Open:	Tadashi Teramoto, Masayuki Ino, Tadashi Imakura, Hideki Takano, Hiroshi Kaku, Masaaki Takayama
21	Japan Olympiad Ladies:	Kyoko Shimamura, Ayako Amano, Hiroko Ota, Miho Sekizawa, Nobuko Setoguchi, Shoko Fukuda
22	Japan Olympiad Senior:	Kyoko Ohno, Akihiko Yamada, Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Makoto Hirata
23	SLAM DUNK:	Yasuhiro Shimizu, Kenji Miyakuni, Sakiko Naito, Chen Dawei, Kazuo Furuta
24	NAGASAKA:	Hiroya Abe, Sei Nagasaka, Liang Ping, Akira Morozumi, Misuzu Ichihashi
25	HAYASHI:	Nobuyuki Hayashi, Seiya Shimizu, Takehiko Nagahama, Takeshi Hanayama, Takashi Maeda
26	MIDORI-KAME:	Natsuko Nishida, Tomoe Nakao, Koji Ito, Tadashi Yoshida, Midori Sakamoto, Yuko Yamada
27	ESPERANZA:	Haruko Koshi, Mieko Nakanishi, Mizuko Tan, Yoko Osako, Junko Arai, Toyoko Saito
28	Gryffindor:	Michiko Iwahashi, Michiko Ohno, Hiroko Sekiyama, Kazuko Banno
29	Drami & Alice:	Makiko Sato, Koji Yamada, Yuko Yamada, Eiji Otaka, Yuko Noda, Hiroyuki Noda
30	GIRASOL:	Sachiko Yamamura, Taeko Kawamura, Kimi Makita, Keiko Matsuzaki
31	SKOTII:	Tsuneo Sakurai, Takahiro Kamiyo, Kenichi Izaki, Atsushi Kikuchi, Takehiko Tada
32	AOGUMI:	Yoko Nenohi, Kyoko Toyofuku, Kumiko Matsuo, Toshiko Kaho, Yoshiko Sakaguchi, Hiroko Janssen
33	Spice:	Yukiko Umezu, Etsuko Naito, Makiko Hayashi, Yayoi Sakamoto
34	PS-JACK:	Masako Otsuka, Masakatsu Sugino, Shoko Imai, Takako Fujimoto, Yoko Maruyama, Yukiko Hoshi
35	KACHOFUGETSU:	Akiko Miwa, Kunio Kodaira, Teruo Miyazaki, Makoto Nomura, Fumiko Nanjo, Ryoji Fujiwara
36	KOSAKA:	Kazuko Kawashima, Yasuko Kosaka, Koichi Onishi, Nobuko Matsubara
37	OZAWA:	Toyohiko Ozawa, Toru Nishiwaki, Kenichi Asaoka, Kazuhisa Kojima
38	SWAN:	Minako Hiratsuka, Aiko Banno, Naomi Terauchi, Natsuko Asaka, Kotomi Asakoshi, Michiko Shida
39	MERRY QUEENS & J:	Teruko Nishimura, Junko Nishimura, Toyoko Nakakawaji, Toshiko Hiramori, Tomoya Yamaguchi
40	NETORA:	Yoko Saito, Yoshiko Shimazumi, Chieko Ichikawa, Mamiko Odaira, Kuniko Saito, Junko Den
41	NANIWADA:	Takako Nakatani, Masaru Naniwada, Atsushi Kimura, Nobuko Tanai, Harue Iemori, Yumi Yanagida
42	Good Luck:	Osami Kimura, Kinzaburo Nishino, Setsuko Kimura, Toshiko Miyashiro
43	KATSUMATA:	Atsuko Katsumata, Yasuyo Iida, Misae Kato, Kimiko Kamakari, Keiko Oshio, Mayumi Hirota
44	MY-Bridge:	Noriko Yoshizawa, Masafumi Yoshizawa, Kuniko Miyauchi, Yoshitaka Agata, Shigeyuki Murano
45	COSMOS:	Nobuko Wakasa, Masaharu Wakasa, Keiko Enomoto, Yoko Takahashi, Kazuko Tsumori, Noriko Komiyama
46	Kinki:	Toru Tamura, Mimako Ishizuka, Sonoko Namba, Atsuko Kurita, Chizuko Sugiura
47	ATHENE:	Sachiko Kunitomo, Fumi Hosoda, Kyoko Tsumi, Seizo Hirao, Takehiko Takagi, Mitsuko Yamaguchi
48	MATSUBARA:	Ryo Matsubara, Ayako Matsubara, Kiyoshi Asai, Katsumi Tokiwa, Ryohei Orihara, Naoko Orihara
49	Konishi:	Chizuno Saito, Momoko Kumano, Yoshihisa Konishi, Masaru Yoshida, Minoru Mizuta
50	Fairy Tale:	Takao Onodera, Yukinao Honma, Ryo Okuno, Takeshi Higashiguchi, Kazunori Sasaki, Zhang Shudi
51	POODLE:	Emiko Tamura, Yoshiko Murata, Hiroko Kobayashi, Chizuko Tsukamoto
52	AKQ:	Alan Sia, Shunsuke Morimura, Tomoyuki Harada, Makoto Kohno, Chieko Yamazaki

### SPECIAL ALERT

The Daily Bulletin editors would like to remind invited teams to submit short, humorous (if possible) bios of their team. Canada, Israel and Australia (see page 5) have already been immortalized in these pages. Please take advantage of this chance of a lifetime and submit your team's bios today.

## Tuesday's Match Results

### Match 7

GERMANY/USA (29)	13-7	USA (40)
POLAND/RUSSIA (84)	25-4	ENGLAND (29)
ICELAND (25)	10-20	INDONESIA (49)
CANADA (51)	19-11	JAPAN OPEN (32)
CHINA OPEN (22)	2-25	ISRAEL (94)
CHINA LADIES (45)	16-14	HAYASHI (40)
BULGARIA (59)	18-12	AUSTRALIA (46)
NACS (21)	3-25	SLAM DUNK (82)
JAPAN SENIOR (51)	18-12	NAGASAKA (36)
SKOTII (19)	10-20	DRAM I & ALICE (42)
C.T. LADIES (63)	15-15	JAPAN LADIES (61)
GRYFFINDOR (49)	18-12	MIDORI-KAME (36)
GOOD LUCK (40)	13-17	COSMOS (49)
SPICE (68)	21-9	AKQ (40)
KINKI (33)	8-22	MATSUBARA (67)
ESPERANZA (27)	11-19	AOGUMI (45)
GIRASOL (12)	7-23	KONISHI (51)
FAIRY TALE (70)	22-8	YEH BROS (34)
MERRY QUEENS J (39)	16-14	KATSUMATA (32)
NETORA (40)	9-21	KOSAKA (68)
KACHOFUGETSU (35)	17-13	POODLE (24)
OZAWA (61)	19-11	AMANTE (41)
HAPPY BRIDGE (30)	9-21	ACACIA (60)
PS-JACK (25)	12-18	NANIWADA (40)
ATHENS (36)	10-20	SWAN (61)
DUM DUM'S (31)	13-17	MY-BRIDGE (42)

### Match 8

POLAND/RUSSIA (24)	9-21	USA (52)
ISRAEL (49)	18-12	GERMANY/USA (33)
SLAM DUNK (18)	8-22	INDONESIA (50)
ICELAND (9)	9-21	CANADA (38)
BULGARIA (44)	14-16	ENGLAND (52)
CHINA LADIES (52)	21-9	JAPAN SENIOR (24)
JAPAN OPEN (36)	14-16	HAYASHI (43)
DRAM I & ALICE (51)	19-11	AUSTRALIA (34)
C.T. LADIES (40)	12-18	NAGASAKA (53)
JAPAN LADIES (47)	21-9	SPICE (20)
SKOTII (41)	17-13	GRYFFINDOR (29)
GOOD LUCK (18)	7-23	CHINA OPEN (59)
MATSUBARA (34)	9-21	NACS (62)
AOGUMI (27)	14-16	KONISHI (35)
COSMOS (29)	9-21	MIDORI-KAME (58)
FAIRY TALE (24)	12-18	KOSAKA (38)
KINKI (37)	15-15	AKQ (37)
MERRY QUEENS J (19)	13-17	ESPERANZA (31)
KACHOFUGETSU (32)	16-14	KATSUMATA (28)
ACACIA (44)	12-18	OZAWA (57)
GIRASOL (61)	24-6	NETORA (15)
POODLE (43)	12-18	YEH BROS (57)
SWAN (38)	19-11	AMANTE (20)
DUM DUM'S (41)	15-15	PS-JACK (39)
HAPPY BRIDGE (36)	13-17	NANIWADA (46)
ATHENS (58)	23-7	MY-BRIDGE (20)

## Quarterfinal Standings at the Half (20 Boards)

Team	Carry	IMPs
<b>USA</b>	.5	<b>42</b>
<b>China Ladies</b>		<b>67</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	.5	<b>58</b>
<b>Germany/USA</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>Canada</b>	.5	<b>56</b>
<b>England</b>		<b>48</b>
<b>Poland/Russia</b>	.5	<b>47</b>
<b>Israel</b>		<b>38</b>

# Match Seven: Japan Open vs Canada

by Eric Kokish

It was the legendary pitcher **Satchel Paige** who momentarily cautioned the world: "Don't look back because something might be gaining on you." The Satch knew of what he spoke, and the teams ranking sixth through eighth after six matches would have been well advised to pay attention to the old master as there were more than a dozen teams nipping at their heels. Such are the vagaries of Swiss qualifying events with the tight WBF Victory Point scale in place. Each year at least one team in the trailing pack leapfrogs into the quarterfinals on the strength of a late surge, usually against less fancied opponents. Would 2004 be any different?

Our penultimate round match features Canada (**Joe Silver/John Carruthers, Allan Graves/George Mittelman**), back from the dead in a tie for 8th/9th with Israel after a wretched start, and Japan (Olympiad) Open (**Tadashi Teramoto/Hideki Takano, Masayuki Ino/Tadashi Imakura, Hiroshi Kaku/Masaaki Takayama**). A big loss for either team would almost certainly preclude Bridge as a favored activity on Friday.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AK62		
Vul: None	♥ 1032		
	♦ A73		
	♣ 1097		
		West	East
		♠ 5	♠ Q9
		♥ AKJ97654	♥ Q
		♦ 64	♦ QJ10982
		♣ 65	♣ AJ82
			South
			♠ J108743
			♥ 8
			♦ K5
			♣ KQ43

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
	1♣	1♦	1♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
	1NT(1)	Pass	2NT(2)
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
(1) 9-12			
(2) Any six-card suit, invitational			

Those of you who don't know Canada's John (JC) Carruthers could not know that his spouse (Katie Thorpe) has a reputation as the World's Greatest Dummy Tabler. When Silver graced him with ace-king fourth of trumps and an ace after JC's four-level stab at 4♠, one could not blame him for thinking that The Great Shuffler had granted him the power to bestow upon his closest associates the "Indescribable Wow" gene.

But then, Imakura didn't buy so badly himself. As 4♠ might be a great contract or a very poor one, with North unable to value his hand accurately on any "general" invitational sequence, does it not make sense for South to bid a direct 4♠ once he knows his partner has a balanced hand?

No swing at +450 N/S.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 75		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q72		
	♦ Q952		
	♣ J1093		
		West	East
		♠ K2	♠ Q1096
		♥ 10983	♥ 65
		♦ 76	♦ AKJ43
		♣ K8642	♣ A5
			South
			♠ AJ843
			♥ AKJ4
			♦ 108
			♣ Q7

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
			1♠
Pass	1NT*	2♦	2♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

<b>West</b> Mittelman	<b>North</b> Ino	<b>East</b> Graves	<b>South</b> Imakura
Pass	1NT(1)	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	2♥

Carruthers took six tricks in 2♥, East uppercutting twice in clubs. Imakura took five tricks in spades, so Canada gained 2 IMPs for -100 vs -150, the first swing in the young match.



John (JC) Carruthers



Joey Silver

Could Silver save the board by making 2♥? He won the spade lead and elected to abandon any notion of ruffing a spade in dummy, which would require a timely club ruff in hand to gain access to accomplish that, while creating opportunities for the defenders to score some extra trump tricks. Instead, he led a trump to the king and ace, won the spade return and tried the ♣K, which Takayama took with the ace to lead a second trump. Silver put in the ten, cashed the ♥Q, played ♣Q, club ruff, and led the ♦10. Kaku took the ♦A, cashed a spade, and continued with a fourth spade. That allowed Silver to score his remaining trump *en passant*, and the ♦K was his eighth trick: +110. No swing.

Bd: 4	North
Dir: West	♠ 832
Vul: Both	♥ KQ1072
	♦ 1042
	♣ 52
<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ 764	♠ QJ1095
♥ J984	♥ A6
♦ Q76	♦ AJ8
♣ AJ8	♣ 1063
	<b>South</b>
	♠ AK
	♥ 53
	♦ K953
	♣ KQ974

Bd: 5	North
Dir: North	♠ J963
Vul: N/S	♥ AKQJ
	♦ KJ6
	♣ A4
<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ AQ1042	♠ ---
♥ 1052	♥ 7643
♦ 754	♦ 1093
♣ K7	♣ J108652
	<b>South</b>
	♠ K875
	♥ 98
	♦ AQ82
	♣ Q93

Open Room

<b>West</b> Takayama	<b>North</b> Silver	<b>East</b> Kaku	<b>South</b> Carruthers
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

<b>West</b> Mittelman	<b>North</b> Ino	<b>East</b> Graves	<b>South</b> Imakura
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♠	All Pass		

Graves could not make 2♠ on the lead of the ♣K, the defenders coming to two trumps, a heart, a diamond, a club and a club ruff: -100.

Open Room

<b>West</b> Takayama	<b>North</b> Silver	<b>East</b> Kaku	<b>South</b> Carruthers
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
	1♦	3♣	Dbl
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In reply to the question: "Just how weak can your weak jump overcalls be at favorable vulnerability?" Professor Graves presented Exhibit A, the East hand on Board 5. While not everyone's cup of tea, his 3♣ is the sort of action that precisely one-third of your editorial staff endorses (Pietro, bless him, is a Forquet-raised conservative Italian, while Rich considers the hand too *good* a dummy for hearts to commit to clubs). The important thing is that Mittelman knew enough about Graves' proclivities to resist bidding 4♣ or a delicate 3♠ over Imakura's negative double and to resist doubling 4♠.



Alan Graves

With the ♣K in West, South on play, and both red suits three-three, 4♠ can't be beaten, no matter how loud the double. Declarer played an early trump to the king and West took only three trump tricks. 5 IMPs to Canada for +790 vs +620, 7-0 in the match.

<b>Bd: 6</b>	<b>North</b>		
<b>Dlr: East</b>	♠ Q2		
<b>Vul: E/W</b>	♥ J83		
	♦ A1095		
	♣ AK102		
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ K7654		♠ AJ103	
♥ A62		♥ K1094	
♦ 4		♦ Q8632	
♣ J976		♣ ---	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ 98		
	♥ Q75		
	♦ KJ7		
	♣ Q8543		

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Once East opens his marginal hand, the fate of this deal turns on E/W's willingness to compete to 3♠, a decision reputedly made easier by the Law of Total Tricks. That might be true if West could count on East for four trumps or if East could count on West for five. As that was not the case for the Canadian E/W pair, someone had to take the plunge with inadequate evidence. Suffice to say that neither did so, at least one of the partners feeling the other might have done more. 3♣ was not difficult to make after two rounds of spades and a switch to the ♦4: +110.

Takayama, counting on Kaku for four-card support, went on to 3♠, which he made with an overtrick: +170, 7 IMPs to Japan-Open, tying the match at sevens.

<b>Bd: 8</b>	<b>North</b>		
<b>Dlr: West</b>	♠ K943		
<b>Vul: None</b>	♥ K		
	♦ Q8532		
	♣ K72		
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ J1086		♠ AQ52	
♥ ---		♥ AJ953	
♦ K964		♦ 7	
♣ A10964		♣ QJ5	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ 7		
	♥ Q1087642		
	♦ AJ10		
	♣ 83		

**Open Room/Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both North players led the  $\diamond 2$  (lowest from odd) against  $4\spadesuit$ . In the Closed Room Imakura switched to the  $\clubsuit 8$ . Mittelman followed with the ten, lost to the king, and on the  $\clubsuit 7$  continuation, overtook the jack with the ace to lead the  $\spadesuit J$ , which Ino covered. Declarer won the ace, cashed the  $\spadesuit Q$ , got the  $\clubsuit Q$  out of the way, came to the  $\spadesuit 10$  and played club winners: +420.

In the Open Room, Carruthers switched to the  $\heartsuit 8$ . Declarer discarded a diamond, took the  $\heartsuit K$  with the ace, and cashed the  $\spadesuit A$ , thinking about safety but unearthing some control issues. The  $\clubsuit Q$  lost to the king and a second club was won in hand. When Takayama reverted to trumps, leading the ten, Silver ducked. When Takayama continued with the  $\spadesuit 8$ , Silver won the king and played a fourth trump to dummy's queen. Declarer could take his club winners and the  $\diamond K$  but had a losing diamond in the end for one down, -50. 10 IMPs to Canada, 18-7.



Masaaki Takayama

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	$\spadesuit$ KQ76		
Vul: E/W	$\heartsuit$ 10		
	$\diamond$ J1064		
	$\clubsuit$ 10986		
	West	East	
	$\spadesuit$ 1098	$\spadesuit$ J5	
	$\heartsuit$ J	$\heartsuit$ AK98543	
	$\diamond$ Q9732	$\diamond$ AK	
	$\clubsuit$ QJ54	$\clubsuit$ 72	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ A432		
	$\heartsuit$ Q762		
	$\diamond$ 85		
	$\clubsuit$ AK3		

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
1 $\spadesuit$ (1)	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass
Pass	Dbl(2)	3 $\heartsuit$	4 $\heartsuit$
	4 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	

- (1) Like a forcing notrump
- (2) Takeout of hearts

Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1 $\spadesuit$ (1)	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass
	Pass	3 $\heartsuit$	All Pass
(1) Like a forcing notrump			

Carruthers had a rather nice hand opposite a guy willing to enter the auction after passing, but it was not good enough to prevent Silver from loosening the top button on his shirt and embracing his throat in the manner of a man dangling from a scaffold (as is his wont). Silver finished with eight tricks, -100. Graves could not avoid losing five tricks in  $3\heartsuit$  but had reason to hope he might gain 3-5 IMPs for -100 as his  $3\heartsuit$  rebid was mildly conservative. 5 IMPs to Japan-Open, however, 12-18.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	$\spadesuit$ 653		
Vul: Both	$\heartsuit$ J2		
	$\diamond$ J2		
	$\clubsuit$ A109765		
	West	East	
	$\spadesuit$ K10	$\spadesuit$ J98	
	$\heartsuit$ A3	$\heartsuit$ 1085	
	$\diamond$ AQ98	$\diamond$ K10653	
	$\clubsuit$ QJ832	$\clubsuit$ K4	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ AQ742		
	$\heartsuit$ KQ9764		
	$\diamond$ 74		
	$\clubsuit$ ---		

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
1NT	2 $\clubsuit$	3NT	1 $\heartsuit$
			All Pass
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
2 $\clubsuit$	Pass	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$
Pass	2 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	2 $\heartsuit$

There were some major differences of opinion on this one, starting with South's choice of opening bid. There was a day when most Canadians would routinely open  $1\spadesuit$ , as Imakura did, to prepare a rebid in hearts, but that idea is no longer as fashionable, and Carruthers preferred to start with his long suit. It's curious



that Mittelman, a fairly sound overcaller, chose 2♣ rather than 1NT after South's *spade* opening (which made his ♠10 more interesting for notrump) while Takayama, with an awful heart holding for notrump after the *heart* opening, jumped right in with 1NT. Although Ino was rooting for a reopening double of 2♣ he was not unhappy to convert to 2♠ with his bonus third trump. Mittelman's lead of the ♣2 allowed Imakura to dispose of a diamond, and although Imakura misguessed trumps he came to nine tricks in comfort, +140.

Meanwhile, Kaku thought enough of his five-card suit and intermediates to raise the 15-18 1NT overcall to three. Silver's lead of the ♥J was a good start for the defense. Declarer ducked, took South's *queen* (would the king have been legible?) with the ace and led a low club. When Silver ducked, declarer ran for cover with his seven winners, -200. 2 IMPs to Canada, 20-12.



Hiroshi Kaku

Bd: 11	North
Dlr: South	♠ 10742
Vul: None	♥ Q8432
	♦ Q652
	♣ ---
West	East
♠ 5	♠ KQJ986
♥ K6	♥ 5
♦ AJ943	♦ K7
♣ 109743	♣ AQ82
	South
	♠ A3
	♥ AJ1097
	♦ 108
	♣ KJ65

Open Room/Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
Pass	4♥	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥A and North followed low, suit preference. That led to two club ruffs and a painless one down, a push at -50. Is there something to be said for North doubling 4♠ to alert his partner that ruffs might be required to defeat the contract? Hey, heresy is in the eye of the beholder. And it needn't be contagious.

Bd: 12	North
Dlr: West	♠ KQ76
Vul: N/S	♥ AQ
	♦ 1084
	♣ QJ107
West	East
♠ AJ108	♠ 5432
♥ K1086	♥ J5
♦ KJ5	♦ Q93
♣ 42	♣ A985
	South
	♠ 9
	♥ 97432
	♦ A762
	♣ K63

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
1♦	1♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Whose suit is this anyway?

The short answer is: Canada's. Remarkably, or perhaps not, it was Silver, with the modest four-one fit, who achieved a plus while Mittelman/Graves, with a nice eight-card fit, could not make their modest 2♠, losing a trick in each minor, two hearts and three trumps for two down, -100.

Silver, in 1♠ after a questionable vulnerable overcall, dazzled his opponents with some fancy footwork. He ducked the opening lead of the ♦2 to West's king, finessed the ♥Q at trick two, led the ♣7 to dummy's king, the ♠9 to the ten and king, and then advanced the ♣10. When Kaku ducked, Silver had six sure winners and made the ♠Q later for +80, 1 IMP to Japan-Open, 13-20.

We find our interesting deals where we can. Please don't think less of us.

Bd: 13	North
Dir: North	♠ Q864
Vul: Both	♥ 10742
	♦ 107653
	♣ ---
West	East
♠ 3	♠ AJ2
♥ AQJ8	♥ K53
♦ K8	♦ J942
♣ AK10632	♣ 754
	South
	♠ K10975
	♥ 96
	♦ AQ
	♣ QJ98

Mittelman, in 5♣, won the opening spade lead with the ace and led a trump. When Imakura followed low, he covered with the ten and permitted himself a rare Mittelmanic smile. Later, he led towards the ♦K for +600, 13 IMPs to Canada, 33-13.

Had Imakura split his trump honors, declarer would have been without resource. As the redoubtable Mr Mittelman revealed later in a rare interview with the press, "Every time I tried to lose a trick cheaply in the last few matches, my deepest finesses worked." Which leads us to believe that safety plays, real or otherwise, may be enjoying a resurgence. Keep your eyes open (and your butt covered).



Tadashi Imakura

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	3♠	Dbl*	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Meanwhile, over in Poland/Russia vs Ye Olde England, **Cezary Balicki** found himself in 3NT from the East side on the lead of the ♠10 to the king and ace. Would you bet on declarer or the defenders?

On general principles, it's usually right to back Balicki as declarer, and this deal will do nothing to change that strategy. Please observe.

At trick two he led a club to the eight and ace, the normal play as he couldn't afford to let North gain the lead. How do you like it so far?

Balicki demonstrated that bad breaks mean nothing to a player with vision. He played ♥A, heart to the king, and a club, ducking South's queen. What can South do?

"Pretty" would be an understatement. Not you, Cezary—your declarer play.



If 6♣ is the worst slam you ever bid, your slam bidding is better than anyone else's. Which is not to say that Takayama's jump to 6♣ is a lovely call, regardless of how you feel about Kaku's responsive double with a poor hand for offense. Carruthers' double might have been important to attract a non-spade lead and therefore perhaps a diamond start, but here the double probably cost the defense a trick when Silver's diamond lead allowed declarer to use his major-suit entries to East to hold South to one trump trick: -200.



George Mittelman

Bd: 15	North
Dir: South	♠ 642
Vul: N/S	♥ 973
	♦ Q7
	♣ QJ987
West	East
♠ A10973	♠ K8
♥ K842	♥ Q1065
♦ 5	♦ AJ103
♣ 1065	♣ A32
	South
	♠ QJ5
	♥ AJ
	♦ K98642
	♣ K4

Bd: 17	North
Dir: North	♠ A1086
Vul: None	♥ A53
	♦ A102
	♣ QJ3
West	East
♠ Q42	♠ 3
♥ Q106	♥ KJ874
♦ 86	♦ KQJ754
♣ AK965	♣ 8
	South
	♠ KJ975
	♥ 92
	♦ 93
	♣ 10742

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥(1)	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Closed Room

(1) Intended as a transfer

West	North	East	South
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Mittelman's featherweight overcall got him to 4♥, a contract he might have made on the lead of the ♦Q. He won, ruffed out the ♦K, and played three rounds of spades, misguessing by discarding a club from dummy. Imakura won the ♠J and exited with a diamond, Ino scoring the ♥7 as declarer discarded a club. He won the club switch and discarded his last club on the ♦10, but Ino scored the ♥3 and later South made both his hearts behind dummy when declarer had to lead spades from hand: -100.

Takayama/Kaku were fortunate to land on their feet when Takayama forgot his agreements and tried to transfer to spades when 2♥ was defined as natural. Kaku's aggressive "raise" got his side to an uncomfortable level, but all was well when Silver led a trump. Takayama lost a trump, a spade (after the same misguess as Mittelman) and a club for +170, 7 IMPs to Japan-Open, 20-33.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
3♥	1NT	2♥(1)	2♠
(1) Hearts and a minor	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
2♣*	1♣	1♥	1♠
5♥	3♠	5♦	Pass
	Dbl	All Pass	

Carruthers' thoughtful opening lead of the ♦9 gave Kaku an easy ride in 4♥. Silver won and switched to spades, but declarer had the timing to draw trumps: +420.

You can see where Graves was coming from when he jumped to 5♦, but Mittelman's cards were not where they needed to be to justify Graves' bidding: not only was 4♠ unmakeable, but it was also not going to be bid, and 4♥ would probably have been permitted to make.



Masayuki Ino

Imakura led the ♠5 against 5♥ doubled and Graves played the queen from dummy. He ruffed the second spade and led the ♥7 to the queen and ace. He ruffed the spade continuation low and advanced the ♦Q, which Ino took to play a fourth round of spades. Graves discarded a diamond, ruffed in dummy, tested diamonds, drew trumps, and claimed one down, -100. 11 IMPs to Japan-Open, now within 2 IMPs at 31-33.

The defense was off to its optimum start with spade forces, but Ino had to adopt a different strategy than the one he chose to get an extra trick. First, he had to duck the first round of trumps. Then, when declarer turned to diamonds, he had to duck the first round of those. After that, he would have to win the next red-suit trick offered to him and play a third spade, repeating the process when he won the other red ace. It looks very much as if Ino, normally a fine technician, didn't give it enough thought. Special thanks to **Kerri Sanborn** for her thorough analysis of this deal.

An overtrick later, Canada's lead was down to a single IMP going into Board 19. Then:

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 1072		
Vul: E/W	♥ A8432		
	♦ J1052		
	♣ 4		
		West	East
		♠ Q4	♠ KJ963
		♥ KQJ5	♥ 6
		♦ AKQ97	♦ 83
		♣ KQ	♣ J9832
			South
			♠ A85
			♥ 1097
			♦ 64
			♣ A10765

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
2♦(1)	Pass	2♥(2)	Pass
2NT(3)	Pass	3♥(4)	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) Multi			
(2) Pass-or-correct			
(3) 22-23 balanced			
(4) Spades			

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦(1)	Pass
2NT(2)	Pass	3♥(3)	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦(4)	Pass	4♥(5)	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- (1) 0/1 control
- (2) 22-24
- (3) Spades
- (4) "Scramble" (no known fit or a poor hand for slam)
- (5) Shortness in hearts

"Choice of games" deals on which one hand is much weaker than the other can be notoriously difficult to bid, and there isn't much to choose between Kaku's plan and that of Graves, each leading to a different contract.

Against 3NT, Silver led his fourth best heart to the nine and queen. Carruthers took the ♣K with the ace to return the ♥10, and Silver ducked Takayama's king. Declarer cashed the ♦A, then led the ♠3 to the jack and ace. Carruthers' heart return gave the defenders three tricks in that suit, with a diamond winner to come: -200.

Against Mittelman's 4♠, Ino led his singleton club to the ace, and Imakura returned the ♣6, hoping to send a neutral suit-preference message. Alas, Ino misread the position and underled the ♥A. Mittelman won and found the pretty play (the play Georgie—not you) of the ♠4 to the jack and ace. When Imakura returned a club, declarer ruffed with the ♠Q, ruffed a heart, and played ♠K, spade, splitting out the suit. He had the rest now, discarding dummy's club loser on a high diamond: +620, 13 IMPs to Canada, 45-32.

It would have been better for Imakura to duck the ♠J. Declarer could succeed at this juncture by continuing trumps, or by ruffing a club with the ♠Q, ruffing a heart, and leading the ♠K to smother the ten. Guys who lead the ♠4 in that position rarely go down in contracts of this type, but it's never wrong to make them work for their success.



Bd: 20	North	
Dir: West	♠ A93	
Vul: Both	♥ K987	
	♦ A1097	
	♣ 53	
West		East
♠ KJ86		♠ Q5
♥ J5		♥ Q10642
♦ 83		♦ KJ652
♣ A10976		♣ J
	South	
	♠ 10742	
	♥ A3	
	♦ Q4	
	♣ KQ842	

We've seen players open each of the four hand types you see on this deal, but the boys in the Closed Room weren't having any of it.

If you believe in these popular weak two-suited openings, you tend to use them as often as possible. I'm not convinced that a hand like East's must be opened when vulnerable, with its poor intermediates in the long suits and nuisance values in the short ones. Carruthers led ace and another trump, Silver withholding his king to retain a measure of control. A diamond to the jack lost to the queen and Carruthers switched to the ♣K. Kaku won with the ace and led a second diamond to the nine and king. He drove out the ♥K and Silver cashed one of his diamond winners before reverting to clubs. Kaku discarded a diamond and South won the ♣Q and led a spade over to the ace. Silver cashed his high diamond for two down, -200. 5 IMPs to Canada, leaving the visitors with a 19-IMP victory, 51-32, 19-11 in VP.

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takayama</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥(1)	All Pass
(1) 5+♥/5+m, weak			
Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mittelman</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
All Pass			

Going into the last match Canada was in decent shape to qualify but Japan-Open had slipped into obscurity.

## Lost Chances

as related by John Carruthers

In the match between Canada vs Midori-Kane the following board was of some interest:

Bd: 6	North	
Dir: East	♠ KQ106	
Vul: E/W	♥ 9	
	♦ 10864	
	♣ A985	
West		East
♠ AJ84		♠ 52
♥ 83		♥ AQ76
♦ Q72		♦ AK9
♣ 10642		♣ KQJ3
	South	
	♠ 973	
	♥ KJ10542	
	♦ J53	
	♣ 7	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sakamoto</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
		1♣	2♥
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A tough board for most declarers who went down in 3NT after a spade lead, Yuko Yamada, however, rose to the challenge and showed how the hand could be made.

She let the ♠7 lead run to North's ten, took the heart return with the ace, knocked out the ♣A, won the club return, cleared the clubs and cashed the diamonds ending in her hand. Next she played a spade, covering South's card and North was now forced to give away the ninth trick in spades after cashing his fourth diamond. A very good line which can only be defeated by an unlikely ♠9 lead or if Joey Silver makes the inspired play of ducking the ♠7.

## Match Eight: The Last Hurrah

by Rich Colker

Our coverage of the eighth and final Swiss match of the 2004 NEC Cup pits first-place Poland/Russia (**Adam Zmudzinski/Cezary Balicki, Andrei Gromov/Alexander Petrunin**) against second-place USA (**Garey Hayden/Jim Robison, Simon Kantor/Mark Itabashi**) and third-place Germany/USA (**Sabine Auken/Kerri Sanborn, Janice Seamon-Molson/Mark Molson**) against fourth-place Israel (**Israel Yadlin/Doron Yadlin, Michael Barel/Migry Zur Campanile**). We've seen all four of these teams before in these pages, so without further ado...

The first board gave the players a chance to settle in: all four E/W pairs played an easy 4♠ game with two (and only two) inescapable losers—and no one managed to escape them. The real fireworks started on Board Two.

Bd: 2	North		
Dir: East	♠ KJ98		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q9		
	♦ 7632		
	♣ J43		
		West	East
		♠ Q6532	♠ 10
		♥ 42	♥ AKJ10876
		♦ AKJ98	♦ Q104
		♣ 6	♣ 97
			South
			♠ A74
			♥ 53
			♦ 5
			♣ AKQ10852

P/R vs USA

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrunin</i>
		4♥	5♣
5♥	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
		4♥	5♣

All Pass



G/U vs Israel

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
		4♥	5♣

All Pass

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
		4♥(1)	5♣

All Pass

(1) Weaker than 4♣ (Namyats)

All four Easts opened a vulnerability-aided 4♥ and all four under-pressure Souths stepped in with 5♣. Three of the N/S pairs played there and ended one down: -100. Robison alone as West chose to throw in a "tactical" 5♥ bid and when Gromov took the bait and bid 6♣ Robison exacted the maximum punishment, to the tune of -500. G/U vs Israel still scoreless; USA over P/R 9-0.

Bd: 3	North		
Dir: South	♠ J96		
Vul: E/W	♥ J65		
	♦ 5		
	♣ KQJ1075		
		West	East
		♠ Q752	♠ A10
		♥ A10984	♥ K72
		♦ 87	♦ QJ9432
		♣ 86	♣ A3
			South
			♠ K843
			♥ Q3
			♦ AK106
			♣ 942

P/R vs USA

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrunin</i>
		3♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♦	All Pass

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♦*	3♣	All Pass	

G/U vs Israel

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	1NT	All Pass	1♦

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	3♣	All Pass	

Apparently Gromov/Petrinin's system doesn't permit an opening bid with the South cards (1NT=12+-15 in first and second seats while 1♦ promises an unbalanced hand), but with a full 12 count, good controls and two very reasonable four-card suits (one of which is the master suit) there should be some way to open the South hand. (Our preference is to treat it as a "good" 12 and open 1NT.) But all's well that ends well and +100 against 3♦ was good for a push when 3♣ came home in the Closed Room. Still USA 9, P/R 0.

Zur-Campanile managed to bring in eight tricks in 1NT after a diamond lead for a push against Auken's +110 in 3♣. G/U vs Israel still scoreless.

Bd: 4	North	
Dir: West	♠ 4	
Vul: Both	♥ J985	
	♦ J1043	
	♣ 10876	
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ 732		♠ KQ1095
♥ A1076		♥ Q32
♦ 875		♦ AK6
♣ KQ4		♣ J9
	<b>South</b>	
	♠ AJ86	
	♥ K4	
	♦ Q92	
	♣ A532	

P/R vs USA

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass

2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
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G/U vs Israel

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Balicki's 1NT showed 15+ to 18-, so he may have been influenced by his chunky spades when he accepted Zmudzinski's invitation. After a club lead Balicki set about establishing his spades but the defense had the upper hand and he finished one down, -100. In the Open Room Itabashi chose to open 1♠ rather than a range-appropriate 1NT. After a diamond lead he managed to set up a club pitch for his losing diamond but eight tricks were all he could manage when the defense later tapped him in clubs; +110. 5 more IMPs to USA, now leading 14-0.

Mark Molson treated his 9 count as a game force opposite his better half's 14+-17 1NT and duly arrived in 4♠. The defense started with ace and another club, but with two natural trump losers and the tap threat in clubs the only real question was undertricks. The defense erred when Barel won the first round of trumps with the ace. When he later came in with the jack on the second round of the suit he could not tap East with a trump remaining in dummy. When Janice chose to attack hearts by leading the queen from hand, she finished only two down, -200. At the other table Israel Yadlin took the obvious eight tricks in 2NT (three spades, one heart and two tricks in each minor) for +120 and 8 IMPs to Israel, to take the lead 8-0.



"Bingo!"

Bd: 5	North
Dir: North	♠ ---
Vul: N/S	♥ A8643
	♦ KJ84
	♣ A653
West	East
♠ AKQJ4	♠ 9876
♥ K9	♥ J52
♦ A96	♦ 753
♣ K108	♣ J97
	South
	♠ 10532
	♥ Q107
	♦ Q102
	♣ Q42

Gromov ruffed the opening spade lead and immediately knocked out the ♦A. He ruffed the spade return, cashed two diamonds ending in dummy, ruffed a third spade, then exited with his fourth diamond as West ruffed and exited with the ♥K. Gromov won the ace, finessed the ♥10, drew the last trump and cashed the ♣A for +140 and a 6-IMP gain for P/R, now trailing by 8 at 14-6.

Mark Molson also found a 2NT bid (though he was surely aided by South's 1♠ response). He ducked the diamond lead and rode the heart shift around to Zur-Campanile's ace. He won the heart continuation and ran off five spades as Z-C pitched three clubs and two diamonds and Barel pitched a club. Now Molson exited with the ♣10 and N/S had only one heart to cash, so Mark ended up with nine tricks when the ♣Q fell under the king. In the Closed Room Auken/Sanborn overreached to 4♥ and Auken could only manage eight tricks when she misguessed trumps; -200. 2 IMPs to Israel, leading 10-0.

P/R vs USA  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Dbl	2♦	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

G/U vs Israel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♣	Pass	2♥
2NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♦	Pass	4♥

All Pass

(1) Could be two

Zmudzinski decided to try for the nine-trick game rather than the ten trick one in spite of the nine-plus card spade fit. That was the right decision as only eight tricks were available in spades. He won the ♥10 and rattled off five spade tricks, Hayden alternating discarding clubs and diamonds. Zmudzinski exited with a low club to Hayden's now bare ace and emerged with eight tricks for an impressive +120. At the other table

Bd: 6	North
Dir: East	♠ Q105
Vul: E/W	♥ 10
	♦ A974
	♣ KQ964
West	East
♠ A962	♠ 8743
♥ AJ	♥ K962
♦ KQJ10	♦ 852
♣ A105	♣ 73
	South
	♠ KJ
	♥ Q87543
	♦ 63
	♣ J82

P/R vs USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
		Pass	Pass

2NT All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
		Pass	2♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		



G/U vs Israel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
		Pass	2♥
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

In P/R vs USA both Wests declared 2NT, but only Zmudzinski managed to take eight tricks when Kantor's 2♥ bid induced the ♥10 lead from Hayden. Nevertheless, had a crocodile been at the table the contract could still have been beaten. Zmudzinski won the ♥J and played on diamonds, Hayden winning the second round and shifting to a low club. Zmudzinski won the third round, cashed the ♥A and his two remaining diamonds, then played ♠A (Kantor unblocking the king) and a spade. Had Hayden risen with the queen, swallowing Kantor's jack like a good little crocodile, the defense could have taken seven tricks (four clubs, two spades and a diamond). But when Hayden followed to the second spade with the ten Kantor was forced to win the jack and now had to give Zmudzinski his eighth trick in the form of the ♥K. In the Closed Room Gromov led king and a low club as Robison held off his ace until the third round. Gromov won the first diamond, cashed his two remaining clubs, then exited with a low spade leaving Robison a trick short; -100, 6 IMPs to P/R to close to within 2 at 14-12.

In Israel vs G/U both tables chose to play spade contracts, the Yadlins stopping in 3♠ while the Molsons reached game. And as so often seems to happen in such situations, the results at each table more resembled the contract at the other table than at their own. Against Israel's 3♠ Sanborn led the ♥7. When dummy's jack held, Israel played ace and another spade and when Sanborn won the king she erred by trying to give Auken a heart ruff with her natural trump trick before the defense had set up their club trick. Auken refused to ruff but now Israel had the timing to drive out the ♦A and get rid of his club loser; +170. Against Mark Molson's 4♠ contract Z-C led the ♣K and now the defense had an easy road to four tricks; -100 and another 7 IMPs to Israel, increasing their lead to 17-0.

Bd: 7	North	
Dlr: South	♠ 964	
Vul: Both	♥ 1063	
	♦ Q653	
	♣ Q85	
	West	East
	♠ AK3	♠ 872
	♥ Q872	♥ 95
	♦ K108	♦ AJ97
	♣ A42	♣ J1096
	South	
	♠ QJ105	
	♥ AKJ4	
	♦ 42	
	♣ K73	

P/R vs USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
			1NT(1)
Dbl	Pass(2)	Pass	Rdbl(3)
Pass	2♣	Dbl	2♥
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) 12+-15

(2) Forcing to redouble

(3) Forced

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
			1♣

1NT All Pass

G/U vs Israel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
			1♣
Dbl	Pass	1♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
			1♣

1NT All Pass

Against Doron's 1NT contract Auken led the ♠9. Doron won, and with the entry position awkward was forced to play North for the ♦Q. He played the ♦10 to the jack and passed the ♣J to North's queen. He won the spade return, cashed the ♦K, finessed the ♦9, cashed dummy's last diamond and repeated the club finesse, this time successfully, for +120. In the Open Room Barel led the ♥A against Janice Molson's 1♦ contract. Now Molson had the timing to get rid of her spade loser on the ♥Q and even though she

later misguessed the  $\diamond Q$ , she was able to emerge with nine tricks for no swing, still 17-0.

Gromov had no way to play in 1NT doubled so he passed to start a scramble. Robison led the  $\spadesuit A$  against 2 $\heartsuit$  doubled, Itabashi discouraging with the deuce. Robison tried the  $\clubsuit A$ , which allowed Petrunin to escape for down one, -200. In the Closed Room Hayden led the  $\clubsuit 5$  against Zmudzinski's 1NT and the  $\clubsuit J$  was allowed to hold. Zmudzinski tried a diamond to the ten as Hayden won the queen and found the spade shift. Zmudzinski won, played the  $\diamond 8$  to the nine, and tried the  $\clubsuit 10$ . When Kantor ducked he rose with the ace and cleared the suit for eight tricks, +120. That was 2 IMPs to USA when it might have been 9. USA, 16-12.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
Pass	1 $\clubsuit$	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Itabashi led the  $\clubsuit 5$  against 1NT, jack, queen, ace, and Gromov tried the  $\spadesuit K$ , which had less going for it in developing a spade trick than the advantage it derived by putting Itabashi back on lead. Mark did not disappoint and continued with a low club to Andrei's nine. Now a second spade put Itabashi back on lead to play the  $\clubsuit 10$ , finally establishing a trick in the suit. Gromov played a third spade establishing a black-suit trick of his own and Itabashi won, cashed his club, and exited with the  $\heartsuit J$  to the ace. After a spade to the ten Gromov played a diamond to the jack, six and ten and Robison, who had already pitched a diamond on the spades, inexplicably continued with the  $\diamond Q$  to the ace and king establishing Gromov's eighth trick there. A dazzling +120. At the other table Hayden jumped to 2NT and received the  $\heartsuit J$  as a lead. He rose with the king and tried a low spade but Balicki won and continued with the  $\heartsuit 10$ , won perforce with the ace. The  $\spadesuit K$  drew the ace from Balicki and a third heart allowed Zmudzinski to cash two hearts and play on diamonds. When the smoke had cleared the defense had seven tricks for -100; 6 IMPs to P/R, taking the lead for the first time, 18-16.

Bd: 8	North		
Dir: West	$\spadesuit$ K876		
Vul: None	$\heartsuit$ A2		
	$\diamond$ A86		
	$\clubsuit$ AK96		
		East	
West		$\spadesuit$ AQJ3	
$\spadesuit$ 2		$\heartsuit$ J107	
$\heartsuit$ Q854		$\diamond$ K10	
$\diamond$ QJ42		$\clubsuit$ 10875	
$\clubsuit$ Q432			
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ 10954		
	$\heartsuit$ K963		
	$\diamond$ 9753		
	$\clubsuit$ J		

### P/R vs USA

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrunin</i>
Pass	1 $\clubsuit$ (1)	1 $\spadesuit$	Dbl(2)
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

(1) 16+ HCP (18+ if balanced)

(2) 0-4 HCP

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
Pass	1 $\clubsuit$	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

### G/U vs Israel

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	1 $\clubsuit$	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Both North's in G/U vs Israel received a high heart lead against their 1NT contracts after East had overcalled 1 $\spadesuit$ . Zur-Campanile won the ace, played a club to the jack and queen, ducked the heart return, won the third heart, ducked a diamond to the ten, won the  $\diamond K$  and played  $\clubsuit AK$  of clubs as East unblocked the ten to avoid being endplayed. But Z-C cashed the  $\clubsuit 9$  and exited with a low spade, endplaying Seamon-Molson for +90. Auken ducked the first heart, won the second, played a diamond to the ten, won the heart return with the king, played the  $\clubsuit J$  to the queen and ace and tried ace and a third diamond. Doron won, cashed his fourth diamond and  $\heartsuit Q$  as Auken pitched spades (expecting Israel to have five of them) and led a spade through for two down, -100. That was 5 IMPs to Israel, still pitching a shutout at 22-0.



Bd: 9	North
Dir: North	♠ Q7
Vul: E/W	♥ A862
	♦ J95
	♣ AK85
West	East
♠ AK10986	♠ J32
♥ J	♥ KQ1043
♦ 7642	♦ Q3
♣ J2	♣ 974
	South
	♠ 54
	♥ 975
	♦ AK108
	♣ Q1063

### P/R vs USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
	1NT(1)	Pass	Pass
2♣(2)	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

(1) 12+-15

(2) Unspecified one-suiter

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
	1♣	Pass	2♣(1)
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

(1) Inverted

### G/U vs Israel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣

All Pass

Against Robison's 2♠ the defenders managed to cash their five winners for +110. At the other table the vulnerability inhibited Zmudzinski from bidding 2♠ over Kantor's inverted club raise and Balicki got off to the normal but inferior lead of the ♥Q against 2NT. With the diamond finesse working Hayden had nine tricks available and managed to take a tenth trick in hearts when Balicki pitched all of his spades on the run of the minors to hold onto his hearts; +180, 7 IMPs to

USA, who were back in the lead at 23-18.

Mark Molson managed to take eight tricks in 2♠ while his teammates scored up +130 in 3♣ on the lead of the ♥K. That was 6 IMPs to G/U, finally on the board at 22-6.

Bd: 10	North
Dir: East	♠ 96
Vul: Both	♥ Q
	♦ A97
	♣ AKJ10874
West	East
♠ AK108	♠ J52
♥ J10762	♥ AK94
♦ 842	♦ 10653
♣ 5	♣ Q6
	South
	♠ Q743
	♥ 853
	♦ KQJ
	♣ 932

Auken/Sanborn got overboard in 5♣ when Auken opened 1♣ and later jumped to 3♣ and then 5♣. That was one down, -100, and 6 IMPs back to Israel at 28-6.

Both N/S pairs in P/R vs USA played 3♣ for +130 and a push board.

Bd: 11	North
Dir: South	♠ 8432
Vul: None	♥ 105
	♦ Q972
	♣ 1062
West	East
♠ AKQ	♠ J5
♥ J732	♥ 9864
♦ AK4	♦ 1063
♣ A53	♣ K974
	South
	♠ 10976
	♥ AKQ
	♦ J85
	♣ QJ8

This was a push at 4♥ by East down one in P/R vs USA. In G/U vs Israel both E/W pairs stopped in partscores, the Molsons for G/U in 2♥ making three for +140 and the Yadlins for Israel in 1NT for +120. 1 IMP to G/U, 28-7.

Bd: 12	North
Dir: West	♠ J84
Vul: N/S	♥ 7654
	♦ J9753
	♣ 6
West	East
♠ AK9	♠ 7632
♥ A2	♥ J8
♦ 1082	♦ AK
♣ J10985	♣ AKQ43
	South
	♠ Q105
	♥ KQ1093
	♦ Q64
	♣ 72

P/R vs USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣(1)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

G/U vs Israel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Where the Yadlins and Molsons both played 3NT the number of overtricks depended on who was on lead. Where Seamon-Molson played the contract Barel led the ♥K and declarer had to cash out her ten tricks for +430. Where Doron Yadlin played the contract Auken led a diamond, giving Doron the freedom to duck a spade and score up an extra overtrick for +460 when that suit split three-three. 1 IMP to Israel, 29-7.

Against the Poles' 6♣ slam Garey Hayden

listened to the auction carefully and, trusting Balicki's two diamond cue-bids found the killing heart lead; one down, -50. At the other table Robison/Kantor got fixated with their spades and settled for game in that suit. On the ♥Q lead Kantor won, cashed the ♠AK, and then played on clubs conceding a heart trick and allowing the defense to score their trumps separately but insuring the contract, +420. That was 10 IMPs for USA, increasing their lead to 33-18

Bd: 13	North
Dir: North	♠ Q65
Vul: Both	♥ K106
	♦ J75
	♣ A1053
West	East
♠ A983	♠ K7
♥ Q9753	♥ AJ82
♦ 2	♦ AQ1094
♣ J42	♣ 96
	South
	♠ J1042
	♥ 4
	♦ K863
	♣ KQ87

A push at 4♥ making +620 in P/R vs USA.

The Molsons recorded the same result but the Yadlins bid: 1♦-1♥, 2♥—and played there. They saved an IMP by making eleven tricks where the other E/W pairs could only manage ten, but that was still 9 IMPs to G/U, cutting the Israeli lead to 14 at 29-16.

Bd: 14	North
Dir: East	♠ 107432
Vul: None	♥ Q52
	♦ AK107
	♣ 5
West	East
♠ AJ8	♠ K6
♥ KJ84	♥ 1093
♦ Q62	♦ J53
♣ 862	♣ AKQ94
	South
	♠ Q95
	♥ A76
	♦ 984
	♣ J1073

P/R vs USA  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dbl(1)	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
		1♣(1)	Pass
1♥	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Dbl	2♠(2)	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

G/U vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dbl(1)	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both E/W pairs in P/R vs USA reached 3NT from the West side. Zmudzinski received a spade lead to the queen and ace, played a club to dummy and floated the ♥10, losing to the queen. Back came a second spade, removing his side entry to the clubs, and when he drove out the ♥A Kantor cleared the spades leaving Zmudzinski a couple of tricks short when clubs failed to split; -100. Against Robison Gromov led the ♦A and shifted to a spade at trick two. Robison cashed two top clubs, getting the bad news, then passed the ♥10, Gromov winning and playing a second spade. When Robison played the ♥9 Petrunin failed to fly with the ace and clear the spades. Robison overtook the ♥9 with the jack and when that held he switched to a low diamond and now it was Gromov's turn to err. He rose with the king and played...a heart and Robison claimed nine tricks. That was +400, 11 IMPs to USA, who increased their lead to 26 at 44-18.

In G/U vs Israel the Molsons scored up +120 when they managed to stop in 1NT while the Poles came up one trick short in 3NT for -50. That was 5 IMPs to G/U, cutting the Israeli lead to 8 at 29-21.

On Board 15 all four West players picked up ♠A1032 ♥A64 ♦A94 ♣A73 and opened 1NT and played there. Three of the four Wests took only their four aces for -150 while the fourth, Doron

Yadlin, managed to somehow score a fifth trick to gain back 2 IMPs for Israel, 31-21.

Bd: 16	North	
Dlr: West	♠ 976	
Vul: E/W	♥ A5	
	♦ AKQ	
	♣ AK1084	
West		East
♠ KQJ1052		♠ ---
♥ K1076		♥ QJ42
♦ 104		♦ J87653
♣ 5		♣ Q93
	South	
	♠ A843	
	♥ 983	
	♦ 92	
	♣ J762	

P/R vs USA  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
1♠	Dbl	2♦	Pass
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

G/U vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
1♠	Dbl	1NT	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Gromov probably didn't have to be quite that strong for this sequence, but even so the thought of passing 3♣ with the South hand did not occur to us. Gromov scored up ten tricks in 3♣ for +130 while his counterparts at the other table were scoring up nine tricks in 3NT for +400. 7 IMPs to USA, leading 51-18.

Zur-Campanile and Barel bulled their way into 3NT and stood their ground in the face of

Seamon-Molson's double. Barel took the same nine tricks that Kantor did in the other match for a rousing +550. Auken/Sanborn were unlucky to find their major-suit distributions so unfriendly that the diamond pitch could do South no good in 5♣. They emerged with the same ten tricks that the Russians did but this time it was worth -50 for a 12-IMP gain for the Israelis, increasing their lead to 43-21.

(2) Transfer to diamonds

There were lots of fireworks on this deal even though not many IMPs were swung in either match. Robison's 3NT bid looks a bit on the aggressive side, especially if 2NT was natural and constructive. He managed to take four clubs and a trick in each of the other suits for -300. With all finesses working, 2♦ doubled was a dream to play. Kantor lost five tricks but scored up +180—for a 3-IMP loss. USA 51, P/R 21.

In G/U vs Israel we have another case where the results at each table more resemble the contract at the other table than at their own. Barel scored nine tricks in 2♦ for +110 while Auken scored only eight tricks in 3♦ for -50. That was another 4 IMPs to Israel, leading 47-21.

On Board 18 USA and Israel each gained 1 IMP when they chose to play 3NT and made ten tricks while their opponents sniffed at slam and stopped short in 5♦ making eleven tricks. USA 52, P/R 21; Israel 48, G/U 21.

With a five-two spade fit and a four-four heart fit N/S had their choice of major-suit contract and line of play on Board 19. An overtrick-IMP to Israel and an IMP to P/R made the totals 49-21 and 52-22 respectively.

Bd: 17	North	
Dlr: North	♠ 942	
Vul: None	♥ KQJ3	
	♦ KJ9	
	♣ A109	
		East
West		♠ KJ106
♠ 85		♥ A10964
♥ 72		♦ ---
♦ AQ84		♣ 8532
♣ KQJ74		
	South	
	♠ AQ73	
	♥ 85	
	♦ 1076532	
	♣ 6	

P/R vs USA  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
	1NT(1)	2♦(2)	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
(1) 12+-15			
(2) Majors			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Kantor</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
Rdbl	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2♦
Dbl	All Pass		

G/U vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Molson</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>J. Molson</i>	<i>Barel</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
	1NT	2♦(1)	3♣(2)
Dbl	3♦	All Pass	

(1) Majors

Bd: 20	North	
Dlr: West	♠ 8	
Vul: Both	♥ 976	
	♦ 9852	
	♣ Q10964	
		East
West		♠ Q54
♠ A763		♥ K
♥ AQJ54		♦ J1074
♦ AK63		♣ KJ873
♣ ---		
	South	
	♠ KJ1092	
	♥ 10832	
	♦ Q	
	♣ A52	

P/R vs USA  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robison</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Itabashi</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Hayden	Balicki	Kantor
1♣	Pass	1♦(1)	1♠
2♥(2)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

### G/U vs Israel

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Molson	Campanile	J. Molson	Barel
1♥	Pass	1NT(1)	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT(2)	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
D. Yadlin	Auken	I. Yadlin	Sanborn
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣(1)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

With three different contracts played among the four tables Board 20 seems as much a Rorschach test as anything. Both 5♦ bidders received a club lead from North, inserting the

jack and ruffing out South's ace. When the ♦A brought down the queen all that was left was to draw trumps, unblock the ♥K, cross to the ♠A and cash the remaining hearts for twelve tricks; +620.

The Yadlins' 4♠ contract didn't fare nearly as well. After the ♣A lead Israel ruffed, played a spade to the queen and king, won the ♠10 return, unblocked the ♥K, cashed the ♣K, ruffed a club to dummy, and cashed three hearts and one diamond before Sanborn ruffed in and claimed one down; -100 was 12 IMPs for G/U, making the final match result Israel 49, G/U 33 (18-12 in VPs).

Kantor led the ♠10 against 3NT giving Balicki his eleventh trick. He later rose with the ♣A when the jack was played to yield a twelfth; +690 was worth 2 IMPs for P/R, making the final match result USA 52, P/R 24 (21-9 in VPs).

USA and P/R finished first and second in the Swiss respectively while Israel and G/U finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

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## Icelandic Team Profile

Bjarni Einarsson (27) and Throstur Ingimarsson (40) have been playing together for two years and are already the anchor pair on the Icelandic Open team. Bjarni is the tall, loud, blonde guy and he is under oath to forgive all his partner's system abuses. It is quite common for Throstur's teammates to interrogate him on his very imaginative actions to which he replies: "Is it forbidden to win some IMPs on this team?"

The brothers Haraldsson, Sigurbjorn (25) and Anton (42), like to keep their system as complex as possible so they have more situations to fight about. They have been arguing for many years now and after the boards already played in this tournament they will have enough ammunition to argue for many more years to come. Anton is responsible for the young generation of Icelandic bridge, including the babies on this team. Sigurbjorn is the youngest player on the team and like many other youngsters he wears a shirt

with the name of his favorite athlete on the back. But instead of the usual household names like Beckham or Michael Jordan, his idol is the Icelandic bridge star Jon Baldursson.

Gudmundur Pall Arnarson, one of the members of the 1991 Bermuda Bowl winning team in Yokohama, is the captain of the Icelandic Open team and has been coaching us. He gave each player a useful bit of advice:

Bjarni: Throstur is not a slave of the system, forgive him if his actions backfire.

Throstur: Bjarni is very loud, ENJOY IT!

Anton: SMILE!

Sigurbjorn: Be nice to partner.

Thanks Gudmundur for the good advice.

# A French Nightmare

by Pietro Campanile

There is nothing more satisfying for a bridge player than outsmarting one's opponents. It is a fact that when given the chance we will all delight in selecting a "deceptive" play instead of the "standard" one. I still remember fondly the time I led the  $\diamond 9$  from  $\diamond K92$  against a heart slam, finding dummy with  $\diamond AQxx$ . Declarer, quite reasonably, declined to take the finesse and opted to play for a side suit to split three-three instead.  $6\heartsuit$  down one, great feeling, awed looks from kibitzers, a huge point swing but also a devastating follow-up of crazy leads which only succeeded in giving away impossible contracts by gifting declarers with unexpected tricks or deceiving partner.

That is when I decided to leave the "brilliant" leads to those players with better table presence to guide them and who are not too worried by the odd disaster or two when they end up leading their own partners astray. No big deal you might say, you cannot make an omelette without breaking some eggs. Unfortunately, sometimes the omelette does not turn out at all tasty while the eggs stay broken.

Let us go back 20 years to the golden era of the French team, which at the time was enriched by the immense skill of players like Chemla, Mari, Perron, Szvarc, Lebel, Mouiel, Soulet, Levy and others. World champions, Olympic champions, European champions, their string of victories was even more surprising because of the relatively simple natural systems they adopted: the classic French version of Five-Cards Majors and strong notrumps with emphasis on sound bidding and meticulous count signals in defense was a striking contrast with the artificial mumbo-jumbo which was so popular on the international bridge scene.



One of the best French pairs of the time was Lebel-Soulet, so it was no surprise when they

qualified to represent their country at the 1985 European Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy. The French were quite naturally the favorites but they had to contend with a strong Austrian challenge and it seemed a favorable calendar would see them through to the last rounds as long as they would beat the teams they were to meet by large enough margins. So it was that our two top French players, eager for blood, got to Board 25 of their supposedly easy match against Switzerland with a card that did not show a lot of plus positions for their side.

Bd: 25	$\spadesuit$ KQ	
Dlr: South	$\heartsuit$ KJ8753	
Vul: E/W	$\diamond$ 963	
	$\clubsuit$ 64	
	$\spadesuit$ AJ1087652	$\spadesuit$ 943
	$\heartsuit$ ---	$\heartsuit$ 10
	$\diamond$ 105	$\diamond$ KJ72
	$\clubsuit$ Q102	$\clubsuit$ K9873
	$\spadesuit$ ---	
	$\heartsuit$ AQ9642	
	$\diamond$ AQ84	
	$\clubsuit$ AJ5	

This is how the bidding unfolded:

West	North	East	South
<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Doche</i>	<i>Lebel</i>	<i>Bernasconi</i>
			$1\heartsuit$
$3\spadesuit$	$4\heartsuit$	$4\spadesuit$	$5\diamond$
Pass	$6\heartsuit$	Pass	$7\heartsuit$
All Pass			

The enterprising Swiss champion Bernasconi, not suspecting dummy's wasted values in spades bid the grand, not helped by his partner's ill-advised  $6\heartsuit$  bid.  $7\heartsuit$  has very little play: declarer cannot avoid losing two tricks in the minors and in fact in the other room Chemla and Perron got to the normal  $6\heartsuit$  but went one off after the  $\clubsuit 2$  lead to the king and the ace.

A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing and it is especially true here where Soulet, who did not have an easy lead anyway, could reconstruct many scenarios where the  $\spadesuit A$  or the  $\clubsuit 2$  lead would be disastrous. Therefore, he put on his fox hat and decided to lead a deceptive  $\clubsuit 10$ . Lebel naturally assumed that his partner had led from shortness and, playing declarer for  $\clubsuit AQJx$ ,



followed with a low club. Bernasconi now had 12 tricks if the diamond finesse was on but unfortunately for him he was in 7♥ so he had to find a way not to lose any diamonds at all. He could see that there had to have been some sort of misunderstanding at trick one and decided to play it all on a pseudo squeeze hoping that Lebel was guarding diamonds as well as holding the ♣K. Therefore, he drew the outstanding trump, ruffed dummy's spades and ran the remaining trumps. Lebel was now in a terrible bind. He knew "for sure" that declarer had started with



It is difficult to imagine Lebel's expression when he found out his partner had the ♣Q all along. But what we do know is that: France lost the match 5-25; France failed to get to a qualifying spot for the World Championship; Lebel and Soulet stopped playing together after the event.

Whether any of these events were in any way caused by what happened on this hand is of course for you to guess. However I bet that afterwards Soulet could hear again and again those eternal words of Sir Walter Scott: "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

♠ ---
♥ AQxxx
♦ A??
♣ AQJx

and therefore he judged that his only choice was to hope that Soulet had the ♦Q and to pitch his diamonds, keeping his ♣K guarded. This was very good news for Bernasconi who quickly cashed his ♦AQx to make the grand slam.

## Snapshots Of Monte Carlo: Would You Care To Play Or Defend?

by Eric Kokish

Bd: 11	♠ A83
Dlr: South	♥ Q
Vul: None	♦ A104
	♣ A109764
♠ 742	♠ KJ1095
♥ 1097	♥ K62
♦ KQJ97	♦ 65
♣ 53	♣ Q82
	♠ Q6
	♥ AJ8543
	♦ 832
	♣ KJ

Everyone else played 3NT from the North side and coasted home after a spade lead from East.

Would you prefer to declare or defend 4♥ on the lead of the ♦K?

Claudio Nunes ducked, won the diamond continuation in dummy, passed the ♥Q, crossed to the ♣K, cashed the ♥A, led the ♣J to the ace, ruffed a club with the ♥J, and exited with a trump. When trumps divided and East could not produce another diamond, Nunes could claim the balance: +450. Not too shabby!

As that seems far too easy for Nunes, let's look at whether the defenders have a chance to defeat 4♥. What if East were to cover the ♥Q with the king?

No: declarer plays, ♥A, ♥J and has two winning lines:

(1) Play a third heart. If West cashes his diamond winner and switches to a spade, win the ace, cross to the ♣K and run trumps, squeezing East between the ♠K and the ♣Q in

Bermuda Bowl: Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fantoni	Meckstroth	Nunes
Pass	2♠(2)	Pass	2♥(1)
Pass	3♣(3)	Pass	2NT(3)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥(4)

(1) 10-13, 5+ hearts, unbalanced

(2) Inquiry

(3) One-suiter, 6+ hearts

(4) Minimum, no short suit

a Vienna Coup ending.

If West sees this coming and switches to a spade without cashing the diamond to rectify the count, declarer (if he has kept both dummy's small spades) can duck to the king and later discard his diamond loser on the ♠A. If declarer has carelessly discarded a spade from dummy he must rise with the ♠A, lead a club to the jack, and run trumps, catching East in a stepping stone squeeze in the three-card ending.

(2) Play three rounds of clubs, discarding the diamond loser. If West ruffs his partner's winner to lead a spade, declarer can draw the last trump with his eight, losing only a spade. If West discards on the third club East must lead a spade away from the king, or a heart, drawing

trumps for declarer, with the ♠A still in dummy to reach a club winner.

So you'd do best to declare, as long as you play double dummy.

When West follows seven-nine or seven-ten to the first two hearts, the Theory of Restricted Choice holds that it's more likely that East will hold the two remaining hearts. If that is the case, it is better for declarer to ruff the third club and exit with a trump to endplay East, a variation of Line 2 that doesn't succeed. So really, you'd have to take an inferior technical line to make it.

Perhaps, then, it would be more honorable to fail!

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*The latest in our series featuring articles on bridge published in the 1930s, when contract bridge was headline news and Culbertson's works dominated the New York Times Bestseller list, is an amusing look at that strange new animal, the contract bridge player. It was published in 1932 in the San Francisco News Yearly Review.*

## The Bridge Addict

by Harold T. Pendergast



Let nobody think that science has been baffled by contract bridge. The other day, a well-known psychiatrist declared that it was inaccurate to call bridge players crazy. "Insanity is relative," he stated, "and there are hundreds of people who are more insane than bridge players. Well, anyhow, at least twenty." The victim of contract bridge, he continued, is easily identified by these clear symptoms:

1. Almost immediately after lunch the patient loses interest in his surroundings and becomes incapable of performing the simplest routine task. If detained at this stage, he sinks into a stupor from which he can be aroused by the noise of cards sharply riffled.
2. If not detained, the patient rushes off at once

to a sort of pest-house, sometimes called a "club," which serves as a quarantine center (somewhat like a leper colony). Most patients show great animation at this stage and appear to be in full possession of their faculties.

3. At the pest-house, the addicts group themselves at small tables and scream hysterically every five or ten minutes. This is less dangerous than it seems.
4. On leaving the pest-house, two hours late for dinner, the patient begins a monologue in a language which closely resembles English. In advanced cases, this persists through the early hours of the patient's sleep.
5. During most of his sleep, the patient seems quite normal—except for an intermittent twitch.

*Henry Link was an eminent psychologist of the 1930s, director of the Psychology Service of New York, he pioneered the idea of "Employment Psychology" and authored the Personality Quotient (a measure of the extent to which a person has acquired by practice the skills and habits which interest and serve other people). This is what he had to write on bridge from his own peculiar point of view.*

## **On Playing Bridge** by Henry C. Link, Psychologist

People have said to me: "No, I don't play bridge. I consider it a waste of time." Others have said: "Yes, I play bridge, but I hate to play with people who take it seriously." Yet I have recommended to hundreds of clients that they learn to play bridge or that they take it more seriously, on the ground that bridge is one of the most fruitful disciplines in acquiring unselfish habits and desirable personality traits.

The person who does not like to play bridge seriously is one who doesn't like to be reproved if he trumps his partner's ace, ignores his partner's discard, fails to return his partner's lead, or forgets what is trumps. Such a person is thoroughly selfish in his disregard for the pleasure of three people. He lacks the habits, and sometimes even the desire, of paying strict attention to the acts and remarks of his co-players. He insults them by saying, in effect: Your concentration and pleasure in this game is silly. Why don't you take it lightly as I do?

A person who lacks the sensitive habits of tact or considerateness in bridge probably lacks them in other social activities. If he plays bridge at all, he should take it at least as seriously as the people with whom he is likely to play. Learning bridge involves the acquisition of a whole collection of definite extrovert habits: I have counted fifty-three and there are more of paying attention to other people and their acts. I have recommended the game particularly to introverts lacking in social charm and effective social techniques. If such a person learns to play a fair game of bridge, it means first of all the concentration of his mind on something outside himself, something that gives many other people considerable pleasure. Being able to play the

game gives him a wider opportunity to meet people on a common ground. If his game is acceptable, the fact that he is not a brilliant conversationalist will not be so embarrassing to him. In such favorable circumstances, the acquisition of collateral social graces is made easier.

I hold no brief for those who consider bridge a matter of life and death, or for those to whom bridge is an end in itself. But as a discipline in unselfish social habits and as a tonic for an able intellect, it ranks high in the category of worthwhile human activities. Children should be taught to play bridge at an early age. They may not like it. The process may involve compulsion. A father and mother, asking their two children to sit down to a game with them, may be met by the remark: "I want to listen to the radio." When this issue has been settled, the children may play in a spirit of silliness, and with a deliberate lack of attention or cooperation. Soon they will want to stop. Then it behooves the parents to say: "If you will give the next four hands your complete attention, you may stop. If not, we shall play another four hands. A year later, one of the children may come home from an evening's visit at a friend's house and say: "What do you think? We played bridge and my partner and I made a grand slam."

From being an effort and a bore, bridge has become a pleasure, a step in the building of a more effective personality, an achievement in the techniques of social cooperation—indeed, a step in the direction of greater peace and harmony among the nations. Few human activities require such meticulous attention to the rules of good behavior as does bridge.



"If you add that new convention you'll have to take an old one off."



"Freeze!"

# The Quarterfinals of the NEC Cup

by Eric Kokish

The Round Robin ended with disappointment for Iceland, Bulgaria, who missed qualifying by 2 VP, but with relief for England, as the double defenders scraped through by a nose. China Ladies, with a strong run over the last three matches, passed a horde of pretenders to claim seventh place, a great showing for a team with little international experience. They were chosen by the Round Robin Winners, USA, as first-round opponents. Poland/Russia, choosing next, elected to face Israel. Indonesia opted for Germany/USA, which left Canada vs England as the forced draw.

## USA vs China Ladies Poland/Russia vs Israel Indonesia vs Germany/USA Canada vs England

### First Half

Our main coverage will focus on Poland/Russia vs Israel and Canada vs England, but we'll also try to cover some of the highlights from the other two matches.

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ QJ4		
Vul: None	♥ J6		
	♦ KQJ1065		
	♣ Q6		
	West	East	
	♠ K3	♠ 1098762	
	♥ 832	♥ K1095	
	♦ A973	♦ 2	
	♣ 8732	♣ J5	
	South		
	♠ A5		
	♥ AQ74		
	♦ 84		
	♣ AK1094		

### Poland vs Israel Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrunin</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

### Canada vs England

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
	1♦	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The best contract for N/S is 6♦ from the South side, but arranging that is a tall order. 6NT by South is pretty good too, but the fact that all four N/S pairs fetched up in 3NT is hardly astonishing. I'm more surprised that only **Long John Armstrong** was willing to come in with a weak jump overcall, but no one likes to go for a number on the first deal of an important match, so maybe that explains it. Everyone took eleven tricks on a spade lead.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J7432		
Vul: N/S	♥ K8		
	♦ AJ72		
	♣ A10		
	West	East	
	♠ AK1065	♠ 9	
	♥ AQJ9	♥ 4	
	♦ 1084	♦ K963	
	♣ Q	♣ K987652	
	South		
	♠ Q8		
	♥ 1076532		
	♦ Q5		
	♣ J43		

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
		3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Canada vs England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
		4♣	Pass

5♣ All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Consider them the three bears: Baby Bear (the two Easts who did the least as dealer) finished in a reasonable contract; Papa Bear (the most macho bidder) got too high; but Mama Bear (who took the middle course) did best of all. This is not a gender thing but a parable.

**Israel Yadlin** got the lead of the ♠Q against his 3♣, ducked to the king. He played ♥A, ♥Q, ruffing away the king, took the high spades and tried to cash the ♥J, ruffed with the ten and overruffed. He lost only two trumps and two diamonds for +110.

Although it worked dreadfully, I am filled with respect for **Migry Campanile's** reopening 3♠ (how's that sound, Pietro?). Unfortunately for her, the one who liked it best was **Adam Zmudzinski**. The price was -1100. All efforts by the Israeli N/S pair to announce -110 in the comparison were futile. 14 IMPs to Poland/Russia.

**Joey Silver** was treated to the lead of the ♥7 against 3♣. He rose with the ace and continued with the ♥Q, intending to play as Yadlin did. The difference was that he did not yet have a diamond trick in the bag. He ruffed North's ♥K and led a trump to the queen and ace, won the low spade switch in dummy, cashed the other high spade, and tried to cash the ♥J, overruffing North's ten with the king to lead the ♣6, which

held. He got out with a club, but South won and tapped him with the ♥10. He couldn't come to a diamond winner now and so finished one down, -50.



Migry Zur-Campanile

Armstrong got out for one down in 5♣ when **George Mittelman** broke diamonds after overruffing the third round of spades: -50. No swing.

In USA vs China-Ladies, **Garey Hayden/Simon Kantor** were nicked for 500 in 2♥ doubled by **Hou Yunyan/Lu Yan**, an 11-IMP gain for China.

Fasten your seat belts, kids, we're about to encounter some turbulence...

Bd: 3	North	
Dir: South	♠ 42	
Vul: E/W	♥ 1097643	
	♦ K32	
	♣ 98	
		East
West		♠ A10983
♠ KQJ765		♥ ---
♥ ---		♦ J98754
♦ Q106		♣ K5
♣ QJ63		
	South	
	♠ ---	
	♥ AKQJ852	
	♦ A	
	♣ A10742	

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
			1♣(1)
2♠(2)	Pass	4♠	6♥
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dbl

(1) Strong, artificial

(2) Sound overcall in spades (no kidding!)

All Pass

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>

2♠	Dbl(1)	Rdbl	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	6♥
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dbl

All Pass

(1) Very weak

Canada vs England

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>

1♠	2♥	4♥(1)	6♥
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dbl

All Pass

(1) Splinter raise

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>

2♠	Pass	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♥
Pass	6♥	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

If we didn't know better we'd suspect that the firm of Suzuki, Omasa and Nakamura had poured sake into the dealing program, but every once in a while a layout like this is generated, providing the gladiators with untold opportunities to try to fool the lions.

In P/R vs Israel, the South players took the reasonable view that North would cover one of his "Losing Trick Count" losers or that E/W wouldn't dare to find out whether he could. Both North players cleverly led the ♣9 and South won the ace. **Alex Petrunin** cashed the ♦A before returning a club but **Michael Barel** returned the ♣2 immediately. Declarer had to lose two diamonds for -500.

That not every two-loser hand is a strong two-bid was illustrated by Mittelman, a graduate of the School of Hard Knocks who has learned through bitter experience that the opponents' spades always outbid his suits and that there is nothing more humiliating than opening 2♣ and having to save against the opponents' vulnerable game or slam. Hence, a gentle 1♥. **Allan Graves**, a classmate of Mittelman's in the aforementioned institution, emulated his partner in trying to slow down the dangerous auction. Hence a gentle 2♥. Despite the Canadians' best

efforts, Armstrong competed to 6♠. Graves led a trump. Mittelman cashed the ♦A when he won the ♣A, down 500.

If those results, thoroughly infused with tactics, deception and insurance, were interesting, consider the sandbagging efforts of our man Silver, who walked the dog with minimum bids until the music stopped at 6♠ doubled. So what's all the excitement about?

By now I hope you can trust me to report only the truth. Here's what happened. **Brian Senior** appreciated that a heart lead was not only pointless but also potentially dangerous, but couldn't tell whether the defenders' outside trick source was in clubs or diamonds. Hoping to know more after seeing dummy and thinking it might be important to hold the lead, Brian made the expert lead of...the ♦K. Unfortunately for him, he was in no position to lead to trick two. **Pablo Lambardi**, who had been bestowed with that privilege, was not keen to cash the ♣A at the potential cost of a 300-point undertrick, and saw no pressing need to worry about dummy's diamonds. Accordingly, he decided to exit passively with a heart to force dummy. **John Carruthers** was pleased to accept that force, but was even more pleased to discard one of his four clubs. The other three went on dummy's diamonds after trumps were drawn and JC chalked up +1660. I am incapable of making up a story as good as this one, 19 IMPs to Canada. A tourniquet! A tourniquet! My kingdom for a tourniquet.



Brian Senior

Indonesia gained 11 IMPs against Germany/USA when **Mark and Janice Molson** forged on to 7♥ but were unable to convince **Henky Lasut/Eddy Manoppo** to sacrifice.

China-Ladies gained an unusual IMP by selling out to 4♥ in one room for -480 while doubling 6♠ for +500 in the other.

Bd: 4	North
Dir: West	♠ 974
Vul: Both	♥ A54
	♦ J1064
	♣ 862
West	East
♠ 852	♠ K
♥ QJ82	♥ K10763
♦ 973	♦ AKQ
♣ A107	♣ KQJ5
	South
	♠ AQJ1063
	♥ 9
	♦ 852
	♣ 943

Canada, ahead 32-0 before the pasta course had been served.

Bd: 5	North
Dir: North	♠ J
Vul: N/S	♥ J10652
	♦ Q2
	♣ 109765
West	East
♠ 109873	♠ A62
♥ 4	♥ AKQ87
♦ AKJ875	♦ 6
♣ 8	♣ AKJ3
	South
	♠ KQ54
	♥ 93
	♦ 10943
	♣ Q42

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦(1)	Pass
2♠(2)	Pass	2NT(3)	Pass
3♣(4)	Pass	3♥(5)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- (1) Multi
- (2) Pass-or-correct
- (3) Strong balanced
- (4) Puppet Stayman
- (5) Five hearts

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣(1)	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- (1) Polish-style
- (2) Strong, ostensibly takeout

Canada vs England  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Anyone can bid and make 4♥ but only the true expert partnership can reach 3NT uncontested. You did not read here that the true expert partnership can make 3NT, even when the ♠K takes a trick on the go. Armstrong lost five spades and the ♥A for -200. 13 IMPs to

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦(1)	Pass
2NT(3)	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♠	All Pass

- (1) Polish-style
- (2) Artificial game force
- (3) High card minimum, five spades
- (4) Bid on with strong trumps

Canada vs England  
Open Room/Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It's fair to say that the E/W hands are not easy to bid, but how would you feel about never being able to mention diamonds in a natural sense facing a strong hand that might contain some support for the suit? Only **Doron Yadlin** got his strong suit across in accurate proportion to his spades, so he had good reason to believe 3NT was the right contract when his brother bid it.



Zmudzinski's 4♦ was a voluntary control-showing bid so Balicki thought that 5♠ would be safe. He survived his ambitious approach, but just barely. Campanile led the ♣10 and Zmudzinski won the ace to lead a *low* trump from dummy. Barel did not think declarer's play consistent with singleton jack in North and went in with the queen, hating himself when he saw the rest of the trick. He returned a diamond and declarer won the ace to play three high hearts, overruffing South's four on the third round. When a diamond ruff brought down the queen and established his long suit, he could cash the ♠A and claim, losing only to the ♠K: +450.

3NT is not cold as declarer needs a ninth trick and both minor-suit finesses lose while the hearts beak badly. Petrunin led a low spade against Israel Yadlin, ten, jack, ace. When declarer continued spades the play record does not reveal the identity of **Andrei Gromov's** discard or anything further about the play, but it was likely a club and it's also certain that Petrunin did not switch to a diamond. On any other switch declarer clears spades and takes three spades, three hearts, three tricks in one minor and two in the other for +460. No swing.

Graves led the ♦Q against Brian Callaghan, who cashed three tricks in that suit, discarding a spade and a club from dummy as North released a club. Four rounds of hearts followed, South discarding the ♠4 and the ♠K. Declarer took the ♠J with dummy's ace and conceded the last heart to North, South discarding a club. Graves exited with a club but Callaghan played the ace-king, dropping the queen, for +430.

It started less well for Carruthers, who tried dummy's jack on the lead of the ♣5 from Senior. Lambardi won the queen and returned a club. Declarer played four rounds of hearts, South discarding a spade and a club, and Carruthers ducked Senior's club continuation. Lambardi

threw a diamond, then the ♠K when Senior cashed the ♥J. The ♠J knocked out the ace but the count had been rectified for declarer, who cashed dummy's ♣A to extract another diamond from South. When he led a diamond towards dummy, South was known to have only two diamonds remaining and almost certainly the ♠Q. Therefore Carruthers played ♦AK and claimed his game when the layout was as he envisioned it. Well played, JC.



John Carruthers

In the other matches, **Jim Robison** made 3NT with an overtrick after the lead of the ♠J and earned 11 IMPs because Hou/Lu climbed all the way to 6♠, two down. **Santje Panelewen/Franky Karwur** reached the same 5♠ as Balicki/Zmudzinski, and they too made it, perhaps by playing the ace of trumps first. Plus 450 was worth 11 IMPs for Indonesia because the Molsons reached 6♦, two down.

Bd: 6	North	
Dir: East	♠ AJ965	
Vul: E/W	♥ QJ92	
	♦ 84	
	♣ J2	
	West	East
	♠ Q843	♠ K72
	♥ K84	♥ A653
	♦ 5	♦ J732
	♣ AK1063	♣ Q5
	South	
	♠ 10	
	♥ 107	
	♦ AKQ1096	
	♣ 9874	

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room



<b>West</b> <i>D. Yadlin</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Gromov</i>	<b>East</b> <i>I. Yadlin</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Petrinin</i>
		Pass	1♦(1)

Dbl 1♠	2♦	3♦	
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

(1) Precision  
Closed Room

<b>West</b> <i>Zmudzinski</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Campanile</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Balicki</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Barel</i>
		Pass	3♦

All Pass

Canada vs England  
Open Room

<b>West</b> <i>Callaghan</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Graves</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Armstrong</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Mittelman</i>
		Pass	1♦

Pass! 1♠	2♦		
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All Pass  
Closed Room

<b>West</b> <i>Carruthers</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Senior</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Silver</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Lambardi</i>
		Pass	1♦

Dbl 4♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
	Dbl	All Pass	

All the declarers in diamonds took seven tricks in slightly different but not particularly interesting ways. That was 300 to the Yadlins, with Israel in tiger mode but only 100 to Balicki/Zmudzinski. 5 IMPs to Israel, 5-14.

Current resources do not permit us to discover whether Callaghan really passed over 1♦, but Armstrong's silence suggests that he did. You really have to take the sleeping pills *after* the evening session, Brian. Plus 50 E/W was nothing special, but it was a far sight better than the result achieved by the Closed Room Canadians in their unlikely 4♥ contract, which was doubled by Senior. The ♠10 ran to the king and Silver conceded a diamond, Lambardi continuing the suit. Silver ruffed low, crossed to the ♣Q and ruffed another diamond with the ♥8. Senior overruffed, cashed the ♠A and gave Lambardi a spade ruff. Silver ruffed the diamond continuation with the ♥K at Senior parted with his remaining club. North ruffed the ♣A, gave South an overruff in spades, and took another trump trick for four down, -1100. 15 IMPs to England, 16-32.

A dedication to the seeking of wisdom and truth prevents us from concealing the news that Hayden/Kantor played in 5♦ doubled, down 500 to hand China-Ladies another 10 IMPs.



Isn't this fun?

Bd: 8	Joey Silver	
North		
Dir: West	♠ Q54	
Vul: None	♥ 874	
	♦ K84	
	♣ AQ107	
West	East	
♠ J2	♠ A973	
♥ QJ	♥ AK963	
♦ AJ7	♦ Q62	
♣ J98652	♣ K	
	South	
	♠ K1086	
	♥ 1052	
	♦ 10953	
	♣ 43	

E/W have 26 HCP and some extra credits for potential trick sources, but it's easy to see how they might stop at 2♥, as half the field did. Balicki/Zmudzinski reached 3NT via:

<b>West</b> <i>Zmudzinski</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Campanile</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Balicki</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Barel</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Campanile found the excellent lead of the ♠5 and Zmudzinski had no real chance, but when he won the second spade he was headed for at least two down. A trick got away, however, but -50 was no triumph. Israel gained 5 IMPs as 2♥ made three at the other table, 10-16.

In the other main match, Armstrong passed Callaghan's 1NT response: +120, but gained nothing because Carruthers passed Silver's "majors" 2♣ overcall of Senior's weak notrump and Joey managed ten tricks.

The best E/W result was turned in by Hou/Lou, who made 4♥ against the beleaguered Hayden/Kantor. The same contract failed at the other table. China-Ladies were 20 IMPs ahead of their favored opponents after that deal.

nically with the +110 achieved by Lambardi at the other table in his brave 2♥, Carruthers leading the ♣K, then switching to a spade when given the lead with the ♣Q at trick two. 6 IMPs to England, 22-35.

Bd: 9	North	
Dlr: North	♠ K109	
Vul: E/W	♥ K86	
	♦ J85	
	♣ J962	
West		East
♠ 642		♠ AJ5
♥ AQ		♥ 754
♦ AQ92		♦ K743
♣ KQ43		♣ 1087
	South	
	♠ Q873	
	♥ J10932	
	♦ 106	
	♣ A5	



In the other two matches all four E/W pairs bid 3NT, and three of them were defeated on a club lead and hearts switch. Karwur scored +600 vs Auken/Sanborn, perhaps on a heart lead from North after South opened 1♥ or 2♥ in third seat. Indonesia led 28-16.

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Canada vs England  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♥

All Pass

As the Yadlin's notrump range is 15-17 with allowances for certain 14s and 18s, I'm not sure why Doron bid as he did, but he probably reached a fair game as a result. On a club lead and heart switch, however, nine tricks proved to be too difficult: -100. Zmudzinski's +120 contributed to a 6-IMP gain for P/R. 22-10.

Callaghan was also +120, a result that combined

Bd: 10	North	
Dlr: East	♠ J63	
Vul: Both	♥ KQ843	
	♦ 763	
	♣ A7	
West		East
♠ AQ92		♠ K10854
♥ 6		♥ AJ1052
♦ AJ842		♦ 9
♣ 986		♣ 43
	South	
	♠ 7	
	♥ 97	
	♦ KQ105	
	♣ KQJ1052	

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
		2♠(1)	3♣
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Spades and another suit  
Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
		2♥(1)	3♣

Dbl(2) Pass 3♥(3) Pass  
 4♠ All Pass  
 (1) Hearts and another suit  
 (2) Pass only with clubs  
 (3) Hearts and spades

Canada vs England  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
		1♠	2♣
3♣*	Dbl 3♥		4♣
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

With only two exceptions this was everyone's +620, E/W, Carruthers/Silver getting there in somewhat bizarre fashion. Robison/Itabashi made it doubled to gain 5 IMPs for USA vs China-Ladies, while the Molsons defended against Lasut/Manoppo's 4♣, collecting 200 but losing 9 IMPs to Indonesia.

Bd: 11	North	
Dlr: South	♠ 986	
Vul: None	♥ KQ6	
	♦ J105	
	♣ QJ107	
		East
West		♠ J1052
♠ AKQ3		♥ 1075
♥ AJ		♦ ---
♦ A9432		♣ K85432
♣ 96		
	South	
	♠ 74	
	♥ 98432	
	♦ KQ876	
	♣ A	

Apart from Karwur/Panelewen, who made 3♣, all the E/W pairs were in 4♠. In our main matches the South players led the ♣A, North contributing the queen. Barel and Lambardi switched to hearts, Petrunin and Mittelman to a trump.

Israel Yadlin embarked on a questionable line, winning the first trump in West to play ♦A, diamond ruff, heart to the jack and king. When he covered the ♣J, South ruffed and returned a heart, and there were only nine winners.

The other declarers followed the classical technical line by ducking a club to preserve the king, and later needed to ruff only one club to establish the suit. P/R gained 10 IMPs against Israel and led 32-10. Against Janice Molson, Lasut led the ♥9 rather than the helpful ♣A and she went down on normal play after that. 42-16 for Indonesia over G/USA.

**Dong Yongling** led the ♦K against Itabashi and defeated the contract, giving China-Ladies a 43-17 lead.

Bd: 12	North	
Dlr: West	♠ 97542	
Vul: N/S	♥ 95	
	♦ J105	
	♣ J86	
		East
West		♠ 10863
♠ K		♥ AQJ3
♥ 107642		♦ Q8
♦ K96432		♣ K74
♣ 5		
	South	
	♠ AQJ	
	♥ K8	
	♦ A7	
	♣ AQ10932	

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dbl
1♥	Pass	2♥	2NT
3♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣(1)	Dbl
1♥	Pass	2♥	2NT
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

(1) Polish-style  
Canada vs England  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
2♥(1)	Pass	4♥	5♣
5♦	Pass	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

(1) 5+♥, 5+m, weak  
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

The two 3♥ contracts fared very well on trump leads from North. Petrunin switched to the ♠Q when he won the trump king, then did not cash the ♣A when he won the ♦A, so Doron made five, +200. Barel also lost his club trick, but not the ♠A: +170, 1 IMP to Israel, 11-32.

It was much more dramatic in the other match, with both sides declaring doubled contracts. On a club lead against 5♥ doubled it was straightforward for the defense to take four tricks: -300.

Senior did rather well in 4♠ doubled on the lead of the ♦Q. He won the ace and cashed the ♠A, drew two more rounds of trumps and played a diamond down. Carruthers won the king and let Silver ruff the ♦J. Now ace and another heart tucked dummy in to concede a club: -200. 11 IMPs to Canada, 46-22.

Both Indonesia and China-Ladies continued their surge by defeating 5♥ doubled in one room and making a heart partial in the other. Both those leads were well over 30 IMPs at this stage.

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ A962		
Vul: Both	♥ J76		
	♦ 10982		
	♣ 95		
	West	East	
	♠ K7543	♠ ---	
	♥ A10952	♥ Q843	
	♦ 7	♦ QJ543	
	♣ 63	♣ Q874	
	South		
	♠ QJ108		
	♥ K		
	♦ AK6		
	♣ AKJ102		

- (1) Strong, artificial
- (2) Diamonds, or both majors
- (3) 5-7, perhaps more if no 5-card suit
- (4) Pass-or-correct
- (5) Diamonds

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Campanile	Balicki	Barel
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Canada vs England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Callaghan	Graves	Armstrong	Mittelman
	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♣(1)	Pass	3♥	Dbl
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Majors

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Carruthers	Senior	Silver	Lambardi
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣(1)	Pass	3♦(2)
Pass	3♥(3)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) At least one four-card major

(3) Spades

The Yadlin brothers did a nice job on the Russians, setting them a problem they did not solve. 5♦ doubled went three down on two rounds of hearts: -800. Zmudzinski was right to lead a heart against Barel's 3NT, but he led his lowest rather than his highest. Barel won the ♥K, finessed in spades, and spurned the club finesse for +600. 16 IMPs to Israel, 27-32.

There was a fair case for Callaghan to lead the ♥A against Mittelman's 3NT, but he too led low, then covered the ♠Q, but there was no realistic losing line in any case: +600.

Lambardi made 4♠ on a low trump lead to his ten by continuing with the ♠8, covered, and passing the ♣9. When he repeated the finesse and played high clubs, Carruthers discarded hearts, dummy diamonds. The ♦AK followed, but Carruthers ruffed and returned a trump. Lambardi took his remaining trumps and the long club and exited with the ♥K. As Silver had been forced to blank the ♥Q to keep a high diamond, Carruthers had to give dummy the last trick with the ♥J: +650. 2 IMPs to England, 24-46.

This was another big board for China Ladies,

Poland vs Israel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
D. Yadlin	Gromov	I. Yadlin	Petrunin
	Pass	Pass	1♣(1)
2♣(2)	Pass(3)	3♦(4)	Dbl(5)
3♥	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Zhu/Dong making 4♠ doubled while Hou/Lu stole the auction at 4♥, E/W, down one. The Americans trailed by 49, 16-65.

(2) Cards

No one made anything, but the defense slopped a trick against Zmudzinski's 3♦ to halve the board.

I'm not sure that Silver knew what he was doing after his first bid, but his magnificent escape to 2♠ set off a doubling spree that resulted in Carruthers going two down without much fuss in 3♦ doubled: -300. As Mittelman was -50 in 2♠, England gained 8 IMPs, 32-46.

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 73		
Vul: None	♥ K93		
	♦ J62		
	♣ AQ875		
West		East	
♠ 8		♠ AQ652	
♥ 862		♥ J10754	
♦ AKQ1094		♦ 7	
♣ 1063		♣ J2	
	South		
	♠ KJ1094		
	♥ AQ		
	♦ 853		
	♣ K94		

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AJ5		
Vul: N/S	♥ 106		
	♦ 87		
	♣ AQ8752		
West		East	
♠ K10742		♠ 983	
♥ J8		♥ Q932	
♦ AQ54		♦ 632	
♣ 104		♣ K96	
	South		
	♠ Q6		
	♥ AK754		
	♦ KJ109		
	♣ J3		

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
		2♠(1)	Pass
2NT(2)	Pass	3♥(3)	All Pass

(1) Spades and another suit, weak  
(2) Inquiry  
(3) Majors

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
		2♥(1)	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

(1) Hearts and another, weak

Canada vs England  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
		Pass	1♠
2♦	Dbl*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣(1)	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl(2)	2♠	Dbl
3♦	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Both majors



Everyone but Zhu/Dong bid and made 3NT on this one, so USA gained 10 IMPs from nowhere.

Bd: 16	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 107		
Vul: E/W	♥ QJ		
	♦ Q7654		
	♣ AQJ7		

"Not bloody likely"

West	East
♠ AJ84	♠ KQ96
♥ A876	♥ K1032
♦ 10	♦ AKJ98
♣ 9864	♣ ---
	South
	♠ 532
	♥ 954
	♦ 32
	♣ K10532

lead.

Bd: 18	North	
Dir: East	♠ AK6	
Vul: N/S	♥ AJ72	
	♦ Q1095	
	♣ AK	
	West	East
	♠ J854	♠ Q2
	♥ Q1064	♥ 83
	♦ 62	♦ A
	♣ Q73	♣ J10986542
	South	
	♠ 10973	
	♥ K95	
	♦ KJ8743	
	♣ ---	

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Canada vs England

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
Pass	1NT	Dbl	2♣
Dbl	Pass	3♣	Dbl
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The slam bidders earned their swings on this one. Balicki made 6♠ on a club lead by taking four red winners and crossruffing to score all his trumps.

Armstrong ruffed the club lead and played ♦A, ♦8, passing it to the queen, discarding a club. Graves returned a diamond to let Mittelman ruff one of declarer's winners but the cards were too friendly for Armstrong to have any real difficulty. England gained 13 IMPs and trailed by just one IMP now, 45-46. P/R also gained 13 IMPs and led by 18, 45-27.

None of the E/W pairs bid slam in the other matches, and the noteworthy result was the Molsons finishing in 5♦, which made on a heart

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrinin</i>
		3♣	Pass
4♣	Dbl	4♦	Dbl
5♣	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣(1)
Pass	3♦(2)	Pass	3♥(3)
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) At least one four-card major

(3) Four spades

Canada vs England

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
		4♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
		4♣	Pass
5♣	Dbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

If Gromov could have made a forcing pass over 5♣ his double was a regressive action and

Petrinin's pass is sensible, but if Gromov's double was strong takeout, Petrulin owed him at least 5♦, a call that he might have made over 5♦. The Yadlins were down 800 in 5♣ doubled but Israel gained 11 IMPs when Campanile brought home 6♦ in hair-raising fashion. She discarded a spade on the opening club lead, knocked out the ace of trumps, threw a heart on the club continuation, drew trumps, and tried to ruff out the ♥Q. When that brought no good news she ran her trumps and squeezed Zmudzinski in the majors, a winning line that required East to be 2=2=1=8. Well, why not? That was a pretty reasonable line. P/R led by 9 IMPs now, 47-38.

Mittelman made 6♦ on the same line, but the 4♣ opening made it a much better bet to succeed. Lambardi halved the board by relying on the heart finesse, which would have been essential if East had been 3=1=1=8.

In USA vs China-Ladies, Hayden/Kantor stopped in 3NT, Zhu/Dong in 4♠.

Bd: 20	North		
Dir: West	♠ Q86		
Vul: Both	♥ AK10		
	♦ J72		
	♣ J742		
		East	
West		♠ 1095	
♠ A42		♥ 8764	
♥ Q932		♦ 965	
♦ A4		♣ A106	
♣ Q953			
	South		
	♠ KJ73		
	♥ J5		
	♦ KQ1083		
	♣ K8		

Poland vs Israel  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>	<i>Petrulin</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♦

Pass 2NT Pass 3NT

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
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<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Barel</i>
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1♣(1)	Pass	1♦(2)	Pass
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1♥(3)	Pass	Pass	Dbl
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Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
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Pass	3NT	All Pass	
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(1) Polish-style

(2) Usually negative

(3) Might be a three-card suit with a weak notrump

Canada vs England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
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<i>Callaghan</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Mittelman</i>
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1♣	Pass	1♥	Dbl
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2♥*	Dbl*	Pass	3♦
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Pass	3NT	All Pass	
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
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<i>Carruthers</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>
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1♣	Pass	Pass	1♦
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Pass	1NT	All Pass	
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The three N/S pairs who bid 3NT did very well to get there, and they all took ten tricks when the defenders didn't get around to clubs in time. No swing in Israel vs P/R, and their first half concluded with Poland/Russia 9 IMPs ahead, 47-38.

When Lambardi/Senior stopped safely in 1NT, Canada gained 10 IMPs to reclaim the lead, 56-48, and end the session on an up tick.

Although USA ended the session on a 25-0 run, there was a lot of ground to be made up and China-Ladies were still ahead by 25 IMPs, 67-42.

The biggest halftime lead was enjoyed by Indonesia, 36 IMPs over Germany/USA, 58-22.



## Around the World with 52 Cards

by Migry Zur-Campanile

Many enlightening comments have been written on the wisdom of marrying a person from one's own country: similar behavioral values, compatible social backgrounds and not least a common language being the obvious pluses. However, since I have never been known for doing what people tell me, I ended up marrying an Italian.

One of the great advantages of such a choice is that you get to have "compulsory" holidays at least twice a year. Awful prospect, I know. I cannot even begin to describe the terrible ordeal I go through every time I land in Rome and I am forced to spend hours in those delightful narrow streets near the Spanish Steps, checking out the latest in Italian couture. Tired from so much window-shopping, I meekly follow my Lord and Master to Piazza Navona, to a charming restaurant just off the main square to have lunch. And then, after a few more hours spent walking around the magic streets of the "Eternal City," we set off by car to go to the family home in Naples. Once there I feel like I have moved to a different world where my every wish is granted and I am pampered like a princess by my wonderful mother-in-law, Mamma Anna.

Apart from the predictable tour of the relatives to catch up on the latest juicy gossip and to be told again and again how "under-nourished" I look ("Do you ever get to have a proper meal, dearest?"), the funniest regular event on our schedule is weekly bridge with Pietro's (yes, that is my other half's name) old time friends. This is a group of five very likeable guys (as only Italians can be) who meet regularly once or twice a week to play Chicago, which they done for the last twenty years. Together they have baptized their meeting point the "Miou Club," from the name of the resident cat. All proceeds from each session's losses go towards an end-of-year celebration dinner in a classy restaurant. For those of you who are versed in bridge anthropology this phenomenon of a basically closed playing environment has generated an interesting by-product: the flowering of several bidding systems like the "Sorrento club" or the "Capri diamond" which are solely played here and come in and out of fashion according to the seasons, the moods of the players and/or those of their feline mascot.

Anyway, as you can imagine, my entrance into

their world caused a big uproar. Until they met me, their opinion on the potential of women in bridge was equivalent to having Goldie Hawn playing quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys. I also had to get used to the remarkable freedom of expression at the table. It seemed that an investigation of each player's family tree with emphasis on his very close proximity to invertebrate or simian ancestors was a recurrent theme of the evening. Still, the bridge was fun and I was soon happily shouting as loudly as Pietro and his friends.



Here is a nice hand for you from my first visit to the "Miou Club." How do you play this 6♦ redoubled contract after this cheerful bidding?

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Alfredo	Pietro	Gino	Myself
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Dbf	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dbf	5♦
Pass	6♦	Dbf	Rdbl (!!)
All Pass			

♠ KQ84
♦ K65
♦ K9
♣ AJ87
♠ 7
♥ A8
♦ AQJ10763
♣ Q63

The opening lead is the ♠5.

I freely admit that the redouble might well have been induced by the generous glass of Chianti I



was offered, but I also wanted to show these guys that they should not count on getting rich by waving the red card when I am declarer!

Unsure as to which suit to lead after partner doubled both clubs and spades, West settled on the ♠5, queen, ace and East returned the ♠J.

It looked to me as if the double had to be based on the ♠A and the ♣K behind the club cue-bid, so the club finesse was clearly doomed to fail. On the other hand, there did not seem to be an awful lot else to do. I was already deeply regretting my rash redouble; this was turning into the kind of story the “guys” would love to tell again and again (“Do you remember when I fixed that so-called lady pro in 6♦ redoubled? Ahh, that sure sent her scurrying back to Israel with her tail between her legs!”).

I racked my brain trying to find the remotest chance to make this impossible 6♦x. “Maybe, just maybe, if East has five spades as well as the ♣K...” Can you see what I had in mind?

I let the ♠J run to the king and I pitched a club from hand. Then I started cashing trumps and the ♥A ‘till I reached the following position:

	♠ 84	
	♥ K	
	♦ ---	
	♣ A	
Immaterial		♠ 109
		♥ ---
		♦ ---
		♣ K10
	♠ ---	
	♥ 8	
	♥ 3	
	♣ Q6	

When I played the ♥8 to the king I saw for the first time Gino’s wide grin quickly turning into surprised dismay. If he pitched a spade I could ruff a spade in hand to set up dummy’s eight as the twelfth trick while if he pitched a club I could cash the ♣A and come back to hand with a spade ruff to enjoy the ♣Q! He settled for a spade pitch and surrendered soon after.

Here is the complete deal:

	♠ KQ84	
	♥ K65	
	♦ K9	
	♣ AJ87	
♠ 653		♠ AJ1092
♥ 10932		♥ QJ74
♦ 542		♦ 8
♣ 954		♣ K102
	♠ 7	
	♥ A8	
	♦ AQJ10763	
	♣ Q63	

Maybe I could have refrained from asking loudly for a calculator to compute the score for 6♦ redoubled, but it was done for a good cause: to show “the guys” that some of us ladies know a thing or two about this game!

The unexpected outcome of my first visit was to be nominated ‘de-facto’ the sole arbitrator to adjudicate the many vexed bridge arguments of the club; my email has been bulging ever since with complex hands and bidding problems from my new friends at the Club Miou.

Courtesy of *bridgetoday.com*



“If you can’t make it with that dummy you ought to turn in your masterpoints.”



“The rest are his—can’t you see it?”

## How Much is Your Six-Card Suit Worth

by Zar Petkov

Let's look at this rather average collection featuring a five-card major:

♠ J94  
♥ KQ1042  
♦ AQ3  
♣ 84

You open 1♥ and partner raises to 2♥, the opponents passing throughout. What do you do? You hold 12 HCP with three controls for a total of 15 points, plus 11 more points from distribution (3+8), for a total of 26. An opening hand but nothing more than that, so you PASS

Let's take ONLY one non-trump card and move it to hearts, making hearts a six-card suit. How does that change the situation? You guessed it; it depends on where you get this sixth card from. If you get it from the doubleton, you make the hand 6-3-3-1 and the distributional Zar Points jump from 11 to 14, plus the 3 points for a sixth trump (1 more than the bid has promised) for a total of 32 points, enough for a Game Try since you support the three level alone. So you bid 2♠ (invitational), asking partner for help in this suit.

If you move the card from the Jxx suit the distribution would be 6-3-2-2, resulting in a change from 11 to 13 distributional Zar Points. Then you add 3 points for the six-card suit and drop a point for the resulting Jx which gets your total from 26 to 30. The best action is still probably PASS, unless pushed in competitive bidding. The same is true if you get the sixth card from the AQx suit: you'll need to make a 1-point deduction for the AQ blank, adding 3 for the six-card suit, leaving you again with a total of

30 points—again PASS, unless in competition.

How easy and simple it is; if you can count to 31, make a game try. If you can count to 36, bid game. If you have only a point or two extra, just let it go. You can see how things change if you move two cards around and make the hand 6-4-2-1 or 7-3-2-1 and you would act accordingly.

Now let us look at a hand from the exceptional book of Jeff Meckstroth "Win the Bermuda Bowl with Me."

♠ J97653  
♥ 85  
♦ AQ5  
♣ AQ

Jeff's view is that this hand is worth a game try. We have 13 HCP and four controls, for a total of 17 points, plus the 9+4=13 distributive Zar Points (the 1 point for holding spades only counts when you make a borderline decision "to open or not to open") for a total of 30.

Adding 3 points for the six-card suit you reach a total of 33, enough for a game try. To jump directly to game you would need 36+. If you use the Zar Ruffing Power rule, then you add only 1 point because your shortest side suit is doubleton (3 if your shortest suit is void, 2 if it's singleton, 1 if it's doubleton, and 0 if none of these) and get 31 points—even lower than before.

So it is only a game try. Turns out Jeff is right again. Surprise, surprise.



"That's the worst bid I've ever seen—and he thinks I'm going to rule in his favor!"



"I am strong, I am invincible, I am sleepy..."

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

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday (Feb. 13)	10:00-12:50	NEC Cup Quarter-Final 2	F206
	12:50-14:00	Lunch Break	
	14:00-16:50	NEC Cup Semi-Final 1	
	17:10-20:00	NEC Cup Semi-Final 2	
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	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	
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		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	310	-9	0	-5	0	4	-4	9	5	4	-4	0	9	0	5	-5	-9	-6	-9	9	0	4	-4	0	-4	4	0
2	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	1
3	-60	-1	0	-3	1	-1	0	0	0	-1	3	0	1	-1	3	0	0	-1	3	0	1	0	1	-1	1	-1	1
4	50	-6	-2	2	-2	-13	-2	-4	-2	2	-2	2	6	2	-2	2	4	2	-2	2	-2	2	13	2	6	-6	-2
5	130	10	-12	-6	6	12	6	10	12	12	-10	12	-10	-6	6	-12	-10	11	-10	-8	6	-6	-12	10	-10	10	-10
6	-170	-10	1	8	1	-12	2	1	10	0	-7	-1	10	-1	-8	-10	-1	-10	-1	9	-2	-2	12	-10	-7	7	10
7	570	1	12	2	-1	2	-2	2	14	2	-1	-12	-1	1	-2	-14	-2	3	-3	2	2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2
8	-230	-5	5	-5	5	-5	5	9	-2	7	5	-5	5	-5	5	2	-9	9	-2	2	5	-5	5	-5	5	-5	5
9	110	0	6	3	-3	3	0	0	4	-5	0	-6	0	3	-3	-4	0	-6	4	3	-9	0	-3	3	0	0	-3
10	140	0	-12	12	-4	1	-4	4	-1	2	0	12	0	4	-12	1	-4	10	7	10	-1	4	-1	-12	12	-12	12
11	-10	3	-2	-7	-3	2	-2	3	7	2	-2	2	-3	3	7	-7	-3	-7	7	-10	-3	2	-2	2	-7	7	-2
12	90	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	-1	-1	1	1
13	-90	-11	-7	-13	-11	5	-5	-11	-7	7	11	7	11	11	13	7	11	7	-5	-11	1	5	-5	-11	-5	5	11
14	440	1	-1	1	-2	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	2	-1	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	1	0	-1	1	0
15	-240	1	6	-2	-3	-5	4	3	-2	2	-8	-6	-1	3	2	2	-3	3	2	-5	-8	-4	5	8	5	-5	-8
16	-650	1	0	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-13	13	-1
17	-250	5	-3	-5	-8	4	5	9	10	-5	-8	3	-5	8	5	-10	-9	-2	5	-9	-5	-5	-4	-5	5	-5	5
18	90	1	-11	3	-2	1	1	1	1	1	-2	11	-1	2	-3	-1	-1	1	1	-5	0	-1	-1	-5	-1	1	5
19	-50	-11	-4	8	-4	6	-4	4	-6	6	11	4	11	4	-8	6	-4	-11	-6	4	11	4	-6	13	-4	4	-13
20	-120	-5	0	6	-6	1	-6	-2	2	8	-3	0	5	6	-6	-2	2	5	5	5	2	6	-1	-5	14	-14	5
IMP +		24	30	46	13	42	23	57	66	56	30	54	58	51	46	21	17	52	34	48	33	31	37	41	48	55	56
IMP -		58	54	46	51	37	31	17	21	11	48	30	24	13	46	66	57	43	40	48	32	23	42	56	55	48	41

Bd	DATUM	HAPPY	BRID	DUM	DUM'S	AMANTE		ACACIA		YEH	BROS	NACS		JAPAN	OPEN	JPN	LADIES	JPN	SENIOR	SLAM	DUNK	NAGASAKA		HAYASHI		MIDORI-KAM	
		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	310	-6	-4	-5	-3	-5	0	4	6	9	-8	4	-4	4	-4	0	-9	4	9	4	-4	-9	-4	9	6	-6	-4
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3	-60	0	-5	-1	1	0	0	5	0	-2	1	-3	0	-3	1	-1	0	5	1	0	3	-1	-5	-3	1	5	1
4	50	-4	-2	-4	4	-6	-2	2	4	-8	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2
5	130	-6	6	-8	8	-12	8	-6	6	-12	-10	-8	-10	10	-12	-6	8	-6	6	10	8	-6	6	10	-11	10	-12
6	-170	0	-2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	-11	-3	7	0	2	-9	-10	-8	3	11	8	10	1	10	8	-1
7	570	2	-2	2	-1	1	-2	2	-2	-13	-2	-16	13	1	-2	-2	-2	2	-1	-13	16	1	-2	3	-3	2	-2
8	-230	-5	-3	-6	-3	7	5	3	5	2	5	7	-2	-5	-7	-5	-2	-5	8	2	-7	-8	5	2	-9	7	-7
9	110	0	6	0	6	-6	6	-6	0	9	6	0	-3	0	5	9	-3	5	0	3	0	0	-5	-4	6	0	-9
10	140	-6	6	-6	8	0	6	-6	6	2	-10	-12	1	0	-2	1	-10	10	-1	-1	12	1	-10	-7	-10	0	-12
11	-10	3	1	-9	-2	-10	-3	-1	-3	-3	-3	-7	-2	2	-2	3	10	2	-2	2	7	2	-2	-7	7	2	-2
12	90	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5	0	0	5	0	0	-5	0	0	-1	0	0
13	-90	-11	1	11	12	-3	-5	-1	11	-12	1	5	-7	-11	-7	-1	11	7	-10	7	-5	10	-7	5	-7	5	-5
14	440	0	-1	-1	-1	0	10	1	0	1	0	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	1	-1	1	0	-10	-1
15	-240	-5	-3	3	-2	0	6	3	5	-4	5	-4	5	8	-2	8	5	2	5	-5	4	-5	-2	-2	-3	2	6
16	-650	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	0	1	-1
17	-250	-5	-4	-5	5	-8	-7	4	5	-5	8	9	5	8	5	5	9	-5	-5	-5	-9	5	5	-5	2	8	-3
18	90	-5	-3	0	-3	2	-1	3	5	1	-2	-5	-11	2	-1	0	5	2	-2	11	5	2	-2	-1	1	1	1
19	-50	6	11	-11	-4	-11	11	-11	-6	4	2	6	-4	-11	-6	-11	-4	6	-4	4	-6	4	-6	6	11	4	-6
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IMP +		12	39	17	50	12	57	29	54	31	28	34	24	48	11	32	48	48	34	51	69	43	28	40	43	60	13
IMP -		54	29	56	20	65	27	39	12	64	39	69	51	30	56	33	48	28	43	24	34	34	48	34	52	16	67

# DATUM

## Qualifying Round 7

Bd	DATUM	ESPERANZA		GRYFFINDOR		DRAM1	ALICE	GIRASOL		SKOTII		AOGUMI		SPICE		PS-JACK		KACHOFUGET		KOSAKA		OZAWA		SWAN		MERRY	QUEE
		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	310	-5	5	4	6	-5	-9	-5	-4	9	5	-5	5	4	0	3	-4	-5	6	-6	-4	0	5	-4	-4	-4	-4
2	650	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
3	-60	0	1	-1	-5	6	0	-1	1	0	-6	-1	0	4	-5	-1	-4	-1	1	-1	-6	0	0	-1	2	-1	1
4	50	2	4	2	-2	2	4	4	-2	-4	-2	-4	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	6	2	6	2	6	2	-2
5	130	-6	6	12	-10	10	-11	-12	-10	11	-10	-6	6	-8	8	-2	12	10	8	10	14	-8	12	-8	-10	-12	6
6	-170	2	-3	1	-8	0	10	-10	10	-10	0	3	-2	5	-7	3	0	2	-3	3	0	0	-2	2	-3	3	-2
7	570	3	-3	2	-2	2	-2	2	-3	2	-2	3	-3	2	12	1	-2	2	-2	2	-3	2	-1	2	-2	1	-2
8	-230	-5	-7	7	-7	7	-3	-5	-8	3	-7	7	5	3	-7	7	-3	-5	5	-5	5	-5	-7	7	5	7	5
9	110	0	-5	9	0	0	-3	3	0	3	0	5	0	3	0	-5	-5	3	0	5	-3	-6	6	0	4	0	0
10	140	-6	-1	12	0	1	-1	-6	-10	1	-1	1	6	1	8	-6	0	1	1	10	1	-6	0	-7	8	0	-4
11	-10	2	7	2	-2	2	-2	2	-3	2	-2	-7	-2	2	-2	7	-2	2	-2	-10	-2	3	10	2	4	7	-3
12	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5	0	0	0	0	0
13	-90	-11	3	5	-5	7	9	5	-5	-9	-7	-3	11	-11	12	5	-5	7	-9	5	3	5	3	9	11	5	-9
14	440	2	-1	1	10	0	-1	0	-1	1	0	1	-2	-10	-1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	-10	0	1	-1	1	-1
15	-240	3	-3	-6	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	3	-3	4	6	3	-2	2	-8	3	5	-6	0	1	-3	8	-3
16	-650	1	0	1	-1	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	0	1	0
17	-250	-5	5	3	-8	5	-5	-5	5	5	-5	-5	5	-5	-9	5	-2	-5	-2	-5	5	7	8	-5	-8	11	-8
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19	-50	4	-6	6	-4	4	-6	6	-6	6	-4	6	-4	6	13	-11	-4	4	-4	6	12	-11	11	4	11	8	-4
20	-120	6	2	-5	-3	3	-1	-7	7	1	-3	-2	-6	-2	-6	-2	-3	-5	-1	-5	-1	6	2	3	2	3	2
IMP +		25	35	67	16	52	23	28	24	46	5	30	45	37	71	39	12	48	30	47	52	27	65	35	53	57	14
IMP -		45	30	13	60	5	46	51	54	23	52	35	25	36	40	34	40	21	35	37	22	57	12	25	33	22	43

Bd	DATUM	NETORA		NANIWADA		GOOD	LUCK	KATSUMATA		MY-BRIDGE		COSMOS		KINKI		ATHENS		MATSUBARA		KONISHI		FAIRY	TALE	POODLE		AKO	
		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	310	4	6	4	-3	-5	5	4	4	3	5	-5	5	-6	-4	4	4	4	6	4	5	8	-9	-6	5	0	-4
2	650	-1	0	0	1	-2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	2	-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
3	-60	6	1	4	1	0	4	-1	1	-1	1	-4	0	-1	1	-2	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	2	-1	1	5	-4
4	50	-6	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-4	4	2	-2	2	4	-6	-2	-4	-2	2	-4	2	8	2	-2	2	-2
5	130	-14	-10	-12	8	-8	6	-6	12	-8	8	-6	8	14	6	10	8	-6	-14	10	12	10	12	-8	-10	-8	8
6	-170	0	-3	0	-3	0	0	2	-3	0	0	0	0	7	-3	3	-2	3	-7	-10	10	0	-2	3	-2	7	-5
7	570	3	-2	2	-1	2	-1	2	-1	1	-2	1	-2	3	-1	2	-2	1	-3	3	-2	2	13	2	-2	-12	-2
8	-230	-5	5	3	-7	-5	-3	-5	-7	3	6	3	5	-5	-7	-5	-7	7	5	8	5	-5	-2	-5	5	7	-3
9	110	3	-5	5	5	9	-1	0	0	-6	0	1	-9	-5	6	-4	0	-6	5	0	-3	-6	-9	0	-3	0	-3
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11	-10	2	10	2	-7	-3	7	3	-7	2	9	-7	3	3	-7	-4	-2	7	-3	3	-2	3	3	2	-2	2	-2
12	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-5	0
13	-90	-3	-5	5	-5	-11	-7	9	-5	-12	-11	7	11	7	-5	-11	-9	5	-7	5	-5	-1	12	9	-7	-12	11
14	440	1	0	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	-1	1	10
15	-240	-5	-3	2	-3	-4	-1	3	-8	2	-3	1	4	-5	-2	3	-1	2	5	2	-2	-5	4	8	-2	-6	-4
16	-650	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	-1	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	0
17	-250	-5	5	2	-5	-5	2	8	-11	-5	5	-2	5	-5	-7	8	5	7	5	-5	5	-8	5	2	5	9	5
18	90	1	5	2	-2	1	5	1	5	3	0	-5	-1	2	-3	2	-1	3	-2	0	-3	2	-1	-7	-11	-7	-1
19	-50	-12	-6	4	11	11	4	-8	4	11	-11	-11	-11	-4	-11	-4	4	11	6	-6	-2	-4	4	-4	-4	-13	-6
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IMP +		22	37	40	34	27	41	43	22	20	56	19	57	41	17	33	25	46	51	54	51	39	64	35	21	40	36
IMP -		52	47	12	39	57	19	14	57	50	17	41	27	51	46	53	35	17	41	24	28	28	31	30	48	71	37

# DATUM

## Qualifying Round 8

Bd	DATUM	ENGLAND		ICELAND		GER/USA		ISRAEL		CANADA		POL/RUS		INDONESIA		CHINA	OPEN	CHN	LADIES	C.T.LADIES		USA		AUSTRALIA		BULGARIA	
		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	-440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	0	0	0	0	0	-6	0	0
2	-130	1	-1	-8	-12	1	-1	1	-1	12	8	-9	-1	12	2	-8	2	1	8	-8	8	1	9	-8	-1	1	-1
3	110	0	0	-5	-1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	3	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	-4	0	0	0	0
4	-50	-2	-6	-2	-6	-2	-6	6	2	6	2	-2	-4	-2	-4	4	3	-2	2	-2	-6	4	2	-2	-4	6	2
5	0	2	-2	-3	4	-5	4	-4	5	-4	3	4	3	2	-2	14	3	-3	-2	2	-2	-3	-4	7	4	2	-2
6	10	5	5	5	-3	-5	-3	3	5	3	-5	3	4	7	4	-3	4	-4	-5	-4	-10	-4	-3	3	-3	-5	-5
7	-110	-9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	-3	3	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	9
8	0	-3	-3	3	-3	-3	-3	3	3	3	-3	3	3	-2	2	-2	3	4	-3	3	3	-3	-3	-3	4	3	3
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11	-20	-10	-2	2	-2	-3	3	-3	3	2	-2	2	-2	-3	3	2	3	-3	7	-2	-2	2	-2	-3	3	2	10
12	-350	-2	2	-2	3	-3	2	-2	3	-3	2	-2	-9	-2	3	9	3	9	3	9	2	9	2	-3	2	-2	2
13	-290	3	8	-8	8	3	8	-8	-3	-8	8	-8	8	-8	-9	-8	8	-8	8	-8	8	-8	8	3	-9	-8	-3
14	-70	3	3	3	-3	3	2	-2	-3	3	-3	-8	-5	3	8	3	-5	-2	2	3	-3	5	8	3	2	-3	-3
15	120	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	1	1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-2	2	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
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19	120	0	5	1	0	0	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	0	-5	5	-6	1	1	-2	1	-9	0	-1	1	0	-5	0
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IMP +		33	31	22	17	23	23	30	36	43	36	27	20	45	34	54	47	30	56	31	39	37	41	20	40	23	35
IMP -		35	23	36	43	36	30	23	23	17	22	41	37	22	24	30	25	31	30	39	45	20	27	51	30	31	33

Bd	DATUM	HAPPY	BRID	DUM	DUM'S	AMANTE		ACACIA		YEH	BROS	NACS		JAPAN	OPEN	JPN	LADIES	JPN	SENIOR	SLAM	DUNK	NAGASAKA		HAYASHI		MIDORI-KAM	
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2	-130	-8	9	13	-7	-8	-12	-8	8	-12	-1	-8	8	-8	2	-8	8	-8	-1	-2	-12	-8	8	-2	8	12	-1
3	110	1	0	1	-1	1	0	2	1	0	6	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	-3	0	-3	0	0	0	-1	2	0
4	-50	-11	2	-2	3	6	-6	4	2	4	11	-2	11	-2	3	-2	3	-2	2	4	2	6	2	-3	2	4	3
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# DATUM

## Qualifying Round 8

Bd	DATUM	ESPERANZA		GRYFFINDOR		DRAM1		ALICE		GIRASOL		SKOTII		AOGUMI		SPICE		PS-JACK		KACHOFUGET		KOSAKA		OZAWA		SWAN		MERRY		QUEE	
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