



# NEC Bridge Festival

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## NEDUK Leads Qualifiers in the 2013 NEC Cup

At the end of Day Three, the top qualifier was NEDUK (Bakhshi, Gold, Jansma, van Prooijen) with 157.69 VPs. Russia (Gromov, Gladyshev, Dubinin, Krasnosselski, Drijver, Brink) was second with 155.02, Mixed (Milner, H Lall, Auken, Welland, Kwiecien, Pszczola) was third with 154.37, and Pharon (the Hacketts+Hanlon) were fourth with 152.43. Rounding out the top eight, in descending order, were USA, Down Under, Australia Youth and England. As top qualifier NEDUK had first choice of quarter-final opponent and chose England. Second-place Russia chose Australia Youth and third-place Mixed then chose Down Under, leaving Pharon to play USA. Should NEDUK win their QF match they selected the winner of the Russia-England match as their semi-final opponent, leaving the winner of Mixed-Down Under to play the winner of Pharon-USA. The complete final rankings are shown below; individual results for Matches 9-12 are on page 5.

### NEC Cup: Final Standings (Twelve Matches)

Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	NEDUK	157.69	17	NANIWADA	126.70	33	Otvosi	109.16
2	Russia	155.02	18	Yamada	126.28	34	Surfrider	108.79
3	Mixed	154.37	19	Oz Players	124.03	35	LAS FLORES	108.75
4	Pharon	152.43	20	NAITO	123.77	36	LANDOLT	106.58
5	USA	150.50	21	India	123.17	37	Verdure	105.07
6	Down Under	139.97	22	Seoul	122.28	38	ESPERANZA	103.72
7	Australia Youth	139.72	23	Hammer	121.97	39	Aces & Deuces	103.53
8	England	139.03	24	Morimura	121.26	40	akage	101.57
9	PolUS	137.44	25	Etsuko Naito	120.82	41	River Side	101.22
10	Italy Lavazza	137.18	26	Thailand/Japan	118.45	42	Korea/Japan	100.68
11	Sakurai	134.42	27	Australia/India	117.48	43	Setsu Gekka	97.40
12	Bulgarian All Stars	133.25	28	Golden Bull	115.95	44	Friends	89.04
13	Yeh Bros	132.92	29	Kitty's	114.92	45	AYB 56	88.90
14	JAPAN Women	132.14	30	sawa sawa	112.68	46	Iza Yokohama IV	79.77
15	SARA	132.04	31	KinKi	111.13	47	JAPAN Youth	65.60
16	Beauchamp	131.05	32	Kacho Fugetsu	109.71			

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## NEC Cup 2013: Conditions of Contest

A 12-round Swiss of 14-board matches will qualify the top 8 teams to the Knockout phase; no playbacks.

**V.P. Scale:** New WBF 14-board scale (20-point scale, continuous and given to two decimal places).

**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 16-board segments of the quarter- or semi-finals. In the four 16-board segments of the final, the choices will alternate over segments.

**Swiss Pairings:** First-round Swiss matches were made by randomly pairing each team in the top half with a team from the bottom half.

**Home and Visiting:** 1st numbered team sits N/S in the open room, E/W in the closed room.

**Tie-Breaks:** At the end of the Swiss, ties will be broken by IMP quotient. If more than two teams are involved, WBF 2008 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 or Brown Sticker methods are permitted in this event. However, pairs may prepare written defenses against a two-level opening bid in a minor that shows a weak two-bid in either major, with or without the option of strong hand types. These defenses are deemed to be part of the opponents' convention cards.

**Length of Matches:** 2 hours will be allotted for each 14-board segment (or 2 hours and 15 minutes for each 16-board segment of the KOs). In addition, a 5-minute grace period will be allotted to each team. Overtime and slow play penalties as per WBF 2012 Conditions of Contest.

**Appeals:** The WBF Code of Practice will be in effect. The Chief Director will have 12C1c authority. Appeals found to be without merit may incur a penalty of up to 3 VPs.

**Match Scoring:** Bridgmate scoring terminals will be used. Match results should 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. The team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> will then have their choice of any one of the remaining teams. 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.

**Security:** No player may leave the playing area during play without permission, due to security concerns arising from the Bridge Base Online Broadcast.

**Smoking:** Once play in a qualifying-round match or a KO-round session starts, smoking is prohibited at ALL times (including when a player leaves the playing room to go to the bathroom), until the player completes the play of all boards in the match or session. (For those wishing to smoke at other times, smoking rooms are located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of the Conference Center.) Automatic penalties for violations will be assessed by the Director as follows: Qualifying Swiss — 1 VP for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, 3 VPs for all subsequent offenses; KO — 3imps for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, 10imps for all subsequent offenses.

**Screen Hesitations:** When a delay in the return of the tray is suspected, a player on the opposite side of the screen must be the first to call attention to it (by summoning the Director). In case of dispute the call from the wrong side will be ignored, but in situations where the wrong side calls or a late call is made and there is no dispute the Director may accept the fact of the delayed call.

**Electronic Equipment:** Any and all electronic equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information to/from outside the playing room (e.g., cell phones, iPads and the like) must be turned off at all times from the beginning of a match/session until the player has completed all boards in the match/session and left the playing area. The Director may authorize exceptions in emergency situations. Penalties for violations are the same as for smoking violations.

**Photography/BBO Vugraph:** By entering the event, players (and kibitzers) agree to authorize still and/or video photography by the JCBL and also to appear on BBO VuGraph whenever requested by the Director.

## Team Rosters: 18<sup>th</sup> NEC Cup

#	Team Name	Members
1	Down Under:	Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Peter Gill, Martin Reid, Peter Newell
2	USA:	Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Justin Lall, Ishmael Del'Monte
3	Australia Youth:	Justin Howard, Peter Hollands, Michael Whibley, Liam Milne
4	India:	Subhash Gupta, Arun Jain, Manas Mukherji, Sumit Mukherji, Subir Majumdar, Debrata Majumdar
5	Pharon:	Paul Hackett, Tom Hanlon, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett
6	Italy Lavazza:	Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Maria Teresa Lavazza
7	NEDUK:	David Bakhshi, David Gold, Jan Jansma, Ricco van Prooijen
8	Mixed:	Reese Milner, Hemant Lall, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Michael Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola
9	Oz Players:	Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy, Bill Jacobs, Ben Thompson
10	PolUS:	Michael Nowosadzki, Dominik Fillipowicz, Jacek Kalita, Jessica Piafsky
11	Yeh Bros:	Chen Yeh (captain), JY Shih, Dawei Chen, Kazuo Furuta, Patrick Huang, Grace Lin
12	Russia:	Andrey Gromov, Evgeny Gladyshev, Alexander Dubinin, Mikhail Krasnosselski, Sebastiaan Drijver, Sjoert Brink
13	Beauchamp:	Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison, Nathan van Jole, David Beauchamp, Michael Ware, Simon Hinge
14	Australia/India:	Magnus Moren, Neville Francis, Pranjal Chakradeo, Ajit Chakradeo
15	Hammer:	Sung Kyunghae, Hwang Iynryung, Chung Ilsub, Yang Sungae
16	Bulgarian All Stars:	Valio Kovachev, Vladislav Isporski, Hristo Hristov, Manol Iliev
17	Thailand/Japan:	Nophanai Niyomchoke, Arnond Rotrugsa, Tomohiro Kiyama, Tadahiro Kikuchi
18	England:	Sandra Penfold, Brian Senior, Nevena Senior, Roumen Trendafilov
19	JAPAN SARA:	Tadashi Teramoto, Kumiko Sasahira, Masayuki Ino, Hideki Takano, Shugo Tanaka, Takeshi Niekawa
20	JAPAN Yamada:	Tadashi Yoshida, Kyoko Ohno, Akihiko Yamada, Makoto Hirata
21	JAPAN Women:	Kyoko Shimamura, Makiko Sato, Michiko Ono, Natsuko Nishida, Yuki Fukuyoshi, Akiko Yanagisawa
22	JAPAN Morimura:	Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Shunsuke Morimura, Tadashi Imakura, Masayuki Hayasaka
23	JAPAN ESPERANZA:	Haruko Koshi, Hideyuki Sango, Nobuko Matsubara, Fumiko Kimura, Terumi Kubo, Minako Takahashi
24	JAPAN NAITO:	Ryoga Tanaka, Sakiko Naito, Ayako Miyakuni, Kenji Miyakuni
25	JAPAN Kitty's:	Yoko Nenohi, Kyoko Toyofuku, Yoshiko Sakaguchi, Kumiko Matsuo, Toshiko Kaho
26	JAPAN sawa sawa:	Motomi Shirogane, Naoko Orihara, Michiko Iwahashi, Yumiko Oda, Ayako Shimazaki, Etsuko Takano
27	JAPAN Golden Bull:	Hiroaki Miura, Hiroya Abe, Kazuko Takahashi, Takako Fujimoto, Sumiko Sugino
28	JAPAN AYB 56:	Misae Kato, Yasuyo Iida, Takako Nakatani, Kimiko Kamakari, Atsuko Katsumata, Shoko Somemiya
29	JAPAN Setsu Gekka:	Junko Tsubaki, Kazuko Kawashima, Akiko Miyata, Yoko Tokushige, Kazuko Okamoto, Miyako Miyazaki
30	JAPAN Etsuko Naito:	Etsuko Naito, Yukiko Umezu, Midori Sakamoto, Nobuko Setoguchi, Setsuko Moriyama, Yoshihisa Konishi
31	JAPAN Surfrider:	Chieko Ichikawa, Kuniko Saito, Junko Den, Atsuko Kurita, Kei Nemoto
32	Verdure:	Katsumi Takahashi, Lee Bok Hee, Osamu Iiyama, Shunichi Haga, Yoichiro Kurihara
33	JAPAN Iza Yokohama IV:	Osami Kimura, Yoshiaki Aida, Setsuko Kimura, Harue Iemori, Chisato Kiriyama, Yoko Shimominami
34	Seoul:	Hiroki Yokoi, Hye Young Kim, Hyemin Oh, Yasuhiro Shimizu, Nobuyuki Hayashi
35	JAPAN Kacho Fugetsu:	Akiko Miwa, Kunio Kodaira, Teruo Miyazaki, Makoto Nomura, Masako Otsuka
36	JAPAN River Side:	Yumiko Kawakami, Hiroko Tanaka, Masakatsu Sugino, Toyohiko Ozawa, Ryoichi Yasuhara, Toshiharu Hirose
37	JAPAN Otvosi:	Mizuko Tan, Akio Kurokawa, Hiroko Sekiyama, Kazuo Saeki, Yoshinori Kurachi, Ervin Otvosi
38	JAPAN Sakurai:	Tsuneo Sakurai, Atsushi Kikuchi, Kenichi Asaoka, Takehiko Tada
39	JAPAN LAS FLORES:	Teruko Nishimura, Junko Nishimura, Michiko Shida, Kotomi Asakoshi, Yoko Komuro, Shimako Yaji
40	JAPAN NANIWADA:	Toshiro Nose, Masaru Naniwada, Hikoe Enomoto, Hisami Kataoka, Hideo Togawa
41	JAPAN LANDOLT:	Kyoko Kadono, Mitsuko Matsushima, Toru Amano, Takumi Seshimo
42	JAPAN Friends:	Yoko Saito, Mamiko Odaira, Koichi Onishi, Taiko Bando, Yumiko Kichise, Mitsuko Suyama
43	JAPAN akage:	Yukiko Hoshi, Megumi Takasaka, Yoko Yanagisawa, Yuko Kimura
44	JAPAN KinKi:	Sonoko Namba, Chizuko Sugiura, Toru Tamura, Mimako Ishizuka
45	Korea/Japan:	Akiko Kawabata, Keisuke Akama, Kim Yoonkyung, Park Jungyoon
46	JAPAN Aces & Deuces:	Masaru Yoshida, Takeshi Higashiguchi, Kim SunYoung, Tina Cho
47	JAPAN Youth:	Takashi Sugimoto, Yuki Harada, Tomoaki Matsunawa, Takahiro Honda, Tomoaki Nakanishi

**Today's 1<sup>st</sup> VuGraph Matches will feature NEDUK (1) vs England (8)  
and Russia (2) vs Australia Youth (7)**

# Convention Regulations for Side (Pair) Games

(An explanation for foreign players)

Unlike the NEC Cup, which is an international event, and the Yokohama Swiss Teams, in which all non-brown-sticker conventions are permitted, the Yokohama IMP Pairs and Asuka Cup are rated as Japanese regional or national events, for which JCBL regulations for domestic events apply strictly. We ask for your compliance with the regulations explained below. If you have any questions about what is allowed, please ask the JCBL staff. Please note that use of unauthorized conventions may be penalized. We thank you for your cooperation.

All side games at the NEC Bridge Festival (the Yokohama IMP Pairs and Asuka Cup) are restricted to "List C" conventions as described below. The use of the Multi-2♦ is strictly prohibited and will be subject to penalty.

## LIST C (Yokohama IMP Pairs/Asuka Cup)

### Opening Bids

- 1♣ or 1♦ may be used as an all-purpose opening bid (artificial or natural) promising a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g.: Precision 1♣ and 1♦; Polish 1♣, etc.)
- 2♣ artificial opening bid indicating one of:
  - a strong hand, balanced or unbalanced
  - a three-suiter with a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g., Roman 3-suiter, etc.)
- 2♦ artificial opening bid showing one of:
  - at least 5-4 distribution in the majors with a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g., Flannery, anti-Flannery etc.)
  - a strong hand, balanced or unbalanced
  - a three-suiter with a minimum of 10 HCP (e.g., Roman 3-suiter, etc.)
- Opening suit bid at the two level or higher indicating the bid suit, another known suit, a minimum of 10 HCP and at least 5-4 distribution in the suits.
- Opening notrump bid at the two level or higher indicating at least 5-4 distribution in the minors, 10 or more HCP.
- Opening 3NT bid indicating:
  - any solid suit or
  - a broken minor suit.
- Opening four-level bid transferring to a known suit (e.g., Namyats, etc.).
- Strong opening at the two level or higher, asking Ace, King, Queen, singleton, void, trump quality.

### Responses and Rebids

- 1♦ as a forcing, artificial response to 1♣.
- 1NT response to a major-suit opening bid, forcing for one round; may not guarantee game invitational or better values.
- Conventional responses which guarantee game forcing or better values. May not be part of a relay system.
- 2♣ or 2♦ response to 3<sup>rd</sup>- or 4<sup>th</sup>-seat major-suit opener asking the quality of the opening bid.
- Single or higher jump shifts (including into notrump) to indicate a raise or to force to game.
- All responses to:
  - artificial strong opening bids with 15 HCP or more.
  - opening bids of 2♣ or higher (weak 2s must guarantee 10 opening points: opening points=HCP + number of cards in longest suit).

- All constructive calls starting with the opening bidder's second call.
- Calls that ask for aces, kings, queens, singletons, voids, trump quality and responses thereto.
- All calls after a natural notrump (including those that have two non-consecutive ranges, neither of which exceeds 3 HCP). No conventional responses are allowed over natural notrump bids with a lower limit of fewer than 10 HCP or with a range of greater than 5 HCP.

### Competitive Bids

- Any conventional balancing calls.
- Conventional doubles and redoubles and responses (including free bids) thereto.
- Notrump overcall for either:
  - two-suited takeout showing at least 5-4 distribution and at least one known suit. (At the 4 level or higher there is no requirement to have a known suit.)
  - three-suited takeout (as with a takeout double, at least 3 cards in each of the 3 suits).
- Jump overcalls into a suit to indicate at least 5-4 distribution in two known suits, and responses thereto.
- Cuebid of an opponent's suit and responses thereto, except that a cuebid that could be weak, directly over an opening bid, must show at least one known suit.
- Comic 1NT overcall.
- Defense to:
  - conventional calls (including takeout doubles).
  - natural notrump opening bids and overcalls.
  - opening bids of 2♣ or higher.
- Nos. 5 through 9 under "Responses and Rebids" above apply to both pairs.
- Transfer overcall to show a specified suit at the four level.

### Carding

- All leads and signaling methods are approved except for: a) odd-even signals, b) encrypted signals, c) dual-message carding strategies, except on each defender's first discard, d) any method when the pair using it are deemed to be playing it in a manner which is not compatible with the maintenance of proper tempo.

## LIST D (NEC Cup/Yokohama Swiss Teams)

Category 3 of WBF Systems Policy applies

## Thursday's Match Results

Team #	Match 9				Match 10				Match 11				Match 12			
	Vs	imps	VP	C-VP	Vs	imps	VP	C-VP	Vs	imps	VP	C-VP	Vs	imps	VP	C-VP
1	9	12	8.42	100.99	13	48	18.53	119.52	7	31	5.81	125.33	8	41	14.64	139.97
2	8	8	1.47	106.27	11	45	13.23	119.50	9	55	18.29	137.79	5	41	12.71	150.5
3	13	29	13.48	106.13	4	43	15.26	121.39	5	50	12.97	134.36	18	21	5.36	139.72
4	20	46	16.88	102.52	3	23	4.74	107.26	38	7	5.58	112.84	24	40	10.33	123.17
5	24	49	17.77	122.45	10	37	15.66	138.11	3	40	7.03	145.14	2	32	7.29	152.43
6	10	24	5.36	104.28	24	41	16.88	121.16	8	31	10.66	131.82	7	11	5.36	137.18
7	18	47	15.06	121.83	12	27	7.03	128.86	1	46	14.19	143.05	6	28	14.64	157.69
8	2	49	18.53	134.09	18	6	5.58	139.67	6	29	9.34	149.01	1	24	5.36	154.37
9	1	17	11.58	101.19	27	59	17.34	118.53	2	16	1.71	120.24	16	18	3.79	124.03
10	6	41	14.64	110.48	5	15	4.34	114.82	11	32	7.56	122.38	20	35	15.06	137.44
11	19	49	17.04	104.68	2	34	6.77	111.45	10	40	12.44	123.89	38	21	9.03	132.92
12	16	50	17.91	112.97	7	37	12.97	125.94	18	48	15.85	141.79	19	29	13.23	155.02
13	3	17	6.52	99.31	1	7	1.47	100.78	22	35	12.23	114.01	14	59	17.04	131.05
14	36	43	15.46	96.30	38	19	7.56	103.86	24	34	10.66	114.52	13	29	2.96	117.48
15	44	23	6.28	68.69	3w	50	17.91	86.60	41	52	16.72	103.32	36	55	18.65	121.97
16	12	14	2.09	95.24	20	33	7.84	103.08	27	39	13.96	117.04	9	43	16.21	133.25
17	22	30	10.66	87.14	32	42	10.00	97.14	36	65	17.34	114.48	21	21	3.97	118.45
18	7	28	4.94	105.82	8	22	14.42	120.24	12	25	4.15	124.39	3	38	14.64	139.03
19	11	19	2.96	92.30	21	28	12.97	105.27	35	77	20.00	125.27	12	18	6.77	132.04
20	4	17	3.12	90.53	16	40	12.16	102.69	26	50	18.65	121.34	10	16	4.94	126.28
21	40	23	12.71	89.08	19	18	7.03	96.11	44	70	20.00	116.11	17	45	16.03	132.14
22	17	28	9.34	86.11	30	29	14.19	100.30	13	24	6.77	107.07	35	30	14.19	121.26
23	39	16	6.77	82.31	34	23	5.15	87.46	46	32	8.42	95.88	26	26	7.84	103.72
24	5	14	2.23	101.64	6	12	3.12	104.76	14	32	9.34	114.10	4	39	9.67	123.77
25	31	29	11.28	84.43	40	35	11.28	95.71	32	51	12.44	108.15	30	13	6.77	114.92
26	28	22	11.28	81.98	37	48	17.19	99.17	20	8	1.35	100.52	23	33	12.16	112.68
27	32	47	16.88	100.97	9	27	2.66	103.63	16	25	6.04	109.67	34	20	6.28	115.95
28	26	18	8.72	73.92	44	2	3.79	77.71	43	9	6.04	83.75	3w	16	5.15	88.90
29	15	28	7.84	71.32	45	53	18.04	89.36	34	28	2.23	91.59	31	17	5.81	97.40
30	46	33	13.96	85.06	22	14	5.81	90.87	31	33	16.72	107.59	25	24	13.23	120.82
31	25	25	8.72	84.29	36	15	7.03	91.32	30	5	3.28	94.60	29	32	14.19	108.79
32	27	18	3.12	87.07	17	42	10.00	97.07	25	43	7.56	104.63	40	16	0.44	105.07
33	3w	25	3.97	56.68	43	41	13.72	70.40	3w	22	3.79	74.19	46	13	5.58	79.77
34	37	17	3.62	75.94	23	41	14.85	90.79	29	63	17.77	108.56	27	33	13.72	122.28
35	38	16	4.54	87.52	39	35	16.38	103.90	19	11	0.00	103.90	22	15	5.81	109.71
36	14	22	4.54	84.24	31	25	12.97	97.21	17	33	2.66	99.87	15	13	1.35	101.22
37	34	43	16.38	83.71	26	17	2.81	86.52	47	39	12.97	99.49	39	32	9.67	109.16
38	35	37	15.46	96.59	14	27	12.44	109.03	4	23	14.42	123.45	11	24	10.97	134.42
39	23	27	13.23	88.52	35	9	3.62	92.14	40	25	6.28	98.42	37	33	10.33	108.75
40	21	14	7.29	84.70	25	31	8.72	93.42	39	38	13.72	107.14	32	67	19.56	126.70
41	42	49	17.77	73.39	46	42	15.06	88.45	15	24	3.28	91.73	3w	35	14.85	106.58
42	41	14	2.23	58.42	3w	20	10.33	68.75	3w	37	11.87	80.62	43	21	8.42	89.04
43	43	35	12.16	69.75	33	28	6.28	76.03	28	23	13.96	89.99	42	26	11.58	101.57
44	15	36	13.72	77.43	28	27	16.21	93.64	21	13	0.00	93.64	47	45	17.49	111.13
45	3w	77	20.00	73.66	29	16	1.96	75.62	3w	47	15.06	90.68	3w	31	10.00	100.68
46	39	19	6.04	72.59	41	23	4.94	77.53	23	37	11.58	89.11	33	29	14.42	103.53
47	3w	12	1.96	54.10	3w	28	1.96	56.06	37	29	7.03	63.09	44	12	2.51	65.60

C-VP=Cumulative VPs; 3w=3 way

## 18<sup>th</sup> NEC CUP Qualifying Datum Rankings (4 matches or more)

Rank	IMPs	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
1-2	0.99	Norberto Bocchi	Agustin Madala	Italy Lavazza	10
1-2	0.99	Hisami Kataoka	Hideo Togawa	NANIWADA	8
3	0.95	Andrey Gromov	Alexander Dubinin	Russia	12
4	0.82	Haruko Koshi	Terumi Kubo	ESPERANZA	7
5	0.79	David Bakhshi	David Gold	NEDUK	12
6	0.78	Kim Morrison	Simon Hinge	Beauchamp	8
7	0.77	Michael Kwiecien	Jacek Pszczola	Mixed	9
8	0.86	Joe Grue	Justin Lall	USA	12
9	0.75	Paul Hackett	Tom Hanlon	Pharon	12
10	0.71	Sartaj Hans	Tony Nunn	Down Under	9
11	0.68	Justin Howard	Peter Hollands	Australia Youth	12
12	0.65	Tomoaki Matsunawa	Tomoaki Nakanishi	Japan Youth	4
13	0.64	Mizuko Tan	Hiroko Sekiyama	otvosi	7
14	0.63	Sumit Mukherji	Debrata Majumdar	India	12
15	0.61	Michael Nowosadzki	Dominik Fillipowicz	PolUS	12
16	0.57	Reese Milner	Hemant Lall	Mixed	5
17	0.52	Kunio Kodaira	Teruo Miyazaki	Kacho Fugetsu	6
18	0.50	Hiroki Yokoi	Nobuyuki Hayashi	Seoul	8
19	0.49	Chen Dawei	Kazuo Furuta	Yeh Bros	11
20	0.42	Kim Yoonkyang	Park Jungyoon	Korea/Japan	12
21	0.41	Osamu Iiyama	Shunichi Haga	Verdure	8
22	0.37	Tadashi Teramoto	Kumiko Sasahira	SARA	6
23-24	0.22	Curtis Cheek	Ishmael Del'Monte	USA	12
23-24	0.36	Jan Jansma	Ricco van Prooijen	NEDUK	12
25	0.35	Tomohiro Kiyama	Tadahiro Kikuchi	Thailand/Japan	12
26	0.27	Tsuneo Sakurai	Atsushi Kikuchi	Sakurai	12
27	0.24	Nevena Senior	Roumen Trendafilov	England	12
28-29	0.23	Hristo Hristov	Manol Iliev	Bulgarian All Stars	12
28-29	0.23	Shunichi Haga	Yoichiro Kurihara	Verdure	4
30-33	0.21	Giorgio Duboin	Antonio Sementa	Italy Lavazza	10
30-33	0.21	Sabine Auken	Roy Welland	Mixed	10
30-33	0.21	Bill Jacobs	Ben Thompson	Oz Players	12
30-33	0.21	Tadashi Teramoto	Masayuki Ino	SARA	6
34	0.20	Valio Kovachev	Vladislav Isporski	Bulgarian All Stars	12
35	0.18	Kyoko Toyofuku	Kumiko Matsuo	Kitty's	6
36	0.17	Martin Reid	Peter Newell	Down Under	12
37	0.16	Hiroya Abe	Sumiko Sugino	Golden Bull	12
38-39	0.15	Magnus Moren	Neville Francis	Australia/India	12
38-39	0.15	Akiko Miwa	Makoto Nomura	Kacho Fugetsu	6
40	0.12	Jacek Kalita	Jessica Piafsky	PolUS	12
41-42	0.11	Jason Hackett	Justin Hackett	Pharon	12
41-42	0.11	Hikoe Enomoto	Hisami Kataoka	NANIWADA	4
43-45	0.10	Hideki Takano	Shugo Tanaka	SARA	6
43-45	0.10	Tadashi Yoshida	Makoto Hirata	Yamada	12
43-45	0.10	Kazuko Kawashima	Yoko Tokushige	SetsuGekka	8
46	0.09	Ayako Miyakuni	Kenji Miyakuni	NAITO	12
47-48	0.08	Chung Ilsub	Yang Sungae	Hammer	12
47-48	0.08	Yumiko Kawakami	Masakatsu Sugino	River Side	8
49-51	0.07	Sandra Penfold	Brian Senior	England	12
49-51	0.07	Yoshiyuki Nakamura	Masayuki Hayasaka	Morimura	12
49-51	0.07	Toshiro Nose	Masaru Naniwada	NANIWADA	8
52	0.06	Michiko Ono	Natsuko Nishida	Japan Women	9
53-56	0.04	Kyoko Shimamura	Makiko Sato	Japan Women	8
53-56	0.04	Nobuko Setoguchi	Setsuko Moriyama	Etsuko Naito	4
53-56	0.04	Etsuko Naito	Yukiko Umezu	Etsuko Naito	8
49-52	0.04	Yoko Komuro	Shimako Yaji	LAS FLORES	8
57	0.03	Kyoko Ohno	Akihiko Yamada	Yamada	12
58-59	0.02	Bruce Neill	Michael Ware	Beauchamp	8
58-59	0.02	Ryoga Tanaka	Sakiko Naito	NAITO	12
60-62	0.01	Michael Whibley	Liam Milne	Australia Youth	12
60-62	0.01	Ron Klinger	Matt Mullamphy	Oz Players	12
60-62	0.01	Shunsuke Morimura	Tadashi Imakura	Morimura	12
63-64	0.00	Motomi Shirogane	Etsuko Takano	sawa sawa	4
63-64	0.00	Kenichi Asaoka	Takehiko Tada	Sakurai	12

Rank	IMPs	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
65	-0.02	Etsuko Naito	Nobuko Setoguchi	Etsuko Naito	4
66-67	-0.04	Naoko Orihara	Yumiko Oda	sawa sawa	6
66-67	-0.04	Hyemin Oh	Yasuhiro Shimizu	Seoul	5
68	-0.06	Kyoko Kadono	Toru Amano	LANDOLT	12
69	-0.08	Mitsuko Matsushima	Takumi Seshimo	LANDOLT	12
70	-0.09	Yuki Harada	Tomoaki Nakanishi	Japan Youth	4
71	-0.12	Hiroaki Miura	Takako Fujimoto	Golden Bull	6
72	-0.13	Yoko Nenohi	Yoshiko Sakaguchi	Kitty's	8
73	-0.14	Setsuko Moriyama	Yoshihisa Konishi	Etsuko Naito	8
74	-0.18	Takeshi Higashiguchi	Kim SunYoung	Aces & Deuces	12
75	-0.19	Michiko Iwahashi	Etsuko Takano	sawa sawa	8
76	-0.20	Noriko Yagi	Toshiharu Hirose	River Side	8
77	-0.22	Yasuyo Iida	Atsuko Katsumata	AYB 56	8
78-80	-0.24	Mikhail Krasnosselski	Sjoert Brink	Russia	6
78-80	-0.24	Kazuo Saeki	Yoshinori Kurachi	otvosi	7
78-80	-0.24	Teruko Nishimura	Junko Nishimura	LAS FLORES	8
81	-0.25	Arun Jain	Subir Majumdar	India	6
82	-0.26	Nophanai Niyomchoke	Arnond Rotrugsa	Thailand/Japan	12
83	-0.28	Junko Tsubaki	Akiko Miyata	SetsuGekka	7
84	-0.30	Michiko Shida	Kotomi Asakoshi	LAS FLORES	8
85	-0.31	Chieko Ichikawa	Junko Den	Surfrider	4
86	-0.32	Masaru Yoshida	Tina Cho	Aces & Deuces	12
87-88	-0.33	Takako Nakatani	Kimiko Kamakari	AYB 56	8
87-88	-0.33	Sonoko Namba	Chizuko Sugiura	KinKi	12
89-90	-0.35	Yoko Yanagisawa	Yuko Kimura	akage	12
89-90	-0.35	Toru Tamura	Mimako Ishizuka	KinKi	12
91	-0.37	Sung Kyunghae	Hwang Iynryung	Hammer	12
92	-0.38	JY Shih	Patrick Huang	Yeh Bros	10
93	-0.41	Koichi Onishi	Taiko Bando	Friends	8
94-95	-0.43	Pranjal Chakradeo	Ajit Chakradeo	Australia/India	12
94-95	-0.43	Kyoko Toyofuku	Toshiko Kaho	Kitty's	6
96	-0.44	Nathan van Jole	David Beauchamp	Beauchamp	7
97-98	-0.46	Misae Kato	Shoko Somemiya	AYB 56	6
97-98	-0.46	Yoko Saito	Yasuyoshi Toriumi	Friends	8
99	-0.47	Chieko Ichikawa	Atsuko Kurita	Surfrider	6
100	-0.55	Yoshiaki Aida	Setsuko Kimura	Iza Yokohama IV	7
101-103	-0.56	Manas Mukherji	Subir Majumdar	India	5
101-103	-0.56	Yuki Fukuyoshi	Akiko Yanagisawa	Japan Women	5
101-103	-0.56	Hiroaki Miura	Kazuko Takahashi	Golden Bull	6
104	-0.59	Yukiko Hoshi	Megumi Takasaka	akage	12
105	-0.61	Akio Kurokawa	Eric Otvosi	otvosi	9
106	-0.63	Hiroko Tanaka	Ryoichi Yasuhara	River Side	8
107	-0.64	Hye Young Kim	Yasuhiro Shimizu	Seoul	5
108	-0.68	Fumiko Kimura	Minako Takahashi	ESPERANZA	7
109	-0.70	Chisato Kiriya	Yoko Shimominami	Iza Yokohama IV	8
110	-0.72	Kazuko Okamoto	Miyako Miyazaki	SetsuGekka	8
111	-0.76	Kuniko Saito	Kei Nemoto	Surfrider	8
112	-0.79	Osami Kimura	Harue Iemori	Iza Yokohama IV	8
113	-0.85	Hideyuki Sango	Nobuko Matsubara	ESPERANZA	8
114-115	-0.86	Katsumi Takahashi	Lee Bok Hee	Verdure	12
114-115	-0.86	Toshiro Nose	Hideo Togawa	NANIWADA	4
116	-0.96	Kunio Kodaira	Masako Otsuka	Kacho Fugetsu	4
117	-1.00	Yumiko Kichise	Mitsuko Suyama	Friends	8
118	-1.11	Akiko Kawabata	Keisuke Akama	Korea/Japan	12
119	-1.21	Akiko Miwa	Masako Otsuka	Kacho Fugetsu	6
120	-1.39	Takashi Sugimoto	Takahiro Honda	Japan Youth	4
	2.79	Michiko Ono	Yuki Fukuyoshi	Japan Women	2
	2.07	Motomi Shirogane	Yumiko Oda	sawa sawa	1
	2.02	Evgeny Gladyshev	Sjoert Brink	Russia	3
	1.82	Patrick Huang	Grace Lin	Yeh Bros	2
	1.79	Junko Den	Atsuko Kurita	Surfrider	2
	1.71	JY Shih	Kazuo Furuta	Yeh Bros	1
	1.71	Akiko Miyata	Kazuko Okamoto	SetsuGekka	1
	1.64	Masayuki Ino	Hideki Takano	SARA	3
	0.71	Nobuko Matsubara	Fumiko Kimura	ESPERANZA	1

Rank	IMPs	Member1	Member2	Team	Rds
	0.61	Kunio Kodaira	Makoto Nomura	Kacho Fugetsu	2
	0.57	Guido Ferraro	Agustin Madala	Italy Lavazza	1
	0.57	Yasuhiro Shimizu	Nobuyuki Hayashi	Seoul	1
	0.39	Hyemin Oh	Nobuyuki Hayashi	Seoul	2
	0.18	Junko Den	Kei Nemoto	Surfrider	2
	0.14	Setsuko Kimura	Harue Iemori	Iza Yokohama IV	1
	0.14	Hiroki Yokoi	Yasuhiro Shimizu	Seoul	1
	0.12	Sartraj Hans	Peter Gill	Down Under	3
	0.07	Motomi Shirogane	Ayako Shimazaki	sawa sawa	3
	-0.07	Akio Kurokawa	Yoshinori Kurachi	otvosi	1
	-0.14	Misae Kato	Yasuyo Iida	AYB 56	2
	-0.18	Yoko Nenohi	Kumiko Matsuo	Kitty's	2
	-0.21	Takashi Sugimoto	Tomoaki Matsunawa	Japan Youth	2
	-0.26	Masayuki Ino	Shugo Tanaka	SARA	3
	-0.29	Bruce Neill	Kim Morrison	Beauchamp	1
	-0.75	Takashi Sugimoto	Tomoaki Nakanishi	Japan Youth	2
	-0.89	Yoshiko Sakaguchi	Toshiko Kaho	Kitty's	2
	-0.93	Yuki Harada	Junji Ono	Japan Youth	1
	-0.95	Guido Ferraro	Maria Teresa Lavazza	Italy Lavazza	3
	-1.07	Takahiro Honda	Junji Ono	Japan Youth	1
	-1.11	Yumiko Oda	Ayako Shimazaki	sawa sawa	2
	-1.11	Kuniko Saito	Atsuko Kurita	Surfrider	2
	-1.21	Arun Jain	Manas Mukherji	India	1
	-1.21	Evgeny Gladyshev	Mikhail Krasnosselski	Russia	3
	-1.33	Tomoaki Matsunawa	Takahiro Honda	Japan Youth	2
	-1.68	Hiroki Yokoi	Hye Young Kim	Seoul	2
	-2.00	Terumi Kubo	Minako Takahashi	ESPERANZA	1
	-2.00	Yuki Harada	Takahiro Honda	Japan Youth	2
	-2.79	Takashi Sugimoto	Junji Ono	Japan Youth	2

## Yeh Bros Cup フローターチーム/ペア募集

Yeh Bros Cup スイスチーム/オープンペアのフローターを以下の通り募集します。

記

### 1. 募集数・日時

スイスチーム：1チーム

4月24日・25日 午前9時30分-午後6時40分

オープンペア：8ペア

4月25日 午後4時20分-午後7時50分 オープンペア予選

26日 午前9時30分-午後5時30分 オープンペア準決勝・決勝

### 2. 申込：4月23日（火）正午までに、Yeh Bros Cup 大会事務局へ（045-228-6466）

☆フローターをお願いするチーム・ペアを前日までに決定して連絡します。

☆開始時の状況により、ご参加いただけないことがありますのでご了承ください。

☆フローターは参加料無料で、入賞した場合は賞金を授与します。

以上

# Match Nine: Beauchamp vs Australia Youth

by Barry Rigal



Milne



Neill



Whibley



van Jole



Howard



Hollands



Beauchamp



Ware

Bd: 1  
Dlr: North  
Vul: None

North  
♠ 864  
♥ AJ  
♦ K6  
♣ Q65432

West  
♠ KJ72  
♥ K943  
♦ QJ10  
♣ J7

East  
♠ Q103  
♥ 8752  
♦ 874  
♣ AK9

South  
♠ A95  
♥ Q106  
♦ A9532  
♣ 108

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	Neill	Whibley	Ware
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	2♣	2♥	All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
van Jole	Howard	Bea'ch'mp	Hollands
	1♣	Pass	1NT

All Pass

When Howard heard his partner respond 1NT his decision to pass was somewhat tactical, knowing his opponents had at least eight hearts and seven spades between them and the likely balance of the points. It worked out extremely well on a heart lead. Hollands finessed, set up diamonds, and in the fullness of time collected his seven top winners when diamonds broke.

In the other room Whibley played 2♥, a contract that rated to make whenever the ♥A was onside. Alas for him, after a club lead his natural play was a trump to the king. Neill took his ♥A, a heart ruff, and the defenders still had two trumps and a spade to come for down two. No swing.

In PolUS versus Lavazza Madala tried a weak notrump in third seat as South and Bocchi, who couldn't take a joke, raised to 3NT. The defenders

set up spades and Madala went after diamonds. When the suit behaved and he scored an eighth trick in the ending, he escaped for down one. But that was still a loss of 2 imps against the pass-out from the other room.

Bd: 2  
Dlr: East  
Vul: N/S

North  
♠ 4  
♥ K763  
♦ K652  
♣ A753

West  
♠ 102  
♥ 1095  
♦ AJ84  
♣ KQ42

East  
♠ KJ9753  
♥ A  
♦ Q107  
♣ J96

South  
♠ AQ86  
♥ QJ842  
♦ 93  
♣ 108

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Milne	Neill	Whibley	Ware
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
van Jole	Howard	Bea'ch'mp	Hollands
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Is the West hand worth an non-vulnerable invitation facing an aggressive opener (especially one who's weak two bids are 5-9 so that opening bids start at 9+ at this vulnerability)? In favor of bidding is the ♠10 and the honor location. Van Jole took the push, Milne did not, and the lie of the cards was such that today was very much a day to be cautious. The defenders started with four top winners and when Howards led hearts at every turn Beauchamp was forced to ruff three times and lost control. Down two.

Whibley also received a heart lead and first finessed

in diamonds, then spades. When a third heart came back he switched to clubs, retaining a trump on the board, so that North could give his partner one ruff but couldn't effectively lead a fourth heart. That ensured eight tricks for declarer, and Australia Youth led 5-0.

In Lavazza-PoIUS both declarers made eight tricks along broadly similar lines, taking a club ruff but letting declarer retain control. However, since Madame Lavazza was in 3♠ PoIUS had 4 more imps to lead 6-0.

Bd: 3  
Dlr: South  
Vul: E/W

North  
♠ 9862  
♥ KJ962  
♦ 4  
♣ Q97

West  
♠ 73  
♥ Q10753  
♦ J987  
♣ A4

East  
♠ AQ  
♥ A  
♦ 106532  
♣ KJ832

South  
♠ KJ1054  
♥ 84  
♦ AKQ  
♣ 1065

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>Neill</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Ware</i>
Pass	3♣(1)	Pass	1♠
All Pass			3♠

(1) 6-9, four trump raise

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Jole</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Bea'ch'imp</i>	<i>Hollands</i>
Pass	2NT(1)	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl

All Pass

(1) Multi-purpose raise

Both Norths showed a spade raise. Ware did not try for game, playing 3♠ down two after the defenders led and continued clubs (well done) and took both their ruffs when Whibley forced his partner to ruff the third club after cashing the ♥A. Meanwhile, Hollands relayed and found heart values in less than a limit raise opposite. When he signed off Beauchamp sensibly but bravely balanced into 4♦ and Hollands was confident he could hold the overtricks when he doubled. As an indication of how close the double was, note van Jole had a swing of 12 imps (as opposed to 1) coming to him if he had guessed to rise with the ♠A at trick one and play on clubs. When he misguessed Australia Youth gained 7 imps instead of five; 12-0 to the Youth team.

Should declarer have gotten this right? I think so. Surely the double is based on the top trumps, so while you might go for 500 the odds favor playing for the contract. Undoubled, it looks closer to me, as

diamonds might well be 2-2.

Both N/S pairs went plus in our second match, Nowosadzki misguessing the play in 4♦ undoubled, Piafsky making 3♠ on a heart lead and diamond shift, letting the club losers go away. 7-0 for PoIUS.

Bd: 4  
Dlr: West  
Vul: Both

North  
♠ QJ942  
♥ KQ9  
♦ KJ7  
♣ 108

West  
♠ 87  
♥ AJ  
♦ A109642  
♣ AKJ

East  
♠ AK1053  
♥ 732  
♦ 85  
♣ 976

South  
♠ 6  
♥ 108654  
♦ Q3  
♣ Q5432

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>Neill</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Ware</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Jole</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Bea'ch'imp</i>	<i>Hollands</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	1NT	Dbl.	2♣
Dbl	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2♥
Dbl	All Pass		

Whibley's decision not to play for penalties looks very strange to me, and I would have thought he might have found a raise to 3♦ at his final turn (3NT goes down on repeated heart leads though). 2♦ handled very nicely for +130 but the stakes were far higher in the other room. Here Howard might have redoubled 2♣ since 2♦ was going to go down 500 the hard way. But could the defenders do better than +200 against 2♥x? Van Jole led a top club and shifted to ace and another heart. Declarer led a diamond to the queen and ace, van Jole shifted to hearts. South had to follow to the first spade (whew!) so Beauchamp could play a third heart and the defenders had six top winners. It looks hard to do any better. 2 imps to Beauchamp, trailing 12-2.

3NT by Nowosadzki-Filipowicz, reached after West upgraded his hand into a strong club, went down after a club lead when the defenders shifted to hearts in time. Meanwhile, Ferraro's strong notrump bought the hand in 2♠, making an impressive +140 after repeated heart plays. It was 7-6 to PoIUS.

We have looked at notrump played by E/W but the most lucrative result came from E/W defending notrump, redoubled. What's that, you say? How do you get to notrump redoubled by South? Easy. Kwiecien opened 1NT and Pszczola transferred to

spades and passed. South balanced with 2NT, Kwiecien doubled, South redoubled for rescue, and is still waiting. The defenders led diamonds and declarer now needed the ♠AJ doubleton to get out for 1000. If you were West would you tell declarer how lucky he was? Not unless you are much bigger than he.

Bill Jacobs played 2♣x as South after his rescue maneuvers didn't find the 5-3 fit. The defenders led a top club and shifted to diamonds. He won the second and pitched his spade loser as East ruffed in. Now a club to the jack, followed by the ♠K and a spade through reduced him to one trump. He led a heart up and when West took the ace he unblocked the king under it, and emerged with seven tricks when the jack put in an appearance on the second round. Down 200 felt like a real victory.

Winners in the penalty stakes were Brink-Gladys, collecting 1100 against 1♠x.

On the next deal the E/W pairs at both tables bid to a straightforward 4♥ for +420, but Ferraro-Lavazza found the second best game of 3NT despite their ten-card heart fit. When Lavazza misguessed the play PolUS moved further ahead, at 18-6.

Beauchamp collected an overtrick imp from a 1NT contract to make it 12-3. Then...

Bd: 7                    North  
 Dir: South           ♠ 96  
 Vul: Both            ♥ K94  
                           ♦ AJ93  
                           ♣ A865

West  
 ♠ KJ7  
 ♥ A10863  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ Q43

East  
 ♠ A8432  
 ♥ J5  
 ♦ 876  
 ♣ KJ7

South  
 ♠ Q105  
 ♥ Q72  
 ♦ 10542  
 ♣ 1092

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>Neill</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Ware</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Jole</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Bea'ch'mp</i>	<i>Hollands</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Beauchamp sensibly treated his hand as worth an invitation to game and van Jole equally sensibly rejected the invite, game being a fraction worse than spades 3-2 with the queen right (almost on the cusp of the imp odds needed for a vulnerable game). Whibley relayed and settled for 3NT, an even worse

spot on a diamond lead since declarer now also needs diamonds 4-4. It was Australia Youth's lucky day, though, and there was no defense to the nine-trick game; +600 for 10imps and a 22-3 lead.

PolUS picked up the same swing, bidding to game in one room and defending 1NT (after Ferraro opened 1♥ and rebid 1♠ over 1NT) to make it 28-6. About a quarter of the field reached game here.

Bd: 8                    North  
 Dir: West            ♠ ---  
 Vul: None            ♥ Q86532  
                           ♦ Q32  
                           ♣ AQ83

West  
 ♠ Q9874  
 ♥ 104  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ 10542

East  
 ♠ AK1063  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ K108  
 ♣ J76

South  
 ♠ J52  
 ♥ AJ7  
 ♦ 97654  
 ♣ K9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>Neill</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Ware</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Jole</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Bea'ch'mp</i>	<i>Hollands</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	Dbl	All Pass

You can take the player out of the junior event but you can't take the junior out of the player. Howard's 5♥ bid escaped serious damage thanks to the highly favorable lie of the trumps, but he still had to lose 300 in 5♥x.

By contrast, Bruce Neill had turned 25 before they had junior tournaments. No sacrificing for him! Ware was delighted to double 4♠, and compounded his decision by putting his fingers on the ♣K — a very nice effort. The defenders cashed three clubs (South pitching a high diamond spot to suggest a heart through) and now the defenders cashed two hearts (the second won by the queen) and tried for the trump promotion. Declarer countered that but still was down 300. This was 9imps to Beauchamp, trailing 22-12.

Lavazza defeated contracts in both rooms even though the routes to 4♠ and 5♥ were very different, such that neither contract was doubled. 4imps made it 28-10 to PolUS.

Just for the record, two pairs were allowed to make game here: Australia/India made 4♥x, while Tsuneo Sakurai bought home 5♥x for 650.

Bd: 9  
 Dlr: North  
 Vul: E/W

North  
 ♠ AJ  
 ♥ 109642  
 ♦ 103  
 ♣ K742

West  
 ♠ 875  
 ♥ KQJ5  
 ♦ J964  
 ♣ Q10

East  
 ♠ Q109642  
 ♥ A3  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ A93

South  
 ♠ K3  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ AKQ85  
 ♣ J865

Open Room

West <i>Milne</i>	North <i>Neill</i>	East <i>Whibley</i>	South <i>Ware</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dbl	3♠	4♣

All Pass

Closed Room

West <i>van Jole</i>	North <i>Howard</i>	East <i>Bea'ch'mp</i>	South <i>Hollands</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♦
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣

All Pass

To the jaundiced eye of this editor neither N/S auction is especially elegant, though we have no problem with North in the Open Room or South in the Closed Room. In the Open Room 2♠ rated to be comfortable enough for E/W so North's decision to balance over 2♠ looks reasonable. But why not double rather than bid 2NT, which should surely suggest, e.g., a 3-3-5-2 pattern and offer a choice of minors? Hollands was not tested to bid 3♣ whatever his partner had, and received a top heart lead and spade shift (the defenders might have to cash their hearts and play diamonds to get the trump promotion legitimately). Quite reasonably, declarer won in dummy, led a trump to his jack, then tried to duck out the ♣A. Down two, losing two hearts and three clubs and a trick in the wash since the defenders could now cross to the ♥A, cash the ♣A, then give a ruff and discard.

Ware, who was surely supposed to pass 3♠ with this minimum piece of cheese with weak clubs and too much in diamonds, played 4♣. He duplicated the above line of play and went three down for 2 imps to Australia Youth. 24-12 now.

Kalita as North found a way become declarer in 4♣ (he doubled 2♠, heard 2NT from Piafsky, raised to 3NT, but when doubled he chickened out and ran to 4♣) and escaped for down 100. Madala, by contrast, played 3♣ as South by bidding diamonds, then clubs, in the face of Bocchi's double. He got a top heart lead and spade shift, won in dummy, then led a club. Filipowicz inserted the three and Madala...played low, forcing the ten. Nowosadzki exited with the ♣Q and Madala could not fail to take nine tricks now. That was 5 imps and made the score 28-15.

Bd: 10  
 Dlr: East  
 Vul: Both

North  
 ♠ Q1072  
 ♥ KQ4  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ A875

West  
 ♠ J6  
 ♥ A1083  
 ♦ A643  
 ♣ 964

East  
 ♠ K85  
 ♥ J952  
 ♦ KQJ107  
 ♣ 3

South  
 ♠ A943  
 ♥ 76  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ KQJ102

Open Room

West <i>Milne</i>	North <i>Neill</i>	East <i>Whibley</i>	South <i>Ware</i>
	1♠	Dbl	2♠
Pass	3♣	3♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West <i>van Jole</i>	North <i>Howard</i>	East <i>Bea'ch'mp</i>	South <i>Hollands</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Not for the first time at this tournament (or even this hour) the Editors are at loggerheads as to what South in the Open Room should have expected for North's 3♣ bid. The O. Editor (pick older or obstinate according to taste) claims that 3♣ is non-forcing and South shouldn't expect 3♠ to make. The J Editor (Junior or Judgementally-challenged, according to some) thinks 3♣ was designed to help South decide whether to compete over the forthcoming three of a red-suit and that South should have taken another call. The duel will involve pistols at thirty paces. But it could be argued that since 3♦ wasn't exactly cold and 3♠ was going down on ruffs there was not much at stake here.

Whibley ruffed the second club, drew trumps, then finessed in hearts. North won and played back a third club. Declarer ruffed again and then, instead of repeating the heart finesse, carefully played the ace and another heart, endplaying North to lead away from the ♠Q. Nicely done; even a heart shift at trick two comes too late since declarer can strip out clubs himself. I guess that means even an initial heart lead won't break up the position.

In the other room Howard's exotic 1NT response silenced Beauchamp (should it have?). With the spade honors divided there was no defense to 1NT and the Juniors had another 5 imps. But I can't help feeling that this was more than a little random.

Both tables in our second match played spades, but Piafsky bought the hand in 3♠ (and Ferraro's lead of the trump jack did not paralyze her). While the defense in the other room did not get the club ruff they still beat Bocchi's 4♠ by a trick; 34-15, PoIUS.

On Board 11 Ware stole an overtrick in a partscore while (in a different match) Madala was stealing game for a 7-imp pick-up.

Bd: 12  
 Dir: West  
 Vul: N/S

North  
 ♠ QJ1075  
 ♥ 7632  
 ♦ J4  
 ♣ 87

West  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ A94  
 ♦ AK10863  
 ♣ 953

East  
 ♠ K983  
 ♥ Q5  
 ♦ Q2  
 ♣ KJ1042

South  
 ♠ A64  
 ♥ KJ108  
 ♦ 975  
 ♣ AQ6

Open Room

West <i>Milne</i>	North <i>Neill</i>	East <i>Whibley</i>	South <i>Ware</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West <i>van Jole</i>	North <i>Howard</i>	East <i>Bea'ch'mp</i>	South <i>Hollands</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Over 2♦ would you as East bid 2NT or raise to 3♦? And assuming partner's 2NT isn't forcing (I hear the protest from Erstwhile Editor Eric (Kokish), but that was then and this is now) sensible arguments can be made for West passing, raising to 3NT, or correcting to 3♦. Remarkably, neither current editor has strong feelings on the issue (there's a first for everything). Van Jole raised to 3NT hoping to run the diamonds expecting a sure side-entry and to protect the tenaces in partner's hand from the opening lead. The heart lead ran to the queen, North showing four, and declarer cashed five diamonds (North pitching two spades and a heart, South a spade then a club). The winning line is not unreasonable: declarer cashes the last diamond (South pitching a spade), then exits with ace and another heart. South takes his winner but has to give up a club at the end. Not surprisingly, since the ending was very hard to read and required South to hold all the high cards, Beauchamp led a club to the queen without cashing the last diamond so South won cheaply and claimed down one.

Naturally if game isn't making you'd want to stop in a partscore, right? Wrong. Against 3♦ Neill led an incisive doubleton club. The defenders took their club ruff, then led the ♠Q, covered all around. And when declarer ruffed the next spade he took his legitimate line of play for the contract by leading the ♦A and a diamond to dummy. But the bad trump split doomed him. He led a club winner but South ruffed in and got two heart tricks at the death. 2imps for Beauchamp.

Lavazza generated the same swing the same way to make it 34-24 in their match. Four pairs made 3NT: Two Easts got a passive diamond lead, after which the defenders have to shift to spades on winning an early club to set the hand. Not easy. Two defenders led hearts after having shown values, allowing declarer (Hristov and Debrata Majumdar) to go for the endplay after running diamonds. Nicely done.

Then along came a routine 3NT, easily reached by Whibley-Milne but harder for Beauchamp who, with both sides vulnerable, had to guess what to do with a 3=4=3=3 13-count that included ♥AKxx after the bidding had gone 1♣-(3♥)-Dbl-(P). He elected to bid 3NT, which depended on finessing the preempter for the ♦K — which worked. Plus 3♥x goes down only one trick. (For PolUS Piafsky bid to 4♥ and was doubled for 500, a pick-up of 3imps against the +600 from her teammates.)

Bd: 14  
 Dir: East  
 Vul: None

North  
 ♠ Q8654  
 ♥ 65  
 ♦ A1098  
 ♣ K2

West  
 ♠ J10  
 ♥ A3  
 ♦ J75  
 ♣ AQJ1085

East  
 ♠ AK7  
 ♥ 874  
 ♦ K63  
 ♣ 7643

South  
 ♠ 932  
 ♥ KQJ1092  
 ♦ Q42  
 ♣ 9

Open Room

West <i>Milne</i>	North <i>Neill</i>	East <i>Whibley</i>	South <i>Ware</i>
		Pass	3♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West <i>van Jole</i>	North <i>Howard</i>	East <i>Bea'ch'mp</i>	South <i>Hollands</i>
1♣	1♠	1NT	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Hollands' 3♥ as a passed hand was read as fit-showing by North, as indeed it should be. On a club lead and diamond shift Howard lost the obvious six top tricks for down 100. Against 3♥ Milne started accurately with the ♠J to dummy's four. Now Whibley made the curious decision to overtake and play a trump. West won, played another trump, and now all Ware had to do was draw trumps and advance the ♠9 and he would be home. He led a low spade to the ten, queen and ace, and when East shifted to a low diamond he needed to guess that suit — and perhaps not surprisingly didn't get that right, either. Down one was just 2imps to Beauchamp for a 29-17 loss, 6.52-13.48 in VPs.

In PolUS-Lavazza, while Madala was two down in 3NT Ferraro got to play 3NT on a heart lead, ducked. In a parallel position Bakhshi for NEDUK shifted to a diamond and set the game when Gold ducked to avoid blocking the suit, then won his ♣K and underled in diamonds. But Piafsky pressed on with hearts at trick two and Ferraro now needed to take the spade finesse to make his game. Understandably he did not do so, crossing to dummy with a spade to take the club finesse and now the defenders could set up spades while still having the ♦A as an entry. 4imps to PolUS, winners by 41-24, 14.64-5.36 in VPs.

3NT was permitted to make at about half of the tables where it was attempted.

# Match Ten: Italy Lavazza vs NAITO

by Rich Colker



Ayako M



Bocchi



Madala



Kenji M



Duboin



Tanaka



Naito



Sementa

After Match 9 the powerhouse Italian team found themselves on the bubble (sitting 10<sup>th</sup>, with 104.28 VPs) with just three matches to go, staring down the barrel of NAITO (sitting 12<sup>th</sup>, with 101.64 VPs), a team we've seen here before, and a threat to take anyone to the mat. This was an important match for both teams.

Bd: 17  
 Dlr: North  
 Vul: None

North  
 ♠ A10954  
 ♥ Q5  
 ♦ 853  
 ♣ 1032

West  
 ♠ 86  
 ♥ K4  
 ♦ KQ92  
 ♣ AKQ98

East  
 ♠ KQ  
 ♥ J108762  
 ♦ J764  
 ♣ 5

South  
 ♠ J732  
 ♥ A93  
 ♦ A10  
 ♣ J764

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	Pass	2♦(Multi)	Pass
2NT(F)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦(R)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>
	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the Open Room Kenji's 3♣ bid appears to have shown a minimum weak two-bid and the subsequent relays led inexorably to 4♥. The Italian pair in the Closed Room prefers to reserve their 2♦ openings for strong, balanced hands (presumably in the 18-19 hcp range), so Sementa opened a natural weak two-bid and Duboin went directly to game. (He did not pass go and did not collect his \$200 — maybe.) There appear to be four losers (two trumps and two

aces) but that was not a problem at either table. Naito led the ♦A and continued the suit when her partner played the three; Bocchi led a club. In both cases the spade losers quickly disappeared on the top clubs and the first board was a push at +420.

Were those developments forced on the defense? No. David Bakhshi led the ♦A against 4♥ (2♦-2NT; 3♥-4♥) and David Gold played a high diamond (intended and interpreted as suit preference). Bakhshi continued a diamond and declarer pitched his spade losers on the clubs, ruffed a spade to hand and led a low heart. Bakhshi took his ace, led a club for his partner to ruff with the ♥Q, and took the setting trick with a diamond ruff. Wasn't that elegant?

Dawei Chen as West got a club lead against 4♥. He took three clubs to shake the spade losers, then led the ♥K from hand. Lall won the ace, played ♦A and another diamond, and the diamond ruff sank the game. Since 4♥ had made in the other room when Huang-Shih did not find the above-mentioned defense, USA led 10-0.

Bd: 18  
 Dlr: East  
 Vul: N/S

North  
 ♠ 106  
 ♥ 97643  
 ♦ 1065  
 ♣ Q73

West  
 ♠ AQ85  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ AKJ9  
 ♣ K86

East  
 ♠ 93  
 ♥ KQJ1085  
 ♦ 42  
 ♣ J104

South  
 ♠ KJ742  
 ♥ ---  
 ♦ Q873  
 ♣ A952

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Dbf
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Tanaka	Sementa	Naito
		2♥	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dbl	Rdbl	All Pass	

In the Open Room the Miyakunis had another relay auction to 4♥, with a side note that the artificial 2♦ opening actually kept the N/S pair out of trouble (cf. the Closed Room auction, below). Bocchi led the ♠10, which took care of one of Ayako's concerns, and after drawing trumps she cashed the ♦AK and ruffed a diamond. When the queen failed to appear she simply cashed her ♠A for 10 tricks; +420.

Things were more difficult for N/S in the Closed Room. Sementa's natural 2♥ opening left the door open for Naito to come in with a light shapely double (especially given the vulnerability, although "experts" do tell us that the player who is short in the enemy suit should be the aggressor), and from there the auction got really ugly — and the defense even uglier (if that seems possible). Duboin led out the ♦AK and then the ♦9 for Sementa to ruff. Naito ruffed the ♥K switch (Duboin unblocking the ♥A) and played ace and a club to Duboin's king. Next came the ♦J, ruffed with the ♠10 (Sementa pitching his last club), and Naito next scored a low trump by ruffing a heart. But when she then tried to score a club trick with the queen Sementa was able to ruff with his last trump and now Duboin had to concede another trump trick to declarer. Still, +1600 is not bad for a few minutes work. Lavazza, 15-0.

This deal was flat at 1400 in several matches, and so the Senior-Penfold result of +1360 (Quick. How do you achieve that?) after 3♥-Dbl-Rdbl-All Pass was maybe more fun but not necessarily any more imps. We also saw 1080, 1240, and 1100 recorded here.

In our second match Cheek-Del'Monte collected 1400 against 3♣x for 14 imps against the dull 450 from the other room.

Bd: 19  
 Dir: South  
 Vul: E/W

North
♠ 2
♥ J4
♦ K10854
♣ KQ974

West	East
♠ 10976	♠ AJ5
♥ K6	♥ AQ932
♦ AJ73	♦ Q62
♣ A62	♣ 53

South
♠ KQ843
♥ 10875
♦ 9
♣ J108

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ayako M	Bocchi	Kenji M	Madala
			2♥

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Tanaka	Sementa	Naito
			Pass
1♦	2♣	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♣	Dbl	PassW
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Madala's 2♥ bid showed at least five-four in the majors (either way) and less-than-opening strength at this vulnerability, and he played it there when Kenji was only too happy to go quietly in the pass-out seat. Ayako led the ♠10 to the ace and Kenji switched to a low diamond. Ayako won the ace, returned the suit to dummy's king (declarer pitching a spade), and now Madala played a low club to the jack, ducked, followed by the ♠KQ and a third spade, ruffed with the jack and over-ruffed. Kenji led a low heart to Ayako's king and she returned a diamond, Madala ruffing and tabling the ♣10. Ayako stepped up with the ace and played a third club for Kenji to ruff, and with the ♥A still to come declarer ended up down two, -100.

Looking just at the E/W cards 3NT seems as good a place to play as any. But with everything sitting poorly and the suits all stacked offside this did not rate to be a success — barring a serious defensive lapse. Tanaka got off to the best lead for the defense of the ♣K, ducked (Naito following with the eight), and continued with a low club to the ten, ducked. Duboin won the third club (a spade from dummy), played a spade to the ace to see if anything good would happen, then three top hearts. When Tanaka showed out, Duboin tried the diamond finesse as a last resort but when that failed too Tanaka cashed his clubs for down two, -200. That was 7 imps back to NAITO, Lavazza's lead now down to 8 at 15-7.

On this deal one E/W pair played 4♥ successfully, one made 3NT, and one E/W pair brought home 2♦ (okay, maybe that's not *such* a triumph) but the rest of the results were minus one way or the other. Cheek-Del'Monte had started well up to this point in the match and they didn't let up, collecting 800 from 2♠ on an auction that we probably shouldn't show you or you might not get to sleep tonight. USA led 38-0 after just three deals.

Bd: 21  
 Dir: North  
 Vul: N/S

North
♠ A853
♥ Q
♦ J109
♣ A10943

West
♠ J96
♥ AJ954
♦ 8765
♣ K

East
♠ Q2
♥ K10872
♦ A2
♣ QJ82

South
♠ K1074
♥ 63
♦ KQ43
♣ 765

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
3♣	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
4♥	All Pass		

Ayako's 3♣ bid looks like either a mixed raise or a splinter raise of hearts, and Kenji just bid 4♥ at his next opportunity. Madala led the ♠7. Bocchi won the ace and switched accurately to the ♦J, avoiding setting up a spade pitch for declarer's diamond loser. Kenji won, played a club to the king and ace, and Bocchi tried to cash the ♦10 (maybe the ♦9 would have worked better). Madala overtook and played a third round of the suit. Kenji ruffed and inexplicably claimed only nine tricks; -50. Say, what? After ruffing the third diamond the contract was cold (hence the need for North to play the ♦9 on the second round so South knows that a third won't cash). Declarer simply cashes two trumps ending in hand, pitches dummy's spades on the ♣QJ, and cross-ruffs the rest; +420. (Strange, one editor guesses that N/S cashed their second spade before playing the third diamond. The other editor believes the written record. What's that about lies, damned lies and BBO?)

In the Closed Room Naito led a club against 4♥. Tanaka won the ace and switched accurately to the ♦J, but it was too late. Sementa rose with the ace and followed the above line for +420; 10 imps to Lavazza, ahead now 25-7.

The field was split 50-50 between those beating 4♥ and those letting it make.

On the next deal Huang-Shih talked their opponents out of a vulnerable game, bid all around the room, and had reduced the deficit to 38-13.

Bd: 23  
Dir: South  
Vul: Both

West	North	East	South
♠ 9	♠ AKQ632	♠ 1054	♠ J87
♥ KQ1054	♥ A972	♥ J	♥ 863
♦ AQ832	♦ 6	♦ KJ4	♦ 10975
♣ 53	♣ Q6	♣ AK10972	♣ J84

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Kenji led the ♥J against Bocchi's 3♠. Bocchi won and led the ♣Q to the king. Kenji then cashed the ♣A and led a third round for Ayako to ruff as Bocchi pitched his losing diamond. With two hearts still to come the defense took five tricks for +100.

Sementa's 3♣ in the Closed Room had only three losers against any defense (since the long trump was in the same hand as the long diamonds) and he emerged with +130, another 1-imp pickup for Lavazza, now ahead 26-7. Chen-Furuta reached 5♣, down a trick, while Del'Monte-Cheek stopped in four; another 6 imps to USA, up 44-13 now.

This deal produced perhaps the most spectacular declarer play of the tournament so far. Reid-Newell play transfer openings with canapé; this was their sequence:

West	North	East	South
Reid	Beauchamp	Newell	van Jole
1♦(♥)	1♠	1NT(♣)	Pass
2♦	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Beauchamp led out two top spades against 5♦. Reid ruffed and led a low heart to North's ace and South's upside-down six (count). Back came a third spade. Reid ruffed, cashed a second heart as South echoed and ruffed a heart in dummy as both opponents followed. He now knew South was 3-3 in the majors. He cashed the ♣A and when North did not drop an honor he took the second top club, ruffed a club with the ♦8(!) and had a high cross-ruff for the last four tricks. Very nicely done.

Bd: 24  
Dir: West  
Vul: None

West	North	East	South
♠ 8	♠ AQJ1043	♠ 2	♠ K9765
♥ QJ7	♥ A6	♥ 10984	♥ K532
♦ AKQ1082	♦ 7	♦ 64	♦ J953
♣ 852	♣ Q1043	♣ AKJ976	♣ ---

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♦	1♠	2♣	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>
1♦	1♠	Dbl	4♠
All Pass			

The Italians in the Open Room had a shot at reaching slam but Madala must have felt that he had done his all just to splinter with 4♣ and signed off over 4♦ rather than cue-bid 4♥ or 5♣, either of which might have gotten his side there. With trumps one-one there was no defense; +480.

When Naito blasted 4♠ the Japanese pair had no shot at getting to slam and had to settle for a gut wrenching push at +480. Still 26-7, Lavazza.

While a few pairs pushed themselves or were pushed to the five-level (and occasionally doubled there), not one pair in the field recorded 980. Maybe we shouldn't be surprised.

Bd: 25	North
Dlr: North	♠ J
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ96
	♦ AKJ9
	♣ KJ82

West
♠ A32
♥ 853
♦ 10763
♣ Q64

East
♠ Q986
♥ Q74
♦ 85
♣ A1053

South
♠ K10754
♥ A102
♦ Q42
♣ 97

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

All roads led to 3NT by North here, and with plenty of resources at his disposal +400 or even more was not going to prove too difficult. In the Open Room Bocchi got a lead of the ♠9, ducked to the ace, and Ayako switched to the ♣Q: K, A, 7. Back came a low club, the nine holding in dummy, and now Bocchi was playing for overtricks (he already had nine tricks in the form of one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs). He called for the ♥10, passed it to the queen, and now had a tenth trick; +430.

In the other room Sementa led the ♥4, taking all the fun out of guessing that suit for declarer. Tanaka won the nine in hand and led the ♠J: Q, K, A. Back

came a heart (just in case there was any doubt about where the queen was). Tanaka took the queen with the ace, tried for a tenth trick by leading a club to the king and ace, then claimed nine tricks for +400.

When Grue played 3NT against Chen-Furuta the latter found the club lead to the queen and king, which at least set up some tricks for the defense. Grue passed the ♠J, covered all around, and a club back to the ten saw Furuta find the insidious shift to the ♠8. Grue ducked, won the next spade, pitching a club and a heart from hand, then ran the diamonds. In the three-card ending East had pitched a heart plus his losing club and appeared to be down to three hearts. Grue threw him in with his club winner to lead hearts and Furuta produced the ♠9 for the setting trick. Well defended; 44-23, USA.

Bd: 26	North
Dlr: East	♠ J94
Vul: Both	♥ 10654
	♦ J106
	♣ J64

West
♠ 65
♥ AQJ9
♦ Q
♣ AKQ975

East
♠ A7
♥ K732
♦ K9742
♣ 32

South
♠ KQ10832
♥ 8
♦ A853
♣ 108

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
		Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>
		Pass	2♠
Dbl	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

With his good shape and playing strength Madala's 1♠ bid looks a couple of cuts above "aggressive," or downright "pushy." Still, it presented no problem for the Miyakunis who bounced right into their heart game. Bocchi led a spade and Ayako rose with the ace, played a trump to the queen, a second trump back to the king (finding out about the four-one split), tested that the clubs were three-two, and then just finished drawing trumps and claimed 11 tricks; +650.

In the other room Naito led the ♠Q against 6♥. Sementa won the ace, cashed the ♥K at trick two (the key play), led a heart to dummy, getting the bad news about trumps, then cashed the three top clubs pitching his spade, ruffed a spade, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks; +1430. If Sementa had played two trump honors from dummy on the first two rounds of the suit, keeping the ♥K in hand, the contract could

not have been made. The ♠K must be one of the first two trumps played, or North pitches two diamonds on the run of the clubs, then ruffs the last club. Although declarer can over-ruff and play a diamond, South wins and leads a spade and North's ♠10 is promoted via a suicide-uppercut. Well done, declarer, who had earned 13 moreimps for Lavazza, extending her lead to 33 at 40-7. Just six declarers bid and made slam here.

Bd: 27 North  
 Dir: South ♠ J109863  
 Vul: None ♥ A102  
 ♦ Q9  
 ♣ 104

West  
 ♠ KQ52  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ 653  
 ♣ J9632

East  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ KQ98  
 ♦ KJ87  
 ♣ A875

South  
 ♠ 74  
 ♥ J7543  
 ♦ A1042  
 ♣ KQ

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>

Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
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4♣	All Pass		
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>

Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
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3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
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3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
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4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass
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5♣ appears to have no play, being off two aces and at least one trump trick (unless, of course, the ♣KQ are singleton), so the Closed Room contract was not a great success. Tanaka led the ♠10 (Rusinow) to dummy's ace and Duboin played ace and another club, exhaling when the suit broke. In with the club Naito cashed the ♦A and shifted to a heart for down one, -50 for E/W.

In the Open Room the Miyakunis settled in 4♣, which seemed to require both a favorable trump position (a two-two split or North with a singleton high honor) and declarer to guess diamonds correctly (assuming they're guessable). Bocchi also led the ♠10. Ayako won and attacked clubs, just as Duboin had, with ace and another. Madala won and got out with a spade, Ayako taking the king and queen and pitching two diamonds from dummy. Next she led a heart to the king, and when it held she was in with a chance for an overtrick. She ruffed a heart back to hand, led a diamond to the jack, and lo and behold had 11 tricks for +150 and a useful 5imps for NAITO, who trailed now 40-12.

In USA-Yeh Bros Cheek-Del'Monte played a club partscore but Lall-Grue stepped out of line and were

doubled in 2♥: 1♥-(Pass)-2♥-(Pass); Pass-(Dbl)-All Pass. That East hand might be one of the better ones we've ever seen for this auction. After a diamond lead the defenders had four plain-suit losers and managed to score three trump tricks when West uppercut dummy. The 5imps here made it 45-23.

Bd: 28 North  
 Dir: West ♠ 1075  
 Vul: N/S ♥ QJ  
 ♦ KQ96  
 ♣ 8532

West  
 ♠ 943  
 ♥ 643  
 ♦ J87  
 ♣ K1096

East  
 ♠ KQ62  
 ♥ 109852  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ AJ7

South  
 ♠ AJ8  
 ♥ AK7  
 ♦ 105432  
 ♣ Q4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>

Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2♥	Dbl	Pass	3♦

All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Naito</i>

Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
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1NT	All Pass		
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3♦ is a fine contract, as long as declarer has his guessing shoes on when playing trumps, and Madala was no bare-foot boy with cheek. Ayako led a low heart and Madala won, played a second round to hand, then led a trump to the king and ace. When a spade came back he won, pitched a spade from dummy on his third heart, played a second diamond and inserted the nine when Ayako followed low, and claimed nine tricks for +110.

Duboin received the ♦K lead in 1NT. He won the ace and played ♣A, then ♣J, and was relieved to see the queen appear on his right. Next he tried a spade to the king. Naito won, cashed the ♥K to show Tanaka her entry, then switched back to diamonds. Tanaka won, cashed his second heart, then went back to diamonds. When the smoke cleared the defense had taken one spade, three hearts and four diamonds for down two, +100 for N/S, and a push. Still Lavazza by 28, 40-12.

We should point out (purely for the record) that Kovachev made 3NT here as South on a heart lead after the defenders shifted to spades at an inopportune moment. What he was doing there is no concern of ours (or, we suspect, yours).

Did you know? 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
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Bd: 29  
 Dir: North  
 Vul: Both

North  
 ♠ A95  
 ♥ AQJ874  
 ♦ 107  
 ♣ J10

West  
 ♠ 6432  
 ♥ 1032  
 ♦ A854  
 ♣ A8

East  
 ♠ Q108  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ 632  
 ♣ KQ954

South  
 ♠ KJ7  
 ♥ 96  
 ♦ KQJ9  
 ♣ 7632

Both N/S's played a heart partial here on the uncontested auction: 1♥-1NT; 2♥. Both declarers lost the obvious four tricks for a push at +140. Still 40-12.

We would not have included this deal at all were it not for the fact that Grue-Lall bid to 3NT by South. On a spade lead Lall won in hand, led a heart to the jack, then came back to hand to repeat the heart finesse. This time Furuta won, shifted to a low club and collected 300; 10 moreimps, bringing the match back to 45-34. A nice recovery for Yeh Bros, who were certainly not entirely out of a qualifying place.

Bd: 30  
 Dir: East  
 Vul: None

North  
 ♠ KQ7  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ AJ74  
 ♣ 7432

West  
 ♠ A96432  
 ♥ KJ  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ KQ98

East  
 ♠ 8  
 ♥ 9873  
 ♦ KQ962  
 ♣ A106

South  
 ♠ J105  
 ♥ Q6542  
 ♦ 853  
 ♣ J5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayako M</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Kenji M</i>	<i>Madala</i>
		Pass	Pass
		Dbl	2♥

1♠      1NT  
 All Pass  
 Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Semeta</i>	<i>Naito</i>
		Pass	Pass

1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Against Madala's 2♥ Ayako led the ♦10. Madala won the ace and played ace and another heart, ducked to the king. Ayako now tried a low spade (when the ace and another would have garnered the defense two ruffs) and Madala won the king and claimed the obvious six tricks for down one, -100.

2♠ was a good contract, especially with trumps splitting three-three. Best defense (ace and a heart, then unblock a high trump under the ace when declarer plays ace and another for South to get in to give North a heart over-ruff) holds declarer to eight tricks. Tanaka started well to lead the ♥A, then the ♥10, but he neglected to unblock in trumps (we know you would have, dear reader) so Duboin escaped with +140. That was 1 more imp to Lavazza, who won the match 41-12, 16.88-3.12 in VPs.



"Samantha Spade... 'Sam' Spade. What a great name for a bridge detective."

## Images of Our Game



"Happy go lucky? Moi?"



"Hmm, I wonder where the wading pool is."



"Mama, mia."



"No, I don't think anyone noticed me."

# Match Eleven: NEDUK vs Down Under

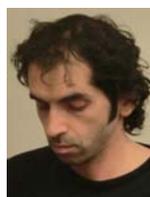
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Reid



Gold



Bakhshi



Newell



Jansma



Hans



Gill



van Prooijen

The two NEDUK pairs use natural systems (some short clubs, strong notrumps) while for the Aussies Gill-Hans play Precision and Newell-Reid play strong club and transfer-canapè openings to restore the balance for the lovers of artificiality.

Bd: 1  
 Dir: North  
 Vul: None

North  
 ♠ 82  
 ♥ KJ9753  
 ♦ J97  
 ♣ J4

West  
 ♠ 7  
 ♥ AQ42  
 ♦ AQ863  
 ♣ AK6

East  
 ♠ AQ1064  
 ♥ 1086  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 10752

South  
 ♠ KJ953  
 ♥ ---  
 ♦ K1054  
 ♣ Q983

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
	2♦	Pass	2♠

Dbf All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
	2♥	Pass	2♠

Dbf All Pass

The E/W pairs at both tables went headhunting and picked a fine moment to do so. Jansma led a trump and van Prooijen won to shift to his diamond and get a ruff. Now a came a club to West for the second top club and another diamond ruff followed by a club through. Gill finessed and had just one more spade loser for -500. Not a triumph — but not a disaster, either because in the other room the defenders led a top club, then switched to a trump. After three rounds of diamonds, when Newell ruffed in he played a second trump and Bakhshi went up with the king and exited with a club. Reid won, gave another diamond ruff, and Newell cashed the ♠Q and exited in hearts,

scoring his ♣10 at the death for +800 and 7 imps.

In USA-Oz Players Grue, as North, opened 2♥ and Klinger balanced with 3NT, doubled by Lall for a non-heart lead. Grue obliged with a heart lead and the diamond switch by Lall (plus a continuation of the suit by Grue) set up two diamonds and two clubs to go with a spade trick, though South eventually got endplayed to lead spades back into the tenace. Not that it mattered whether 3NT went one or two down. When Jacobs passed the North hand South opened 2♠, doubled by Del'Monte. Cheek passed it out and Thompson rescued himself to 2NT and forced his partner to play 3♦x, down 1100 on a trump lead.

Given the results we have seen you might be surprised to know that most of the field avoided trouble with the N/S cards. In fact, only two other pairs in the field went for even 500. As ever, the editors were in the right place, at the right time.

On the next deal a light opening two-suiter from Newell gave Bakhshi the clue to the play for two overtricks and 2 imps. Thompson-Jacob recovered most of the imps lost on the first deal by bidding a slam on a successful finesse.

Then came something far more substantial for NEDUK.

Bd: 3  
 Dir: South  
 Vul: E/W

North  
 ♠ K109  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ KQ10973  
 ♣ KQ6

West  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ Q95432  
 ♦ ---  
 ♣ AJ9542

East  
 ♠ Q86542  
 ♥ 1086  
 ♦ A65  
 ♣ 7

South  
 ♠ A73  
 ♥ AKJ  
 ♦ J842  
 ♣ 1083

Open Room  
 West North East South  
*Reid Gold Newell Bakhshi*  
 1♥ 2♦ 2♥ 1♣  
 3♥ 3♠ Pass 3♦  
 3NT

All Pass

Closed Room

West North East South  
*Jansma Hans van P Gill*  
 1♥ 2♦ 2♥ 1♦  
 3♦ 3♥ 3♠ 2NT  
 4♥ Pass Pass 3NT  
 All Pass Dbl

In the Open Room 3NT made comfortably enough. West was discouraged from saving because the 1♣ opening suggested that perhaps the suit was not going to behave. The real action came in the other room, where Hans led a diamond against 4♥x (we cannot criticize this too harshly since one editor, when given the problem, did the same). While a major suit would have generated 500, a diamond lead let declarer cross-ruff merrily for +790 and 15 coolimps. 17-7 now for NEDUK.

Both E/W pairs in USA-Oz Players went down in heart contracts after accurate defense. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Jason and Justin Hackett put up +930 in 3♥x after a diamond lead while Toyofoku-Kaho for Kitty's collected +800 against 5♥x on a trump lead.

Bd: 4  
 Dir: West  
 Vul: Both  
 North  
 ♠ AK876  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ 8762  
 ♣ KQ8

West  
 ♠ Q3  
 ♥ AK10532  
 ♦ 10543  
 ♣ 6

East  
 ♠ 1042  
 ♥ 9876  
 ♦ AKJ  
 ♣ 1075

South  
 ♠ J95  
 ♥ QJ  
 ♦ Q9  
 ♣ AJ9432

Open Room  
 West North East South  
*Reid Gold Newell Bakhshi*  
 1♦(♥) 1♠ 2♦(♥) 2♥(♠)  
 3♥(♥) Dbl(1) Pass 4♠  
 All Pass

(1) Maximal

Closed Room

West North East South  
*Jansma Hans van P Gill*  
 2♦ 2♠ 3♥ 3♠  
 All Pass

If the last swing was all about judgement, this one owed more than a little to luck. Gill discounted his heart honors for spades while when Gold made a game-try, Bakhshi could infer that he rated to be facing a heart singleton. As you can see, game basically needs the doubleton ♠Q (its best chance) and Gold played for that to generate 10 imps in

instead of 7 imps the other way. That made it 27-7, NEDUK. USA picked up the same swing, Lall as South jumping to 4♠ on the same auction as that in the Closed Room above, while Thompson bid only 3♠. Less than half the field bid game here.

On the next deal both Souths successfully finessed for the trump queen missing four, warned by a strong opening to their right. No swing, but 7 imps to USA when Thompson-Jacob under-competes and sold out at the three-level with a known nine-card fit.

Bd: 6  
 Dir: East  
 Vul: E/W  
 North  
 ♠ 975  
 ♥ AKJ2  
 ♦ 109  
 ♣ QJ64

West  
 ♠ AJ64  
 ♥ Q63  
 ♦ K842  
 ♣ 75

East  
 ♠ 10  
 ♥ 1098  
 ♦ QJ75  
 ♣ AK982

South  
 ♠ KQ832  
 ♥ 754  
 ♦ A63  
 ♣ 103

Open Room  
 West North East South  
*Reid Gold Newell Bakhshi*  
 2NT Pass 1♠(1) Pass  
 (1) 9-13 4+♦, possibly canapé in clubs All Pass

Closed Room

West North East South  
*Jansma Hans van P Gill*  
 Pass Pass van P Pass  
 3♦ All Pass Dbl 2♠  
 Pass Pass Dbl Pass

Against Jansma's 3♦ the defenders led a trump, ducked. Declarer erroneously returned a trump and Gill won and shifted to hearts, letting Hans cash three hearts and play a club. Declarer could score one spade, two clubs and five trump tricks but could not set up either spades or clubs any more. In contrast, Newell won the spade lead against 3♦ and immediately played three rounds of clubs, ruffing in hand, then led a trump to the queen and ace. The defenders cashed their three hearts but Newell could not be prevented either from cross-ruffing or setting up the long club. Plus 110 meant 5 imps, 27-12 for NEDUK.

Bd: 7  
 Dir: South  
 Vul: Both  
 North  
 ♠ A53  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ K9654  
 ♣ KJ42

West  
 ♠ 964  
 ♥ KJ963  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 9753

East  
 ♠ Q102  
 ♥ Q1085  
 ♦ QJ  
 ♣ A1086

South  
 ♠ KJ87  
 ♥ A74  
 ♦ A10873  
 ♣ Q

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♦(FG)	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
			1♦
Pass	3♥(SPL)	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Both tables reached slam after splinter raises of diamonds, competently bid, but an overtrick imp to Down Under made it 27-13. Both pairs in USA-Oz Players missed the slam. Indeed, we were watching the only match where slam was a flat board. About a quarter of the field found their way to the slam.

NEDUK regained thoseimps with interest by finding a better partscore on Board 8, making it 27-13. Then:

Bd: 9	North
Dir: North	♠ 4
Vul: E/W	♥ KQJ8762
	♦ K65
	♣ Q8

West  
♠ K102  
♥ 93  
♦ AQ97  
♣ A742

East  
♠ AQJ7  
♥ A104  
♦ J842  
♣ K3

South  
♠ 98653  
♥ 5  
♦ 103  
♣ J10965

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
	1♥	Dbl	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Despite the 5-1 trump break Jansma had enough power in top tricks to be able to hold his losers to a club, a heart and a trump. Meanwhile, 4♥x on a diamond lead to the queen followed by a trump shift had seven tricks. The defenders might have done better to put in the ♦Q at trick one. North wins and returns the suit but if the defenders time it perfectly they can cash the diamonds, clubs and spades and lead a third club to promote a heart trick. It was 32-13 now for NEDUK.

Remarkably, after Grue opened 4♥ both Mullamphy and Klinger took no action, selling out to 4♥ down three for a 10-imp pick-up (Cheek-Del'Monte reached 5♦ where 11 tricks were straightforward). The datum here was +320 for N/S (a third of the field went down

on the E/W cards, many in 3NT).

The next deal demonstrates perfectly how hard it is to play against the Newell-Reid methods, but by comparison how much fun it is to comment on them.

Bd: 10	North
Dir: East	♠ 54
Vul: Both	♥ KQ8
	♦ J105
	♣ K10843
West	East
♠ Q76	♠ A1082
♥ J104	♥ 9632
♦ A986432	♦ K
♣ ---	♣ QJ96
South	
♠ KJ93	
♥ A75	
♦ Q7	
♣ A752	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
2♣(♦)	Dbl	1♦(♥)	Dbl
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dbl	3♠
			All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Did either Gold or Bakhshi do anything terrible here? While Gill played 3NT down on a diamond lead and spade shift to the jack and queen (the defenders eventually set up a second spade trick for him), Gold had a bigger problem on the auction shown (by the way, nice double, Peter). Newell led his ♦K and shifted to hearts, then rose with the ♠A to play a second heart. Declarer could now have ruffed spades in hand to set up a discard for himself and eventually endplay East in trumps for down one. But he took the spade finesse and now the defenders not only had a way to cash their winners, they had broken up the trump endplay; +800. It was 32-25 now for NEDUK. Time for some revenge.

Again we were in the right place at the right time: this was the only table where N/S got into trouble.

Bd: 11	North
Dir: South	♠ 108
Vul: None	♥ A954
	♦ QJ7
	♣ AQ104
West	East
♠ 9652	♠ A43
♥ K6	♥ Q1032
♦ 953	♦ A82
♣ 9762	♣ KJ8
South	
♠ KQJ7	
♥ J87	
♦ K1064	
♣ 53	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	1♣	Dbl	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			Dbl

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	1♠

The defense against 1♠x started well enough with a trump to the jack, a diamond to the jack and a spade back. Reid rose with the ace and led a heart to the king. That lost to the ace and back came a diamond. Reid won the ace, played ♥Q, ruff a heart, then led a club up. Gold won the ace and played a diamond to his partner for a third trump, but declarer was left with a club winner in dummy for his fifth trick. Minus 300 was 3imps to NEDUK, back up 35-25.

Down Under picked up an overtrick on the next deal when both N/S pairs made 3NT on a hand where the field was struggling to come to nine tricks. Then this tester came along.

Bd: 13 North  
 Dir: North ♠ 8742  
 Vul: Both ♥ Q10  
 ♦ A109754  
 ♣ 9

West	East
♠ 5	♠ KJ
♥ J7652	♥ A983
♦ J8	♦ K
♣ AQJ52	♣ K108763

South  
 ♠ AQ10963  
 ♥ K4  
 ♦ Q632  
 ♣ 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Dbl	4♠	1♣(14+)	2♠
		All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
Dbl	4♠	1♣	2♠
5♣	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Newell had a minimum for his strong club with all the values in the short suits and I suppose Reid might have trusted his opponents and bid 4NT over 4♠ to get his two-suiter across. But it is easy to be wise after the event. 4♠ handled for 10 tricks painlessly enough (Bakhshi would have made five if he had to) and 5♣ lost the obvious three top tricks. That was 11imps to NEDUK, leading 46-26.

In USA-Oz Players it was easy for Del'Monte as West to save in 5♣ facing a Precision 2♣ opener, but Grue-Lall bought the hand in 4♠, leaving USA the winner, 55-16, 18.29-1.71 in VPs, putting them in fifth place 10 VPs ahead of the eighth qualifier. Five E/W pairs were allowed to make 4♥, about a quarter of the field were permitted to play 4♠, and the rest by and large lost 100 in either clubs or hearts.

Bd: 14 North  
 Dir: East ♠ A9  
 Vul: None ♥ J95  
 ♦ KJ5  
 ♣ AQ1086

West	East
♠ K52	♠ 108
♥ KQ	♥ A864
♦ 9	♦ AQ8432
♣ KJ95432	♣ 7

South  
 ♠ QJ7643  
 ♥ 10732  
 ♦ 1076  
 ♣ ---

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
1NT(♣)	Dbl	1♦(♥)	1♠
3♣	Dbl	2♦	Pass
		All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>van P</i>	<i>Gill</i>
2♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
5♣	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Yesterday we saw van Prooijen double a slam with a cashing ace-king, two trump tricks, a king-queen and a partner who had overcalled in his void suit. Here Hans returned the favor, doubling 5♣ with six cashing tricks in his own hand and a KJ plus a partner who had made a free overcall. Amazingly, it was all Hans could do to collect 500 after he led the ♠A, for which one would need to have a heart of stone to blame him. He shifted to hearts and declarer finessed in diamonds, then cashed his side winners before playing a trump. Hans was eventually trump-endplayed, and could only score four of his trump tricks plus the ♠A.

Mind you, in the other room the defenders started in precisely the same way. However, Reid failed to cash his ♠K before starting the trump reduction, so he went two down for -300 but a gain of 5imps, making the final margin 46-31. Down Under would enter the last match clinging to eighth place by a faction of a VP.

## Match Twelve: Mixed vs Down Under

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Nunn



Auken



Welland



Hans



Kwecien



Newell



Reid



Pszczola

With one match to go Mixed was leading, but had played all the teams in contention and so would play Down Under (in eighth place). Welland-Auken play a (very) nebulous club with transfer responses; Kwiecien-Pszczola play a variety of Polish Club. Hans-Nunn for Down Under play weak notrump and standard; Reid-Newell play transfer openings with canapé and a strong club.

In our other match we watched ninth placed England play Australia Youth. As Peter Gill, ever the dreadful punner, remarked: "It would be the Juniors versus the Seniors." England needed a decent win to overtake their opponents or some cooperation from the rest of the field in order to move into a qualifying spot. We also kept a weather eye on Lavazza, who needed to avoid losing by more than double digits to retain a qualifying place.

Both tables reached 2♦ on the N/S cards, but Hans risked a double and Nunn obstinately refused to produce a four-card major. 3♣ was not the spot of anyone's dreams. The defenders led hearts and took one trick in each of the side suits plus four trump tricks; -150, and 5 imps when Reid managed to set up a defensive cross-ruff to lose four trump tricks and one trick in each of the majors. Mixed led 5-0.

If it was unfortunate to go one down in 2♦, to go four down in 3♦, on the E/W cards, looks very much like carelessness. Yet again there are some auctions that boggle the imagination. On this one Brian Senior opened 1NT as East, ran to 2♦ when doubled for penalties, and was raised in competition by West to 3♦...and nobody doubled. Ripley (as in Believe It or Not) will be adding it to his collection.

Bd: 17  
Dlr: North  
Vul: None

North  
♠ 742  
♥ 76  
♦ J10843  
♣ AJ8

West  
♠ KQ6  
♥ J9  
♦ 976  
♣ Q9532

East  
♠ 10853  
♥ AQ83  
♦ KQ5  
♣ 64

South  
♠ AJ9  
♥ K10542  
♦ A2  
♣ K107

Bd: 18  
Dlr: East  
Vul: N/S

North  
♠ AK2  
♥ A972  
♦ 3  
♣ A10543

West  
♠ 643  
♥ 1063  
♦ J1086  
♣ K72

East  
♠ Q8  
♥ KQ8  
♦ AQ754  
♣ QJ9

South  
♠ J10975  
♥ J54  
♦ K92  
♣ 86

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Auken	Hans	Welland
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♦
3♣	All Pass	Dbl	Pass

(1) transfer; many hand types

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwecien	Newell	Pszczola	Reid
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦(♥)
Pass	2♣(♦)	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Auken	Hans	Welland
1♠(!)	Dbl	1NT	Pass
2♣(1)	Dbl	2♦	All Pass

(1) transfer to 2♦, to play or INVIT.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwecien	Newell	Pszczola	Reid
Pass	Dbl	1NT	Pass
Pass	3♠	2♦	2♠
		All Pass	

Reaching game was too much for any N/S pair here but Tony Nunn found a splendid moment to steal the spade suit. To make matters worse, 2♦ came home when the defenders led trumps and lost their ruff. 6-5 for Down Under when 3♠ made +170.

On Board 19 a pushy (no play) game for England went down, making the lead for Down Under 10-0.

Bd: 20  
 Dir: West  
 Vul: Both

North
♠ A
♥ 9762
♦ J
♣ AK87432

West	East
♠ K87432	♠ 65
♥ K5	♥ Q43
♦ Q972	♦ K108643
♣ 6	♣ J10

South
♠ QJ109
♥ AJ108
♦ A5
♣ Q95

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Auken	Hans	Welland
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠(1)
2♠	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass  
 (1) No major or strong  
 Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Newell	Pszczola	Reid
2♦(1)	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass  
 (1) Multi

6♣ is a very decent slam, though after the preempt by West you can see how 6♥ might easily be beaten on a club lead. Neither table in either of our featured matches came close, but when NEDUK took on Lavazza Sementa opened 2♠, Gold overcalled 3♣ and over Bakhshi's 3NT bid tried 4♥, raised to 5♥. Gold put him back to 6♣ and Bakhshi was happy to pass. That was 12 imps to NEDUK, leading 12-4.

Bd: 21  
 Dir: North  
 Vul: N/S

North
♠ J72
♥ KQ83
♦ 8
♣ A9853

West	East
♠ 963	♠ AQ1054
♥ AJ62	♥ 107
♦ 7532	♦ 9
♣ 106	♣ KJ742

South
♠ K8
♥ 954
♦ AKQJ1064
♣ Q

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Auken	Hans	Welland
	1♣	1♠	Dbf
2♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT

All Pass  
 Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Newell	Pszczola	Reid
	1♦(♥)	2♥(1)	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Without knowing the Auken-Welland system in detail (though I'm not sure knowing what the bids should mean would help us sort out that much) it is hard to say who was to blame here. In the other room North solved the heart problem by opening the suit and thus did not need to bid them again. When 3NT had no more than nine tricks Down Under had 12 imps and led 20-5.

Bd: 22  
 Dir: East  
 Vul: E/W

North
♠ KJ1052
♥ A104
♦ 7
♣ J1093

West	East
♠ 63	♠ A9
♥ Q8765	♥ KJ3
♦ AQ1042	♦ J65
♣ 2	♣ KQ864

South
♠ Q874
♥ 92
♦ K983
♣ A75

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunn	Auken	Hans	Welland
		1NT	Pass
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	Newell	Pszczola	Reid
		1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Norths got into their opponents' auction as fast as possible but Newell's jump to game facing what looks like a mixed raise suggests either a temperamental optimism or perhaps some confusion about the values expected from the South hand.

The defenders could take a club ruff or a heart trick but not both so 3♠ came home, giving Mixed 5 imps to trail now 20-10.

In our other two featured matches England made 3♠ and failed in 4♥, while Italy went down in both rooms to lose a further 5 imps and fall behind 17-5.

Bd: 23  
 Dlr: South  
 Vul: Both

North  
 ♠ A85  
 ♥ J9  
 ♦ 93  
 ♣ 1076543

West  
 ♠ K10964  
 ♥ AQ75  
 ♦ QJ  
 ♣ QJ

East  
 ♠ 72  
 ♥ K106  
 ♦ 10765  
 ♣ A982

South  
 ♠ QJ3  
 ♥ 8432  
 ♦ AK842  
 ♣ K

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Welland</i>
			1♦

1♠ All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Reid</i>
			1♦(♥)

1♠ All Pass

Don't you love it when identical auctions have such different meanings? Newell led the ♥J against 1♠ and declarer won in dummy to lead a trump to the king and ace. Newell shifted to diamonds and Reid won to revert to hearts. The defenders took one red-suit ruff but now Kwiecien knew enough to drop the ♣K offside when the defenders finally got around to playing clubs. By contrast, Auken found the incisive club lead at trick one. Welland won to lead diamonds and declarer ruffed the third club with the ♠9, which held. Nunn led a heart to dummy, a spade to the queen, king, and ace, and now the defenders took a club ruff. A fourth diamond forced declarer to ruff again and meant that eventually Auken could obtain trump control, and her third spade was the setting trick. Down one; 20-15 for Down Under.

Bd: 24  
 Dlr: West  
 Vul: None

North  
 ♠ J9  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ KJ98652  
 ♣ Q8

West  
 ♠ AK1054  
 ♥ K53  
 ♦ 73  
 ♣ 632

East  
 ♠ Q86  
 ♥ QJ987  
 ♦ Q4  
 ♣ 1075

South  
 ♠ 732  
 ♥ 642  
 ♦ A10  
 ♣ AKJ94

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT (GF)
Pass	2NT (♦)	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Reid</i>
Pass	1♠(♦)	Pass	2♠(1)
Dbl.	3♦	All Pass	

Newell showed 9-13 and long diamonds, letting Reid judge well to stop low. Welland forced to game at his first turn and left Hans with a blind lead. This time leading from a sequence was wrong but declarer would have had no reason to misguess diamonds on a spade lead. 7imps to Mixed, up 22-20 now.

In England-Australia Youth the Australian West deemed his hand worth an opening bid. As a result Trendafilov-Nevena Senior played a partscore while Brian Senior-Penfold doubled 5♦ and led a heart. Declarer laboriously counted points and took the trump finesse; down 300 and 10 much-needed imps to England, leading 13-11.

In Lavazza-NEDUK Madala reached 3NT as South. The defenders cashed out the spades, while 5♦ was making 400 in the other room. It was 28-5, NEDUK, and Italian fingernails were fast vanishing.

Bd: 25  
 Dlr: North  
 Vul: E/W

North  
 ♠ Q1098  
 ♥ 87432  
 ♦ Q73  
 ♣ 2

West  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ K96  
 ♦ KJ9652  
 ♣ 1096

East  
 ♠ 54  
 ♥ Q105  
 ♦ A84  
 ♣ AJ854

South  
 ♠ AJ7632  
 ♥ AJ  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ KQ73

This deal might appear to have huge swing potential — after all, to make 4♠ you need to drop the stiff ♠K offside. But all three of our matches flattened the board: both tables went down in England-Down Under while the other four tables worked out what to do from a combination of the auction and table presence. Roughly 60 percent of the field got it right.

Five deals to go, and both England and Down Under were on the outside looking in (behind PolUS and Lavazza in seventh and eighth place).

Bd: 26  
 Dlr: East  
 Vul: Both

North  
 ♠ QJ76  
 ♥ AJ10642  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ A8

West  
 ♠ A432  
 ♥ 53  
 ♦ Q965  
 ♣ K97

East  
 ♠ K9  
 ♥ Q87  
 ♦ AKJ3  
 ♣ J532

South  
 ♠ 1085  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ 10742  
 ♣ Q1064

Open Room  
 West North East South  
*Nunn Auken Hans Welland*  
 1NT Pass  
 Pass 2♣(1) Pass 2♦  
 Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠  
 (1) Multi-way including both majors  
 Closed Room  
 West North East South  
*Kwiecien Newell Pszczola Reid*  
 1♣ Pass  
 1♠ 2♥ All Pass

Auken showed both majors, Newell was not tempted to do similarly by virtue of West's initial action. The defenders could take four top tricks in the side suits plus a spade ruff but that was it. 2♠ was far less fun when the defenders led trumps. Hans took the ♠K, ♦K and led a second trump, helping Nunn work out how to force declarer by repeated diamond leads. The defenders took three spades and three diamond tricks in the fulness of time and Down Under had 5 imps to regain the lead at 25-22.

Lavazza regained 6 imps by making red-suit partscores in each room. They trailed 28-11, which would leave them with 137 VPs, still a fraction ahead of Down Under and England. That was how the match finished, with four flat boards at the end.

But England picked up 7 imps here by defeating partscores in both rooms. They led 20-11 and it was all too close to call.

Bd: 27 North  
 Dlr: South ♠ A8743  
 Vul: None ♥ Q3  
 ♦ A753  
 ♣ 62

West East  
 ♠ 6 ♠ KQJ10952  
 ♥ J7652 ♥ 98  
 ♦ J10986 ♦ ---  
 ♣ 74 ♣ AKJ3

South  
 ♠ ---  
 ♥ AK104  
 ♦ KQ42  
 ♣ Q10985

All of the tables in our featured matches played 4♠x down 300, many of the East players having heard West bid voluntarily, sometimes at the two level. The exception was Whibley, who heard the auction start (1♣)-2♦-(2♠) to him. He passed, then balanced over 3♣ with 3♠ and was allowed to play it there. Worse for England, Trendafilov pitched too many clubs in the ending allowing 3♠ to make. Australia Youth had 10 imps to tie the match at 21-21.

After a flat game at +650 in all matches it was time for England and Down Under to make their moves.

Bd: 29 North  
 Dlr: North ♠ KJ86  
 Vul: Both ♥ K2  
 ♦ A98  
 ♣ 10642

West East  
 ♠ Q43 ♠ 2  
 ♥ 97 ♥ AQJ8653  
 ♦ 7642 ♦ KJ5  
 ♣ A985 ♣ K3

South  
 ♠ A10975  
 ♥ 104  
 ♦ Q103  
 ♣ QJ7

Open Room  
 West North East South  
*Nunn Auken Hans Welland*  
 1♣ 1♥ Dbl  
 Pass 1♠ 3♥ All Pass  
 Closed Room  
 West North East South  
*Kwiecien Newell Pszczola Reid*  
 Pass 1♥ 1♠  
 Pass 2♥ 3♥ All Pass

Hans won the club lead in hand and laid down ace and another heart. The defenders shifted to spades and that let him test enough side suits to lead a diamond to his king with some confidence. Pszczola had heard North pass initially so when he duplicated Hans' line he could lead a diamond to the jack with equal confidence. The better part of valor is indeed sometimes discretion. Down Under now led 31-24.

Brian Senior as East for England knew the rough position in his match and that desperate measures were called for. When he heard 1♣ to his right he jumped to 4♥, won the club opening lead in dummy, and played on hearts. After finding the good news there he ran hearts as both defenders threw clubs, making it clear that at least one of the diamond honors was on his left (from the failure to pitch one). It was safe for him to cash his ♣K before the seventh trump so he did, and both defenders came down to two diamonds and two spades while dummy had three spades and one diamond in this position:

♠ KJ  
 ♥ ---  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ ---

West East  
 ♠ Q43 ♠ 2  
 ♥ --- ♥ ---  
 ♦ 7 ♦ KJ5  
 ♣ --- ♣ ---

South  
 ♠ A10  
 ♥ ---  
 ♦ Q10  
 ♣ ---

When he led a spade towards dummy South played low and so did dummy. North overtook with the jack (yes the king was a better play) and exited in

spades, so Senior did not have to guess what to do. Once he saw the ♠J from North there was no longer any way to misguess diamonds, since South was marked with a high spade and thus North had the ♦A. That was 11 imps (4♠ went one down in the other room) and England now led by 10 imps.

Bd: 30  
 Dlr: East  
 Vul: None

North  
 ♠ KQ732  
 ♥ K6  
 ♦ J102  
 ♣ J76

West  
 ♠ J6  
 ♥ J873  
 ♦ A74  
 ♣ A543

East  
 ♠ A5  
 ♥ AQ1094  
 ♦ Q983  
 ♣ 82

South  
 ♠ 10984  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ K65  
 ♣ KQ109

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunn</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Welland</i>
		1♥	Pass
3♦(♥)	Pass	4♥	All Pass

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Reid</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♠(♥)	Dbl	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ is not a great spot. After a spade lead, even when the heart finesse works all the defenders have to do is steer clear of opening up diamonds and the contract must fail. Newell led a top club, shifted to a spade when he got in with the ♦K, and defeated the contract. Welland also led a spade and declarer led a club to South's queen and ace. When declarer drew trumps and exited in spades, Auken won and misread the position, shifting to diamonds, thus letting the game through. The 10 imps for Down Under gave them a 41-24 win and guaranteed their qualifying position.

Against Brian Senior, who was in 4♥ while his teammates were defending 3♥, the result of the contract was even more critical. If he went down PolUS would take the eighth spot. After a spade lead he ducked in dummy, won his ♠A, and returned the suit. North won, shifted to diamonds, and that was the tenth winner.

England had picked up 17 imps on the last two deals (outdoing Down Under, who had only gained 16 imps, by 1 imp) and both teams would make it to the knockouts.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One said to the other, "You stay here, I'll go on a head."

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

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Friday (Apr. 19)	09:00-11:15	NEC Cup Quarter-Final (1)	513, 514
	11:35-13:50	NEC Cup Quarter-Final (2)	
	13:50-15:00	Lunch Break	
	15:00-17:15	NEC Cup Semi-Final (1)	513, 514
	17:35-19:50	NEC Cup Semi-Final (2)	
	10:00-17:00	Yokohama IMP Pairs	503
Saturday (Apr. 20)	09:00-11:15	NEC Cup Final (1)	513, 514
	11:35-13:50	NEC Cup Final (2)	
	13:50-15:00	Lunch Break	
	15:00-17:15	NEC Cup Final (3)	
	17:35-19:50	NEC Cup Final (4)	
	10:00-17:00	Yokohama Swiss Teams	501, 502
Sunday (Apr. 21)	10:00-17:30	Asuka Cup (Open Pairs)	501, 502
	18:00-20:00	Closing Ceremony	503

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