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**7th to 17th
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Australia
Brazil
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Drinks With The Governor. Co-Convenor David Stern and Organising Committee member Kim Neale chat with Her Excellency Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales, at the enjoyable opening cocktail party, organised and sponsored by the New South Wales Bridge Association in conjunction with the Australian Bridge Federation.

The fancied teams all started well yesterday, with only Hungary, on 44 VPs, marginally below average. Canada leads the way on 69 VPs out of a possible 75 after three good wins, but perhaps the best first day was achieved by Poland, as their 62 VPs included a 17-13 win over USA1 and 22-8 over Hungary. USA1 had two good wins to go with that loss and lies third on 59 VPs, ahead of France, who scored 55 on the day despite a 5-25 loss to Canada. The best of the non-Zone 1 and 2 teams is currently Japan, who

had a solid day to lie joint-sixth with Israel on 49 VPs, just behind Norway, who have 51.

The biggest win of the first day saw Egypt demolish Pakistan to the tune of 120-22 IMPs, 25-0 VPs. Meanwhile, the big local rivalries saw USA1 defeat USA2 by 22-8 VPs, the same score by which Chile beat Brazil. China Hong Kong had to be content with 16-14 over China Taipei, while pride of place here must go to our hosts, Australia, who had much the better of New Zealand, winning 25-5.



SCHEDULE

10.00-12.50	Round Robin, Round 4
14.10-17.00	Round Robin, Round 5
17.40-20.30	Round Robin, Round 6



VUGRAPH MATCHES

China Hong Kong - Egypt	10.00
Chile - Australia	14.10
USA 2 - Hungary	17.40





TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4

1	FRANCE	NORWAY
2	ISRAEL	CHILE
3	BRAZIL	USA2
4	USA1	JAPAN
5	CANADA	HUNGARY
6	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
7	CHINA HONG KONG	EGYPT
8	PAKISTAN	NEW ZEALAND
9	AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	FRANCE
2	HUNGARY	EGYPT
3	JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND
4	USA2	ENGLAND
5	CHILE	AUSTRALIA
6	NORWAY	PAKISTAN
7	ISRAEL	CHINA HONG KONG
8	BRAZIL	POLAND
9	USA1	CANADA

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

1	JAPAN	FRANCE
2	USA2	HUNGARY
3	CHILE	CHINESE TAIPEI
4	NORWAY	EGYPT
5	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND
6	BRAZIL	ENGLAND
7	USA1	AUSTRALIA
8	CANADA	PAKISTAN
9	POLAND	CHINA HONG KONG



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	FRANCE ENGLAND	75 25	25 5
2	NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA	34 87	5 25
3	EGYPT PAKISTAN	120 22	25 0
4	CHINESE TAIPEI CHINA HG KG	22 25	14 16
5	HUNGARY POLAND	31 64	8 22
6	JAPAN CANADA	32 52	11 19
7	USA 2 USA 1	15 51	8 22
8	CHILE BRAZIL	61 26	22 8
9	NORWAY ISRAEL	35 52	11 19

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	PAKISTAN FRANCE	12 90	1 25
2	AUSTRALIA CHINA HG KG	28 48	11 19
3	ENGLAND POLAND	10 49	7 23
4	NEW ZEALAND CANADA	30 81	5 25
5	EGYPT USA 1	12 56	6 24
6	CHINESE TAIPEI BRAZIL	22 37	12 18
7	HUNGARY ISRAEL	59 10	25 5
8	JAPAN NORWAY	33 34	15 15
9	USA 2 CHILE	54 42	17 13

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	FRANCE CANADA	27 76	5 25
2	POLAND USA 1	52 43	17 13
3	CHINA HG KG BRAZIL	45 72	10 21
4	PAKISTAN ISRAEL	21 72	5 25
5	AUSTRALIA NORWAY	21 84	3 25
6	ENGLAND CHILE	66 46	19 11
7	NEW ZEALAND USA 2	47 45	15 15
8	EGYPT JAPAN	19 56	7 23
9	CHINESE TAIPEI HUNGARY	54 36	19 11

RANKING AFTER SESSION 3

1	CANADA	69	10	CHINA HONG KONG	45
2	POLAND	62		CHINESE TAIPEI	45
3	USA 1	59	12	HUNGARY	44
4	FRANCE	55	13	USA 2	40
5	NORWAY	51	14	AUSTRALIA	39
6	ISRAEL	49	15	EGYPT	38
	JAPAN	49	16	ENGLAND	31
8	BRAZIL	47	17	NEW ZEALAND	25
9	CHILE	46	18	PAKISTAN	6

ROUND ROBIN

Round 1



AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND



The Grudge Match

by Ron Klinger

Australia and New Zealand are traditional rivals (but if NZ are playing someone else. Australia barracks for New Zealand). Australia picked up 3 Imps when New Zealand played no-trumps in both rooms on Board 1, both failing by one trick. New Zealand took the lead after Board 2:

Board 2 Dealer East: N-S Vul.

♠ Q J 5	♠ 9 7 6	♠ A K 4 3
♥ K Q 10 9	♥ 7 3	♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q 7	♦ K 8 4 3	♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A 7 4 2	♣ J 10 6 5	♣ 8 3
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="text-align: center;">W</div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ 10 8 2	
	♥ A J 4 2	
	♦ J 10 6	
	♣ K Q 9	

West	North	East	South
Krochmalik	Whibley	Williams	Rew
Fisher	Ware	Whyte	Geromboux
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♠	Pass

Whyte brought home 3NT after the ♣K lead. At the other the lead was the ♣K, ducked in dummy and encouraged by North. The ♣Q was taken by the ace, followed by the ♥K. South took the ♥A and continued clubs. East pitched a diamond and on the fourth club, a heart. Now he was unable to take two heart finesses against South's ♥J and the contract was one down after North exited with a spade. 10 Imps to New Zealand.

Those were the last significant NZ Imps for a long time. On Board 8 NZ reached 6♠ one off, while Australia stopped at the five-level and made six.



Dealer West: None Vul.

♠ Q 6 5	♠ K J 3 2
♥ 10 3	♥ 2
♦ A Q 10 5 4	♦ K 3 2
♣ J 10 8	♣ A K Q 9 5
♠ A 9 8 7 4	
♥ A Q 8 5	
♦ J 7 6	
♣ 6	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="text-align: center;">W</div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>
♠ 10	
♥ K J 9 7 6 4	
♦ 9 8	
♣ 7 4 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Krochmalik	Whibley	Williams	Rew
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	All pass		

North led the ♣J and declarer took the ace, cashed ♠A, ♠K and ran the clubs, discarding three diamonds. If North ruffed the fourth club, he was endplayed, and if he did not, declarer would play the fifth club. Australia +480.

West	North	East	South
Fisher	Ware	Whyte	Geromboux
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All pass

Here the ♦A was led. That might have encouraged declarer to pick the spade position, but it did not happen, so one down and 11 Imps to Australia.

On Board 10 Geromboux — Ware did well to stop low:

Dealer East: All Vul.

♠ K 10	♠ 7 6
♥ 10 7 4 3 2	♥ 7 6
♦ J	♦ A 10 8 5
♣ A J 10 4 3	♣ 9 7 5
♠ 8 7	
♥ K J 9 5	
♦ Q 9 7 6 2	
♣ 6 2	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="text-align: center;">W</div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>
♠ Q 9 5 2	
♥ A Q 8	
♦ K 4 3	
♣ K Q 8	

West	North	East	South
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Whyte</i>	<i>Geromboux</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
2♦	3♣	INT*	Dble
		All Pass	

Declarer has a spade, a diamond and two hearts to lose, but that is all, so North-South +110. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rew</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Dble	INT
2♦	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The lead was the ♦A and declarer finished three down for —300 and 9 Imps to Australia.

Ware-Geromboux did well again on Board 12 when they pushed East-West too high:

Dealer West: N-S Vul.

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ 5 2
♦ K Q 10 8 6
♣ 6 3

♠ A 9 6
♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ 3
♣ A K Q J 7

N
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 ♠ 10 8 7 4
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A 7 4 2
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ J 3
♥ A Q J 6 3
♦ J 9 5
♣ 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Whyte</i>	<i>Geromboux</i>
1♣	2♣*	2♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

*♦s and ♠s and not 3♥s

Declarer lost one spade, one heart and the $\spadesuit A$ for one down. After a diamond lead, it would not be tough to take $4\spadesuit$ two down (and three down is possible in theory), so that this was not a great save. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rew</i>
1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♥	3 ♦
4 ♥	All Pass		

Declarer lost the same tricks for +420 and +10 Imps. Australia led by 61-11. Australia won another 12 Imps on Board 13 when the NZ declarer was one off in 5♣ and the Australian declarer in the same contract made an over-trick. Then came a double game swing to Australia on Board 14

Dealer East: None Vul.

♠ 9 6
♥ K 10 6 4 3
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ 6 3

♠ 5
♥ 7 2
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A | 9 5 4 2

N
 W E
 S
 ♠ K 10 7 4
 ♥ A Q J 8
 ♦ K J 2
 ♣ 8

♠ A Q J 8 3 2
♥ 9
♦ Q 3
♣ K O 10 7

West	North	East	South
<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rew</i>
Dble	4♥	4♠	All Pass

The ♣8 was led, but declarer played ♠A, ♠Q and lost just two spades and a heart for +420. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Whyte</i>	<i>Geromboux</i>
		1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

The lead was the ♠5 to the ace and East shifted to the ♦Q, king, ace. When West returned a diamond, South's contract succeeded for +590 and 14 Imps to Australia.

New Zealand finally returned to the scoresheet when they picked up 8 Imps for defeating contracts at both tables on Board 15. In cricket the commentators often say, 'That was the shot of the session. To me, Board 16 was the play of the session, even though the Australian declarer lost Imps on the board:



Gabby Feiler, Australia

Dealer West: E-W Vul.

♠ 5 3			
♥ 6			
♦ 8 6 4			
♣ K Q J 10 8 7 2			
♠ A Q 9 6		♠ J 8	
♥ 9 7		♥ A K 8 4 3 2	
♦ A Q J		♦ 10 5 2	
♣ A 9 6 5		♣ 4 3	
	♠ K 10 7 4 2		
	♥ Q J 10 5		
	♦ K 9 7 3		
	♣ —		

West	North	East	South
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Whyte</i>	<i>Geromboux</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
INT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♠2. Declarer lost just two trump tricks for +650. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rew</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	INT
Dble	2♣	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♣K

South pitched a spade and declarer took the ♣A. Had he ducked, South might have had some problems on the next club or two. West then ducked a heart to South's 10 and the ♥Q came back. Declarer took the king and continued with the ♥A and a fourth heart. South won and exited with the ♦7, won by West's queen. Declarer had taken four tricks and this was the position:

♠ 5 3			
♥ —			
♦ 8 6			
♣ Q J 10			
♠ A Q 9 6		♠ J 8	
♥ —		♥ 8 4	
♦ A J		♦ 10 5	
♣ 9		♣ 4	
	♠ K 10 4 2		
	♥ —		
	♦ K 9 7		
	♣ —		

Krochmalik now played the ♦A, followed by the ♦J. South won and could cash his other diamond, but then had to give dummy the lead in spades. It would not have helped South to duck the diamond. Declarer can play a spade to the eight or the jack to succeed. +600 to Australia.

New Zealand won 2 Imps on the board and picked up 13 Imps on the last two boards to leave a scoreline of Australia 87 NZ 34, 25-5 in VPs.

A Hobby Horse

by Ron Klinger

Round 2 - Japan v Norway

You are playing a strong INT and pick up:

♠	A J 9 5 2
♥	8 7 2
♦	A K 2
♣	A 7

Three passes to you. What do you open?

It is a controversial point whether to open 1♠ or INT with this kind of hand. One of my hobby horses is that it will work out the same or better most of the time if you open INT. So it proved on Board 15 in Round 2:

Dealer S: N-S Vul.

♠ Q			
♥ K 10 9 4 3			
♦ J 10 8 7			
♣ Q 9 5			
♠ K 4 3		♠ A J 9 5 2	
♥ A 6 5		♥ 8 7 2	
♦ 9 6 5 4		♦ A K 2	
♣ J 10 8		♣ A 7	
	♠ 10 8 7 6		
	♥ Q J		
	♦ Q 3		
	♣ K 6 4 3 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Shiga</i>	<i>E. Eide</i>	<i>Yokoi</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	All pass

South led a club, jack, queen, ace. A couple of slips in defence gave declarer ten tricks for +180, but eight tricks are always comfortable. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Livguard</i>	<i>Ikemoto</i>	<i>P. Eide</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	All pass		

That's the trouble with a 1♠ opening. Whether partner bids INT or 2♠, you can find yourself too high if partner rejects a game invitation. One down meant -50 and -6 Imps.



SPORTS NEWS



Cricket

England won the second test match against Australia by just two runs at Edgbaston after looking to have had the match wrapped up overnight, to level the series at 1-1. Match three begins on Thursday at Old Trafford, Manchester.

Daniel Vettori and Brendon McCullum both hit dashing centuries as New Zealand reached a staggering 452-9 on day one of the first test against Zimbabwe. Vettori's was the quickest-ever by a New Zealand batsman and his 127 was achieved off just 98 balls. McCullum took 112 balls for his 111 as New Zealand recovered from 113-5.

India weathered a brave fight back by West Indies to win by seven runs and qualify for the tri-series final. They set West Indies 263 to win after a blistering century by Yuvraj Singh and an unbeaten 83 from Mohammad Kaif. Anil Kumble (3-38) reduced West Indies to 112-6 but Runako Morton hit 84 and keeper Denesh Ramdin an unbeaten 74. However, with 12 runs required for a major upset, left-armers Ashish Nehra held his nerve to bowl a fine last over, conceding just four. India now face Sri Lanka in the final on Tuesday in Colombo.



Tennis

Andy Roddick lived up to his top seeding as he beat fellow American James Blake and claimed the Legg Mason Classic title in Washington. Roddick came through 7-5 6-3 for his fourth title of 2005, following wins in San Jose, Houston and at Queen's.

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Motor Sport — Rally of Finland

Double world champion Marcus Gronholm stormed to a decisive victory in Finland to end Sebastien Loeb's run of six consecutive wins. Gronholm's victory, achieved from the front in dominant style, was his fifth in six years in his home event.



Soccer

Didier Drogba's two goals inspired Chelsea to a 2-1 victory over Arsenal in the Community Shield.



Golf

Event host Annika Sorenstam birdied the last hole to win the Scandinavian TPC by a shot from American Natalie Gulbis. The Swede finished at four-under 284. Compatriot Carin Koch shared third with France's Patricia

Meunier-Lebouc and Gwladys Nocera at 288.

Ice Hockey

Wayne Gretzky, the NHL's all-time leading scorer, will be the new coach of the Phoenix Coyotes. Gretzky, the team's managing partner, is expected to be introduced as coach Monday.



Athletics

World Championships Helsinki

American favourite Justin Gatlin added the world 100m title to his Olympic crown with a dominant win in Helsinki. The 23-year-old quickly recovered from a slow start to accelerate away from the field at the halfway mark and win in a season's best of 9.88 seconds. Jamaican Michael Frater was awarded the silver after a photo-finish with resurgent defending champion Kim Collins — both clocked 10.05.

Women's 20 Km Walk

- 1 O Ivanova Russia
- 2 M Turova Belarus
- 3 S Feitor Portugal

Men's Discus

- 1 V Alekna Lithuania
- 2 G Kanter Estonia
- 3 M Mollenbeck Germany

Heptathlon

- 1 C Kluft Sweden
- 2 E Barber France
- 3 M Simpson Ghana

Women's Triple Jump

- 1 T Smith Jamaica
- 2 Y Savigne Cuba
- 3 A Pyatykh Russia

Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 18 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Sydney or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK, but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine. *Thank you*



BridgeBase Online Vugraph Matches

France - Norway & Poland - New Zealand	10.00
USA 1 - Canada & USA 2 - England	14.10
Brazil - England & Poland - China HG KG	17.40

ROUND ROBIN

Round I



BRAZIL

v

CHILE



The first round of the Championship saw many matches involving local geographical rivalries. The two South American teams are not expected to feature in the latter stages of this Championship, but they would hope to create a few upsets along the way and this first round encounter was of considerable significance to both teams

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 5	♠ 9 7 6	♠ A K 4 3
♥ K Q 10 9	♥ 7 3	♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q 7	♦ K 8 4 3	♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A 7 4 2	♣ J 10 6 5	♣ 8 3
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	♠ 10 8 2	
	♥ A J 4 2	
	♦ J 10 6	
	♣ K Q 9	

West	North	East	South
Robles	Barbosa	Pacareu	Brum
Levy	Smith	Rossi	Riedel
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♥	Pass

Both declarers received the lead of a low club to the queen. They ducked two rounds of clubs then won the third round and played the king of hearts from hand. Now the play at the two tables diverged.

For Brazil, Jose Roberto Brum ducked the heart, leaving declarer, Benjamin Robles, awkwardly placed. Robles continued by cashing four rounds of spades, throwing the last club from hand as Brum pitched a heart. Robles played a heart next but Brum could win the ace and switch to the jack of diamonds and there was no way for Robles to get home; down one for—50.

For Chile, Paula Riedel won the ace of hearts at trick four and now it was natural for declarer, Viana Levy, to use the two dummy entries to finesse twice in hearts and claim nine tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to Brazil, giving that country an early lead.



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 6	♠ Q 10 5	♠ A 9 3 2
♥ K	♥ Q 8 7 3	♥ A 9 6 5 4 2
♦ K Q 10 3 2	♦ 8 4	♦ 5
♣ K 5 4 2	♣ 9 8 7 3	♣ Q 10
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ K J 4	
	♥ J 10	
	♦ A J 9 7 6	
	♣ A J 6	

West	North	East	South
Robles	Barbosa	Pacareu	Brum
Pass	Pass	2♣	INT
Dble	All Pass		2♦
West	North	East	South
Levy	Smith	Rossi	Riedel
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♦
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
			All Pass

Chile struck back immediately when Brum made an injudicious second call on the South cards over the 2♣ (both majors) overcall. Robles was happy to double and led a spade to Joaquin Pacareu's ace. Pacareu switched to the queen of clubs to declarer's ace. Brum played ace then jack of diamonds in hope of pinning the doubleton ten — no good news there. Robles won the diamond, cashed the ♦ 10 to give partner the good news in that suit, then cashed the king of hearts before playing a spade. It appears that declarer should get out for down one now, eventually getting a heart away on the fourth club, however, he did not read the position correctly. Brum won the spade in hand to play a diamond to the king but threw a club from dummy. Robles played two rounds of clubs and in the fullness of time Pacareu had to make his ace of hearts; down two for—300.

Meanwhile, Riedel's 1♦ opening kept her out of trouble at the other table as there was no temptation to take a second bid once partner, Jack Smith, had passed. Eduardo Rossi played 2♥ on a trump lead to dummy's bare king. Rossi ducked a spade to the jack and Riedel tried the effect of switching to the jack of clubs. That ran to declarer's queen and Rossi cashed the ace of hearts then played a diamond up. When Riedel did not find the spade switch, not easy after declarer's early spade play, two spades went away on the minor-suit winners and Rossi was home with eight tricks for +110 but still 5 IMPs to Chile.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 4 3	♠ A 7 6 2	♠ Q J
♥ 7 6 4	♥ 10 8 5	♥ K Q
♦ 7 6	♦ J 10 9 5 2	♦ 8 4 3
♣ A K 8 4 3	♣ 9	♣ Q J 10 7 5 2

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♠ K 9 8 5
♥ A J 9 3 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Robles</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Pacareu</i>	<i>Brum</i>
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Rossi</i>	<i>Riedel</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

Would you take action in third seat with the East cards? I know a lot of players who would open 3♣, as did Pacareu, but I am not convinced that it is sound with such unat-



Jose Roberto Barros Brum, Brazil

tractive distribution when vulnerable and with so many points in the majors.

It was inevitable that Levy would raise to 5♣ when Brum doubled — he has to take away the maximum amount of space in case partner does not have all that potential defence. Brum's second double ended the auction and there were five automatic losers for —800.

Rossi passed in third seat, with which I have more sympathy as a 1♣ opening hardly looks likely to achieve very much, and Smith became declarer in 4♠ after a splinter raise from Riedel. With both majors favourably divided, there was little to the play so that was +620 but 5 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 5	♠ 10	♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 5 4 3	♥ 7	♥ A K Q 10 6 2
♦ 9 8 5	♦ A Q J 10 6 3	♦ 7 4
♣ K 4 2	♣ A 10 9 8 3	♣ Q J

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♠ K Q J 6 4 3
♥ J 9
♦ K 2
♣ 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Robles</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Pacareu</i>	<i>Brum</i>
	1♦	1♥	2♥
4♥	4NT	Pass	5♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Rossi</i>	<i>Riedel</i>
	1♦	1♥	1♠
3♥	4♣	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Brazil got to the five level at both tables and were doubled in both contracts.

Roberto Oliveira Barbosa's 5♦ received a trump lead from Pacareu. Barbosa won in hand to preserve the ♦K as an entry to the spades. He played the ♠10 at trick two and that held the trick. Now he crossed to the king of diamonds and ducked a club, eventually losing two clubs and a heart for down one; —200.

Had the ace of spades been taken and a heart cashed, there would still have been two clubs to lose so Barbosa would have felt not too bad about things, even though he could see that there was no game on for his opponents.

Riedel led the king of diamonds against 5♥ doubled and that broke the defensive communications so that a spade loser could go away on the king of clubs. Smith overtook the diamond to switch to his spade but declarer could win, draw trumps and play on clubs for down two; —300 and 11 IMPs to Chile.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 2		
♥ K Q 8 7 5 4 2		
♦ A 8		
♣ 10 6		
♠ A K Q 4		♠ J 9 7 6 3
♥ A 6 3		♥ J
♦ 10 9 4		♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 7 4		♣ A K Q 5
	♠ 10 8	
	♥ 10 9	
	♦ K J 7 5 2	
	♣ J 8 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Robles	Barbosa	Pacareu	Brum
2♣	2♥	1♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Levy	Smith	Rossi	Riedel
2NT	4♥	1♠	Pass
Dble	All Pass	4♣	5♥

Robles' 2♣ response allowed Barbosa a cheap way into the auction and his simple overcall did not encourage Brum to get involved over 4♣. This was a comfortable contract which actually made an overtrick when South slipped up late in the play; +650.

Levy's game-forcing spade raise via 2NT persuaded Smith to pre-empt with a jump to 4♥ and now Riedel felt it worthwhile to save in 5♥ over 4♣. Right she proved to be as the defence could take only two tricks in each black suit plus one trump for —500; 4 IMPs to Chile.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 8 6 5		
♥ Q 5 3		
♦ 5		
♣ A K 7 5 3		
♠ Q 10 9 7 4		♠ —
♥ A 8 2		♥ J 10 7 4
♦ K J 8 3		♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ 2		♣ Q J 10 9 8
	♠ K J 3 2	
	♥ K 9 6	
	♦ A 9 7 2	
	♣ 6 4	

West	North	East	South
Robles	Barbosa	Pacareu	Brum
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Levy	Smith	Rossi	Riedel
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♣	Pass	1♦
All Pass			2NT

The swings kept coming. Brum's 1♠ response to the opening bid silenced Robles and ensured that Brazil would get to the spade game, which Robles was happy to double. Robles led his singleton and Brum won the ace to lead a diamond to the ace then a club up. That careful play allowed the club king to score as Robles pitched a heart and now a heart went to the king and ace. Robles played back a heart to the queen and declarer tried a spade to the king, getting the bad news. He ruffed a diamond then conceded a heart, after which a club was ruffed and over-ruffed and a diamond returned for dummy to ruff. There were two more trumps to be lost from here for two down and —500.

Riedel's 1♦ response left room for Levy to overcall his five-card spade suit, thereby keeping his opponents out of the doomed spade game. Instead, Riedel declared 2NT on the helpful lead of a spade to her jack. She ducked a club and back came a low diamond, ducked to the eight, followed by a low diamond return for the queen, again ducked. Riedel won the next diamond and led a heart to the queen then tested the clubs. Though clubs broke badly, cashing them put pressure on West, who had no way to avoid allowing declarer a second heart trick in one way or another; +120 and 12 IMPs to Chile, who were building up a useful lead.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 6 5		
♥ 10 3		
♦ A Q 10 5 4		
♣ J 10 8		
♠ A 9 8 7 4		♠ K J 3 2
♥ A Q 8 5		♥ 2
♦ J 7 6		♦ K 3 2
♣ 6		♣ A K Q 9 5
	♠ 10	
	♥ K J 9 7 6 4	
	♦ 9 8	
	♣ 7 4 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Robles	Barbosa	Pacareu	Brum
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Levy	Smith	Rossi	Riedel
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Chile's lead increased yet again when Brazil bid a thin and unsuccessful slam here. With everything else lying well for E/W, a winning spade view would have seen Levy home, but there was no good reason to take the finesse after Smith had led ace and another diamond and he was one down for —50 and 11 IMPs to Chile.

Things quietened down for a while and the next significant swing did not come until Board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ 9 6 ♥ K 10 6 4 3 ♦ 9 8 7 5 ♣ 6 3</p>		<p>♠ A Q J 8 3 2 ♥ 9 ♦ Q 3 ♣ K Q 10 7</p>	
<p>♠ 5 ♥ 7 2 ♦ A 10 6 4 ♣ A J 9 5 4 2</p>		<p>♠ K 10 7 4 ♥ A Q J 8 5 ♦ K J 2 ♣ 8</p>	
West <i>Robles</i>	North <i>Barbosa</i>	East <i>Pacareu</i>	South <i>Brum</i>
Dble	4♥	1♠ 4♠	2♥ All Pass
West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Smith</i>	East <i>Rossi</i>	South <i>Riedel</i>
Dble	3♣	1♠ 3♠	2♥ All Pass

Barbosa made a normal pre-emptive raise to 4♥ and Pacareu had little option but to try 4♠, ending the auction. He ruffed the second heart and played ace then queen of spades to the king. There was no winning defence now, of course, but Brum took his best shot when he switched to the king of diamonds; ten tricks for +420.

Presumably Smith's 3♣ bid over the negative double was just a psyche and, if so, it was a very effective one. It left room for Rossi to show his extra values with a comfortable 3♠ bid and, lacking spade support, Levy could hardly go on to game; +170 but 6 IMPs to Chile.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ 6 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ K Q J 10 8 7 2</p>		<p>♠ J 8 ♥ A K 8 4 3 2 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ 4 3</p>	
<p>♠ A Q 9 6 ♥ 9 7 ♦ A Q J ♣ A 9 6 5</p>		<p>♠ K 10 7 4 2 ♥ Q J 10 5 ♦ K 9 7 3 ♣ —</p>	
West <i>Robles</i>	North <i>Barbosa</i>	East <i>Pacareu</i>	South <i>Brum</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Smith</i>	East <i>Rossi</i>	South <i>Riedel</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

West <i>Robles</i>	North <i>Barbosa</i>	East <i>Pacareu</i>	South <i>Brum</i>
INT	3♣	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Smith</i>	East <i>Rossi</i>	South <i>Riedel</i>
INT	2NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Barbosa made a natural 3♣ overcall and was then content to let his opponents play 3NT. He led the king of clubs and switched to the singleton heart in response to Brum's spade discard when Robles ducked. That was ducked to Brum's ten and he had an awkward play to the next trick. Brum chose to switch to a low diamond, declarer finessing the queen and leading a heart to the ace. Robles continued by playing two more rounds of hearts, clearing the suit. There is no winning defence from this point but Brum's low spade switch cost an overtrick as it ran to dummy's eight and provided the necessary entry to cash the hearts; +630 as South was squeezed in the ending.

Smith could not show the clubs directly at his first turn and, when his opponents bid to the heart game, felt obliged to show the suit at a dangerously high level. After a heart lead and diamond switch, West eventually got end-played to give a seventh trick; four down for—800 and 5 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 ♥ K 8 6 4 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ A 4 3 2</p>		<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ A Q J 10 ♦ A 9 7 6 5 3 ♣ 5</p>	
<p>♠ K Q J 5 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 4 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7</p>		<p>♠ 8 6 3 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ Q J 8 2 ♣ K J 6</p>	
West <i>Robles</i>	North <i>Barbosa</i>	East <i>Pacareu</i>	South <i>Brum</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	1♠
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♦
West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>Smith</i>	East <i>Rossi</i>	South <i>Riedel</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	2♦	1♠
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass			2♥



Paula David, Brazil

Robles made a two-suited overcall despite one of his suits having already been shown on his right. That worked out just fine because Pacareu showed spade tolerance and Barbosa (North) doubled for take-out. Brum, whose spades were very weak, had no hesitation in taking out the double, and Pacareu must have been delighted by this turn of events. His double ended the auction and Robles led the king of spades to dummy's ace. Badly placed, Brum tried a low heart off the table but Pacareu was under no pressure and won with the ten then played ace and another trump to the king. He won the next low heart play and cashed the ♠10 then exited with a trump. Brum won, cashed his remaining trump winner and played two rounds of clubs. Pacareu could ruff but had to concede a trick to the king of hearts so Brum escaped for down three; —500.

Levy did not come in with the West cards after the same start from his opponents. Rossi, who might have overcalled at his first turn, did so at his second instead, and Smith doubled to compete the partscore. Had Riedel passed with her ♦QJ82 sitting over declarer, Brazil might have played a doubled diamond contract at both tables. Two Diamonds doubled would have gone one down on careful defence but Riedel preferred to go back to 2♥, ending the auction. Rossi led two rounds of diamonds for a ruff but his second diamond was the three and Levy read a lot into this and switched to a club round to the jack rather than a more effective spade. Smith ducked a heart and, when a spade now came back, threw his spade losers on the established diamonds. There were still three more trumps to be lost but that was only one down for —50 and that gave Chile 10 IMPs.

Chile won the match by 61-22 IMPs, converting to a comfortable 22-8 VP victory. Whatever the rest of the tournament may hold for these two teams, Chile had earned the South American bragging rights.

Double Trouble

by Ron Klinger

Round 2 - Japan v Norway

The double and the failure to double provided the major swing boards in this encounter:

Bd 5: Dealer North: N-S vulnerable

♠ 5 4			
♥ A K J 9			
♦ J 6 3 2			
♣ 9 5 3			
♠ A K 7 6			
♥ 8 7 4 3			
♦ A 8			
♣ K 6 4			
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		♠ 9 8 3	
		♥ 6 5	
		♦ K Q 9	
		♣ A Q J 7 2	
		♠ Q J 10 2	
		♥ Q 10 2	
		♦ 10 7 5 4	
		♣ 10 8	

West	North	East	South
Lindqvist	Shiga	E. Eide	Yokoi
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

*Shows hearts

The ♠Q was led and declarer made ten tricks.

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Livguard	Ikemoto	P. Eide
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

North doubled for the heart lead, which would have saved the overtrick. South chose the ♣10 and declarer had ten tricks for +650, + 6 IMPs to Japan.

Board 11, Dealer South: None Vul.

♠ K			
♥ Q J 8 4			
♦ A J 7 4 3 2			
♣ 6 3			
♠ Q 4 3			
♥ A K 10 7			
♦ 10 6 5			
♣ A Q 8			
	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>		
		♠ 10 9 8 7 2	
		♥ 6 5	
		♦ 9	
		♣ J 10 9 7 4	
		♠ A J 6 5	
		♥ 9 3 2	
		♦ K Q 8	
		♣ K 5 2	

West	North	East	South
Lindqvist	Shiga	E. Eide	Yokoi
INT	Dble	2♠	Dble
All pass			

North doubled INT for penalties and so South doubled 2♠ with like intent. With a very shapely hand and knowing East-West had an 8-card spade fit at least, North might have chosen to remove the double. N-S might possibly then have reached 3NT for a much better result.

The lead was the ♥2, taken by the ace, and the ♠3 went to the king. North shifted to ♦A and another diamond, but declarer ruffed and took repeated club finesses. He emerged with nine tricks for +570. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Livguard	Ikemoto	P. Eide
INT	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♦	All pass	

Lead: ♣J

E-W could take five tricks, but no more. N-S +90 and 12 Imps to Norway. After 19 boards Norway was leading by 36-15, but they suffered a huge reverse on Board 20:

Dealer W: All Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 8 5		♠ 6 4
♥ A 3		♥ K 7 6 5 2
♦ 10		♦ K 8 7
♣ A J 9 8		♣ K 7 2
	♠ 3 2	
	♥ J 10 9 8 4	
	♦ 6 5 4	
	♣ Q 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Livguard	Ikemoto	P. Eide
1♠	2♦	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All pass		

This was a sensible auction (although I confess I would have chosen 3♠ rather than 3♣. Declarer lost two spades and a club, but that was still +420. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Lindqvist	Shiga	E. Eide	Yokoi
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

East's failure to make a negative double over 2♥ is mysterious. When he later jumped to 3♥ in reply to West's re-opening double, West assumed more hearts and fewer points. Many thought South should pass this pleasant turn of events, but South doubled and West declined to run.

South led a diamond and declarer might have held the loss to 500 after ♥A, ♥K by playing on clubs. When he chose to try the double finesse in spades, the cost was 1100 and 17 Imps to Japan to bring the final outcome to 15-15.

How Weak Might A Multi Be?

by Marc van Beijsterveldt

Round 2 - China Taipei v Brazil

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 4 2		♠ K 9
♥ 5		♥ A Q J 7 6
♦ Q 9 7		♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ K 10 8 5 2		♣ A 4
♠ 10 7 6 3		♠ J 8 5
♥ K 9		♥ 10 8 4 3 2
♦ A K J 6 4		♦ 2
♣ 7 3		♣ Q J 9 6

West	North	East	South
Barbosa	Y.H. Wu	Brum	T.L. Wu
Pass	2♥	3♥	2♦
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

So, just how weak might a Multi, or a weak two opening, be? The question was brought up by this early deal from the second round match between Brazil and China Taipei. At his first turn, the China Taipei North of course responded 2♥, expecting his partner's suit to be hearts, when he had no interest in getting any higher. However, by the time that the bidding came back around to him, North could be confident that his partner did not hold hearts after all and so took the obvious(?) save - or did he perhaps hope to make 4♠ opposite something like:

♠ K 10 x x x x
♥ x x
♦ K J x
♣ Q x

Of course, partner did hold hearts after all, and the combination of bad heart split and unfavourable diamond position would have led to the defeat of 4♥. Meanwhile, even the useful club fit could not prevent 4♠ doubled from going down three for -500 and a excellent result for the Brazilian East/West pair.