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# NOW FOR THE KNOCKOUTS



The Pakistan team after being presented with their Sportsmanship Award

Chinese Taipei delegate David Chu generously sponsored a Sportsmanship Award, which was presented to the Pakistan team before the final round of qualifying yesterday. The prize was in the form of bridge books and games from Nick Fahrer's The Bridge Shop, Sydney.

The Pakistan team only discovered that they were invited to this Championship a couple of weeks before it began and only received their visas the day before travelling. Having only been playing for a few months, it was inevitable that they would struggle against other, more experienced, teams, but they have conducted themselves throughout in the way that we should all hope to do. We hope that they have enjoyed the experience and that we will see them again in the not too distant future at a World Youth Championship.

The four semi-finalists were already decid-

ed before the last match of the round robin. Leading qualifiers Poland had the right to choose their semi-final opponents, and selected France, against whom they will start the 64-board semi-final with a 16 IMP carry-over advantage from their round robin encounter. That leaves USA1 to play Canada in the second semi-final, also with a 16 IMP carry-over advantage.



# **VUGRAPH MATCHES**

Poland - France 10.30 to be announced 14.10 to be announced 17.00 to be announced 21.00











# **RESULTS**



# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 15**

	Mato	:h	I٨	1P's	VF	's
- 1	USA 2	FRANCE	19	88	2	25
2	CHILE	JAPAN	36	38	15	15
3	NORWAY	HUNGARY	67	71	14	16
4	ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI	77	63	18	12
5	BRAZIL	EGYPT	42	49	14	16
6	USA I	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	64	52	17	13
1	CANADA	ENGLAND	29	27	15	15
8	POLAND	AUSTRALIA	52	27	20	10
9	CHINA HG KG	PAKISTAN	93	17	25	I

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 16**

Match			I٨	1P's	VF	) <sub>'</sub>
		11	1/ 4	11 3	V 1	٥
	EGYPT	FRANCE	26	59	8	22
2	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	82	44	23	7
3	HUNGARY	ENGLAND	52	31	19	Ш
4	JAPAN	AUSTRALIA	51	26	20	10
5	USA 2	PAKISTAN	81	46	22	8
6	CHILE	CHINA HG KG	19	48	9	21
7	NORWAY	POLAND	15	99	0	25
8	ISRAEL	CANADA	27	48	П	19
9	BRAZIL	USA I	27	92	3	25

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 17**

	Match		IN	1P's	VF	's
ı	FRANCE	USA I	49	14	22	8
2	CANADA	BRAZIL	47	32	18	12
3	POLAND	ISRAEL	64	70	14	16
4	CHINA HG KG	NORWAY	69	47	20	10
5	PAKISTAN	CHILE	9	81	2	25
6	AUSTRALIA	USA 2	43	33	17	13
7	ENGLAND	JAPAN	58	32	20	10
8	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	HUNGARY	30	52	10	20
9	EGYPT	CHINESE TAIPEI	27	77	5	25

# **SCHEDULE**

	SCHEDOLE
09.45-10.15	Captain's Meeting for Semifinal
10.30-12.50	Semi-finals, Segment 1
14.10-16.30	Semi-finals, Segment 2
14.10	Individual
17.00-19.20	Semi-finals, Segment 3
20.30	Swiss Pairs
21.00-23.20	Semi-finals, Segment 4

# FINAL RANKING

I POLAND	345
2 FRANCE	333
3 USA I	311.8
4 CANADA	299
5 HUNGARY	276
6 CHINESE TAIPEI	272
7 AUSTRALIA	270
8 ISRAEL	265.7
9 CHINA HONG KONG	259
10 CHILE	247
II JAPAN	246
NORWAY	246
13 ENGLAND	245
I4 EGYPT	226
15 USA 2	224
I6 BRAZIL	219
17 NEW ZEALAND	167
18 PAKISTAN	59



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

# **SEMI-FINALS**

I POLAND	FRANCE
2 USA I	CANADA

# **Photographs**

Would anyone who has taken any digital photographs at this championship please bring them to David Stern to take a copy. David intends to produce a DVD of all championship photographs to give to NPCs and others who are interested.

**Thanks** 

# Passing Through Canberra

Anybody passing through Canberra after the ACT and who may wish some accommodation with players in Canberra should contact David Stern.

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# **ROUND ROBIN**

#### Round 14



# **FRANCE**

#### **POLAND**

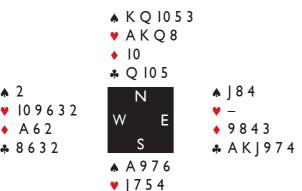


#### by Ron Klinger

Before this match, both teams were more than 40 VPs ahead of fifth place and thus virtually certain of a semi-final berth. This match was more for bragging rights and also for a psychological edge should they meet later in the finals.

The scores began at a frenetic pace with a 50 IMP turnover in the first five deals. It started with a slam that can be defeated

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



♦ KQJ75 Datum: N/S +130

**A** 2

♦ A 6 2

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West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard
	l 🏠	2*	3 <b>♦</b> (i)
4*	4♥	5♣	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

#### (i) Fit-jump

There is no need to take a sacrifice if you can beat the contract. East led the ♦9 to the ace and West returned a heart; +50 to Poland.

West	North	East	South	
G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
	l 🎄	2♣	4*	
5♣	5♥	Pass	6♠	
Pass	Pass	7 <b>.</b> *	Dble	
All Pass				

#### Lead: ♦K

Declarer lost two diamonds and a spade for -500 and II IMPs to Poland. Perhaps a 4♦ bid by West instead of 5♣ would have helped East with the decision.

Chile v Egypt

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North	East	South	
Mehilba	Pacareu	Nabil	
l 🏠	3♣	4*	
Pass	Pass	5 ♦	
5♥	Pass	6♠	
	North Mehilba  I A  Pass	North East  Mehilba Pacareu  I A 3.4  Pass Pass	NorthEastSouthMehilbaPacareuNabilI♠3♣4♣PassPass5♦

East led the ♣A, ruffed, and declarer pulled the ♦5 from dummy. West rose with the ♦A and switched to the ♥2; one down for +50 to Chile.

West	North	East	South	
Hammad	Smith	Abdelfatta	Riedel	
	l 🎄	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4.	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 <b>.</b> *	
Pass	5♠	All Pass		

The first three tricks were the same as at the other table; +450 and 11 IMPs to Chile.

Canada v China Hong Kong

**▲** | 9 4 2

Q 4 3 2

♣ A 7 6 5

West	North	East	South	
Demuy	Ng FY	Wolpert	Mak KF	
	l 🌧	2*	4*	
Dble All Pass	4♥	5♣	6♠	

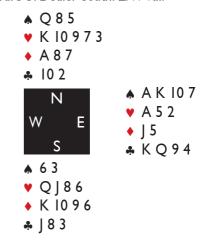
East led the \$9, ruffed. Then came the \$A, two, three-, four, and the  $\blacktriangle7$ ,  $\blacktriangledown6$ ,  $\blacktriangle$ K,  $\blacktriangle8$ . Declarer shifted to the  $\blacklozenge$  10, three, king, ace and back came the ♥2, ruffed; +50 to Canada.

West	North	East	South	
Cheuk-hin	Grainger	Chi-cheung	Lavee	
	I 🌧	3♣	4♦	
Pass	4♥	Pass	5 <b>.</b> *	
Pass	6♠	All Pass		

East led the ♣A, ruffed, and declarer played the ♦5 from dummy. West rose with the A, but alas returned a diamond. North ruffed, drew trumps and claimed +980; 14 IMPs to Canada.

Poland picked up 6 IMPs on a partscore deal and more on the next board:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Datum: N/S -410

East/West have a comfortable game in spades (ruff two hearts and finesse the spade). If East opens INT, West needs to make some invitational move.

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard
			Pass
Pass	I ♥	Dble	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	4 🖍	All Pass

Lead: ♥Q

Declarer took the ♥A, ruffed a heart and ran the ♠J. After a spade to his ten he ruffed his other heart loser and made eleven tricks for +650.

West	North	East	South	
G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
			Pass	
Pass	I♥	INT	2♥	
Dble	Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Lead: ♥Q

Declarer also made eleven tricks for +200; 10 IMPs to Poland, leading 27-0.

After East bids  $2 \spadesuit$  in reply to the take-out double, West is worth at least  $3 \spadesuit$ .

Chile v Egypt

West	North	East	South	
Hammad	Smith	Abdelfatta	Riedel	
			Pass	
Pass	l 🗸	Dble	2*	
2 🛦	All Pass			

Lead: ♠5; Ten tricks +170.

This time it was East who might have raised spades.

West	North	East	South	
Robles	Mehilba	Pacareu	Nabil	
			Pass	
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass	

Lead: ♥6

It can go wrong, of course but, vulnerable at IMPs, West might try for a spade fit. Declarer took his seven tricks for +90; 2 IMPs to Egypt.

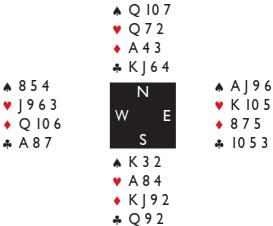
Canada v China Hong Kong

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Ng FY	Wolpert	Mak KF
			Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4 🖍	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<b>West</b> Cheuk-hin	<b>North</b> Grainger	<b>East</b> Chi-cheung	<b>South</b> <i>Lavee</i>
			Lavee
Cheuk-hin	Grainger	Chi-cheung	Lavee Pass

Both tables made eleven tricks for, +650.

France struck back on the next board:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Datum: N/S +170

At one table North played 3NT on the •8 lead for one down. At the other table:

West	North	East	South	
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard	
Pass	*	Pass	I 🔷	_
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

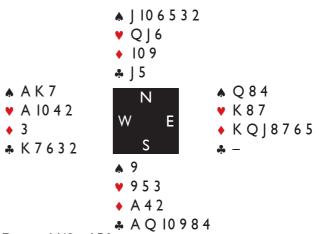
Lead: ♠6

The lead gave declarer an extra trick with the  $\blacktriangle10$ , but there was still a long route to nine tricks. The  $\clubsuit4$  went to the queen and ace and West returned the  $\clubsuit5$ , ducked to dummy's king. After a club to the king, declarer played the  $\spadesuit4$ : eight - jack - queen. West played his last spade to the ace and East cashed the thirteenth, everyone pitching hearts. Declarer had lost four tricks and had to make the

East exited with the \$10 to the jack and declarer played a heart to the ace, diamond to the ace and cashed his last club, everyone again throwing hearts. Then came the •3: seven . . . and the moment of decision had arrived. To the joy of the French supporters, Bessis rose with the •K, felling the ten, and had his ninth trick for +600 and 12 IMPs to France.

Almost the whole gain vanished on the next deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Datum: N/S - I50

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard
	Pass	I 🔷	2*
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lead: ♠J

East/West did well to avoid the doomed 3NT. Declarer won the spade lead with the ace and played the ◆3 to the king and ace. South play the ♣A, ruffed. The ◆Q followed, West pitching a club. Then came ♥K, heart to the ace and a third heart. The 3-3 heart break meant declarer had eleven tricks for +450.

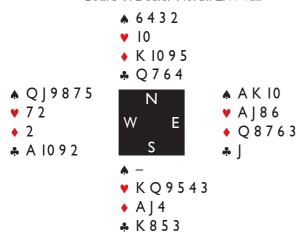
West	North	East	South	
G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
	Pass	I 🔷	2*	
Dble	Pass	2♦	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

Lead: ♣J

South was able to force out the AK and had the AK as entry; two off for -100 and AK II IMPs to Poland.

The pace slackened to a more normal rate, but it was a steady stream to Poland. On this board the sound of the auction and the void in trumps persuaded South to double a cold contract:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Datum: N/S -640

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard
	Pass	I 🔷	l 🗸
Dble(i)	Pass	l 🏚	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

(i) Shows 4+ spades

Lead: ♥K

Declarer took the  $\checkmark$ A and led the  $\checkmark$ Q. South won, cashed the  $\checkmark$ Q and played a third heart, ruffed with the  $\clubsuit$ 7. Then came  $\clubsuit$ A, club ruff, diamond ruff with the  $\clubsuit$ Q, club ruff,  $\checkmark$ J, ruffed with the  $\clubsuit$ J and another club ruff. All these high ruffs had promoted a trump trick for North's  $\clubsuit$ 6 and so declarer made ten tricks for +790.

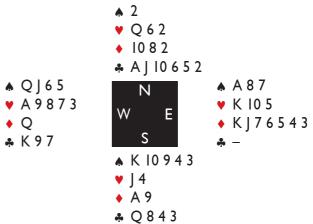
West	North	East	South	
G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
	Pass	I 🔷	I 🗸	
l 🏠	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4 🖍	All Pass			

Lead: ♥10

Declarer made eleven tricks for +650, but 4 IMPs to Poland.

The next deal gave declarer a chance for a very pretty play:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Datum: N/S -50

West	North	East	South	
G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
		I 🔷	l 🏠	
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			

Lead: ♠2

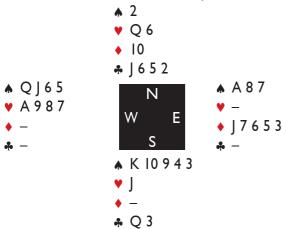
Declarer won with the  $\triangle A$  and finished two down for -200.

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard
		I 🔷	l 🛦
2 <b>♦</b> (i)	Pass All Pass	3♥	Pass

(i) Transfer to hearts Lead: •4



Declarer inserted the ♣9 and ruffed North's ♣10.The ◆4 came next and South took his ace to play the ♣8, king, ace, ♥10. Dummy's other club went away on the ◆K and the ♥K was cashed. This was now the position:



East now played a low spade. South took the  $\bigstar$ K and gave North a spade ruff. North returned the  $\bigstar$ 10, which South ruffed with the  $\bigstar$ 1 to uppercut declarer and take the contract one down. That was -100, but 3 IMPs to Poland.

Suppose in the diagram position East leads the •J. South ruffs and declarer pitches a spade. South has no winning move. A spade exit makes it easy. If South plays a club, declarer ruffs and plays •A and another heart, discarding dummy's low spades and dummy is high.

Canada v China Hong Kong

West	North	East	South	
-				
Demuy	Ng FY	Wolpert	Mak KF	
		I ♦	l 🎄	
Dble	2*	2♦	3 🚓	
3NT	All Pass			

North led the ♣10 and declarer was -200.

West	North	East	South	
Cheuk-hin	Grainger	Chi-cheung	Lavee	
		I 🔷	Pass	
I ♥	Pass	2♦	Pass	
3♣	Dble	3♥	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			

North led the  $\triangleq 2$  and declarer was -100 for 3 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

Chile v Egypt

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West	North	East	South	
Hammad	Smith	Abdelfatta	Riedel	
		I 🔸	Pass	
I ♥	2*	2♦	2♠	
Dble	3♣	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All Pass			

East led the  $\checkmark$ 5 to West's ace and the  $\clubsuit$ 7 came back. Declarer misguessed by rising with the  $\clubsuit$ A. North now tried the  $\checkmark$ 6 and East rose with the  $\checkmark$ K to switch to the  $\checkmark$ 5. Declarer had no quick entry to reach the  $\checkmark$ Q and so lost one spade, two hearts, a diamond and a club for -200. This turned out to be a useful gain in view of what happened at the other table:

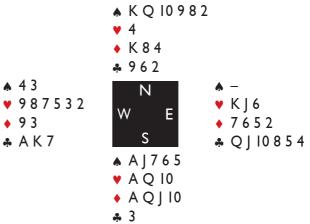
West	North	East	South	
Robles	Mehilba	Pacareu	Nabil	
		I 🔷	l 🌧	
3NT	Pass	5 ♦ !	All Pass	

This was certainly the best contract on the East/West cards. South led the \$3 and declarer made eleven tricks without great difficulty for +600 and 9 IMPs to Chile en route to a 21-9 win.

At other tables 4♥ sometimes made, sometimes failed, but no other pair found 5♦ East/West.

Poland led by 55-14 when this deal came along:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Datum: N/S +1210

West	North	East	South	
G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
			4	
Pass	l 🏚	Pass	2♦	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠	
All Pass				

There is no problem in the play; Poland +1430.

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard
			I 🏠
Pass	4♠	5♣	5♦
6 <b>.</b>	6♦	Dble	6♠
Pass	Pass	7♣	Dble
All Pass			



South continued with the  $\bullet$ Q to the king and the  $\bullet$ 4 came back, jack, queen. East still had two hearts to lose for five down; – I I 00, but 8 IMPs to Poland.

Chile v Egypt:

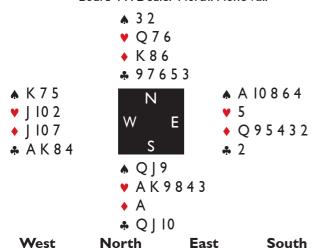
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West	North	East	South	
Hammad	Smith	Abdelfatta	Riedel	
			I 🎄	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
Robles	Mehilba	Pacareu	Nabil	
			I 🎄	
Pass	4♦	5♣	<b>5</b> ♠	
6 <b>.</b>	Dble	All Pass		

This went five down for -1100 and 9 IMPs to Egypt. Canada v China Hong Kong

West	North	East	South	
Demuy	Ng FY	Wolpert	Mak KF	
			l 🛦	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
AAG2f	North	East	South	
Cheuk-hin	Grainger	Chi-cheung	Lavee	
			I 🏠	
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT	
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♦	
Pass	6♠	All Pass		

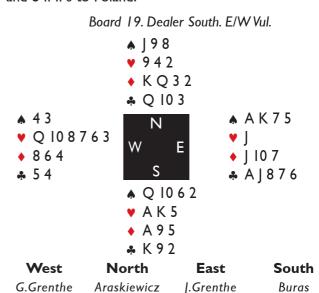
That was 1430 and 13 IMPs to Canada, who won the match 25-5.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



G.Grenthe	Araskiewicz	J.Grenthe	Buras	
	Pass	2♠	Dble	_
3♠	Pass	4 🖍	Dble	
All Pass				
Lead: ♥A				
Declarer we	ent two down	for -300		
		500.		
West	North	East	South	
<b>West</b> Kotorowicz		_	<b>South</b> Gaviard	
	North	East		_
	<b>North</b> T.Bessis	<b>East</b> Kalita	Gaviard	_

West shifted to the  $\bullet$ J, but declarer had no way to avoid four losers in the black suits. That was one down for -50 and 8 IMPs to Poland.



All Pass

Lead: ♥7

Declarer made ten tricks for +180.

West	North	East	South	
Kotorowicz	T.Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard	
			INT	
Pass	2 <b>∧</b> (i)	Dble	3 <b>♣</b> (ii)	
Pass	3 🏚	Dble	3NT	
All Door				

INT

All Pass

- (i) Range inquiry
- (ii) Maximum

Lead: ♠3

East won the lead with the ♠K and switched to the ♥J, ducked all round. East continued with the ♠A and another spade. South played a diamond to the king and set up a club trick for +400 and 6 IMPs to France.

Poland still scored a maximum 25-5 VPs for their 74 IMPs to 21.



Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland

# **ROUND ROBIN**

#### Round 15



# BRAZIL V EGYPT



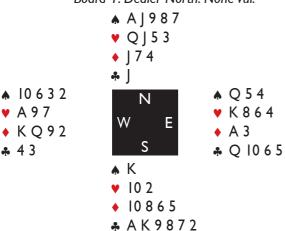
#### The amazon and the Nile

#### by David Lusk

Neither Brazil nor Egypt are in contention at this stage of the event. This is not evident as the teams settle down to play. All players are obviously keen to play well for their respective countries. The conversations between partners are in native tongues, communication between opponents is in good English. Aly Tawfik asks his Brazilian opponent if he would like a cup of water. After a second's hesitation, Marcelo replies 'Yes, please'. Paula David looks a little nervous; the other players are relaxed. During the play, her slender fingers move over to the board or her played card, drumming slowly or walking in a spider like movement.

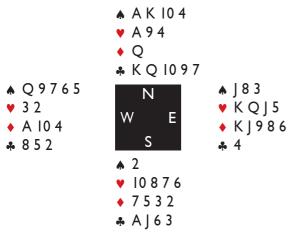
"Shall we start?" was the simple request and Board I was placed on the table. La Revere made a reasonable third hand preempt on Board I, only to discover that the hand was a misfit.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



After two Passes, Rovere opened 3. No one had any further desire to bid. West led the  $\bullet$  K and continued with the two when that held. East won and played a heart to West's ace. West played queen and another diamond, ruffed and over-ruffed. Declarer could no longer avoid three light and -150. Never pleasant but predictably flat.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

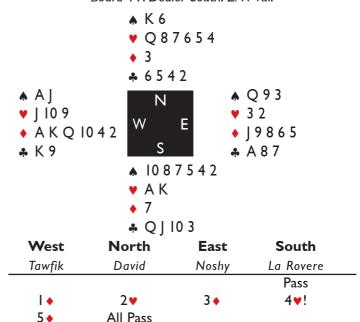
West	North	East	South
Tawfik	David	Noshy	La Rovere
Pass	4	Dble	I <b>♥</b>
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4.
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

North had a powerful hand and said so more than once. Whether she thought that South had shown five hearts or whether she was offering a choice of contracts is unclear but there is no game available. West led his top diamond and shifted to a spade. Declarer ducked a heart and ruffed the diamond return in dummy. He then cashed the ace of hearts and returned to hand with the club ace. A third round of hearts was not a success and the contract went four light.

In the Closed Room, Hammad/Nabil stopped in 4\* for + 130. This was 8 IMPs to Egypt.

The Brazilians harassed their opponents in this next auction to earn a good plus.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Four Hearts would have been two light on best defence but +600 looked more attractive. Five Diamonds looks the most likely game, needing only the spade finesse. That didn't work and, whilst declarer actually played on squeeze lines, it was still +100 to Brazil.

At the other table, the Brazilians had a slice of good fortune when 3NT proved to be cast-iron with the heart suit blocked; +600 and 12 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

A 10 7 3 2

V J 8 5 3

Q J 10

3

K 9 6

A K 9 6

A K 9 7 5 4

K Q 9

8 3 2

K Q 8

**Both Rooms** 

West	North	East	South
5 <b>.</b>	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Page			

North led the  $\bullet$ Q and now the contract can be made if declarer plays two top diamonds, pitching a spade on the second round. By ruffing a third round of diamonds, declarer will establish the suit and can play ace and another club for the overtrick. Even when clubs don't break, declarer has a heart discard on any diamond as South takes a ruff with his winner.

At trick two, Tawfik ruffed a diamond in hand and played ace and another club. A spade lead will still beat the contract and should be the logical choice, given that the diamond suit is known to be running. South played a heart and Egypt chalked up +750.

The same lead was made in the Closed Room and, curiously, the Brazilian West also ruffed a low diamond at trick two. When given the same opportunity, South did not waste the second opportunity to lead a spade. +200 to Egypt for a 14 IMP swing.

Final Score: Egypt 49 Brazil 42 (16-14 VPs).



Eduardo Rossi, Brazil

# Brazil Team Profile

**Beto Brum**, 25, is playing his fourth WYTC. He began playing bridge at 11. He is a law student and has a wide range of interests, including literature, a cappella music and history.

**Beto Barbosa**, 25, is married and has a beautiful five-year old daughter. He studies production engineering and works half-time as a production co-ordinator. He is always playing online at BBO (his nick name is Beto) and has been playing together with Beto Brum all youth events since the 2001 WYTC.

**Eduardo Rossi**, Brazilian player living in Sao Paulo, went to Business School. Nowadays he works in an insurance company. He plays bridge since he was I 6-years old.

Levy Vianna, also from Sao Paulo, studies Computer Sciences and also works in this field. He plays bridge twice a week as a hobby at Sao Paulo Bridge Club but is planning to play more often in the future.

**Paula David**, 21, from Rio de Janeiro, is the only girl of the Brazilian team. She started to play bridge just two years ago, but has already won the Brazilian Women's Championship, as well as the South American Youth Championship (Sao Paulo, 2004). She is a university student in the field of Economics.

Marcello La Rovere, 18, from Rio de Janeiro, is the youngest player of the Brazilian team, and has been playing since he was 14-years old. He has already won one South American Youth Championship in 2004, besides getting to fourth place in its previous edition (2002). He is about to start university studies, being enrolled in the Faculties of Economics and Music, as he is also a very good guitar player.

**Emilio La Rovere**, npc, has tried to pass on to his son Marcello the family bridge tradition inherited from his father, Ruggiero, who closely followed the birth of Neapolitan Club at his home town of Naples, before moving to settle down in Rio de Janeiro. Four years ago he was converted to Polish Club and will play this system at the Finals of the Rio Adult Championship this month.

#### Lost and Found

Paul Hackett asks that if anyone lost something on the Saturday evening dinner cruise they come and tell him what it was, as he found something.

# **ROUND ROBIN**

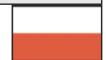
# Round 15



#### **AUSTRALIA**

#### V

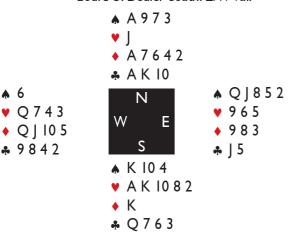
#### **POLAND**



#### by Ron Klinger

Going in to Round 15 Poland were a comfortable first, certain to make the semi-finals. Australia were fifth and needed a very good day to make the semi-finals. Australia had picked up 2 IMPs for an extra undertrick when a slam hand appeared:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Datum: N/S +470

West	North	East	South
Araszkiewicz	Feiler	Buras	Porter
			ΙΨ
Pass	2 🔷	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

l ead: 48

Declarer took the AA and ran the J to the queen. That was twelve tricks when the J dropped on the second round of clubs.

West	North	East	South
Ware	Kalita	Geromboux	Kotorowicz
			l 🗸
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	6 <b>.</b>	All Pass	

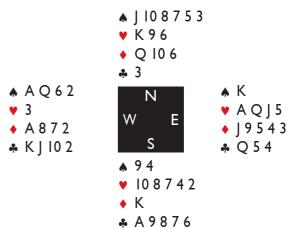
Lead: ♠]

The lead was helpful to declarer in solving the spade position. He can succeed via  $A, K, \bullet 10$ , cross to  $\bullet K$ , draw the last trump and lead a low heart. If West ducks, take the spade finesse and clear the hearts.

That line is easier double dummy. In practice declarer took the  $\triangle A$ , crossed to the  $\triangle K$  and then cashed the  $\triangle A$ ,  $\triangle K$ ,  $\triangle I0$ . Alas, there was no safe return to dummy. When he played a spade to the ten, West ruffed. North took the  $\triangle I0$  exit and ran the  $\triangle I0$  to West for one down; I I IMPs to Australia.

Two boards later Australia missed an opportunity:

Board 5. Dealer North, N/S Vul.



Datum: N/S -420

West	North	East	South	
Araszkiewicz	Feiler	Buras	Porter	
	Pass	I 🔷	Pass	
l 🏠	Pass	INT	Pass	
2*	Pass	2♦	Pass	
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: 47

Declarer made eleven tricks for +460.

West	North	East	South	
Ware	Kalita	Geromboux	Kotorowicz	
	2♦	Pass	2♠	
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Lead: ♥3

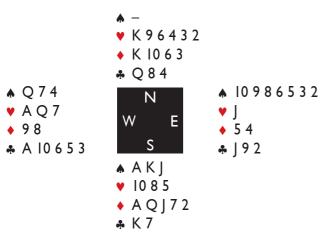
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ightharpoonup = multi; 2 
ightharpoonup = pass with spades, bid on with hearts.Declarer ducked and East won with the ightharpoonup J. At this point the ightharpoonup K would have been a helpful move. That could have



produced +800. Instead, East switched to a club. Declarer took the AA and played the K, won by West who cashed AA, AQ. Now the defence was limited to +500 and I IMP to Australia.

On the next board both sides were too high:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Datum: N/S	+260			
West	North	East	South	
Araszkiewicz	Feiler	Buras	Porter	
		Pass	I 🔷	
Pass	I ♥	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4*	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4	
Pass	5♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♦4 One down.

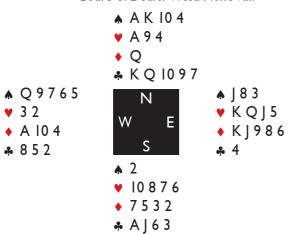
West	North	East	South	
Ware	Kalita	Geromboux	Kotorowicz	
		Pass	*	
Pass	I 🗸	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4♥	
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥	
All Pass				

Lead: ♣2

Datum: N/S +60

Declarer played low from dummy, but West made no mistake. He took the AA and played low on the first round of hearts; one down, no swing.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



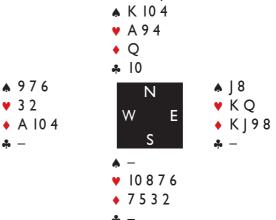
West	North	East	South	
Araszkiewicz	Feiler	Buras	Porter	
Pass	*	I 🔷	2*	
2♦	2♠	3 ♦	4♣	
Pass	5♣	All Pass		

This contract had no hope and declarer finished two down for -100.

West	North	East	South	
Ware	Kalita	Geromboux	Kotorowicz	
Pass	🚓	INT	Pass	
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♥	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

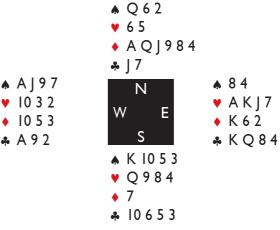
The INT overcall showed 5+ diamonds and a 4-card major. If 2♠ was pass-or-correct, East ought to bid 3♠ over the double. The same inference might have led East to find the diamond lead, but he chose the ♠3. North captured West's queen, crossed to the ♣A and deceptively led a diamond. West grabbed the ♠A and played the ♠9, ten, jack. East was not deceived and cashed his four diamonds. That was two down for a tied board.

After winning the spade lead, suppose that North runs four rounds of clubs. East can afford to let go two hearts and a diamond to leave this position:



When North plays the fifth club, what can East throw? A heart or a spade is quickly fatal, if declarer picks the position, while if a diamond is thrown declarer can play ace and another heart or king and another spade.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Datum: N/S -290

West	North	East	South	
Araszkiewicz	Feiler	Buras	Porter	
	I 🔷	INT	Pass	
2♣	2♦	2♥	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

Lead: ♦7

North inserted the jack and East ducked. North continued with the  $\bullet$ A, followed by the  $\bullet$ Q, taken by the king. As South had thrown two clubs on this, declarer now had four clubs tricks available. When he crossed to the  $\clubsuit$ A and played a heart to the jack and queen, declarer could claim.

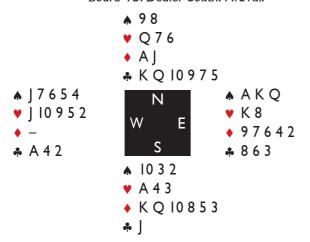
West	North	East	South	
Ware	Kalita	Geromboux	Kotorowicz	
	I 🔷	Dble	Pass	
l 🏚	Pass	INT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

Lead: ♦7

North also inserted the ◆J and East ducked. North shifted to the ♥6, ducked to South's queen, and back came a heart. Declarer can succeed from here by playing South for honour-ten in spades. He will come to two spades, three hearts, a diamond and three clubs. North's reluctance to continue diamonds suggests that North is not looking at both the ♠K and ♠Q. Even if the first spade loses to the ten, declarer can still hope for four club tricks.

In practice, East crossed to the ♣A and played a diamond. North rose with the ♠A and continued diamonds. Declarer cashed his hearts, but South held steadfastly on to the clubs and the contract was one down for −100 and 12 IMPs to Poland, trailing 13-14. Poland picked up 10-3 in overtricks and undertricks to lead 23-17 until a defensive mix-up allowed Australia to make an impossible game:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/SVul.



Datum: N/S +40

West	North	East	South	
Araszkiewicz	Feiler	Buras	Porter	
			I 🔷	
2♦	Dble	4♠	Pass	
Pass	5 <b>.</b> *	All Pass		

East led the  $\triangle A$ : two – four – eight and switched to the  $\bigvee K$ , taken by the ace. The  $\triangle J$  was overtaken by the queen and West won the next club. When he returned the  $\bigvee I O$ ,

declarer had eleven tricks for +600.

West	North	East	South	
Ware	Kalita	Geromboux	Kotorowicz	
			Pass	
2♥	Pass	2 🏚	Pass	
Pass	3 🚓	Pass	3 ♦	
All Pass				

All Fas

Lead: ♠4

East shifted to a trump, but declarer was in no danger and finished with ten tricks for +130, but 10 IMPs to Australia. The scoreline was now Australia 27 Poland 23, but Poland scored IMPs on each of the last five boards (6, 6, 4, 7, 6) to finish with a comfortable win by 52-27 or 20-10 in VPs.

# USA 2 Team Profile

**Tim Crank** – 24 years old from the Washington DC area, is an ACBL Tournament Director. According to many of his opponents, Tim never passes!

Jon Rice – 23 years old from North Carolina, graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry.

**Mike Rice** – twin brother of Jon Rice, graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Computer Engineering.

Charlie Garrod – 26 years old from Florida, is currently working on a PhD in Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Andrew Hurd – 23 years old from Charleston, South Carolina, graduated from the College of Charleston with a Business Administration degree. He currently plays bridge professionally but plans to enter the business world in the near future.

**Noble Shore** – 26 years old from the Washington DC area, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a degree in Computer Science. He is currently working for a large US firm.

**Steve Robinson**, NPC. Steve is a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame. He has won two World Championships in the Seniors as well as numerous North American Championships. Steve is a retired programmer.



# Sport News



**Athletics** World Championships Helsinki

#### Men's 4 x 100m Relay

- I France
- 2 Trinidad and Tobago
- 3 Great Britain

#### Men's Marathon

I | Gharib Morocco 2 C Isegwe Tanzania

#### 3 T Ogata Japan

Men's Long Jump I D Phillips **USA** 2 I Gaisah Ghana **Finland** 3 T Evila

#### Women's 400m Hurdles

I Y Pechonkina Russia 2 L Demus USA 3 S Glover **USA** 

#### Women's 5,000metres

I T Dibaba Ethiopia 2 M Defar Ethiopia Ethiopia 3 E Dibaba

#### Women's 4x100m Relay

I United States

2 lamaica

3 Belarus

#### Women's Shot Put

I N Ostapchuk **Belarus** 2 O Ryabinkina Russia 3 V Vili New Zealand

#### Golf **USPGA**



#### Thitd Round Leaderboard

(US unless stated)

D Love -6, Mickelson -6, T Bjorn (Den) -5, S Appleby (Aus) -4, V Singh (Fij) -4, S Elkington (Aus) -4, P Perez -4, G Owen (Eng) -3, L Westwood (Eng) -3, R Goosen (SA) -3, | Bohn -3, B Curtis -3, B Van Pelt -2.

#### Soccer

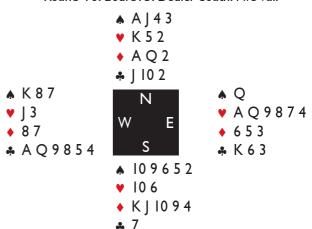
**English Premiership** 



Aston Villa 2-2 Bolton Everton 0-2 Manchester Utd Fulham 0-0 Birmingham Manchester City 0-0 WBA Middlesbrough 0-0 Liverpool Portsmouth 0-2 Tottenham Sunderland I-3 Charlton West Ham 3-1 Blackburn

# Another (Wrong) **Snap Analysis** by David Lusk

Round 10. Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



When USA1 faced England, the American East/West pair forged to 4♥ in a contested auction. This evoked a sacrifice in 4. The bidding and play are documented in Ron Klinger's match report. After collecting 500, West (John Kranyak) consoled South (Andrew Woodcock) with the news that the loss would not be great (very sporting) as 4 was a make. Wrong.

The defence should not be too difficult against 4♥. The emphasis should obviously be about collecting tricks in spades and diamonds. After three winning tricks, a third round of diamonds is enough to declarer. Forced to ruff in dummy, declarer can no longer deal with North's twice guarded trump king.



# Individual and **Swiss Pairs**

As listed in the Official Program, there is a two-session Individual competition and also a two-session Swiss Pairs. Please enter in advance.

The times of the competitions are as follows:

Individual: Monday and Tuesday at 14.10 (The sessions will be shorter than as listed in the program)

Swiss Pairs: Monday and Tuesday at 20.30

# FINAL BUTLER RANKING

Rank	Pair	Team	Matches	IMPs/Board
I	Konrad Araszkiewicz - Krzysztof Buras	POL	14	1.30
2	Jacek Kalita - Krzysztof Kotorowicz	POL	13	0.96
2	Olivier Bessis - Godefroy De Tessieres	FRA	11	0.96
4	John Hurd - Joel Wooldridge	USI	15	0.86
5	Daniel Geromboux - Griff Ware	AUS	12	0.83
6	Thomas Bessis - Julien Gaviard	FRA	12	0.81
7	Ari Greenberg - Justin Lall	USI	6	0.68
8	Ophir Reshef - Eldad Ginossar	ISR	16	0.64
9	Karim Nabil - Mohamed Hammad	EGY	5	0.59
10	Michael Byrne - Andrew Woodcock	ENG	7	0.56
10	Guillaume Grenthe - Jerome Grenthe	FRA		0.56
12	Wang Wei Bung - Tseng Chien Yao	TPE POL	14	0.55 0.53
13 14	Piotr Madry - Wojciech Strzemecki	CAN	6 12	0.33
15	David Grainger - Daniel Lavee	HUN	13	0.48
16	Peter Marjai - Gabor Minarik Vincent Demuy - Gavin Wolpert	CAN	13	0.45
17	Abdelrehim Mehilba - Karim Nabil	EGY	6	0.43
18	Daniel Krochmalik - Justin Williams	AUS	11	0.31
19	Michael Byrne - Alex Morris	ENG	9	0.27
19	Andras Riesz - Csaba Szabo	HUN	7	0.27
21	Joe Grue - John Kranyak	USI	13	0.23
21	Haakon Kippe - Joern Ringseth	NOR		0.23
23	Petter Eide - Allan Livgard	NOR	ii II	0.22
23	Tanaka Shugo - Ikemoto Yuichi	JPN	ii	0.22
25	Kwok-fai Mak - Fei-yeung Ng	HKG	12	0.18
25	Mate Mraz - Balazs Szegedi	HUN	12	0.18
27	Wai-sing Yiu - Chung-man Leung	HKG		0.12
28	Wu Tzu Lin - Wu Yen Hsuen	TPE	13	0.09
29	Jack Smith - Paula Riedel	CHI	17	0.06
30	Tim Capes - Charles Halasi	CAN	6	-0.07
31	Tim Crank - Andrew Hurd	US2	12	-0.09
32	Mohamed Hammad - Mahmoud Abdelfattah	EGY	5	-0.15
33	Karim Nabil - Mahmoud Abdelfattah	EGY	6	-0.16
33	Ote Ruri - Niekawa Takeshi	JPN	8	-0.16
35	Michael Whibley - Fraser Rew	ŃZL	16	-0.17
36	Shiga Motoaki - Yokoi Hiroki	JPN	10	-0.20
37	Eduardo Rossi - Levy Viana	BRA	9	-0.22
37	Cheuk-hin Leung - Chi-cheung Ng	HKG	П	-0.22
37	Joaquin Pacareu - Benjamin Robles	CHI	17	-0.22
40	Espen Lindqvist - Erik Eide	NOR	12	-0.23
41	Adi Azizi - Yotam Bar-Yosef	ISR	7	-0.26
41	Hung Chieh Hsing - Kuo Li Hsiang	TPE	7	-0.26
43	Mike Rice - John Rice	US2	11	-0.32
44	Roberto Barbosa - Jose Brum	BRA	17	-0.35
45	Sherif Noshy - Aly Tawfik	EGY	П	-0.40
46	Charlie Garrod - Noble Shore	US2	П	-0.53
47	Gabby Feiler - Matthew Porter	AUS	П	-0.55
48	Ron Hoffman - Gilad Ofir	ISR	П	-0.57
49	Paula David - Marcello La Rovere	BRA	8	-0.64
50	Ben Green - Duncan Happer	ENG	13	-0.71
51	John Whyte - Blair Fisher	NZL	П	-1.18
52	Oosman Bashir - Zain Khan	PAK	12	-1.75
53	Daniel Skipper - David Skipper	NZL	7	-1.79
54	Haider Ali Malik - Hassan Ijaz Saeed	PAK	10	-2.10
55	Shahzeb Nasir Butt - Fauzan Athar	PAK	9	-2.40