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# Switzerland – Italy Set the Pace



At or near the top from the start, the Swiss-Italian partnership of Chantal Haemmerli and Alfredo Versace took the lead after the first final session in the Mixed Pairs on Sunday. Their score, including carryover, was an impressive 66.52%.

The event will conclude today with two final sessions.

To earn the title, Haemmerli and Versace will have to overcome challenges from several close contenders, including another pair who have been in the thick of the fight from the start - Danuta Hochecker and Miroslaw Cichocki of Poland. Americans Karen McCallum and Matthew Granovetter were right behind them.

## Rosenblum and McConnell Registrations

Teams who have not yet registered or confirmed their registration for the Rosenblum and McConnell teams are requested to do so as soon as possible in order to assist the organisers in planning the exact format and size of sections.

## Press Conference



There will be a Press Conference today at 15.00 hours in the Teatro Verdi (on the lower ground floor, near to registration) with José Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation, and Gianarrigo Rona, president of the European Bridge League and to introduce: Antoine Bernheim, Bill Gates and Romain Zaleski.

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

### MIXED PAIRS

10.30	Final Session 2 Plate Final Session 1
16.00	Final Session 3 Plate Final Session 2

## Mixed Pairs

## Qualifying Session 2

## Secondo Piatto

by Mark Horton

Refreshed by England's victory over Paraguay and a quantity of the local water it was back to business where I found a suitable resting place at the table occupied by the Italian/Swiss combination that had scored heavily in the opening session.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ 10 8 4 2			♥ Q 9			♦ 4 2			♣ K Q 8 7 5
		♠ 7 5	N W E S		♥ K 7 5 2	♠ K Q 9 6		♦ K Q 10 9 7 3	♥ 6		♣ A J 6 4 3
		♠ A J 3			♥ A J 10 8 4 3			♦ A 5			♣ 9 2
		♥ 9 2			♥ 6			♦ J 8 6			♣ A J 6 4 3
		♦ K Q 10 9 7 3			♦ J 8 6			♣ A J 6 4 3			♣ A J 6 4 3
		♣ 10			♣ A J 6 4 3			♣ A J 6 4 3			♣ A J 6 4 3
West	North	East			South						
Casadei	Versace	Pavan			Haemmerli						
	Pass	Pass			1♥						
3♦	Pass	Pass			3♥						
Pass	Pass	4♦			Pass						
Pass	4♥	All Pass									

South appeared to flirt with a dangerous reopening double before settling for the more obvious action of rebidding her robust suit. When East not unreasonably took the push North/South had the chance to go plus, but North went on to the doomed game. Indeed, on this layout declarer could make no more than eight tricks, -200 – as usual the kiss of death at matchpoints.



Alfredo Versace, Italy

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

		♠ 10 4			♥ A 7 4			♦ J 9 7 5 3			♣ K 10 3
		♠ K 9 8 7 2	N W E S		♥ J 9 8 2	♠ A 6 3		♦ A Q 10 8	♥ Q 10 3		♣ A 8 2
		♥ J 9 8 2			♥ K 6 5			♦ 6 4			♣ Q J 5
		♦ K 2			♦ 6 4			♣ J 9 6 5 4			♣ J 9 6 5 4
		♣ Q 7			♣ J 9 6 5 4			♣ J 9 6 5 4			♣ J 9 6 5 4
		♣ Q 7			♣ J 9 6 5 4			♣ J 9 6 5 4			♣ J 9 6 5 4
West	North	East			South						
Casadei	Versace	Pavan			Haemmerli						
	2♥*	INT			Pass						
	3♥	2♠			Pass						
	3NT	3♠			Pass						
	All Pass										


East paid a heavy price for failing to bid the obvious Four Spades over 3NT, as with South on lead a club gave declarer no chance and the contract was quickly two down – the boot was on the other foot this time, so the round was just about tied.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

		♠ 8 6 4 3 2			♥ K J 8 6			♦ J 8			♣ 9 7
		♠ A Q J 5	N W E S		♥ Q 5	♠ 10 7		♦ K 9 3 2	♥ 10 7 3 2		♣ Q 8 5
		♥ Q 5			♥ A 9 4			♦ 10 4			♣ K 9
		♦ A Q 7 6 5			♦ 10 4			♣ A K 6 4 3 2			♣ A K 6 4 3 2
		♣ J 10			♣ A K 6 4 3 2			♣ A K 6 4 3 2			♣ A K 6 4 3 2
		♣ J 10			♣ A K 6 4 3 2			♣ A K 6 4 3 2			♣ A K 6 4 3 2
West	North	East			South						
Bianchini	Versace	Trevisani			Haemmerli						
	1♦	1♠			1♣						
	Pass	2♥			Dble						
	All Pass	Pass			2♠						

The defenders started with two rounds of diamonds and then East switched to the seven of hearts for the queen and king. Declarer tried a spade to the king but West won, cashed the queen and played a diamond. He was in control now and declarer had to settle for seven tricks, -100. Still, with +110 available in diamonds it was a promising result.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Bianchini</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Trevisani</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>
1♥	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Two Diamonds was not exactly the ideal spot on the East/West cards, but South came to the rescue with her remarkable Two Spades. North retreated and was not slow to congratulate his partner on her bravery when the dummy appeared.

East/west started with three rounds of diamonds and declarer won, cashed a diamond and exited with a low spade, East putting up the queen and switching to a heart, which ran to the jack and declarer's king. Back came the ten of hearts ducked and now declarer cashed the last diamond and the ace of spades. East had parted with one club too many, so declarer took the last three tricks in that suit for a majestic +150.

That was a great round, but the next one was not quite so good, with a very poor result being only slightly offset by a reasonable one.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

W

N

E

S

♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ Q 9 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 8 7

One Diamond was a typical third in hand gambit, but when North doubled West's overcall South was on the spot. When the hand was over North appeared to think there was a case for bidding Two Hearts, and given South's bidding on the previous board it was clearly a possibility, but eventually South decided to go quietly and hope for the best.

North led the four of hearts and South won with the queen. A club switch now would be effective, but is not that easy to find and South played a second heart ducked again by declarer, who won the next round of the suit, discarding a spade, and played the eight of diamonds. South went in with the ace and switched to a small spade. Declarer could win and give up a diamond, ensuring his contract, +180.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 7 2		♠ 5 4 3
♥ 10 9 5		♥ Q J 8 6 2
♦ J 9 6		♦ 7 5 3
♣ A Q 7 6		♣ 9 3
	<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>	
♠ A K 9 8 6		
♥ A K		
♦ K Q 2		
♣ K 10 5		

West	North	East	South
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I don't know if they noticed, but this board was rotated, making North the hand with all the points. The spade position meant declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks, +690.



*Chantal Haemmerli, Switzerland*



## Mixed Pairs

## Qualifying Session 3

## Down To The Wire

by Brian Senior

After two of the three qualifying sessions of the Mixed Pairs, Bob Hamman and Pamela Granovetter were lying in 156th position, with 182 to qualify, meaning that there was still work to be done.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 7 3 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ 7 2 ♣ J 8 4</p>		<p>♠ J 6 ♥ J 9 8 4 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ A K 9 2</p>	
<p>♠ K 10 9 2 ♥ Q 7 5 3 2 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ 3</p>		<p>♠ A 5 4 ♥ — ♦ A J 10 9 8 ♣ Q 10 7 6 5</p>	
<b>West</b> Zeljko	<b>North</b> Hamman	<b>East</b> Muller	<b>South</b> Granovetter
	Pass	Pass	2♦

All Pass

Pamela's weak 2♦ opening shut everyone out and she played there on a heart lead from Croatia's Mario Zeljko. Granovetter took the heart winners, pitching spades from hand, then led a diamond to the jack and king. Zeljko switched to his singleton club now but Renata Muller, who could see that this had to be declarer's long side-suit, judged that it would be better to play a forcing game. She won the king then played a heart, which Granovetter won. She played a low club, which Zeljko ruffed. Declarer was forced with another heart. She ruffed, cashed the ace of trumps and played the ♣Q to the ace. Muller could win and cash the queen of trumps, but then had only spades to play so Granovetter had the last three tricks for +90.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> Zeljko	<b>North</b> Hamman	<b>East</b> Muller	<b>South</b> Granovetter
2♣ 3NT	Pass All Pass	INT 2♦	Pass Pass

Six Clubs is a very good contract but Muller opened a 15-17 no trump and was raised to game via Stayman – no doubt a popular auction. A heart lead would have given the defence a chance to defeat the contract, but Granovetter's spades were better than her hearts, and she duly led a spade. Muller won in hand and played the king of clubs to the ace. Granovetter switched to a heart but it was too late; +490.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> B. Pollack	<b>North</b> Hamman	<b>East</b> R. Pollack	<b>South</b> Granovetter
Pass INT 2NT	Pass Pass Pass	1♠ 2♠ 3NT	Pass Pass All Pass

Hamman led a low club to dummy's jack and Bill Pollack gave it a lot of thought before leading the queen of spades off the table – not that it appears to matter what declarer does. Hamman won the king, cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a heart. Granovetter won the ace and returned the queen to declarer's king. Pollack played the ace of diamonds followed by a diamond to the king, then took the top spades, came back to hand with the ♦Q and cashed the ♣Q; one down for –100.

## The Carry-Over

The winners of the qualification, Hochecker and Cichocki, received a carry-over of 4 percentage points. The sixty-first pair, von Arnim and Del Monte, received a carry-over of 0 percentage points. All pairs in between received a number of points in between (relative to their score in the qualification) and the rest of the field received nothing. These points were added to the percentage they ended up with in the first session of the final, and two more sessions will be added to this.



West	North	East	South
Bertens	Hamman	Van Zwol	Granovetter
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			4♠

Having found the spade fit, Hamman suggested 3NT as an alternative game, but Granovetter quickly went back to the spade game because of her diamond shortage. Wietske Van Zwol led the jack of spades. Jack from queen-jack doubleton is an old idea and Hamman chose to play her for having led from the two honours because the auction strongly indicated a trump lead. Accordingly, he won in hand and returned a trump. Ducking to the queen when Van Zwol showed out. Huub Bertens returned a third trump, after which Hamman ruffed a heart in hand, crossed to dummy with a club and drew the last trump, conceding a diamond at the end; +650. Of course, if declarer plays to ruff a diamond in dummy rather than a heart in hand it is possible to make twelve tricks by picking the trumps successfully.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 ♥ 10 9 7 5 3 ♦ A 9 7 5 ♣ 10 7</p>			
♠ Q 8 6 5 ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J 6 4	<p>N W E S</p>	♠ J 7 4 2 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A Q 5 3	
<p>♠ A 9 3 ♥ 8 ♦ K Q J 10 2 ♣ K 9 8 2</p>			
West	North	East	South
Bertens	Hamman	Van Zwol	Granovetter
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	



Bob Hamman, USA

The first competitive auction of the session saw Granovetter declare 3♦, a comfortable spot. She won the spade lead in hand, crossed to the ♠K and led the ten of clubs. When Van Zwol played low, she decided to play for either queen or jack onside so passed it to the jack. Bertens returned a club to the ace and Van Zwol switched to a trump, which was won with the five in dummy – that sort of trick costs a round of drinks in some places. Van Zwol gave up a heart and had ten tricks for +130.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 3 2 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ A Q 8 4 ♣ 10 6</p>			
♠ 10 5 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ J 10 6 2 ♣ K J 9 7	<p>N W E S</p>	♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K 9 7 5 3 ♣ Q 4	
<p>♠ K J 6 4 ♥ K 9 6 5 ♦ – ♣ A 8 5 3 2</p>			
West	North	East	South
Bartley	Hamman	Kuzselka	Granovetter
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Facing a 15-17 no trump, Granovetter used Stayman and, on finding a heart fit, splintered. Hamman took control, checking on key cards, and the response showed two plus a diamond void. Germany's Beatrix Kuzselka led a trump to the eight and queen and Hamman ruffed a diamond then ducked a club. Gareth Bartlet went in with the king to return a second trump and Hamman went up with the jack as he needed the entry to hand for a second diamond ruff. Ace and another club discovered the bad news in that suit. Hamman ruffed and cashed the ace of trumps, throwing a club from dummy.

All he had to do now was to cash the ace of diamonds then play ace of spades followed by a spade to the jack because, of course, Kuzselka had been squeezed out of her fourth spade by the last trump. But Hamman had what is known as a Senior moment (I have been having them all my life, of course). He saw that if the ♠Q was onside he didn't need to take the finesse because he could endplay East with it, so went for the extra chance of dropping queen-doubleton offside! Hamman played a spade to the king, back to the ace and a third round. Kuzselka won and had to lead into the diamond tenace at the end. Hamman claimed twelve tricks and scored it as such, only to be reminded that he had conceded a club trick earlier on in the play.



I hope Bob will forgive me for including this deal, but I promise him that this story will make a lot of readers very happy, as they will be pleased to see that even the very best can fall from grace at times.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bartley	Hamman	Kuzselka	Granovetter
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

After a club lead, this was a dull deal. Granovetter took the hearts, unblocked the club and played ♠K, a spade to the ace and cashed the ♣Q. That squeezed Kuzselka out of a top diamond, but there were no communications by now, of course; eleven tricks for +660. Anyone who found the five-three heart fit would expect to score very poorly, I would think.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Hamman	Feitelson	Granovetter
1♠	2♣	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		Pass

Hamman cashed two clubs then switched to his trump. Jacek Pszczola won in dummy and led a heart, Granovetter winning her ace and playing a second trump. Pszczola could win, unblock the diamond and ruff a heart then pitch the other loser on the king of diamonds; +420.

## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Hamman	Feitelson	Granovetter
1♣	4♥	All Pass	

Maybe a 4♥ overall would not be everyone's choice, as it gives up on possible contracts, including slam, in two other denominations. But matchpoints is not a game for slow descriptive auctions which tip off the defenders about declarer's hand. Candice Feitelson led a club to the queen and king and Hamman ruffed then drew three rounds of trumps, throwing two clubs and a diamond from dummy. He continued with the king of spades then ten of spades, both ducked, and a third spade to the ace.

There was nothing Pszczola could do. If he had tried the ace of clubs, Hamman would have ruffed and exited with the king of diamonds – he knew the ace was on his left because West had not opened a strong no trump – and would have lost just two diamond tricks. Seeing this, Pszczola switched to the queen of diamonds, hoping that his partner's holding would be slightly stronger. Hamman covered and Feitelson won the ace and played a club through. Hamman ruffed and led a low diamond towards dummy's eight. Feitelson thought about that but eventually played low. The eight scored and the nine of spades took care of declarer's ♦9; eleven tricks for +650.

Midway through the session, it seemed that Bob and Pamela still had plenty to do to ensure qualification, and it would go down to the wire before they would know if they had done sufficient. They did just enough in the end, qualifying in 161st position, and would hope to do better in the final.



Pamela Granovetter, USA



# COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

Nella terza sessione delle qualificazioni Irene Baroni (23 anni) ed Enrico Guerra (molti di più, tra il doppio ed il triplo: e' tutto plissettato!) siedono in N/S al tavolo 10. La coppia gioca il sistema Garozzo modificato, che sarebbe una ripetizione di concetto: il sistema Garozzo, in versione definitiva, non e' mai esistito, non esiste e non esistera' mai. E' il classico sistema eracliteo, in divenire costante. Ma, spesso, non e' il metodo a decidere, e' lo stile.

Per dire:

## Diecino

Board 20. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.

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

(Qui si usa scrivere utilizzando queste carte, senza "traduzione". Sarebbe scortese non uniformarsi. Grande bugia, e' solo un eccesso di pigrizia basato sul copia e incolla senza successiva sostituzione...)



Enrico Guerra, Italy

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Guerra		I. Baroni
1♥	1♠	Passo	2♥
Contro	3♦	Passo	3SA
Fine			

Che devo dirvi, costretti alle 11 prese dal fatto che Guerra si e' prepotentemente appropriato del secondo fit della linea, allora tanto vale giocare a senza atout. Si' perche' da Sud si fanno 6♦. Ci vorrebbe un bel sottocolore anche in questo caso. Shhh! Bisogna dirlo a bassa voce per non scatenare la variante.

## Linee di controgioco

Board 23. Dich. Sud. Tutti in zona.

♠ 9 7 2	♠ J 5 4 3	♠ K 10
♥ K 9	♥ 8	♥ A Q 10 7 5 4 3
♦ A 8 6 4 3 2	♦ K J 10 7	♦ Q 9
♣ 9 4	♣ K J 10 6	♣ A 8
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">O</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ A Q 8 6	
	♥ J 6 2	
	♦ 5	
	♣ Q 7 5 3 2	

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Guerra		I. Baroni
Passo	Passo	4♥	Fine

No, queste non si fanno, ma le insidie possono essere dietro l'angolo. La Baroni, in Sud, ha attaccato con il singolo di quadri per la piccola del morto ed il Re di Nord. Ora, per esempio, provate a dare il taglio a Sud e guardate cosa potrebbe succedere. Quadri taglio. Asso di picche? Fine della mano. La fiori andra' sull'Asso di quadri dopo due colpi d'atout. Quattro fatte. Il ritorno fiori al posto, dell'Asso di picche, peggiora le cose. Asso di fiori, cuori per il 9, quadri taglio di onore maggiore, cuori per il morto, fine delle trasmissioni. Un momento. Torniamo indietro. Attacco quadri per il Re e quadri, Dama... **scarto!** Se Sud rifiuta il taglio il dichiarante va sotto un'altra





volta. L'analista conferma. Non puo' piu' usufruire di scarti a quadri. Che capolavoro! Attacco per il taglio e poi lo rifiuto. Bisogna mantenere il controllo con il Fante lungo in atout. Torniamo al tavolo. Guerra, in presa con il Re di quadri e' tornato cuori, in orbita fino al 9 del morto. Sulla successiva quadri per la Dama, Sud ha tagliato ed e' tornata fiori. 4♥-1.

## Barrage

Board 25. Dich. Nord. E/O in zona.

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

♠ 7

♥ K Q 10 8 7 5 2

♦ 6 5

♣ K O 10

<b>Ovest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
	<i>Guerra</i>		<i>I. Baroni</i>
	Passo	Passo	4♥

Fine


Irene Baroni non va tanto per il sottile e, con il suo sbarramento deciso, pone un problema ad Ovest. Fatto sta che, nella fattispecie, Ovest ha deciso di non entrare. Il 2 down realizzato in difesa non e' decisamente bastato a compensare le 4♠ che si realizzano in E/O (la quadri sulla quarta fiori).



*Irene Baroni, Italy*

## Altro diecino

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Guerra</i>		<i>I. Baroni</i>
			I♦
Passo	I♥	Passo	ISA
Passo	2♣	Passo	2♦
Passo	2♠	Passo	2SA
Passo	3SA	Fine	

Il 2♣ di Nord chiede l'appoggio terzo a cuori e 2♦ vuol dire che questo appoggio c'è. Il resto è naturale e, arrivata al momento di decidere, la coppia italiana ha optato un'altra volta per i senza atout ricevendo come premio le stesse prese che avrebbe fatto a cuori. Ovest ha attaccato quadri e la mano è durata poco. Asso, Re di quadri e quadri. Fante di quadri, Asso e Re di fiori, Asso e Re di cuori, alt.

## Un finale

Board 12. Dich. Ovest. N/S in zona.

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

♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ 3

♦ 8 7 2

♣ Q J 9 8 2

Succedono cose strane. Ma partiamo dall'inizio. Guerra contro l'apertura di  $1\clubsuit$  di Ovest e, dopo il passo di Est, trasmette il carrello dall'altra parte e comincia a sudare: "E se *trasforma il contro ad  $1\clubsuit$* ? No, non *puo'* essere. Se *poi ha carte per trasformare vuol dire che e' il nostro contratto*". La Baroni dice  $1\spadesuit$  e la licita prosegue con alti e bassi fino a  $4\heartsuit$ . Est attacca fiori, per l'8 del morto, il 10 di Ovest ed il taglio. Tre giri d'atout, Re di picche (in presa), 10 di picche (in presa) e Fante di quadri (Asso. Perché?). Fiori (Fante, Asso, taglio), Re di quadri e picche per l'Asso. Re di fiori (in presa), 10 prese (scusate il bisticcio...).

# Not at Full Strength

Jeff Meckstroth, defending Mixed Pairs champion, was back for another shot at the title, this time with a new partner – Janice Seamon-Molson.

Seamon-Molson was suffering from a mysterious illness and was not at her best, but even a subpar Seamon-Molson is a formidable opponent. Despite her malady, she and Meckstroth lay in 10<sup>th</sup> place after two qualifying rounds (the sad postscript to this article is that they did not make the final).

They cooperated well on this deal to rake in most of the matchpoints.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Meckstroth, North, led the ♣3, and declarer overtook with the 8. He played a low heart from hand to the 8 and Seamon-Molson's queen. She returned a low diamond to the 10 and queen, and Meckstroth fired back the ♦K, unblocking the suit. Now declarer could have cashed out for one down, but he tried a low heart to the 10. Seamon-Molson won the ♥K and began rattling off her diamond winners. The dispirited declarer discarded one spade from hand and two from dummy



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

(Meckstroth tossed all his clubs), so when Seamon-Molson pushed a spade through, Meckstroth's hand was good. Declarer, who started with six tricks after the opening lead, ended up with two – minus 250.

This deal didn't work out as well.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	2NT	1♠
5♣	5♥	6♣	Pass
All Pass			Dbl

The contract will go down on a spade lead, but Meckstroth led the ♦7, which resulted in minus 1090. The opponents gave the good result back on the next board, however.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 9 8 7 4 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ J 8 6 2 ♣ A 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 5 3 ♣ 5 2</p> <div><div>N</div><div>W<div>E</div>S</div></div>	<p>♠ A ♥ Q 10 7 4 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ K J 9 8 4</p>
<p>♠ J ♥ A K 9 8 ♦ A K 7 4 ♣ Q 10 7 6</p>		

Meckstroth opened the North hand 3♠ and was raised to game by Seamon-Molson. A low heart was led by East. Meckstroth won the ♥A, shook a losing club on the ♥K and played the ♠J to East's bare ace. The ♣9 went to the 10 and ace, and Meckstroth ruffed the club return. Now he played more spades, and East could pitch one heart and two clubs, but on the fourth round of spades, she erred by discarding another heart, allowing Meckstroth to enter dummy with a diamond and ruff the ♥9 good. Plus 450 was worth a lot of matchpoints.

## Session 2

## Mixed Pairs Qualifying

by Barry Rigal

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
2♥	Pass	3♥	All pass

Some boards are remarkable for reasons other than the pure bridge technical points; the following deal would probably only appeal to devotees of Snap or Cheat (card games where you try to match the preceding play). Here I played 3♥ after North had taken an age to pass out the final contract. Rather surprisingly he led the ace and another spade (making me think he wanted a ruff, of course. I covered the second spade with the eight, took the jack with the king, and led the ♥J. North took his ace and shifted to the ♣8; I went up with the ace, led the ♦K, covered and ruffed, and took the ♥K to find the surprising news in that suit. In this ending:

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

At this point I led a trump to the queen, advanced the ♦Q, discarding the ♠Q, then the ♠9 discarding the ♣9, and the ♠6



discarding the ♣6. Ten tricks, and even if this was only for an average, it was still one of the more aesthetically pleasing deals of my life.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
2♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All pass

What is the correct line of play in 4♠ on the lead of the ♣Q? To come to ten tricks it would appear you need to take five spades, three hearts, a diamond and a club.

At one table, at least, declarer took the ♣A, drew trumps, and took three heart tricks via the finesse. This was the ending:

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

Declarer ruffed a heart to dummy and led a diamond off the board. The defence cannot prevail by rising with the ♦K and playing the ♣K, since he has no further club left to play. But if the clubs had been 4-3, the forcing defence would have prevailed.

A better sequence of plays would be to win the club lead, draw two rounds of trump, and cash three hearts via the finesse. When that all stands up, draw the last trump, and now you have complete control to lead diamonds twice towards the queen-jack without running the risk of being forced.

# MIXED PAIRS QUALIFYING

## Final Standings (After 3rd Session)

Rank	Names	3rd	Total	75	Marilina VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI	53.84	54.46
1	Danuta HOCHKEK - Miroslaw CICHOCKI	63.49	62.74	76	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN	51.07	54.44
2	Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE	59.07	61.69	77	M. Cristina MOTTA - Ezio TRAGHIN	50.33	54.42
3	Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD	56.85	60.49	78	Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN	58.65	54.36
4	Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS	57.78	60.27	79	Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV	56.23	54.35
5	Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER	62.77	60.15	80	Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA	52.50	54.28
6	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL	61.24	60.12	81	Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF	62.70	54.27
7	Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG	58.88	59.94	82	Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA	49.75	54.20
8	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	64.16	59.90	83	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	52.16	54.16
9	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	60.79	59.79	84	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	50.10	54.14
10	Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSKA	62.87	59.25	85	Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL	56.75	54.08
11	Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON	59.81	59.20	86	Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI	54.15	54.04
12	Wang WEN FEI - Dai Jian MING	63.87	59.05	87	Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI	52.97	54.04
13	Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE	59.55	58.83	88	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Giampaolo FRANCO	43.39	54.03
14	Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI	58.24	58.75	89	Pia ANDERSSON - Arne LARSSON	45.54	54.02
15	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL	61.33	58.64	90	Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	58.38	53.97
16	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	53.38	58.46	91	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	53.48	53.86
17	Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN	57.31	58.30	92	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	48.95	53.81
18	Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO	60.20	58.24	93	Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR	61.31	53.78
19	Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS	58.96	58.22	94	Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND	59.50	53.74
20	Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON	63.60	58.11	95	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	56.48	53.73
21	Curtis CHEEK - Lynn DEAS	62.52	57.78	96	Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT	49.97	53.73
22	Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA	54.46	57.73	97	Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI	53.80	53.72
23	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	58.71	57.62	98	Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO	51.09	53.72
24	Nevena SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH	60.24	57.58	99	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	64.90	53.72
25	Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN	57.07	57.48	100	Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI	53.05	53.72
26	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN	56.40	57.38	101	Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS	51.28	53.71
27	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV	53.73	57.21	102	Rosalien BARENDREGT - Vincent KROES	51.86	53.61
28	Linda LEWIS - Arnold FISHER	52.68	57.21	103	Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD	44.37	53.56
29	Daniele ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	64.07	57.13	104	Teruko NISHIMURA - Kazuo FURUTA	55.84	53.52
30	Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN	60.47	57.06	105	Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	58.74	53.50
31	Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCHKE	62.56	57.04	106	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI	56.16	53.50
32	Elisabeth HUGON - Jean-Jacques PALAU	65.32	56.60	107	Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI	60.20	53.49
33	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	48.95	56.57	108	Gigi WEINSTEIN - Howard WEINSTEIN	55.01	53.47
34	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ	51.14	56.35	109	Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS	53.53	53.47
35	Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS	51.18	56.28	110	Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON	59.08	53.46
36	Valerie WESTHEIMER - Bjorn FALLENIEUS	63.53	56.27	111	Carla SOLDATI - Fabrizio SOLDATI	47.41	53.44
37	Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH	51.11	56.27	112	Renee MANCUSO - Grant BAZE	51.86	53.40
38	Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC	61.74	56.22	113	Vivien CORNELL - Michael CORNELL	60.20	53.37
39	Debbie ROSENBERG - Bruce ROGOFF	56.15	56.19	114	Kerri SANBORN-SHUMAN - Larry N. COHEN	58.54	53.35
40	Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON	59.04	56.17	115	Sabina GRZEJDZIAK - Igor GRZEJDZIAK	47.69	53.34
41	Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN	50.31	56.10	116	Gail Moss GREENBERG - Jeff HAND	49.17	53.33
42	Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Sascha WERNLE	56.00	56.06	117	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	60.02	53.32
43	Cathy BALDYSZ - Marek BALDYSZ	56.04	56.05	118	Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND	40.94	53.28
44	Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG - Lars GOLDBERG	57.17	56.02	119	Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA	54.39	53.25
45	Katia PIGNATTI - Alessandro PUGLIA	62.19	55.95	120	Zuhal AK - Melih OZDIL	47.51	53.24
46	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	58.64	55.91	121	Marlene DUGUET - Patrick GRENTHE	53.89	53.23
47	Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI	57.71	55.81	122	Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE	48.07	53.17
48	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME	59.14	55.81	123	Nicola SMITH - John ARMSTRONG	53.40	53.14
49	Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER	56.27	55.80	124	Gianna DONATI - Marco RICCIARELLI	54.35	53.07
50	Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL	52.41	55.75	125	Ibolya NYARADI - Gabor NYARADI	46.51	52.96
51	Wil BUKET - Carel BERENDREGT	55.71	55.72	126	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	56.11	52.95
52	Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD	61.85	55.66	127	Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST	42.83	52.93
53	Johanna RACZYNSKA - Jean Francois ALLIX	54.16	55.59	128	Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE	51.28	52.90
54	Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL	53.23	55.56	129	Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN	57.00	52.90
55	Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN	44.75	55.50	130	Hansa NARASIMHAN - Michael ROSENBERG	53.80	52.89
56	Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK	51.68	55.37	131	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	53.60	52.83
57	Anne BEAUMIER - Dominique BEAUMIER	56.16	55.36	132	Eva IPPISCH - Johannes BAMBERGER	59.47	52.81
58	Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN	50.31	55.31	133	Vera CALDARELLI - Franco FONTI	51.62	52.81
59	Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	55.26	55.13	134	Heather BAKHSI - David BAKHSI	54.99	52.80
60	Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ	57.25	55.09	135	Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY	51.42	52.80
61	Daniela von ARNIM - Ishmael DELMONTE	53.73	55.06	136	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	54.92	52.79
62	Linda GREEN - Ya Fu LIN	59.25	55.01	137	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	55.85	52.73
63	Kalpana MISRA - Anil PADHYE	52.71	55.00	138	Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO	54.27	52.65
64	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Marc JACOBUS	53.49	54.99	139	Kathy FALLENIEUS - Peter FREDIN	48.62	52.59
65	Joanne TITOW - Kenneth TITOW	51.57	54.94	140	Hedwig Van GLABBEEK - Willem Jan MAAS	49.19	52.54
66	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	55.37	54.93	141	Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY	55.87	52.54
67	Thalia KOREN - Gadi LEBOVITS	60.03	54.83	142	Heidi LILLIS - Michael MCGLOUGHLIN	46.50	52.52
68	Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ	53.80	54.82	143	Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK	51.03	52.47
69	Chantal SAFRA - David DOMENECH	60.16	54.80	144	Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE	48.43	52.46
70	Marini MAZZOLA - Francesco MAZZOLA	53.20	54.76	145	Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS	49.66	52.46
71	Sara SIVELIND - Bryan MAKSYMETZ	54.43	54.68	146	Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE	53.36	52.43
72	Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI	45.26	54.57	147	Isabelle LE PROVOST - Jean-Baptiste FANTUN	51.04	52.40
73	Sun MING - Fu ZHONG	49.45	54.51	148	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Piotr GAWRYS	53.13	52.40
74	Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	58.96	54.47	149	Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN	47.84	52.34



150	Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER	53.25	52.31	233	Lucia BETTI PILI - Ruggero PIAZZA	47.64	50.28
151	Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR	57.92	52.28	234	Cate HUGHES - Stanislav NEDKOV	49.46	50.28
152	Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN	43.98	52.20	235	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO	59.92	50.27
153	Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI	47.58	52.20	236	Cynthia TREVISANI - Claudio BIANCHINI	46.93	50.25
154	Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO	49.16	52.16	237	Marina PILIPOVIC - Dubravko DIKLIC	47.17	50.24
155	Lisa BERKOWITZ - Steve WEINSTEIN	50.65	52.15	238	Debbie FELDMAN - John RAYNER	48.48	50.19
156	Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT	53.95	52.08	239	Ruth NIKITINE - Roger KUTNER	57.11	50.17
157	Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR	55.44	52.08	240	Miriam McCONVILLE - Paul PORTEOUS	51.59	50.16
158	Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER	45.83	52.07	241	Joanne GREENE - Bob CROSSLEY	46.60	50.10
159	Marlene WATTS - Adam SARTEN	50.90	52.06	242	Giovanna BANCİ - Gianni BALBI	45.21	50.09
160	Jamilla SPANGENBERG - Dennis KRUIS	49.42	52.02	243	Ulrike SCHRECKENBERGER - Michael GROMOELLER	48.13	50.07
161	Sandra KULOVIC-PROBST - Alexander HYDES	49.00	52.01	244	Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA	50.03	50.04
162	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Bob HAMMAN	51.31	52.00	245	Maria De GOETZEN - Tommaso TONIOLO	45.95	50.04
163	Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	56.12	51.99	246	Padma DARYANANI - Eduardo SCANAVINO	51.83	50.00
164	Claire TORNAY - Michael RADIN	48.34	51.95	247	Anna KOVACHEVA - Trajan HRISTOV	53.00	50.00
165	Floriana MARZI - Riccardo VITALE	57.54	51.90	248	Danielle AVON - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	53.27	49.99
166	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFENSEN	45.69	51.88	249	Barbara GOTARD - Tomasz GOTARD	46.94	49.98
167	Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI	53.54	51.86	250	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	45.05	49.98
168	Dejana SVERKER - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI	56.60	51.85	251	Beatrice MORGANTE - Claudio BRUNELLI	54.35	49.93
169	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	55.86	51.78	252	Jet PASMAN - Christoffer NIEMEIJER	55.99	49.91
170	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED	50.61	51.78	253	Anna LICURSI - Gianpaolo CENTIOLI	50.89	49.90
171	Roberta PEIRCE - Cristiano MIOZZI	51.97	51.77	254	Sara CIVIDIN DE SARİO - Fabio ZENARI	45.42	49.88
172	Tracy CAPAL - Ian PANTO	49.09	51.76	255	Daniela HINATOVA - Otakar SVOBODA	55.58	49.78
173	Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM	57.31	51.72	256	Morella PACHECO - Steve HAMAOUİ	46.89	49.75
174	Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMİAS	47.38	51.70	257	Anna ONISHUK - Karl De RAEMYAEKER	48.61	49.71
175	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	45.71	51.66	258	Giulia POZZI - Enrico DUBINI	49.27	49.70
176	Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR	53.86	51.63	259	Joan COOK - Maurice EDMOND	47.97	49.65
177	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ	55.50	51.59	260	Elisabeth DELOR - Romain ZALESKI	45.54	49.63
178	Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM	54.75	51.58	261	Mildred BREED - Lew FINKEL	57.52	49.63
179	Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA	54.09	51.56	262	Carla Pa ARSLAN - Paolo CLAIR	55.39	49.62
180	Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN	56.24	51.55	263	Aleksandra JESENICNIK - Tolja ORAC	49.41	49.62
181	Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL	51.97	51.54	264	Elisabeth Van ETTINGER - Jan Van CLEEFF	46.20	49.62
182	Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI	46.53	51.49	265	Susanna GROSS - Espen ERICHSEN	51.56	49.62
183	Cathy STRAUCH - Riggs THAYER	51.31	51.48	266	Marlene KIRSTAN - Tobias TORNQVIST	48.03	49.61
184	Kitty TELTSCHER - Willie COYLE	48.57	51.46	267	Aude DE RUSSE - Luc MORIN	45.75	49.61
185	Irene BARONI - Enrico GUERRA	52.57	51.45	268	Christine BOYLSON - Stephen BURGESS	49.13	49.59
186	Sally WOOLSEY - Kit WOOLSEY	55.42	51.42	269	Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON	59.60	49.59
187	Pierre-Jean LOUCHART - Muriel CLEMENT	50.26	51.41	270	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	50.77	49.57
188	Eva BAHNIKOVA - Petr BAHNIK	50.73	51.37	271	Sharon OSBERG - Bill GATES	46.98	49.55
189	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Richard SCHWARTZ	51.01	51.34	272	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	55.84	49.54
190	Ann Kavin FUGLESTAD - Geir BREKKA	54.84	51.24	273	Renata MULLER - Mario ZELJKO	49.99	49.50
191	Clartje BAK - Peter SISSELAAR	53.76	51.24	274	Inez Van EIJCK - Willem Van EIJCK	48.73	49.44
192	Elizabeth ADAMS - David BEAUCHAMP	49.74	51.22	275	Suzanne COHEN - Rune HAUGE	51.04	49.44
193	Barbara LINDINGER - Karl ROHAN	48.15	51.21	276	Anna GRECO - Galielo De MICHELE	48.61	49.40
194	Isabelle BELLO - Jaap Van Der NEUT	55.40	51.18	277	Dominique JOEGNE - Henri SCHWEITZER	48.99	49.37
195	Katalin MEZEI - Laszlo HONTI	42.96	51.17	278	Gisela SMYKALLA - Michael SCHNEIDER	41.79	49.36
196	Annette HENRY - Stephen BLACKSTOCK	48.35	51.16	279	Rosetta AMIRATA - Alejandro BIANCHEDI	45.63	49.35
197	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Jeff MECKSTROTH	34.41	51.14	280	Dorota TOKAJ-WOJTCZUK - Rafal WOJTCZUK	46.01	49.28
198	Maria ERHART - Ali YALMAN	52.09	51.12	281	Laurence DUC - Stephan MAGNIUSON	54.70	49.22
199	Alida CLARK - Peter ROGERS	46.65	51.12	282	Ylva KARLSSON-UIJK - Ahto UIJK	55.60	49.22
200	Rose MELTZER - Kyle LARSEN	47.47	51.11	283	Mary FINN - Sean O'LUBAIGH	41.60	49.20
201	Joann GLASSON - Bob GLASSON	48.46	51.10	284	Emanuela GANDINI - Marco G CORAZZA	47.33	49.20
202	Virginia CHEDIAK - Ronny JORSTAD	48.24	51.09	285	Rita PASQUARE - Orlando BIANCHI	55.69	49.19
203	Daniela BALDASSIN - Giancarlo PRINCIPE	50.65	51.07	286	Lila PANAHPOUR - Tony FORRESTER	52.75	49.14
204	Despina GEORGAS - Brent GIBBS	53.29	51.03	287	Christine DUCKWORTH - Brian CALLAGHAN	42.79	49.07
205	Dominique PORTAL - Patrice MARMION	54.71	51.02	288	Diana BUDKIN - Mario MAYANTZ	42.09	49.02
206	Angela DOSSENA - Paolo CHIZZOLI	50.15	50.99	289	Kath NELSON - Steve EGINTON	44.45	49.02
207	Marinesa LETIZIA - Steve BEATTY	53.26	50.96	290	Linda WIENER - David BROWER	43.25	49.01
208	Dagmar NEUMANN - George BILSKI	53.34	50.94	291	Tihana BRKLJACIC - Miro TESLA	46.96	49.00
209	Blanka MEDLINOVA - Jiri MEDLIN	52.53	50.93	292	Elena PRAHIN - Michael PRAHIN	49.75	49.00
210	Dianne BALCOMBE - Keith BALCOMBE	50.94	50.93	293	Sanja ZAGAJSEK - Branko REFI	46.99	49.00
211	Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU	59.74	50.92	294	Janet DE BOTTON - Nicklas SANDQVIST	55.73	49.00
212	Caroline GREGSON - Victor SILVERSTONE	56.70	50.90	295	Shannon CAPPELLETTI - Glenn EISENSTEIN	47.81	48.92
213	Simionetta PIVA - Maurizio CASATI	47.41	50.89	296	Gio PEYRON - Amedeo COMELLA	51.70	48.91
214	Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN	50.84	50.88	297	Hedy GREY - Jerome GRENTHE	45.37	48.89
215	Zeynep ALP - Okay GUR	42.64	50.87	298	Marita MAI - Enrico LONGINOTTI	50.90	48.89
216	Karin WENNING - Ulrich WENNING	55.16	50.85	299	Brigitte AUBONNET - Jean-Marc BOULICAUT	42.61	48.88
217	Thea WILLEMSE - Michel JIALAL	57.94	50.83	300	Helen ABBOTT - Dan ROMM	51.29	48.87
218	Leda PAIM - Gabriel CHAGAS	48.02	50.81	301	Grace JEKLIN - Fulvio FANTONI	47.37	48.85
219	Rozalia RONEN - Jacek KALITA	52.41	50.77	302	Vanna MENDITTO - Mario CAJANO	46.19	48.83
220	Tobi SOKOLOV - Mark FELDMAN	48.09	50.76	303	Tina TESSARO - Allan COKIN	49.03	48.80
221	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	51.91	50.76	304	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	51.56	48.80
222	Virginia GIZA - Stephen GOLDSTEIN	50.05	50.68	305	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN	51.48	48.79
223	Kitty MUNSON COOPER - Paul BETHE	49.47	50.64	306	Mary Ann BERG - Bruce FERGUSON	52.19	48.78
224	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	57.03	50.62	307	Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE	54.34	48.76
225	Malgorzata SCHROEDER - Michael SCHROEDER	46.37	50.54	308	Martine ROSSARD - Philippe TOFFIER	54.33	48.70
226	Beatrix KUZSELKA - Gareth BARTLEY	41.61	50.39	309	Tullia SAMPAOLESİ - Marco BERNATI	39.90	48.69
227	Maria Tereza PALAZZOLO - Hector CAMBEROS	47.93	50.39	310	Judith SHULMAN - Joel DATLOFF	43.79	48.69
228	Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY	54.08	50.38	311	Barbara KASLE - Haig TCHAMITCH	46.76	48.69
229	Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO	52.91	50.34	312	Claudia BURATTI - Marino GELLETI	58.66	48.63
230	Arijana DUIC-PETRIC - Zvonko PETROVIC	51.03	50.34	313	Elisabeth NAQI - Michael GUNTHER	51.90	48.62
231	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	54.35	50.31	314	Zvia FAUR - Eliahu FAUR	50.66	48.57
232	Ruth STOBBER - Joe GRUE	63.61	50.30	315	Maria PANADERO - Joao PASSARINHO	47.12	48.49

316	Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON	58.15	48.48	399	Helena SVEDLUND - Bengt-Erik EFRIMSSON	50.46	45.65
317	Laura TIDONE - Domenico CHIARO	51.26	48.45	400	Vigdis THOREN - Erik RYNNING	44.91	45.62
318	Madeleine SWANSTROM - Tommy GULLBERG	54.97	48.42	401	Giorgia BOTTA - Corrado GAIA	38.65	45.57
319	Barbara DESSI - Riccardo GIORDANO	46.38	48.36	402	Marina CALZONI - Giorgio STUPPIONI	38.67	45.56
320	Fay KIRK - Clive KAYE	52.22	48.30	403	Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU	44.85	45.49
321	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA	51.95	48.29	404	Nur CINAR - Niso ESKINAZ	49.99	45.33
322	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	44.78	48.29	405	Lea HESS - Philippe MARILL	39.24	45.32
323	Loukia TRIANTAFYLLOU - Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS	46.47	48.28	406	Laurence BERTRAND-RISPAL - Daniel THOUROUDE	40.25	45.30
324	Valerie HARGREAVES - Mike HARGREAVES	53.13	48.28	407	Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM	53.78	45.21
325	Silvia URBANI - Luca DARBI	52.89	48.23	408	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	49.35	45.17
326	Marisa TAGLIAVIA - Miguel FENTE	46.42	48.22	409	Mari RETEK - George RETEK	44.01	45.02
327	Shirley JABON - Richard GROSS	52.53	48.17	410	Grasia YALMAN - Dundar CIFTCIOGLU	41.45	44.90
328	Anna BARABINO - Giorgio RIVARA	47.21	48.14	411	Livia ORRU' - Stefano MATTANA	49.07	44.89
329	Andrea MULIAR - Martin SCHIFKO	45.81	48.13	412	Vita WINESTOCK - Derek MALTZ	42.01	44.80
330	Netsy SAYER - Zahary ZAHARIEV	47.30	48.13	413	Marilyn NATHAN - Arthur MALINOWSKI	39.05	44.69
331	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	47.02	48.06	414	Costanza FORNI - Roberto POLLEDRO	47.32	44.63
332	Irmeli SALONEN - Marc VERDURMEN	48.74	48.00	415	Bruna BERTACCINI - Ruggero BONVICINI	48.22	44.62
333	Rossella TANTINI - Gianluigi FERLIN	50.75	47.97	416	Grete SKAFTE - Bob PRICKAERTZ	46.77	44.58
334	Tonia Di LORENZO - Giuseppe BUFFARDO	46.54	47.97	417	Isabel Del Rey CRIADO - Jacky FERNANDES	46.08	44.52
335	Sandy DAVIES - Tom GIBBORNE	47.58	47.96	418	Pauline MAGUIRE - Gay KEAVENEY	49.35	44.52
336	Zdena ZOUCHOVA - Zbynek LAVER	42.27	47.94	419	Francesca DE LUCCHI - Giancarlo MARINI	45.36	44.45
337	Despina KANELLOPOULOU - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	47.94	47.89	420	Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT	45.74	44.34
338	Nurit GRAIZER - Shimshon HORVITZ	49.87	47.89	421	Zoraïda DIEBOLD - Lutz DOHNERT	44.42	44.26
339	Edna PRISCO - Massimo MORITSCH	60.60	47.86	422	Bettina KALKERUP - Seymon DEUTSCH	34.16	44.19
340	Alessandra CORVINO - Francesco BERNARDI	50.69	47.84	423	Cinzia AGRILLO - Diego CARDENAS	44.60	44.18
341	Anne-Marie COLOMBARO - Jean-Yves DANIC	46.10	47.81	424	Francesca GRAGNANI - Marcello PETROZZIELLO	42.97	44.15
342	Roz WOLFARTH - Valentin Dgassim AL-SHATI	49.04	47.73	425	Beryl CAMPBELL - Allan GORDON	47.03	44.15
343	Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO	44.48	47.67	426	Dolores GIULIANI - Piero MORI	41.65	44.13
344	Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY	50.62	47.64	427	Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER	44.74	44.03
345	Raffael GREPPI - Gabriele PELIZZARI	46.31	47.63	428	Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON	34.37	44.03
346	Pavla SVOBODOVA - Petr VRKOC	51.29	47.57	429	Ellie FITZGERALD - James FITZGERALD	35.82	43.97
347	Milka IVANCIC - Zoran BOHACEK	46.56	47.56	430	Gila EMODI - Doron YADLIN	49.29	43.92
348	Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI	40.88	47.50	431	Marie Louise DAS - Pierre d' OVIDIO	49.70	43.92
349	Donatella GIGLIOTTI - Ezio FORNACIARI	44.63	47.49	432	Maria Rosaria PIERRO - Ivan TREVISIOL	32.52	43.70
350	Jane DAVSON - Bobby RICHMAN	46.13	47.46	433	Francesca CARNICELLI - Carlo MANTEGAZZA	42.98	43.70
351	Fulvia GHIA - Franco DURANTE	40.60	47.44	434	Vera SCHULZOVA - Zdenek LASTOVICKA	42.06	43.68
352	Francoise GUENOUN - Raphael GUENOUN	39.44	47.41	435	Miny TANANBAUM - Teddy CHIMION	47.61	43.47
353	Angiolisa FRATI - Franco BARONI	44.37	47.39	436	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST	38.50	43.44
354	Emanuela CALANDRA - Guido FERRARO	49.05	47.38	437	Renate HANSEN - Heinrich BERGER	49.84	43.44
355	Alessandra URBANI - Rocco LATORRE	45.93	47.33	438	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	38.43	43.42
356	Perla SLIMAK - Paolo PASQUINI	35.99	47.31	439	Marie-Francoise GERMAIN - William AUDIBERT	49.19	43.41
357	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Tadashi IMAKURA	50.00	47.30	440	Francoise MONDOR - Fred MONDOR	39.97	43.40
358	Beatrice DELLE COSTE - Pierfrancesco PAROLARO	48.67	47.27	441	Iman CHAMAA - Krzysztof MARTENS	41.75	43.03
359	Nina ANIDJAR - Diego BRENNER	51.45	47.24	442	Aliye UGUR - Sermed BASARAN	51.90	42.95
360	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	46.63	47.24	443	Usha KOTHARI - Sunil MACHHAR	51.29	42.94
361	Monica MAINOLDI - Camillo GADDI	49.67	47.20	444	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES	46.63	42.81
362	Maryse LEENHARDT - Francois LEENHARDT	39.44	47.19	445	Graziella GARDIN - Giancarlo BERNASCONI	49.39	42.75
363	Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE	45.80	47.18	446	Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING	40.09	42.73
364	Anna KRAUSOVA - Milos BAHNIK	51.89	47.16	447	Caren GRENZ - Kai ROHLK	43.39	42.70
365	Angela GRAMBERG - Norbert SCHILHART	43.14	47.16	448	Florence DELEFLIE - Michel DELEFLIE	48.89	42.60
366	Benedicte CRONIER - Moza PANAHPOUR	43.73	47.12	449	Janice RANDLES - Terry RANDLES	39.99	42.59
367	Ellen KLOSSON - Peter BOYD	53.78	47.11	450	Hilary HALL - Walter HALL	42.36	42.58
368	Daniela ATTOLICO - Giuseppe REALINI	50.71	47.02	451	Fulvia GATTESCHI - Giuseppe BAU	37.22	42.56
369	Vanessa TORIELLI - Simon FELLUS	45.54	46.99	452	Suchithra VAZIRANI - Shashikant SHAH BAHARAT	42.65	42.34
370	Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet SHENKIN	38.80	46.99	453	Laura MELCHIORRI - Massimiliano MOSCONI	43.05	42.26
371	Janet CAHM - Maurice CAHM	51.95	46.97	454	Iman Assassa - Michael FERNOLAND	46.01	42.19
372	Iva MATIJEVIC - Jurica CARIC	46.71	46.97	455	Beverly PERRY - Kent MIGNOCCHI	41.48	42.16
373	Adele GOGOMAN - Christian ZACH	46.27	46.92	456	Aida de Vries SALDZIEVA - Gerben DIRKSEN	37.20	42.16
374	Carole COVENEY - Michel COVENEY	50.36	46.91	457	Pernilla ANDREASSON - Kjell HOLMGREN	42.46	41.83
375	Barbara NIST - Steve SIDELL	50.52	46.85	458	Miranda PAVAN - Loris CASADEI	37.37	41.70
376	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA	49.38	46.78	459	Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA	46.93	41.63
377	Stacy JACOBS - Steve GARNER	50.32	46.75	460	Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	35.72	41.63
378	Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	46.99	46.70	461	Jamie STEEN - Mac STEEN	44.24	41.41
379	Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS	40.72	46.68	462	Alida MANZANO - Andrea FRANCESCONI	36.39	41.26
380	Carole KLEIN - Michael SCHLEIFER	46.14	46.68	463	Susan INGHAM - Terry BROWN	37.35	41.15
381	Donna COMPTON - Chris COMPTON	43.47	46.66	464	Fiammetta BONNANO - Pietro FORCISI	38.69	41.10
382	Paola MONTELLA - Mario AGRILLO	48.50	46.64	465	Rosanna GENTILE - Ennio RIZZO	30.12	41.07
383	Else Van EIJNDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA	46.87	46.64	466	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCAZAK	36.46	40.78
384	Lucy PHELAN - John PHELAN	40.23	46.56	467	Rosa Yb LUI - Robert Sb LUI	32.56	40.59
385	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	58.16	46.56	468	Catherine BEARPARK - Steve BEARPARK	44.75	40.47
386	Ester BECCUTI - Antonio MORTAROTTI	41.45	46.55	469	Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN	33.82	40.44
387	Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG	41.65	46.47	470	Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI	42.31	40.34
388	Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH	42.86	46.47	471	Jeanne BURNS - Wilson MCLEOD	40.75	40.29
389	Catherine RITTER - Sartaj HANS	39.67	46.35	472	Elda BUSI - Sergio RICCI	44.33	40.09
390	Mari-France RENOUX - Dominique PILON	52.02	46.14	473	Alessandra MORI - Giancarlo MANNATO	40.58	39.98
391	Barb CLINTON - Vince ODDY	53.49	46.10	474	Aneta JARMOCIK - Michal SZELAGOWSKI	36.11	39.47
392	Linda MALONEY - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	48.18	46.09	475	Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI	50.08	38.26
393	Enna CASTRO DE LOMELI - Frankie FRONTURA	52.38	46.08	476	Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNULLO	40.41	38.26
394	Jo MORSE - George TORNAY	47.40	46.02	477	Gloria SILBERSTEIN - Giulio BOVE	39.67	38.22
395	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Eduardo ROSEN	35.27	45.93	478	Shirley BATEMAN - Bill BATEMAN	34.93	37.44
396	Carla PORTANTI - Mauro SCANCARELLO	55.50	45.93	479	Sondra GIANINO - Giovanni ARCIFA	60.00	36.72
397	Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI	44.53	45.71	480	Delia COSTA - Juan Jose LAGOMARSINO	32.19	35.63
398	Brid KEMPLE - Terry WALSH	59.24	45.66	481	Nicole SCHULMANIN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	35.00	34.60



# MIXED PAIRS

## Final Results (After 1st Session)

Rank	Names	c.o.	1st			
1	Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE	3.45	66.52	75	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ	- 51.62
2	Danuta HOCHKEK - Mirosław CICHOCKI	4.00	63.79	76	Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI	- 51.48
3	Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER	2.65	63.38	77	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	0.44 51.47
4	Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN	0.13	62.74	78	Carla SOLDATI - Fabrizio SOLDATI	- 51.41
5	Daniele ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	1.08	62.49	79	Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSÁ	2.18 51.31
6	Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMIA	-	62.32	80	Zuhal AK - Melih OZDIL	- 51.30
7	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN	-	62.02	81	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL	1.86 51.27
8	Kerri SANBORN - Larry N. COHEN	-	61.52	82	Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO	- 51.21
9	Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN	1.26	61.42	83	Marion MICHELSEN - Jan JANSMA	- 51.05
10	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	1.77	61.20	84	Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR	- 50.91
11	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Marc JACOBUS	-	61.05	85	Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON	0.58 50.79
12	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	-	60.30	86	Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	- 50.77
13	Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL	-	59.69	87	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	- 50.55
14	Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI	-	59.52	88	Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF	- 50.54
15	Nicola SMITH - John ARMSTRONG	-	58.81	89	Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS	0.64 50.52
16	Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN	0.23	58.62	90	Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA	- 50.37
17	Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT	-	58.57	91	Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS	- 50.31
18	Wang WEN FEI - Dai Jian MING	2.08	57.72	92	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	- 50.25
19	Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA	1.39	57.65	93	Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL	- 50.18
20	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	-	57.64	94	Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN	- 50.11
21	Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN	0.54	57.62	95	Linda LEWIS - Arnold FISHER	1.12 50.08
22	Renee MANCUSO - Grant BAZE	-	57.51	96	Thalia KOREN - Gadi LEBOVITS	- 49.95
23	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI	-	57.46	97	Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE	- 49.87
24	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	-	57.43	98	Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI	- 49.85
25	Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY	-	57.35	99	Hedwig Van GLABBEK - Willem Jan MAAS	- 49.62
26	Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI	1.92	57.28	100	Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI	- 49.55
27	Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS	1.65	57.23	101	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	- 49.51
28	Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS	2.71	57.10	102	Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL	0.36 49.40
29	Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON	2.16	56.70	103	Sandra KULOVIC-PROBST - Alexander HYDES	- 49.29
30	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	2.52	56.42	104	Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE	- 49.24
31	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED	-	56.40	105	Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT	- 49.10
32	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	-	56.36	106	Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO	1.66 49.09
33	Daniela von ARNIM - Ishmael DELMONTE	-	56.26	107	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	- 49.05
34	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	1.33	56.02	108	Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST	- 48.95
35	Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL	0.26	55.94	109	Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	- 48.89
36	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME	0.39	55.81	110	Katia PIGNATTI - Alessandro PUGLIA	0.46 48.89
37	Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE	1.96	55.78	111	Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON	- 48.83
38	Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI	-	55.73	112	Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ	- 48.65
39	Dejana SVERKER - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI	-	55.61	113	Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM	- 48.54
40	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV	1.12	55.59	114	Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA	- 48.47
41	Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC	0.60	55.53	115	Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER	0.39 48.46
42	Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCH	1.03	55.47	116	Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO	- 48.30
43	Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE	-	54.89	117	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL	2.64 47.92
44	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ	0.67	54.81	118	Wojciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN	- 47.86
45	Marlene DUGUET - Patrick GRENTHE	-	54.80	119	Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	- 47.81
46	Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	-	54.74	120	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	- 47.80
47	Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN	1.04	54.68	121	Gianna RICCIARELLI - Marco RICCIARELLI	- 47.72
48	Tracy CAPAL - Ian PANTO	-	54.59	122	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M. ANFINSEN	- 47.63
49	Valerie WESTHEIMER - Bjorn FALLENIOUS	0.63	54.57	123	Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI	0.39 47.42
50	Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI	-	54.03	124	Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY	- 47.41
51	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	2.46	53.92	125	Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI	- 47.29
52	Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI	-	53.88	126	Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR	- 47.24
53	Kathy FALLENIOUS - Peter FREDIN	-	53.71	127	Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV	- 47.18
54	Lynn DEAS - Curtis CHEEK	1.42	53.65	128	Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG - Lars GOLDBERG	0.50 47.17
55	Sabina GRZEJDZIAK - Igor GRZEJDZIAK	-	53.55	129	Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND	- 46.83
56	Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN	1.69	53.54	130	Isabelle LE PROVOST - Jean-Baptiste FANTUN	- 46.77
57	Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG	2.54	53.44	131	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	- 46.76
58	Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH	0.63	53.33	132	Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN	- 46.76
59	Lisa BERKOWITZ - Steve WEINSTEIN	-	53.10	133	Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE	- 46.61
60	Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM	-	53.03	134	Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER	- 46.58
61	Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK	-	52.90	135	Wil BUKET - Carel BERENDREGT	0.34 46.57
62	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN	1.21	52.90	136	Floriana MARZI - Riccardo VITALE	- 46.53
63	Marilyn VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI	-	52.73	137	Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS	- 46.48
64	Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI	-	52.73	138	Jamilla SPANGENBERG - Dennis KRUIS	- 46.34
65	Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS	-	52.64	139	Sun MING - Fu ZHONG	- 46.28
66	Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ	0.02	52.50	140	Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA	- 46.12
67	Gail Moss GREENBERG - Jeff HAND	-	52.39	141	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Piotr GAWRYS	- 46.01
68	Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO	-	52.11	142	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	- 45.95
69	Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER	-	52.01	143	Debbie ROSENBERG - Bruce ROGOFF	0.59 45.88
70	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	-	51.99	144	Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD	- 45.76
71	Kalpana MISRA - Anil PADHYE	-	51.89	145	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	- 45.65
72	Nevena SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH	1.31	51.73	146	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Bob HAMMAN	- 45.26
73	Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON	1.59	51.68	147	Johanna RACZYNSKA - Jean Francois ALLIX	0.28 45.14
74	Roberta PEIRCE - Cristiano MIOZZI	-	51.63	148	Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK	0.16 44.96
				149	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	- 44.78

150	Hansa NARASIMHAN - Michael ROSENBERG	-	44.59	167	Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	0.04	42.59
151	Sara SIVELIND - Bryan MAKSYMETZ	-	44.44	168	Heidi LILLIS - Michael McGLOUGHLIN	-	41.53
152	Cathy BALDYSZ - Marek BALDYSZ	0.52	44.43	169	Rosalien BARENDREGT - Vincent KROES	-	41.41
153	Claire TORNAY - Michael RADIN	-	44.37	170	Chantal SAFRA - David DOMENECH	-	41.05
154	Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR	-	44.33	171	Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI	-	40.17
155	Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD	2.83	44.22	172	Linda GREEN - Ya Fu LIN	-	39.99
156	Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN	-	44.19	173	Pia ANDERSSON - Arne LARSSON	-	39.92
157	Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND	-	43.93	174	Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD	0.31	39.57
158	Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Sascha WERNLE	0.52	43.88	175	Marini MAZZOLA - Francesco MAZZOLA	-	39.53
159	Eva IPPISCH - Johannes BAMBERGER	-	43.87	176	M. Cristina MOTTA - Ezio TRAGHIN	-	39.00
160	Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR	-	43.85	177	Marlene WATTS - Adam SARTEN	-	38.67
161	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Giampaolo FRANCO	-	43.69	178	Ibolya NYARADI - Gabor NYARADI	-	38.38
162	Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN	-	43.36	179	Vera CALDARELLI - Franco FONTI	-	38.15
163	Elisabeth HUGON - Jean-Jacques PALAU	0.80	43.22	180	Joanne TITOW - Kenneth TITOW	-	37.46
164	Anne BEAUMIER - Dominique BEAUMIER	0.16	42.87	181	Teruko NISHIMURA - Kazuo FURUTA	-	35.32
165	Gigi WEINSTEIN - Howard WEINSTEIN	-	42.75	182	Vivien CORNELL - Michael CORNELL	-	33.69
166	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	0.79	42.70				

## Groundhog Day

by Mark Horton

Bridge can often be linked to the movies and during the final qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs I could not help but recall a romantic comedy from the mid nineties.

How would you feel if today was the same as yesterday, and tomorrow would always be the same as today? In *Groundhog Day*, this nightmare becomes a reality for weatherman Phil Conners (Bill Murray). Phil, his producer Rita and their cameraman have travelled to report on the annual weather prediction by a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil in the town of Punxsutawney. Once the festivities are over, skeptical Phil Conners discovers that a freak snowstorm has prevented their return home to Pittsburgh. He returns to Punxsutawney and the next day, begins living Groundhog Day over, and over, and over...

I started my day at the table occupied by Al Levy (the man behind the World Bridge Computer Championship) and his wife, Beverly.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 3		
	♥ Q 8 5 2		
	♦ Q 8		
	♣ A K Q J 10 6		
♠ A 10 8 7 5 2	<div>North</div>	♠ K Q J	
♥ K 10 9 6	<div>WestEast</div>	♥ 4	
♦ A		♦ K 7 6 3 2	
♣ 4 3		♣ 8 7 5 2	
	♠ 9 6 4		
	♥ A J 7 3		
	♦ J 10 9 5 4		
	♣ 9		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Levy</i>
1♠	2♣	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

North led the king of clubs, and followed it with the ace of South discarding the seven of hearts. Declarer ruffed the next club, unblocked the ace of diamonds and exited with a heart. North won that and tried a fourth club, but declarer could

ruff and then ruff a heart which felled South's ace (a second heart had been discarded on a club) + 420.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

With 240 tables in play it would be interesting to see how many players preferred double to a simple overcall of One Heart.

Here West's rebid, in theory showing his better major after East's response (0-7, not four clubs) gave North a chance to double for penalties and had South passed he would certainly have doubled for a third time. When South introduced the spade suit North considered raising, but realising South was unlikely to have a five-card suit he settled for a part score.

West led the king of clubs and declarer ruffed in dummy and played four rounds of hearts, discarding all her diamonds. West ruffed with the four of spades and played ace of spades and a spade. Declarer won in dummy and played a heart. East ruffed with the jack of spades and that was overruffed by declarer who exited with the queen of clubs. West won and tried the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. That left declarer with the last two tricks, for +140.



Time to move on, and I spotted a table where one of the players was a World Champion. They were still playing the last board of the previous round:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Davis	Duic-Petric	Davies
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3♠*	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	4♥

West led the three of spades and there was nothing to the play, declarer giving up two tricks at the end, +450.

I think this deal illustrates very clearly several important elements of matchpoints. On a spade lead, declarer should win in dummy, cross to a top heart, unblock the clubs, cross to the remaining top heart and discard a diamond on the queen of clubs. Now you cash the remaining trump winners. Every once in a while there will be a position such as the one that existed here and you will make twelve tricks.

An atypical omission for the double Venice Cup winner.

With East on lead the defenders simply needed to cash their diamond winners to get a 72% score. How difficult is that? At Al Levy's table he had dropped the queen of diamonds at trick



Alain Levy, France

one and when East switched he could execute the spade diamond squeeze for 12 tricks. If you give count then its important for West with ♦8764 to play the seven, not the six at trick one.

I remained in my chair for the next two boards – but only then realised that I had already seen them before – and what is more I had another pair of Levy's at the table, doubling the count of World Champions on view.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levy	Davis	Levy	Davies
1♠	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		Pass

As before the defence started with three top clubs, declarer ruffing, South discarding two diamonds. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and played the ten of hearts. South won and tried a diamond, declarer pitching a heart and winning with dummy's king. The jack of spades was cashed and when everyone followed the simple line would have been to ruff a diamond high and draw trumps, the losing hearts going on the established diamonds.

Declarer preferred to ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond with the ten of spades and ruff a heart. Now he could play a diamond and catch South's remaining trumps.

Is it possible that North might have been 2-3-2-6 with the nine of spades – in which case this line of play would not have been a success?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Levy	Davis	Levy	Davies
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Declarer covered the club lead with the jack and ruffed West's king (the ace might be an effective false card here). He drew trumps in three rounds (discarding a club and a diamond) and passed the ten of spades. That was followed by the king of spades and a third spade putting West on play. He tried the queen of diamonds covered by the king and ace. Declarer ruffed the club return and played a low diamond. When East played low declarer could win with dummy's eight and discard a diamond loser on the thirteenth spade, +650 and a massive 93%.

Okay, time to take in one more pair and I took my seat just in time to follow the first deal of the round. Perhaps by now you can work out which board was on the table?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wolfarth</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Martel</i>
			Pass
1♠	2♣	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North cashed two top clubs and switched to a trump. Declarer won and played dummy's heart. South took the ace and played a second trump, but declarer could ruff one heart and discard the other on the king of diamonds.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ 3
♦ 8 7 2
♣ Q 10 8 2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Wolfarth</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Martel</i>
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

East found the only lead that might hold declarer to nine tricks when she led a heart.

Declarer drew trumps and played on spades, the king, followed by the two. Not easy for East to play the jack on this trick! West had to duck the spade nine and declarer played a diamond. When West produced the queen declarer could claim ten tricks, +170 and an average.

I'm cannot be certain that divine intervention was involved in these coincidences but I can tell you that all six pairs I watched play boards 11 & 12 made it to the final.

## Staff Dining

All the staff members wearing yellow and blue framed badges can eat at the self-service restaurant inside the Fiera for 8 Euro. The menu consists of a main course with a side dish (*i.e.* roast beef and vegetables) and a drink or a first course (*i.e.* pasta), a dessert and a drink.



*The 8th World Bridge Championships welcomed these distinguished participants in the Mixed Pairs - top, Emma Castro De Lemeli of the USA, Fidel Castro's sister, and Romain Zaleski of France, president of Carlo Tassara, one of that nation's most important financial institutions.*

# Matchpoint Odyssey

by Brent Manley

Anyone who plays regularly in pairs knows that the game can torture you at times, and when you get on a roll the wrong way, it can be tough to recover.

The third qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs played by German star Sabine Auken and American George Jacobs featured a variety of hills and valleys.

The first board was a high point, featuring a deal that has received a lot of press in today's edition of the Daily Bulletin.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♣
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

South led her singleton ♦5, and Auken studied the dummy for a long time before calling for a low card. North won the ♦K and also huddled for a bit. You can see that a spade return would have defeated the contract – declarer must lose two spades, a diamond and a club (or a ruff of the ♦A). North erred, however, in returning a diamond for his partner to ruff, and now South had to cash the ♠A to prevent an overtrick (she did not do that). A club return went to the king and ace, and Auken played a heart to dummy's 9, followed by a diamond ruff high. Another heart to dummy's king pulled the outstanding trumps, and Auken was able to discard three black cards for plus 650 and nearly 100% of the matchpoints.

It is noteworthy that South could still have defeated the contract by declining to ruff the diamond return (declarer cannot pull trumps ending in dummy to play the ♦A without getting it ruffed), but that is a play few players would make without benefit of a peek at the entire deal.



That fine board (97%) was followed by a series of less-than-stellar results, although they weren't as bad as they seemed. This deal, from round two, was typical:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♥
2♠	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Auken, not impressed with her spades, tried to generate tricks in another suit, starting with the ♦Q. Declarer won the ace in dummy and played a heart to the 10 and queen. Another heart went to Jacobs' jack, and he played the ♠10. Declarer inserted the queen then knocked out the ♥A. The contract was still doomed had Jacobs played another spade, but he returned a diamond instead. Now declarer was home with nine tricks, losing only two hearts, a diamond and a club. It wasn't a disaster, but an opportunity lost.

It was on the next round that Auken and Jacobs formed the impression that any chance of matchpoints had deserted them. First, they overbid to a hopeless 5♦ contract (38%), then Jacobs got off to an unfortunate lead against 3NT, surrendering an overtrick that resulted in a 28% score.

After taking average on the first board of the next set, Auken and Jacobs fared very poorly on the second deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♦	3♦	All Pass	

The contract was played by Debbie Rosenberg, and she took full advantage of Jacobs' failure to find the most effective lead. The contract cannot be defeated, of course, but all players lust after – and try to prevent – overtricks. Had Jacobs found the trump lead, the contract could have been held to 10 tricks. On the club opening lead, Auken won the ace and switched to a trump, but Rosenberg had the timing she needed. She won the ♦K in hand and exited with the ♥8 (Jacobs' 2♦ showed 4-4 in the majors). Jacobs won the ♥J and continued with a trump, but Rosenberg won in dummy with the 9, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♣K and ruffed a club, then noted a heart. A third heart ruff set up the 10 in dummy and Rosenberg could claim plus 150 and 74% of the matchpoints.

At that point, Jacobs and Auken were shaking their heads and were seriously concerned about qualifying for the Mixed Pairs final. It didn't help matters when Jacobs went minus 800 on the next round (2%).

More bad news was waiting at the next table, where a 3NT contract was played from the wrong side, resulting in only one overtrick for East-West instead of two had the contract played from the other side, and Jacobs-Auken could not stop an opponent from plus 170 after Jacobs opened 1NT (28%).

Things began looking up on the next round, however, as Auken managed plus 200 in a spade partial on poor defense (77%), while simply taking the two tricks to which they were entitled on the next board was good for 68%.

This deal produced a nervous moment, but Auken and Jacobs had the tools to come out on top.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
4♥	5♦	4♦	Dbf
		All Pass	

Auken led the ♥7 (third and fifth best), to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer played two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and played a spade to the 10 and king, ducked by

Auken. She ducked again when declarer continued with a second spade. After winning the third spade (Jacobs had played a low heart), Auken carefully exited with the ♣2. This was indicative of an odd-numbered holding, and given the number of cards declarer was already known to have, Auken's club suit could not be three cards. Jacobs therefore did not try to cash another club, but played a heart for the setting trick and 68% of the matchpoints.

They bid a slam on the next deal for 81%, received another good result when an opponent declaring 4♠ did not try very hard for overtricks (and indeed achieved none), followed by this deal:

On the final two rounds, the luck that had been so bad for Auken and Jacobs turned to gold. On the next-to-last round, an opponent underplayed 4♠ (taking 11 tricks where 12 were relatively easy) then put his partner in 6NT off a cashing ace-king (and it didn't matter that the suit wasn't led on the go).

The next-to-last board was a nightmare for declarer but good news for Auken and Jacobs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Dbf	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

Jacobs started with the ♠10 to the queen and ace. Declarer thought about ducking, but it wouldn't have helped. A club to the ace was followed by a club to the queen, ducked by Jacobs. When declarer continued with a third club, Jacobs won the king as Auken signalled vigorously with the ♦10. Jacobs put the ♦2 on the table, and declarer desperately went up with the king. It was grim from there as East-West first cashed five spades then three more diamonds. Declarer took trick 13 with her singleton ♥A, which captured dummy's singleton king. Plus 500 was worth 93% for Auken and Jacobs, no longer convinced that the god of the cards was out to get them.

