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# CENTURIONS DOMINATE FIRST DAY'S PLAY



Three teams distinguished themselves by scoring 100VP in the first qualifying stage of the Mixed Teams Championship.

Those achieving this feat were the *Bulgarians* **Dessy Popova, Rossen Gunev & Victor Aronov** with *Turkey's* **Ahu Zobu** in Group B, the *Turkish* foursome of **Ayse Tansi, Belis Atalay, Dogan Uzum & Cengiz Arigun** plus **Karen McCallum** of the *United States of America* from Group G and the *Russian* team in Group K, **Tatiana Ponomareva, Victoria Gromova, Alexander Dubinin & Andrei Gromov**.

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### Today's Schedule

Mixed Teams Qualification Swiss	10.30
Mixed Pairs Registration	12.00/24.00
Captain's Meeting	20.30

**MIXED TEAMS RESULTS (after 5 rounds)****GROUP A**

1	LAZY	93
2	MAHAFFEY	79
3	CIFTCI	75
4	PENFOLD	72
5	HARPER	68

**GROUP B**

1	POPOVA	100
2	YADLIN	83
3	GRENTHE	80
4	DHONDY	75
5	SELCUK	68
6	KALI	34

**GROUP C**

1	MILNER	91
2	VAN HELSING	89
3	NEVE	82
4	BAYKAL	67
5	BANKOGLU	62
6	PISANI	58

**GROUP D**

1	GARP44	97
2	GOOD LUCK	80
3	KOVACHEV	75
4	DE BOTTON	71
5	ALERT	65
6	SAYER	62

**GROUP E**

1	ZIA	97
2	PAYEN	96
3	BRIGADA	76
4	MOSKO	62
5	AKIN MUHENDISLIK	59
6	HAUGE	57

**GROUP F**

1	VARENNE	96
2	POLANDI	85
3	BRUNNER	83
4	COVO	69
5	ZENNE	69
6	SCHIFKO	41

**GROUP G**

1	OZLEN	100
2	MOUIEL	94
3	LE PIN	71
4	PANA	67
5	RAINWATER	66
6	ODEVA	46

**GROUP H**

1	RIOLO	98
2	CLIFFORD	89
3	GWINNER	86
4	MIDAS	68
5	ULUS	61
6	FENWICK	39

**GROUP I**

1	HAMMERLI	90
2	VENTIN	83
3	GELIN	81
4	KOLATA	75
5	ALEXANDER	59
6	BRIAN ZIETMAN	59

**GROUP J**

1	HERBST	91
2	VRIEND	84
3	MATUJONA	77
4	PICCIONI	76
5	SEMERCI	74
6	WORCESTER	41

**GROUP K**

1	RUSSIA	100
2	ANAPA	84
3	ERICHSEN	71
4	M&A	70
5	SAESSELI	61
6	ASLANLI	61

**GROUP L**

1	ERGIL	89
2	CIMA	86
3	TEASAI	78
4	ROSSARD	75
5	BUCHLEV	70
6	PRUSA	48

## Badge Wars

We strongly advise you not to lose your badge. There are several reasons why this is a bad idea, but the worst consequence is that you will only be able to get a replacement by paying 5 Euros. Don't even think of losing your badge twice.

## Wishful thinking

As you know there is nothing you can do about bad breaks or finding all kings and queens offside. At least not in the tournaments to come here in Antalya.

But here is your chance. You are hereby given the rare privilege of deciding the opposing hands in your contract of Six Spades.

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

A couple of conditions apply.  
 South holds the six of diamonds.  
 Only one lead beats the slam.  
 On all other leads you make exactly twelve tricks with best defence.  
 What are North's and South's hands?

There will be a draw among the correct solutions received in writing by the Bulletin office before 10pm today.

The winner can look forward to an amazingly attractive prize: Our Bulletin editor has generously offered not only a drink in the bar but also five minutes of his precious time to share his wisdom on any bridge question.



## Mixed teams



Today we play two Swiss events. Swiss A for the teams ranked 1 to 3 yesterday in each group and Swiss B for the other teams. The winners of the groups have a carry-over of 3VP's, the second ranked teams get 1VP. The teams ranked 4 start with 2VP's in Swiss B. The matches in

the first round are randomly chosen using the Swiss format, which means that the winners meet each other and so on.

We play 5 rounds of 10 boards again. In the Swiss A 27 teams qualify for the K.O.-phase together with the first 5 teams in Swiss B, who will be ranked 28 to 32. Starting with the winning team, teams choose their opponent from the teams ranked 9 to 32.

To compose the brackets the teams ranked 28 to 32 will be placed at the positions 9 through 13 unless a team ranked 9 between and 13 plays another team ranked from 28 to 32 in which case it keeps its position in the brackets. Other teams drop one or more places. After these choices the matches in the next K.O.-phases are fixed.

There will be a captains meeting to compose the matches at 20.30h on the third floor.

Players not participating in the K.O.-phase are invited to take part in the mixed pairs event starting tomorrow morning.

*Ton Kooijman*

## (NO) Appeals

The procedure to decide upon judgement cases is a very careful one nowadays. Before taking such a decision TD's consult each other and strong players to be sure that a majority opinion is chosen. This means that an appeal committee normally will support the decision taken. Only in cases where fresh and relevant information becomes available or the original decision was a borderline one with the committee consider overruling it.

This means that in most cases appealing is useless and money (60 Euros) could well be forfeited.

## Mixed pairs

Today the registration for the mixed pairs takes place, starting at 12.00 h up till midnight. **Pairs playing in the K.O.-phase tomorrow need to register as well.** Pairs dropping out of the K.O. tomorrow have to play the third and fourth session of the qualifying stage on Tuesday. Pairs playing in the semi and/or quarterfinal may enter the semifinal pairs. Individual players involved in the K.O.-phase may enter the pairs event when they play with a master, but each case has to be decided by the Championship Committee and therefore a formal request has to be made.

# Mixed Teams Round 1 & 2

by Patrick Jourdain

## Mixed Teams Round 1

71 teams began the first event of the Championships arranged in 12 groups of six (with one bye) playing a round robin of 10-board matches within their own group.

By the time your reporter arrived at the table where the team of Felix Covo of France was against John Holland of England only two boards remained. It transpired later that at this point Covo had a lead of 19 IMPs but the match was not over:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ A Q 8 3 ♣ A 6 4 3	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A J 4 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ 9 7 6 2 ♣ 10 9 8
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### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard G.	Lacroix	Rhona G.	Battin
	Pass	Pass	1♥!
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Covo	Holland	Delacour	Brunner
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room Brigitte Battin took the liberty in third seat at favourable vulnerability to open One Heart. This had the effect of keeping East-West out of their normal spot of Three Notrumps. Bernard Goldenfield as West made two take-out doubles. Given their Lebensohl agreement East's second response was stronger than going via 2NT, but the Pass over 2♥ limited her range. Three Diamonds made an overtrick for 130 to Holland.

With no opposition bidding Covo was at the helm in 3NT on the helpful looking lead of ♠7. Wanting to be in dummy to tackle diamonds Covo put in the jack, but this was covered by the queen, leaving him in hand.

The best play in the diamond suit is of interest. The pop-

ular view is that it is best to start by running the six and if this loses to the ten or jack follow with a finesse of the queen. However, our computer tells us that, on the second round, if South again follows small you should run the nine, playing for the suit to be 4-1 rather than for South to hold specifically K 5 4! A further snag is that crossing to dummy immediately weakens your major suit stops. Some declarers at this point decided to start therefore the diamonds by cashing the ace. This gains when North has bare honour or KJ or K10 doubleton (when the ace drops the jack or ten you later run the six) but loses when South has J10x and you misguess on the next round.

On this occasion it looks as if either line works, but Covo, deciding to delay the diamond play, ducked a club. South won with the queen and played a second spade. Declarer won in dummy and finessed the ♦8. When this lost to the jack things took a nasty turn because John Holland, seeing dummy's ♣1098, switched to the king of clubs, followed by a club to the queen when it held.

Suddenly declarer realised that if he took a second diamond finesse and it lost he would be down. After some thought he talked himself into laying down the ace of diamonds. If this did not drop the king he had a second string to his bow. South won the third diamond and cleared the spade. Now the last diamond was cashed. If North held ♥QJ he would be squeezed in hearts and clubs. But South took the last trick with the jack of hearts and the contract was one down for 6 IMPs to Holland.

The last board of the match held plenty of interest around the room. North-South have 26 points but which game would they reach? 3NT would depend on whether



Rhona Goldenfield

East led a diamond. Four Hearts faces insoluble communication problems even though the jack falls in three rounds. Four Spades falls victim to a bad trump break though I heard of one successful declarer. (Jeremy Dhondy received a club lead, drew two trumps and overtook the heart king to continue clubs. East ruffed, drew two more trumps on which West discarded a diamond and the club king..... but then East played the jack of hearts! Declarer ruffed and was able to cross to dummy on the third club to reach the hearts and then return to hand with the fourth club!)

Even the best spot of Five Clubs contains a trap:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ A K 9 8 7					
	♥ K					
	♦ 3 2					
	♣ A Q 7 5 2					
♠ Q	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 10 5 4 2	
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W E						
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♦ A 10 8 6 5		♦ K 9 7 4				
♣ K 4 3		♣ 6				
	♠ 6 3					
	♥ A Q 10 8 5					
	♦ Q J					
	♣ J 10 9 8					

West	North	East	South
<i>Covo</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Delacour</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦?	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West's very light third seat 1♦ ruled out 3NT. John Holland's 4♦ call was meant as "Pick a game". Brunner duly chose the best spot of Five Clubs. The defence cashed two diamonds and East then switched to a heart. Holland had to win in dummy to take and repeat the trump finesse.

When East showed out on the second round declarer had to decide on which major to play. He began with ♥Q throwing a spade and then took stock.

West was marked with five diamonds and three clubs and had followed to two hearts so he could not have four spades. If he had a doubleton spade he could over-ruff dummy, so for spades to come in the suit would need to be 3-3. If so it would cost nothing to test the hearts first. So Holland ruffed a heart and was rewarded when the jack fell. He could draw the last trump, and reach dummy's good hearts with a spade ruff (Artur Malinowski was another to find this winning line).

The contract was the same at the other table but diamonds had not been bid and Rhona Goldenfield led a heart. Declarer won in dummy, took the heart queen throwing a diamond, but then switched to spades. When West, Bernard Goldenfield, ruffed the second spade he

played ace and another diamond. Declarer was locked in the wrong hand and could not prevent West making his club king.

Curious isn't it that when the defence find the best lead declarer found the winning line, but when they made the heart lead that gives declarer a quick discard, the game fails?

This was 12 IMPs to Holland who had emerged with a 15-15 draw.

### Mixed Teams Round 2

In Verona Roy Welland and his wife Crystal Henner-Welland were on different teams but the fact that both reached the semifinals of the Rosenblum made their fans think a merger would be as successful at bridge as it had been away from the table. That proved to be the case when they won the US major, the Vanderbilt, at their first attempt on the same team. Here in Antalya they aim to repeat that success with Roy partnering Daniela von Arnim, Crystal partnering Antonio Sementa, and, by the way, a third pair of Sabine Auken and Zia Mahmood.

In Round 2 they met the Turkish team led by Akim Muhendislik.

The first three boards all provided double-digit swings:

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 10 8 5 4 3					
	♥ A					
	♦ 9 6 5 2					
	♣ 7 6 3					
♠ Q 9 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K 2	
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♦ A K J		♦ Q 10 7 3				
♣ A Q 9 8		♣ J 4				
	♠ J 6					
	♥ 9 8 7 3 2					
	♦ 8 4					
	♣ K 10 5 2					

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahceci</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Ozgun</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The range for Hakan Bahceci's 2NT was 20-21 and, after the enquiry showed no 4 or 5-card major Hortice Ozgun went boldly straight to slam. At the other table the same opening by Antonio Sementa is allowed to include a good 19 so Crystal, after the same enquiry, made the sensible invitation of 4NT which Sementa passed.

The ♥10 proves a key card that makes the slam an even money proposition. So 22 IMPs hung on the position of the club king. With that card inside the Welland team began with a setback of 11 IMPs.

The play on a passive lead such as a spade contains one

point of interest: when should you take the club finesse? Your reporter thought there was a case for winning in dummy at trick one and running the jack of clubs immediately. Once in a while a North who is not looking at the ace of hearts might duck, and then you switch to hearts for your 12 tricks. Bahceci took the more conventional route of playing on hearts first but he was careful to take the club finesse whilst retaining winners in the other suits. Leaving the finesse until trick 12 might lead to two down if North has the bare king.

The swing was returned immediately:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 2 ♥ A J 9 7 6 ♦ 9 2 ♣ 9 8 5 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ K 8 7 5 4 ♣ K 7 6 3
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W		E									
	S										
	♠ Q 10 8 7 6 3 ♥ Q 3 ♦ Q ♣ Q J 10 4										

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahceci</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Redble	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass



Roy Welland

Bahceci, having passed originally, felt his West hand was now worth a take-out double. Welland's redouble showed three spades, and though they had not specifically discussed the point, the support redouble has become such standard practice in the USA that Dani was on the same wavelength.

When East protected with Three Clubs and Dani pressed on in spades Welland, who likes to play the markets, saw a chance to teach East a lesson. East turned the dice.

The lead against Four Spades doubled was a small club putting the lead in dummy. Dani began with ace and jack of diamonds. If East covers declarer can actually make 11 tricks by taking the trump finesse. But East withheld the diamond king so Dani disposed of a losing heart. With ten tricks secure Dani now switched to trumps, happily conceding the two black kings and a heart for 790 and a swing of 12 IMPs to Welland team when the auction stopped at Two Spades at the other table.

The next deal was a further big swing:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ J ♣ Q J 7 6 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 8 ♥ A Q J 10 9 2 ♦ 8 7 6 2 ♣ -
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W		E									
	S										
	♠ K Q 9 2 ♥ K 8 6 4 ♦ K 5 4 3 ♣ 2										

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahceci</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The Two Club response was game-forcing. Welland had shown six hearts and four diamonds in the auction (though it is just possible some might make the 3♦ call on a three-card suit in search of three no trump) so Dani had a close choice over Four Hearts. After due consideration, she passed. This proved the winning decision for at the other table the declarer in Five Diamonds went two down.

East led the spade king against Four Hearts. Welland won, ruffed a spade, and cashed a top club ditching his last spade. With no convenient route back to his own hand he played a second high club and threw a diamond. East ruffed and switched to a diamond. Crucially Welland finessed the queen. Then ruffed a club with the queen of hearts. This was over-ruffed and East gave West a diamond ruff, but that was all for the defence. Declarer had lost three trump tricks

but nothing else. The Welland team had gained 13 IMPs.

On the next board the auction is a simple One No Trump-Three No Trump and North was on lead with:

♠ 10 8 4 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ A J 10 7

From an unpleasant set of options what is your choice? I would guess that a diamond lead would be the least popular, but that is the only one to avoid giving away the ninth trick immediately, even though declarer has a chance to endplay you later. In practice Welland gained 1 IMP when both tables succeeded.

This was a strange partscore for the Welland team:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 8 7 6 3 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 6 2	♠ K J 8 5 4 ♥ 9 5 4 2 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ A <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">           N            W                  E            S         </div> ♠ A ♥ Q J 10 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ K 9 8 7 5 4	♠ 10 9 3 ♥ K ♦ A J 10 9 4 ♣ Q J 10 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Bahceci</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♠	2♦	1♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	Pass

Von Arnim had some thought about whether her partner's Two Heart bid was forcing but once again they proved to be on the same wave-length when she concluded that a strong hand would start by re-opening with a double. Two Hearts, with the bad break looks an uncomfortable spot, but it played surprisingly well.

East led the ♣Q. Welland won and played a trump. East won this and put dummy on lead with a spade. A second trump was won by West and it was a shock when East showed out, throwing a diamond.

At this point it looked to me as if a third trump from West would cause difficulties for declarer, but in practice he switched to a diamond and East erred by playing the ace. A second diamond was won in dummy and king and another club ensured three more tricks for North. West threw a spade so Welland made his small trump, cashed the king of spades, and secured another trump trick by ruffing a spade.

This was worth 7 IMPs when at the other table the Turkish pair overreached to Four Spades. Welland now led by 22 and ended the match the winner by 40-15.

## Championship Diary



*It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.*

Old Russian Proverb

Maurizio Di Sacco travelled via Rome and Istanbul. His luggage did not keep pace with him – it's known to be somewhere in Italy.

PO Sundelin arrived in the early hours – one small problem – he couldn't remember the name of his hotel. Thinking maybe a phone book would help he went back into the airport – but of course he was looking at a list of hotels in the town. Eventually light dawned and he recalled the word Palace. Now, guess how many hotels have the word Palace in their name!

Perhaps the best story comes from Barry Rigal, who did not lose his luggage, or forget his hotel. No, he did much better, managing to lose an entire plane!

His flight from New York to Istanbul was delayed by over four hours (a mechanic had put part of an engine in upside down) and by the time he reached Istanbul his scheduled flight had left. No one had bothered to tell anyone, so he had to buy a new ticket.

We have set up the Barry Rigal relief fund – all contributions welcome.

For some the highlight of the Opening Ceremony was the performance of the Turkish version of Riverdance, but the majority vote went to the audiovisual presentation of the flags of the competing nations. Our suggestion for next time is that each country should be musically represented by their most recent entry for the Eurovision song contest.

Talking of songs we have adopted one as our signature tune – it comes from the movie *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

We're busy doing nothing, working the whole day through.  
 Trying to find lots of things not to do.  
 We're busy going nowhere, isn't it just a crime?  
 We'd like to be unhappy, but we never do have the time.

Don't ask how or why, but we got round to discussing the humour of comedian /magician Tommy Cooper, who always performed wearing a fez.

Following the foundation of Turkey after World War I, Mustafa Kemal regarded the fez - which Sultan Mahmud II had originally introduced to the Ottoman Empire's dress code in 1826 - as a symbol of feudalism and banned it, encouraging Turkish men to wear European attire - thus, hats such as the fedora became popular.

Tacchi recounted his favourite Tommy Coper story (in which our hero plays the role of a policeman).

"I found two men – one was playing with fireworks, the other was drinking battery acid.

I let one off and charged the other."

# Round Robin One

by Barry Rigal

'Why is it a round robin and not an octagonal thrush?' asks Tacchi. I have no idea! But the fact remains that every team gets to play all the others in their group.

I sat down to watch Welland/von Arnim of USA/Germany take on the Bulgarians Kostatinov/Nalbatska, on what turned out in both rooms to be a very hard set for East-West.

The first three deals saw Welland lead by three IMPs, after von Arnim's overcall of a strong club had led to her playing a 6-0 fit splitting 6-1, while Kostatinov/Nalbatska had retaliated by trying for game on a deal with three top losers in one side-suit and three finesses out of three losing, on a deal where Zia/Auken in the other room had managed to go plus.

Then both E/W pairs ran into real problems:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 7 3 2 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ J 9 7 6 4	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ A 10 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K J 9 3 2 ♣ A K 8 3	♠ Q 9 6 ♥ A Q 10 9 3 2 ♦ Q 8 ♣ Q 2
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S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Kostatinov</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Nalbatska</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Ignatov</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Mineva</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦*	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

\* Precision

The defenders got their spade ruff against Three Hearts, but +100 was small consolation for the vulnerable game. Still, reaching game was far from easy on what was essentially an uncontested auction. Welland's initial 1♠ call was forced systemically since doubling would have denied spades, and his 3♦ bid was not an underbid. Thereafter he quite reasonably back-pedalled somewhat, and it was hard for von Arnim to envisage the perfect mesh in the black suits. 150 meant 2 IMPs for Welland, who led 10-5 now.

Another missed opportunity for the Bulgarians came on the next deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 7 4 ♥ — ♦ J 8 7 6 ♣ K 9 6 5 3 2	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ Q 6 2 ♥ A 8 7 4 3 ♦ 10 5 ♣ A 10 4	♠ K 5 3 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ K Q 9 3 2 ♣ Q 7
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W      E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Kostatinov</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Nalbatska</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥**	Pass	3NT	All Pass

\* Limit raise in diamonds

\*\* Shortage

West	North	East	South
<i>Ignatov</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Mineva</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦*	1♥
2♣	4♦*	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

\* Raise to 4♥, prepared to let partner sacrifice

5♦ can be defeated on a spade lead, but after Auken led a



Todor Kostatinov





Pavlina Mineva

heart declarer had to ruff and guess which minor-suit ace North had. The winning line is to play a club at once. Now she can keep South off lead (covering the second club if necessary) to prevent getting forced. When declarer failed to find this line, she was down a trick – but that was still worth 3 IMPs when von Arnim gave up an extra undertrick in a vain attempt to find a way home in Three No-trumps. 10-8 now to Welland.

Board 6 was also hard to quantify at the table.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 4 ♥ — ♦ A J 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ K Q 7 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W      E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ Q 10 ♥ J 10 9 7 3 ♦ K Q 6 3 ♣ 9 8	♠ J 9 ♥ A 8 6 5 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A J 6 5 3
N						
W      E						
S						

West <i>Welland</i>	North <i>Kostatinov</i>	East <i>von Arnim</i>	South <i>Nalbatka</i>
		Pass	1♠*
4♠	All Pass		
*Hearts!			
West <i>Ignatov</i>	North <i>Zia</i>	East <i>Mineva</i>	South <i>Auken</i>
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	4♦	2♥	Pass
All Pass		4♠	Dble

Kostatinov did well not to bid 5♦, though a double of 4♠ must have been a live possibility. The defenders took only one heart ruff although South might have overtaken the club king at trick one – a defence that could hardly cost?

In the other room Zia never got clubs into the picture – although in theory this auction should show e.g. 7-4? But that second call was all Auken needed to get mediaeval on 4♠, and the defenders collected 500 on the same defence, to gain 7 IMPs and leave the match score 17-8.

The match went quiet until the final deal, where it was the turn of the N/S pairs to face an apparently insuperable problem.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 9 8 7 ♥ K ♦ 3 2 ♣ A Q 7 5 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W      E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ J 10 5 4 2 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ K 9 7 4 ♣ 6	♠ Q ♥ 7 4 3 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 5 ♣ K 4 3
N						
W      E						
S						

West <i>Welland</i>	North <i>Kostatinov</i>	East <i>von Arnim</i>	South <i>Nalbatka</i>
		Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦**
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

\* Multi  
 \*\*Precisely two spades

West <i>Ignatov</i>	North <i>Zia</i>	East <i>Mineva</i>	South <i>Auken</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Bulgarian auction saw Kostatinov expecting a six-card suit for his partner's vulnerable Multi, and a rather foolish game contract being reached as a result. Von Arnim led a club and Welland elected to cover after a little thought. Declarer could see nothing better than to unblock the heart king and play back a club. Von Arnim ruffed and could cover all the bases by leading a high spade, knowing that her partner would ruff the next spade and that would lead to two down.


Auken's problem at her fourth turn to speak was based on the fact that she was worried that Zia's bid of Three Spades might be based on a no-trump probe, where a bid of Three Diamonds might promise rather more in that suit. As a result they played an even more hopeless game, but were at least able to hold the losses to down one, for 3 IMPs, and a win for Welland by 23-8.

# Shanghai Countdown

by Mark Horton

Any mention of the fat lady was dispelled by the next set.

Board 77; Dealer North; Both Vul.

♠ 9 7 4 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ A K J 10 6 ♣ 9 4		♠ A J 3 ♥ 10 9 8 3 ♦ 4 3 ♣ Q 8 7 3	♠ Q 6 5 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ 9 8 7 5 ♣ J 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Rubin	Freeman	Ekeblad	Nickell
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♦	Dble	2♦
Dble	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North cashed two diamonds and switched to the seven of spades. That solved declarer's major problem and he was soon in a position to claim, +620.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
	2♦	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Declarer made ten tricks for +170, but lost 10 IMPs, making the score 189-127.

Board 79; Dealer South; NS Vul.

♠ K 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ — ♦ A Q 3 ♣ K Q 5 3		♠ Q J ♥ Q J 10 4 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ J 10 4 2	♠ 9 2 ♥ 9 8 7 2 ♦ K 7 5 4 2 ♣ A 7
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West	North	East	South
Rubin	Freeman	Ekeblad	Nickell
			Pass
1♥	1♠	Dble*	Pass
2♣*	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass		


East's cunning double and subtle pass saw his side in a contract that was three down, -150. However, there was an obvious chance of a big pick up if North/South could do the business at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
			Pass
1♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Yes they could!

Declarer ruffed the heart lead, crossed to the ace of clubs and played a spade to the king and a spade for a fast +650 and 11 IMPs. Ekeblad was getting closer at 144-189.

Board 84; Dealer West; Both Vul.

♠ J 2 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ Q J 9 6 2 ♣ J 10 3		♠ 9 6 ♥ K 9 4 2 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ Q 6 5 4	♠ A K Q 10 8 5 ♥ A J 10 5 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ —
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West	North	East	South
Rubin	Freeman	Ekeblad	Nickell
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣!
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and got rid of his losing diamonds on the top clubs before playing a heart

to the jack and queen. West played another diamond and declarer ruffed and played two rounds of hearts, ruffing. When the king did not appear declarer was one down, -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdble	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Eleven tricks and 13 IMPs – making the score 189-158.

Board 87; Dealer South; Both Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubin</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

West led the queen of clubs and declarer won in hand and promptly played two more rounds of clubs, East winning the third as West discarded the two of diamonds. A diamond went to the king and ace and declarer now ran the jack of diamonds to West's queen. West switched to the ace of hearts and declarer could not arrive at more than nine tricks, -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			4♠

West led a devious two of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and ruffed a diamond, West following

with the king. He ruffed a heart, cashed two clubs ending in hand, ruffed a heart and ran the jack of diamonds to West's queen, discarding a heart. He won the trump return in dummy and played a winning diamond to dispose of his last heart, +620 and yet another 12 IMPs to Ekeblad, right back in it at 170-189.

Board 90; Dealer East; Both Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubin</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
2♣*	4♠	1♦*	1♥
		Dble	All Pass

East cashed the ace of clubs and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed and played a trump. East went up with the queen and when West discarded declarer conceded one down, -200.



Brad Moss

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
3♣	Pass	1♦*	2♥
		3NT	All Pass

South had no reason to lead anything other than a heart and declarer claimed +600. Those 9 IMPs were the only crumb of comfort for Nickell as they lost the set 10-60. They still led 199-171, but the momentum was with Ekeblad.

Board 91; Dealer South; Nil Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Hamman	Moss	Soloway
1♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass



Russ Ekeblad

When North led the four of hearts declarer was soon in a position to claim +920.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Ekeblad	Meckstroth	Rubin
			Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On a spade lead declarer made twelve tricks, but lost 10 IMPs – the score was 199-181.

Board 95; Dealer South; NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Hamman	Moss	Soloway
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

South led the four of spades and declarer put up dummy's jack. When that held he played the king of hearts and South took the ace and switched to a club. Declarer won with the ace, pitched a spade on the queen of hearts, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He ruffed a club and must have been hopeful, but the 4-1 trump break was a cruel blow, -50.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Ekeblad	Meckstroth	Rubin
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the six of clubs and declarer took South's king

with the ace, unblocked the jack of diamonds, ruffed a club, and played the ace of diamonds. South ruffed with the six of hearts and declarer overruffed and played the ten of hearts. South took the ace and played the nine of clubs. Declarer had to lose two clubs and a spade and was one down, -50.

It seems to me that if declarer ducks the first club he is in control of the hand, but maybe its too esoteric a play to find.

Board 97; Dealer North; Nil Vul.

♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A K 7 5 3 ♣ 5 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W                  E S                 </div>	♠ A J 8 5 ♥ K 6 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ A K 6 4	♠ 4 ♥ J 10 8 4 3 2 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ J 8 3 ♠ 9 7 3 2 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ 6 2 ♣ Q 10 9 7
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West <i>Gitelman</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Moss</i>	South <i>Soloway</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the jack of clubs and declarer won in dummy, cashed the king and queen of spades and then played to ruff a club, +480.

Played by East Six Spades is excellent – could Meckwell reach it – and from the best side?

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Ekeblad</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Rubin</i>
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Of course they could!

Meckwell cooked up a superior auction.

Two Clubs was a transfer to diamonds and once East showed a balanced hand West used Puppet Stayman to locate the spade fit at the same time making East declarer. After that the recipe was completed by a little serious no-trump, a couple of cue bids and a dash of RKCB.

The same line of play gave Nickell 11 IMPs and a little day-

light, ahead 216-181.

Board 102; Dealer East; EW Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ 8 6 3 2 ♦ K 9 6 5 2 ♣ A 7 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W                  E S                 </div>	♠ K Q J 8 4 3 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 7 4 ♣ J 9 3 ♠ 9 6 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ A J ♣ Q 10 8 6 4 2	♠ A 7 5 2 ♥ A K 9 7 ♦ Q 10 8 3 ♣ K
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West <i>Gitelman</i>	North <i>Hamman</i>	East <i>Moss</i>	South <i>Soloway</i>
		2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer won the opening lead of the king of spades and played the king of clubs. When that held he crossed to the queen of hearts and played the queen of clubs, collecting the ace and nine. He won the heart return in dummy and tried a hopeful ten of clubs but East produced the jack and cashed his spades – three down, -150.

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Ekeblad</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Rubin</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT!	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer ducked the king of spades, won the second spade and played a diamond to the jack and king. He won the heart return in dummy, unblocked the ace of diamonds and played a club. That was nine tricks, +400 and 11 IMPs to Ekeblad, now only behind 203-216.

Board 103; Dealer South; Both Vul.

♠ Q J 7 2 ♥ 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A J	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W                  E S                 </div>	♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ A K Q ♦ 10 7 ♣ K 10 4 3 ♠ 9 5 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A Q J 8 4 ♣ 9 8 6 2 ♠ A K 4 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ K 9 6 2 ♣ Q 7 5	♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ A K Q ♦ 10 7 ♣ K 10 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Soloway</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♦
All Pass			3NT

East led the four of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the ten and played a club to the queen and ace. West switched to the queen of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to hand with a heart and played a diamond. East took the ace and exited with a spade, ducked to West's jack.

Declarer took the rest, +630.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Rubin</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦*

Here South was the declarer and West led the eight of hearts. Declarer won in dummy perforce and played a club to the queen and ace. Now West switched to the two of spades, covered by the six, nine and king. Declarer played a club to the jack and king and ran the eight of spades, losing to West's jack. He won the heart return and tried a spade. There was no luck in that suit, and no joy in clubs either. The contract was two down, -200 and 13 massive IMPs for Nickell, who finished the set ahead 233-203.

Board 108; Dealer West; NS Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ A 9 6 5 3 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 2 ♥ K Q 10 7 4 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ 8 4
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	S										
♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ K J ♣ K Q J 7											

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
3♣*	Pass	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the eight of hearts and declarer allowed East to win the first heart, took the second and tried a sneaky

seven of clubs. West was wide awake and went in with the ace. He cashed the ace of diamonds and played a second diamond. Declarer had unblocked the king, so he was in dummy. The winning play is to run the ten of spades, but presumably there were not enough clues and declarer played a spade to the queen and had to go one down.

Interestingly, if West plays a second club after taking the ace, declarer does not even have this slender chance of bringing home the contract.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
INT*	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the eight of clubs and West took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer ruffed with the nine of spades and then played a spade to the queen. When that held he cashed the ace and could claim ten tricks.

It was hard for West to find the essential heat switch at trick two.

That gave Ekeblad 12 IMPs, behind 215-235.

Board 112; Dealer West; EW Vul.

♠ 7 6 3 2 ♥ J 9 ♦ Q 10 9 7 ♣ 9 7 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q J 8 ♥ 7 6 5 ♦ J ♣ A Q 8 6 3
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W		E									
	S										
		♠ 10 9 4 ♥ K 8 3 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ J 10 5 2									

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♦*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdble	3♥
All Pass			

West led the four of clubs and East won the ace and returned the six of clubs. Declarer won, discarding a spade from dummy, took two rounds of trumps with the queen and king (did he notice the fall of the nine and jack?) and played a diamond to the ace. He then tried to cash the king, but East ruffed and played ace of spades, queen of spades. Declarer had to go one down, -50.

Declarer could have played differently, discarding a diamond on the second round of clubs, or by playing a low di-

among on the second round of the suit.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

East led the five of hearts and declarer won and set about the diamonds, playing the ace and then the king. East ruffed and returned a heart. (It was impossible to appreciate the importance of cashing the ace of clubs first.) Declarer won with the queen, ruffed a diamond with the king of hearts and played a club to the king and ace. East could cash the ace of spades, but declarer had the rest.

10 IMPs to Ekeblad, still in the hunt at 225-244.

However, time was running out and Nickell clinched the match just before the end:

Board 118; Dealer East; EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Soloway	Martel	Hamman
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

That was an easy +480.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Moss	Meckstroth	Gitelman
		2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		



Paul Soloway

Two Diamonds was a three suited hand, but we have temporarily misplaced our notes on the Meckwell system (all 400 pages of it), so any interpretation of the rest is inevitably imbued with a certain amount of uncertainty. Once West knew East's shape perhaps Four Clubs set hearts as trumps. I'll ask Eric in Nashville next month.

That gave Nickell 13 IMPs and they ran out winners 271-225.

They will be on the road to Shanghai!

These are the other U.S. teams that will compete in Shanghai:

**Bermuda Bowl**

USA 1 – George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Howard Weinstein, Steve Garner.  
 USA 2 – Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway.

**Venice Cup**

USA 1 – Hansa Narasimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby.  
 USA 2 – Shawn Quinn, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Sue Picus, Rozanne Pollack. This team likely will add another pair for the World Championships.

by Murat Molva

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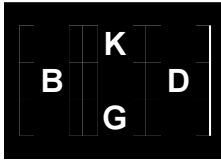
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İlk elimiz Türkiye'den 17 takımın katıldığı Karışık Takımlar yarışmasından:

### 3. Maç, Bord 25; D:Kuzey, Zon:DB

♠ A863		♠ K9
♥ J9832		♥ AK7
♦ 2		♦ 10875
♣ K72		♣ AQ108
♠ 52		♠ K9
♥ Q65		♥ AK7
♦ KQJ64		♦ 10875
♣ J43		♣ AQ108
♠ QJ1074		
♥ 104		
♦ A93		
♣ 965		



3NT'ye defans yaparken, ortağınızın Dam atak ettiği bir renkte A863 gibi bir değeriniz varsa çok mutlu olursunuz değil mi? Tek yapılacak şey deklaran'a Rua'sını verdikten sonra el tutmayı beklemek ve oyunu batırmaktır diye düşünmeyin. Hatta Günlük Bülten olarak sizlere bir hizmet daha yapalım ve ne düşünmeniz gerektiğini de söyleyelim: "Ortağım neler düşünebilir" diye düşünün, ve ona göre defans yapın! Bu elde Kuzey'de oturan Zafer Şengüler 3NT'ye karşı ortağının pik dam atağına pik 3'lü vererek ataktan çok memnun olduğunu belirtti. Oysa ortağı o esnada yerdeki karo renginin korkutuculuğu ile ilgilenir durumda idi. Atağı kazanan Fransız deklaran Pascalline Delacour, karo'dan en az 1 ele ihtiyacı olduğunu görüp hemen karo oynadı, ve Güney karo asını boşladı! Bundan sonra oyunu tam yapmak pek zor değildi. Bu

eldeki kabahat kimin? Karo asını boşlayan Güney'in mi? Yoksa pik atağını As ile alıp pik dönmeyen Kuzey'in mi? Kabahatin kimde olacağını net bir şekilde ortaya çıkacağı şekilde defans yapmak çok önemli.

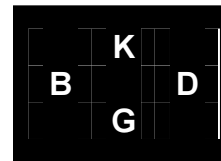
### 4. KAT SİGARASIZ

4. katın her hangi bir yerinde (tuvaletler, banyolar, balkonlar dahil) sigara içilmesi kesinlikle yasaktır. Sigara içmek isteyenlerin 3. kata inmeleri veya başka bir alana (mümkünse Antalya Kaleiçi'ne) gitmeleri çok iyi olur.

### 3. Maç, Bord 26; D:Doğu, Zon:Herkes

Batı	Kuzey	Doğu	Güney
	Şengüler	Delacour	Dağseven
		Pas	Pas
1♥	Pas	1♠	Pas
1NT	Pas	2♣	Pas
2♥	Pas	2NT	Pas
3♠	Pas	3NT	H.Pas

♠ 982		♠ J104
♥ AKQ108		♥ J9532
♦ KJ10		♦ 4
♣ J5		♣ AQ103
♠ 982		♠ Q763
♥ AKQ108		♥ 76
♦ KJ10		♦ AQ97
♣ J5		♣ K64
♠ AK5		
♥ 4		
♦ 86532		
♣ 9872		



Deklarasyon esnasında pik renginden hayır olmadığına kanaat getiren Zafer Şengüler en iyi potansiyelin trefl renginde olduğuna karar verdi. Ve defans için ölümcül olan Trefl 3'lü atağını buldu!

Trefl valesini kazanan Deklaran'ın tek yapması gereken şey bir trefl de kendisinin oynamasından ibaret idi. Fakat deklaran da bu durumdan yararlanamayıp önce 4 tur





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	SHENKIN	Barnet J		MAUBERQUEZ	Eric
	RADIN	Judi	Van Helsing	ALLIX	Jean Francois
Penfold	MAHAFFEY	Jim		ERDOGAN	Filiz Uygan
	IVANOVA	Steliana		BABSCH	Andreas
	IVANOV	Atanas		HANSEN	Renate
Lazy	SENIOR	Brian		WERNLE	Sascha
	PENFOLD	Sandra	Pisani	ERDOGAN	Omer
	MATUSHKO	Georgi		MARINO	Leonardo
	KHONICHEVA	Elena		MAI	Marita
Harper	KHOKHLOV	Jouri		PISANI	Rosanna
	NIKITINA	Alexandra		TOTARO	Maria Pia
	HOFFMAN	Martin		LONGINOTTI	Enrico
	TELTSCHER	Kitty	Bankoglu	TOTARO	Carlo
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	HARPER	Ross		ATALIK	Selcuk
	UNER	Figen		ATALIK	Leyla
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	YALMAN	Grasia		BIGAT	Halit
	CIFTCIOGLU	Dundar	Baykal	LEROSEY	Michele
	DHONDY	Jeremy		DIRIM	Nese
	DHONDY	Heather		SUNGUR CELENOGLU	Zerrin
Popova	POPLILOV	Lilo		SOHTORIK	Yusuf
	POPLILOV	Matilda		OZUMERZIFON	Meltem
	GUNEV	Rossen Geourgiev		YUKSEL	Toros
	POPOVA	Desislava Borissova	Garp44	BAYKAL	Avni Tunc
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	ZOBU	Ahu		VOLDOIRE	Jean-Michel
	HETZ	Clara		HARASIMOWICZ	Ewa
	EMODI	Gila	De Botton	AVON	Danielle
Grenthe	YADLIN	Doron		MALINOWSKI	Artur
	LIRAN	Inon		SANDQVIST	Nicklas
	BERG	Sabine		SENIOR-DELEVA	Nevena
	GUICHEUX	Madeleine	Alert	DE BOTTON	Janet
	GRENTHE	Jerome		ALBERTI	Anja
Selcuk	GRENTHE	Patrick		GROMANN	Ingrid
	GRENTHE	Guillaume		WEBER	Elke
	GRENTHE	Dominique		LOFGREN	Martin
	ALUF	Sedat		BAUSBACK	Nikolas
Kali	ALTINOK	Banu	Kovachev	WEBER	Fried
	SELCUK	Koray		WOLFARTH	Roz
	CINAR	Nur		HRISTOV	Trajan
	ERCIS	Ercan		KOVACHEV AL-SHATI	Valentin I.D.
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	YILMAZ	Aysegul		SAYER	Netsy
	ARINEL	Arzu		AZIZ	Lena
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	MISZEWSKA	Ewa		SELVILI	Gul
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