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Junior Bridge Night



On Friday, the ACBL Educational Foundation hosted a Junior night event for young players to get together, play cards and socialize.

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All play at ACC today

All bridge play will be at the America's Center today. Please see page 2 for updated room locations.

ATTENDANCE through SATURDAY
6293 tables



Goodwill Message

As we pack up our bid boxes and prepare to leave, let's be sure to thank our hosts. The St. Louis committee, led by chair Michael Sherberg, have exhibited outstanding hospitality.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Zimmermann wins Vanderbilt



Winners of the Vanderbilt Trophy: Jacek Kalita, Kamil Nowak, Franck Multon, Michal Klukowski, Michal Nowosadzki and (inset) captain Pierre Zimmermann

The squad led by Pierre Zimmermann are the winners of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams after they defeated Marty Fleisher's team in the final 143-74. Playing with Zimmermann of Switzerland were

partner Franck Multon and teammates Jacek Kalita-Michal Klukowski and Michal Nowosadzki-Kamil Nowak.

Fleisher played with partner Chip Martel and teammates Thomas Bessis-Cedric Lorenzini and Antonio

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Thanks for coming to St. Louis

By Michael Sherberg, Tournament Chair



A few days ago, we had dinner at a restaurant on The Hill, St. Louis' great Italian neighborhood. Our party included a player who was competing in the Vanderbilt. At a certain point, Zia and his great white scarf flowed in, which redoubled my excitement. I have been a sucker for celebrity sightings since I ran into Shari Lewis, Lamb Chop's mother, at a movie theater in Los Angeles some decades ago.

After a while the conversation returned to bridge, as usual. We talked with wonder about how we still find hands that unsettle us, because there's one thing or another about them that doesn't square with what we think we know about how to bid or play. I began to reflect on what draws us always back to bridge. No matter how old you are, it's always new.

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Today's Bridge Events

Sunday, March 8

Location key: ACC = America's Center MtPz = Marriott Plaza

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
Sunday, March 8				
10 am				
Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Room 221, ACC	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	Room 224, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & tba				
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4500</i>) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B	1-2 F	Room 231, ACC	Free	Free
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C	1-2 F	Room 231, ACC	Free	Free
10 am & 3:30 pm				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Room 222, ACC	\$35	\$45
WOMEN'S OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Room 222, ACC	\$35	\$45
2 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Room 221, ACC	\$18	\$28

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

Today's Volunteer

Ken Eiger

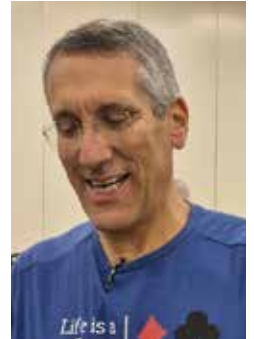
Volunteer Coordinator

Having spent his previous life as an actuary, Ken has found a new home at the bridge table. His sense of humor and joy in story-telling are second only to his sharp card play and analysis of bridge hands. Yours truly plays regularly with him, and his thoughtful observations have improved my imperfect game.

A busy member of our bridge community, Ken serves on the boards of both District 8 and Unit 143. He is a natural ambassador who ponders how to recruit and keep new players. And, of course, he has worked tirelessly to make

sure our various NABC desks are staffed with the helpful volunteers who are here to assist you.

In the middle of all that, he attended his daughter's wedding two weeks before the NABC began, and he regularly tutors students in math at one of our city schools.



New Life Master

Hongbo Li of Baltimore MD became a Life Master here at the St. Louis NABC. Li, who just joined the ACBL last February, won almost 100 masterpoints at this tournament - a big chunk of that came from winning the 0-10K Swiss playing with Alan Munro, Colin Schloss and Jichong Chai.



Li played bridge in China before moving to the U.S. to attend graduate school. He's "grateful to the ACBL and the bridge community."

New Grand Life Master

Jeff Roman of Bend OR became a Grand Life Master at the St. Louis NABC when he won the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs with partner Ralph Buchalter of South Orange NJ.



The Grand LM title – the highest rank in the ACBL – require at least 10,000 masterpoints and a win in an open NABC contest. Roman, who has more than 21,000 masterpoints, needed an NABC title to acquire his new rank.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. on the second floor of America’s Center.

Sunday, March 8

Breakfast burritos (peppers, spinach, potatoes, eggs)

FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks will be on Washington Avenue outside the America’s Center daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each day will have a different set of trucks.

Sunday, March 8

Wok and Roll, Go Gyro Go, Crooked Boot

Claim your prize

If you win or have won a section top in any event, come get your prize from the Prize Desk, located either on the second floor of the America’s Center in the atrium or on the ground floor of the Marriott Plaza. The Prize Desk is open for about an hour, closing 15 minutes before the start of morning and afternoon sessions.

Parking deal

ACBL members who have booked at the Marriott through Conference Direct are being offered a \$20 self-parking rate (half off the normal rate).

No smoking

Smoking and vaping are not permitted in the Marriott St. Louis Grand or the America’s Center. It is a violation of both the ACBL codification and Missouri law to smoke in an area where not permitted. Violators will be subject to discipline.

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 9

By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



Opener's rebids after 1♦–2♣

Almost all pairs who use 2/1 GF include 1♦–2♣. As usual in this series, we treat it as 100% GF.

The 2♣ response is “natural,” but as we’ve seen in previous months, it could easily be only a four-card suit. For example, partner opens 1♦ and you hold:

♠A 3 2 ♥6 4 2 ♦A 4 2 ♣A Q J 3?

I would proudly respond 2♣.

What if responder has a four-card major and clubs?

With GF strength, and five clubs and a four-card major, I definitely recommend starting with 2♣. So, with either of these hands:

♠A 6 5 4 ♥6 5 ♦A 2 ♣A K 7 6 4

or

♠8 ♥A J 7 6 ♦A Q 2 ♣K Q 10 8 7,

I recommend a 2♣ response to 1♦. There will be plenty of time to find a 4–4 major fit if one exists.

I even like to respond 2♣ with 4–4 in the major and clubs. This goes against mainstream thinking, but I find the 2/1 auction is much better than starting with 1M and having to later go through fourth-suit forcing. So, I would respond 2♣ to 1♦ with:

♠K 8 7 6 ♥A 2 ♦A 7 6 ♣A Q J 9.

But, with a good four-card major and so-so clubs, I would respond in the major.

Opener's rebid

After 1♦–2♣, opener bids naturally. If you’ve been reading this series, it won’t surprise you to hear me say that opener bids out his shape; no rebid says anything about strength. There are a few partnership rules I like to use:

1. With five or more diamonds, opener’s rebid is always 2♦ (except for jumping to 3♦ with a solid six-card or longer suit).
2. Without five or more diamonds, opener’s next obligation is to show a four-card major(s) up the line.
3. Without at least five diamonds and without a four-card major, opener usually bids 2NT. He can also raise clubs if 2NT doesn’t appeal.

Example rebids for opener after 1♦–2♣:

A. ♠A 2 ♥A Q 6 5 ♦K J 7 6 5 ♣6 4

Rebid 2♦ with five diamonds. Responder will bid hearts next if he has four.

B. ♠K 5 4 ♥K J 6 5 ♦J 10 8 7 ♣A 4

Rebid 2♥. This is not considered a “reverse” showing extras.

C. ♠K J 4 ♥Q 8 7 ♦A J 8 7 ♣Q 7 6

Rebid 2NT. This typically shows a weak notrump with no four-card major, and fewer than five diamonds.

D. ♠A Q 4 ♥7 6 ♦A Q 5 4 ♣J 9 4 2

Rebid 3♣. Partner can explore for 3NT; if he bids 3♥, you will bid 3NT.

Responder's rebid

You know what I’m going to say. Natural! Each player bids naturally (using guidelines as above) until a suitable trump fit (or notrump) is found. Then, and only then, if a player has extras, can he head for slam. In all of these 2/1 auctions, the mantra should be: “Game before slam.” (This means, try to find the trump suit and then the right game as the main priority). Don’t worry about slam (or showing extras) until you know in which suit (or notrump) you are playing.

Quiz – part 1

What should you respond to partner’s 1♦ opening with:

- | | | | | |
|----|------------|--------|--------|------------|
| A. | ♠K J 8 7 6 | ♥A Q | ♦8 6 5 | ♣A Q 2 |
| B. | ♠A K Q 6 | ♥A 3 | ♦Q J 2 | ♣9 8 7 2 |
| C. | ♠A Q J 4 | ♥K 6 2 | ♦9 | ♣A Q J 8 2 |
| D. | ♠A 5 3 | ♥K 8 5 | ♦A K | ♣Q J 8 4 2 |

Answers

- 1♠. Don’t distort. We don’t “psych” a 2/1 just to get into a GF auction. Here, 1♠ is normal with five cards.
- 1♠. While 2♣ is possible, (I love 2/1 auctions), with such good spades and poor clubs, this feels best.
- 2♣. With five clubs and only four spades, definitely starting with 2♣ leads to the best auctions.
- 2♣. No rush to bid notrump. You might belong in 6♣, opposite, say:
♠K 4 ♥Q J 2 ♦8 7 6 4 2 ♣A K 3.

Quiz – part 2

What should opener rebid after 1♦–2♣ with:

- | | | | | |
|----|-----------|----------|------------|--------|
| F. | ♠A K 6 5 | ♥A K 2 | ♦A 9 3 2 | ♣7 6 |
| G. | ♠K Q 9 | ♥K J 7 6 | ♦A 8 7 2 | ♣3 2 |
| H. | ♠Q 10 9 8 | ♥J 7 | ♦K J 8 7 2 | ♣A Q |
| I. | ♠Q J 4 | ♥Q J 4 | ♦Q J 8 7 | ♣K Q 2 |



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Tips for New Players

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Answers

- F. 2♠. Show the four-card major (denying five or more diamonds). You can look for slam later (after a fit is found).
- G. 2♥. Show the four-card major (denying five or more diamonds). This could be (and is) a dead minimum.
- H. 2♦. First priority is to show five or diamonds. Partner will bid a major next if he has four.
- I. 2NT. Denying five-plus diamonds and denying a four-card major (so, usually 3=3=4=3).

Quiz — part 3

What should responder rebid after 1♦–2♣; 2♦ with:

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

Answers

- J. 2♠. Show that four-card major. Partner could easily have four himself. No rush to bid notrump or to jump.
- K. 3♣. Naturally.
- L. 3♦. We might be heading to 6♦, but for now, let's just tell partner about our support.
- M. 2NT. You might want to discuss with your partner what this means as opposed to 3NT. (Some play that a jump to 3NT is a dead minimum/fast arrival. Others play that jumps to specifically 3NT show medium/extras.)



Lake Eakin and Susan Gianikas, both from Nashville TN, are here representing D10 in the North American Pairs, Flight C. They won their district final by almost two boards, earning a stipend of \$700 each to attend the NABC. It's the first national for Susan; Lake played in the 2019 Spring NABC in Memphis.

"We have some amazing teachers at the Vanderbilt Bridge Club," said Lake. "We have great mentor/mentee games. They want us to get better; they really encourage us.

"It's an honor to be here."

Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

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Bailey leads Jacoby Open Swiss

William Bailey of Mill Valley CA, playing with Daniel Korbel, Joshua Donn, Roger Lee, Dror Padon and Alon Birman topped the field in the qualifying rounds of the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams. They scored 112.09 VPs and will have a carryover of 23.63.

In second place with a carryover of 22.43 is John Hinton and his team: Jerry Clerkin, Dennis Clerkin, Frederic Pollack and Jeffrey Smith.

Paul Street's squad is in third with a carryover of 19.76.

Of the 112 teams that entered the event, 56 qualified for today's two-session final.

Bhargava tops Women's Swiss

In the resurrected Women's Swiss Teams, captain Arti Bhargava, playing with Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Lotte de Wijs and Sarah de Wijs, are leading the field. They scored 108.71 VPs and earned a carryover of 29.29 VPs for today's two-session final.

In second place with a carryover of 25.73 is the squad led by Xiaowen Li, playing with Zheng Jiang Liao, Yimei Cao and Jung Hu.

In third with a carryover of 22.89 is Hongsa Situ, Cindy Oishi, Michele Liu and Julie Smith.

Of the 24 teams who entered the event, 16 qualified to play in today's final.

Vanderbilt

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Second in the Vanderbilt KO Teams: Thomas Bessis, Antonio Sementa, captain Marty Fleisher, Cedric Lorenzini, Chip Martel and Alfredo Versace.

Sementa-Alfredo Versace.

Zimmermann and Multon previously won the Vanderbilt in 2010, also as partners. This is the first Vanderbilt victory for the other members of the team, and the first NABC win for Nowak; the others have won multiple NABC events.

Fleisher started the match ahead, winning the first quarter 37–21, but Zimmermann dominated the second set, outscoring Fleisher 63–12 to lead by 35 IMPs at the half. A flat third quarter saw Zimmermann add a few IMPs, and they remained in control in the final quarter to win the match.

D21 pair leads NAP C

District 21's Milind Girkar of Sunnyvale CA and Shailesh Sampat of San Jose CA lead the President's Cup North American Pairs Flight C after Saturday's qualifying sessions, narrowly ahead of the District 6 pair of Luke Brezak of Arlington VA and Hamilton Sawczuk of Baltimore MD.

Girkar and Sampat scored 63.82% and 62.74% to earn the maximum four boards of carryover, while Brezak and Sawczuk scored 64.36% and 60.94%, about three and a half matchpoints behind (top is 25).

A District 3 pair from New Jersey, Prakash Malkani and Shriram Phadke, sits in third while District 16's Boyu Liao and Girish Altekar of Austin TX are fourth.

A very deep cut of roughly 80% of the field advanced to the second day. The event is limited to players who were under 750 masterpoints and had not achieved the rank of Life Master as of the beginning of the qualifying period last summer.

D23 duo leads NAP B

In the North American Pairs Flight B, Robert Corry of Palos Verde Estates CA and Giacomo Beretta of Redondo Beach CA, representing District 23 (greater Los Angeles area), have a slim lead over District 9's (Florida) Zenon Wachowicz and Elizabeth Wachowicz of Clearwater FL.

Corry and Beretta scored consistently above average, posting 63.65% in the first qualifying session and followed up with 62.80% in the afternoon. They will have the maximum carryover of 100 – four boards – going into the final.

The Wachowicz pair had a monster 71.86% first qualifying session, topping the leaderboard, and came down to 53.99% in the second. They have a carryover of 98.01.

Of the 84 pairs who entered the event, 52 qualified to play in today's two-session final.

Endlessly endplayed

By Sophia Baldysz

One jettison play and two endplays on the same board from the first final session in the Smith Women's Pairs.

Dlr: South ♠ 10 8 4
Vul: Both ♥ 10 2
Bd. 23 ♦ A 9 7 2
♣ K 8 4 3

♠ Q 7
♥ Q J 9 6 5
♦ K 5
♣ A Q 9 6

♠ K 6 5
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ Q
♣ J 7 5 2

♠ A J 9 3 2
♥ 3
♦ J 10 8 6 4 3
♣ 10

West	North	East	South
	<i>Morse</i>		<i>C. Baldysz</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Jacoby 2NT

The lead was the ♥Q to the ace and the ♦Q back. Declarer won with dummy's ace and led a heart, pitching a club(!). West played the ♣A, ruffed. South exited with a low spade. West popped with the queen (endplayed for the second time). At this point, it doesn't matter what West does – either a ruff-and-sluff or a club entry, then South will take the spade hook. West exited with a spade. Down one for a 97% board and an expert play goes down in history by my mom, Cathy Baldysz.

Farewell

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Thank you for coming to St. Louis. Our small army of volunteers has done everything possible to make your visit enjoyable, and the bridge gods helped by giving us mostly decent weather. I have enjoyed seeing many bridge friends again, matching faces to places in my bridge travels, and meeting new players and hearing their stories. I'm sure you've all done the same. Each one of you brought energy and fun to our tables, as well as great bridge.

After events like this, I am reminded that while spades are the master suit, bridge is really all about our hearts.

Next stop, Minneapolis. Pack your bags.

Junior night

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"We had great attendance," said Amber Lin, who volunteers with the United States Bridge Federation as coordinator of its Junior Program. "A bunch of Juniors are playing in the North American Pairs, so this is great."

More than 25 players were in attendance, many lingering over hand records from the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams.



QUALIFIERS IN THE GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B

26.0 Tables / Based on 42 Tables	Carryover
1 Robert Corry, Palos Verde Estates CA; Giacomo Beretta, Redondo Beach CA	100.00
2 Zenon Wachowicz – Elizabeth Wachowicz, Clearwater FL	98.01
3 Mark Throop – Eleanor Throop, Framingham MA	69.17
4 Michael Haddox-Schatz, Yorktown VA; William Vandyke, Poquoson VA	68.25
5 Frank Grzegorzewski, Erie PA; Samuel Root, Youngstown OH	63.50
6 Yanlai Yang – Zhiyu Cheng, Jersey City NJ	63.34
7 Corey Powell – Cagliyan Kurdak, Ann Arbor MI	62.12
8 Michael Weir, Madison AL; John Albanese, Hazel Green AL	61.96
9 John Williams – Larry Newman, Cincinnati OH	58.13
10 Rick Jasper – John Wachsman, San Jose CA	57.52
11 Hugh Hendrickson, Renton WA; Christine Chai, Redmond WA	54.45
12 David Ganin, Gainesville FL; William Starkey, Palm Coast FL	53.22
13 Louis Daigneault – Denys Skalskyi, Mississauga ON	50.15
14 Phillip Jaeger, Austin TX; Thomas Hackenberg, Round Rock TX	49.85
15 Sheryl Hobbs, Pinellas Park FL; Kate Burton, Dunedin FL	46.47
16 Mark Rosen – Daniel Baker, Austin TX	43.56
17 Marion Brum De Barros – Denise Klein, Denver CO	43.10
18 Stephen Kishner – Brian Thomas, Portland OR	41.10
19 James Abbott, Chicago IL; Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	40.34
20/21 Mark Marty, Oakley CA; Kathryn LeGro, Carmichael CA	37.88
20/21 Betsy Wellington – John Scheuermann, Loudon TN	37.88
22 Alan Wood, San Diego CA; Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA	36.81
23 Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN	32.52
24 Jack Rudy, Camp Hill PA; Margaret Sobolewski, Carlisle PA	29.60
25 Frank Morgan – Andrew Krawitt, Ocean City NJ	29.14
26 Glen Okui – Yong-Dong Wang, Memphis TN	27.91
27 R. Turner, Los Angeles CA; Alyssa Kennedy, Marina Del Rey CA	26.69
28 Bruce Maier, Tampa FL; Marty Greengrass, Lutz FL	26.53
29 Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Kelly White, St. Louis MO	24.54
30 Wes Peirce, The Woodlands TX; Michael Peirce, San Marcos TX	24.08
31/32 Zhouzhou Gu – Tianyang Chen, Princeton NJ	21.17
31/32 Steven Strong, Lafayette CO; Nick Evens, Denver CO	21.17
33 Oyvind Tafjord – Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA	19.48
34 Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Rolf Hubmayr, Minneapolis MN	19.33
35 Xiao-Qian Wang, Norcross GA; Chen Zhou, Atlanta GA	17.94
36 A. Moulton, Hilliard OH; Daniel Loveland, Powell OH	17.79
37 Darlene Fraser – David Fraser, Quispamsis NB	17.64
38 Theresa Griffin, Leawood KS; Keith Smith, Lees Summit MO	17.18
39 Richard Kassar – Shlomit Rind, New York NY	17.02
40 Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN; Thomas Frank, Indianapolis IN	15.49
41 Allen Simon, Palo Alto CA; Anne Wilson, Campbell CA	14.72
42 Michael Schwartz, New York City NY; Janie Woo, New York NY	12.27
43 Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI; Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI	11.96
44 Yixin Tang, Lake Forest IL; Ping Hu, Naperville IL	11.04
45 Paul Ritters – Ellen Eastman, El Paso TX	8.13
46 Jared Egerer, Mount Arlington NJ; Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ	6.29
47 Karie Willyerd, Windsor CO; Fiona Freeseaman, Fort Collins CO	3.37
48 David Neiman – Mark Lasoff, Minneapolis MN	2.91
49 James Alstad, Rancho Palo Verdes CA; James Heltsley, Redondo Beach CA	2.61
50 Peter Griff, Randolph MA; R. Edward Kelley, Quincy MA	1.84
51 Jason Larrivee – Pamela Keim, Regina SK	0.15
52 Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C

26.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Milind Girkar, Sunnyvale CA; Shailesh Sampat, San Jose CA	100.00
2	Luke Brezak, Arlington VA; Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD	96.42
3	Prakash Malkani, East Brunswick NJ; Shriram Phadke, Plainsboro NJ	87.90
4	Boyu Liao – Girish Altekhar, Austin TX	80.75
5/6	Cooper Pierce – Rebecca Mathew, New York NY	62.35
5/6	Jayson Lee – Katherine Lee, Hillsborough CA	62.35
7/8	Mudit Chaunal – Arjun Chaunal, Issaquah WA	59.45
7/8	Treyson Sherk, Springfield OR; Michael Wenzel, Eugene OR	59.45
9	Qian Liu, Clermont FL; Sean Chen, Poinciana FL	57.24
10	Yiyang Zhao, Redmond WA; Zhenghong Sun, Kirkland WA	56.56
11	Michael Wang, Grove City OH; Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	55.54
12	John Nothdurft, Gibbstown NJ; Lee Silberman, Swedesboro NJ	51.28
13	Dru Horne, Athens GA; Brennan Easton, Madison GA	51.11
14	Linus Bendel-Stenzel, Richfield MN; Fay Debellis, North Oaks MN	44.46
15	Kurt Haeusler, Wheaton IL; William Reeside, Burlington KY	43.78
16	Joshua Resa – Kelley Fong, Irvine CA	41.40
17	Cindy Lake – Terri Huebsch, Bloomington IL	41.23
18	Susan Sivertson – David Sivertson, Mason OH	38.16
19	David Pliskin, Rio Rancho NM; Joel Matek, Albuquerque NM	36.63
20	David Vaughn – Mary Vaughn, Hendersonville NC	35.95
21	Lynn Steffen, El Paso IL; Jennifer Schwarz, Bloomington IL	33.39
22	Adam Rosenfield, Cambridge MA; Marla Slusky, Somerville MA	32.88
23	Ralph Pinto, Watertown MA; Vipin Mayar, Brookline MA	31.52
24	Sharon Condrat, Cottonwood Heights UT; Linda Hertzberg, Park City UT	30.66
25	Alan Michael – David Williams, Davidson NC	30.49
26	Douglas Murray, Villas NJ; Joan Watters, Avalon NJ	30.32
27	Zinnia Meyer – Graham Meyer, Chicago IL	28.45
28	Jessica Yu – Sarah Liu, Irvine CA	28.28
29	Andrew Smith – Michael Lam, Rancho Palos Verdes CA	26.06
30	Cathy Kratz – Lawrence Kratz, Pocatello ID	25.89
31	Ann Gibson, Old Hickory TN; Kathryn Keenan, Nashville TN	25.55
32	Mary Keeney – Karen Atchley, Austin TX	24.87
33	David Hurd – Robert Whaling Jr., Winston-Salem NC	24.70
34	Craig Bersak – Mary Loielo, Voorhees NJ	24.19
35	James Danziger, Mason OH; Robert Nowacki, Cincinnati OH	21.98
36	Lori Scharf, Salt Lake City UT; Robin Hansen, South Jordan UT	21.29
37	Marcia Tedy – Ned Noack, Brighton CO	20.10
38	Rosy Agrawal – Pawan Agrawal, Las Vegas NV	14.82
39	Toni Hansen – Jay Hansen, Simi Valley CA	14.65
40	Richard Parker, Upland CA; Peter Kavounas, Claremont CA	13.80
41	Lindy Greening, Orlando FL; Janice Smith, Casselberry FL	10.22
42	Lake Eakin – Susan Gianikas, Nashville TN	8.18
43	James Johnson, New Port News VA; William Cash, Newport News VA	7.50
44	Steve Lowe – Lela Lowe, Geneva IL	6.64
45	Mark Feld, Bondurant IA; David Nelmark, Urbandale IA	6.30
46	Paul Kubicek – Asher Howarth, Royal Oak MI	5.62
47	Paul Snow, Madison MS; Deborah Culler, Gulfport MS	5.11
48/49	Christopher Steele, Pflugerville TX; Victoria Collins-Becker, Austin TX	3.07
48/49	Andrea Sullivan, Garden Valley ID; Barbara Hopson, Redding CA	3.07
50	Laurence Newell, Mercer Island WA; Kenneth Schultz, Edmonds WA	1.02
51	Willis Chang, Arlington VA; Alexander Gretsinger, Fort Washington MD	0.34
52	Patricia Bell – Geof Tidey, Richmond VA	0.00

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

54 Tables
 250.00 1 Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Jacek Kalita – Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Franck Multon, Monaco
 180.00 2 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, France; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Chip Martel, Davis CA
 125.00 3/4 John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal
 125.00 3/4 Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bob Drijver – Simon de Wijs, Netherlands; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands
 80.00 5/8 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark
 80.00 5/8 Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway



80.00 5/8 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia
 80.00 5/8 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert – Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL
 50.00 9/16 Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Steve Weinstein, Upper Saddle River NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV

50.00 9/16 Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom
 50.00 9/16 Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina
 50.00 9/16 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland
 50.00 9/16 Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Jie Li, Beijing China; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland
 50.00 9/16 Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark
 50.00 9/16 Uday Ivatury – Christal Henner, New York NY; Fred Gitelman – Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA
 50.00 9/16 Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON

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VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – FINAL PAIRINGS

1. Fleisher	137
32. Rippey	79

1. Fleisher	138
16. (38) Ivatury	w/d

1. Fleisher	37	49	66	143
3. Zimmermann	21	84	74	104

16. (39) So	137
17. (38) Ivatury	157

1. Fleisher	165
8. Shourie	108

9. Lall	170
24. (31) Hamman	137

9. Lall	99
8. Shourie	159

8. Shourie	188
25. Goldberg	69

1. Fleisher	107
4. (13) Overdeck	89

5. Rosenthal	120
28. Vedanta	60

5. Rosenthal	150
12. Grossack	115

12. Grossack	157
21. (24) Cayne	w/d

5. Rosenthal	70
4. (13) Overdeck	125

13. Overdeck	141
20. Cole	124

13. Overdeck	142
4. (36) Andresen	120

4. Street	142
29. (36) Andresen	149

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – FINAL PAIRINGS

2. Nickell	175
31. (34) Rodrigues	115

2. Nickell	81
15. (18) Helle	15

15. Goodman	93
18. Helle	136

2. (18) Helle	152
7. Hans	83

10. (45) Xiao	122
23. Dunitz	79

10. (45) Xiao	103
7. Hans	127

7. Hans	123
26. (29) McAllister	105

2. (18) Helle	w/d
3. Zimmermann	146

6. Rubenstein	173
27. Wildavsky	158

6. Rubenstein	139
11. (22) Bianchi	115

11. Simson	54
22. Bianchi	158

6. Rubenstein	103
3. Zimmermann	136

14. Amoils	120
19. (26) Gupta	76

14. Amoils	w/d
3. Zimmermann	127

3. Zimmermann	174
30. Ashe	122

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC+ WOMEN'S SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables / Based on 24 Tables		Carryover
1	Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Lotte de Wijs – Sarah de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	29.29
2	Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ; Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Jung Hu, San Jose CA	25.73
3	Hongsa Situ, Irvine CA; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC; Michele Liu, Cupertino CA; Julie Smith, Vancouver BC	22.89
4	Lynne Castoldi, La Quinta CA; Ann Karin Fuglestad, Farsund Norway; Cathy Baldysz, Mieroslawskiego Poland; Sophia Baldysz, Plymouth IN	17.08
5	Nina Huang, Pasadena CA; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey; Asli Acar, Izmir Turkey; Berrak Erkan, Turkey	15.24
6	Margie Cole, New York NY; Sandra Rimstedt – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Marion Michielsen, Sweden	14.03
7	Sherry Zheng, Sugar Land TX; Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT; Qing Lu, San Jose CA; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI; Jessie Lee, Sugar Land TX; Serena Guo, Dublin CA	13.26
8	Joanne Weingold, Boca Raton FL; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	12.03
9/10	Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA; Silvana Rojko, West Palm Beach FL; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; En Hay, Highlands Ranch CO	10.15
9/10	Claire Alpert – May Sakr, Miami FL; Irem Ozbay, Cliffside Park NJ; Allison Freeland, Coral Gables FL; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland	10.15
11	Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL; Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Crystal Tang, Hong Kong; Jui Wang, Cary NC	8.01
12	Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA; Anam Tebha, New York NY; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland	7.84
13	Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Pam Wittes, Venice CA	5.28
14	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Dina Schechter, Glen Cove NY; Yasmine Guenancia – Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	1.59
15	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	0.03
16	Elizabeth Harris – Hilary Davis – Debbie Thomas, Tampa FL; Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

56 Tables / Based on 112 Tables		Carryover
1	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn – Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel	23.63
2	John Hinton, Greenwood IN; Jerry Clerkin – Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON	22.43
3	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland	19.76
4	Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia	19.40
5	Weishu Wu – Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ	18.12
6	Qiang Zhang – Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Yizhou Liu, Chicago IL; Zhaofeng Wang, Evanston IL	17.89
7	Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	16.62
8	Maciej Klis, Krakow Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Jakub Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Kamil Walczyk, Radom Poland	15.01
9	John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal	14.68
10	William Bartley – Phyllis Yates – Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH	14.45
11	Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Sun Xudong, Shanghai China; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China	14.42
12	Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; George Klemic, Lombard IL; Daniel Lev, New York NY; Ariel Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico	14.41
13	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands;	

	Guy Mendes de Leon, Netherlands	14.26
14	David Bakhshi, London England; Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands; Ernst Wackwitz, Hoofddorp Netherlands	14.25
15	Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark	14.03
16	Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Juan Castillo – Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY	13.51
17	Bob Drijver – Simon de Wijs, Netherlands; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennepe Netherlands; Rob Helle, Mauritius; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	13.37
18	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Walter Lee, Framingham MA; David Yang, Darien IL; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	12.75
19	Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Adam Kaplan, New York NY	11.27
20	Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	10.86
21	Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland	10.7
22	Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey; Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Peter Trenka, New York NY	10.42
23	Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	10.28
24	Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ; Roberto Scaramuzzi, Los Angeles CA; Daniel Weiss, New York NY	9.56
25	John Bacon, Mayfield Heights OH; Jan Miyake, Oberlin OH; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	9.14
26	Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL	8.84
27	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC	7.40
28	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	7.14
29	Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Johan Upmark, Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland	7.07
30	C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Guillermo Minutti, Rolling Hills CA; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Gonzalo Guridi, Ithaca NY	7.02
31	Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA; Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; James Geist, Olney MD	6.99
32	Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Jack Boge, New York NY; Michael Hu, San Jose CA; Harald Eide, Norway	6.65
33	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	6.62
34	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	6.55
35	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Frank Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Walter Schafer Jr., Inglewood CA	6.35
36	Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China	5.69
37	Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Leonardo Cima – Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland	5.11
38	Amber Lin, Mountain View CA; Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	4.72
39	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA	4.55

40	Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark	4.41
41	Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Alexander Sandin, Sweden	4.28
42	Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY	4.09
43	Lloyd Mandell – Radu Nistor, New York NY; Benjamin Klauder – Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	3.89
44/45	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Cenk Tuncok, Dallas TX; Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	3.22
44/45	Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	3.22
46	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom	3.1
47	Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz – Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL	2.67
48	Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Jie Li, Beijing China; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland	2.17
49	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy	1.5
50	Jordan Lampe – Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC; B. Wayne Stuart III, Raleigh NC	1.41
51	Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy; Luca Crone, Dublin Ireland; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA	1.33
52	Seth Cohen, Brooklyn NY; Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands	0.95
53	Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark	0.93
54	Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Susan Perez, Ballwin MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	0.68
55	Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab, Netherlands; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands	0.51
56	Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	0.00

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2ND SATURDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

7.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

	A	X	Y		
13.00	1	1		Edward Betteto, Holland Landing ON; Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY	57.57%
9.75	2	2	1	Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY; Ole Fuglestad, Farsund Norway	56.95%
7.31	3	3		Robert Robinson, Severna Park MD; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA	52.80%
5.48	4			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Ritchey Goodwin, West Palm Beach FL	52.31%
4.33	5	4	2	Kyle Blocher – Lisa Bievenue, Champaign IL	52.07%

2ND SATURDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

17.0 Tables

	B	C	D		
10.80	1			Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	61.45%
8.10	2			Sandy Bigg, Chesterfield MO; Marie Sander, Maryland Heights MO	59.24%
7.48	3	1		Rana Arora, Carmel IN; Alka Kapur, Indianapolis IN	57.59%
5.61	4	2		Xiang Long, Kirkland WA; Debbie Carpenter, Ithaca NY	56.93%
4.21	5	3		Daniel Groves – James Zimmer, Bloomington IN	56.34%
3.68	6	4	1	Stephanie Bergman, Marietta GA; Colin Prakken, St. Louis MO	55.92%
2.97	7	5	2	Gerald Kilpatrick, Collierville TN; Alan Greer, Germantown TN	54.65%
2.40	8	6		Mary Anne Wildman – Peter Marvin, Little Rock AR	52.69%
2.16	9	7		Ronald Trimmer, Lake Ozark MO; Jim McGinnis, Jefferson City MO	51.93%
2.52			3	Josh Rich, Alton IL; Linda Sloat, Urbana IL	50.89%

2ND SATURDAY FAST PAIRS

7.0 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.00	1			Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Craig Jacobson, Skokie IL	64.06%
9.00	2			Carole Miner, Rochester MN; Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN	61.81%
5.91	3/4			Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	61.63%
5.91	3/4			Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	61.63%
4.00	5			Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Mike Giacaman, St. Louis MO	56.77%
5.95		1		Mark Daily – Grant Sterling, Charleston IL	55.73%
4.55		2	1	John Welte, Ballwin MO; George Marvin, Maryland Heights MO	45.14%
3.41		3	2	Michael Rohm – Judy Staufer, Boise ID	44.97%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1	1	1	Justin Shiao, Atlanta GA; Alex Han, Katy TX	65.12%
4.07	2	2		Alexander Stille, Bethesda MD; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	61.74%
3.05	3	3	2	Can Barut – Emma Joly, Atlanta GA	59.26%
2.33	4			Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ	55.53%
2.01	5	4		Barb Pratzel – Michael Pratzel, Madison WI	55.39%
1.29	6			Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	55.09%
1.51		5		Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	54.63%
1.68		6	3	Rod Goree, Ruston LA; Felicia Childs, Vinita Park MO	54.36%
1.26			4	Jessica Yu – Sarah Liu, Irvine CA	52.74%
0.94			5	Andrew Eidelhoch – Nathan Chow, San Francisco CA	50.14%

2ND SATURDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1	1		William Carrell – Catherine Dwinell, Las Cruces NM	63.89%
2.27	2			Melody Gann, Arlington TX; Nancy Peterson, Euless TX	57.64%
2.28	3	2	1	Tyler Burns, Troy IL; Dan Evers, Mascoutah IL	51.39%
1.71		3	2	Linda Key, Shiloh IL; Karen Kersey, Troy IL	49.31%

2ND SATURDAY MORNING 499ER PAIRS

7.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.50	1	1	1	Raymond Tait – Teresa Deshields, Clayton MO	60.32%
3.38	2	2		John McKay – Jeanne Cooper, Kansas City MO	59.52%
2.53	3			Linda Nagle, Collee Grove TN; William Dewitt, Marquette MI	58.68%
1.66	4/5			Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	57.64%
2.10	4/5	3	2	Patricia Schlafly, St. Louis MO; Margo Hields, Avon CO	57.64%
1.58		4	3	Michael Liu – Xinping Liu, MO	48.96%

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1	1		Li Zhang, San Jose CA; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA	56.94%
2.27	2			Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY	56.25%
1.70	3			Ronald Goor, Houten Netherlands; Erleta Plana, Sandnes Norway	55.56%
2.12		2		Dan Evers, Mascoutah IL; Tyler Burns, Troy IL	50.69%

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 499ER PAIRS

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.25	1			Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	75.00%
2.76	2	1		Leon Daily, Houston TX; Ann Turner, Los Angeles CA	50.00%
2.07		2		Jeanne Cooper – John McKay, Kansas City MO	48.00%

TUE-FRI EVENING SIDE SERIES

34.00 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

10.00	1			Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	127.97%
7.53	2			Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	122.37%
6.49	3			Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY	121.93%
7.15	4/5			Fred Shubert, Andover NJ	120.57%
7.15	4/5			Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL	120.57%
7.17	6			Julie Ertmann, St. Louis MO	117.68%
6.34	7/8			Michael Pratzel, Madison WI	116.44%
6.34	7/8			Barb Pratzel, Madison WI	116.44%

2ND SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1

6 Tables

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7 Tables

12.44	1			Daniel McIntyre, St. Paul MN; John Miller, Stillwater MN; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN; Dan Knier, Waite Park MN	91.20
9.33	2			Huang-Chia Chang – Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH; Joe Nolan, Independence KY; Monica Ibarra, Covington KY	74.00
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8 Tables	
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1979	Jeff Meckstroth	215
1980	Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	173
1981	Allan Stauber	166
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1983	Mike Passell	214
1984	Lew Stansby	172
1985	Jeff Meckstroth	196
1986	Lew Stansby	207
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1988	Roger Bates	193
1989	Eddie Wold	167
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1992	Roger Bates	186
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Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Overdeck</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Gerli</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(1) Hearts

South led the ♦10, and declarer won with the ♦A and ran the ♥J. North won and switched to the ♣5 for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	2♦
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

(1) 10–13 HCP

South led the ♦10. Declarer won with the ♦A, played the ♥J to dummy's ♥A, and the ♠9 saw North put up the ♠Q. Having won, declarer cleared the hearts and could not be denied nine tricks, +400 and 10 IMPs to FLEISHER.

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♣A and three rounds of the suit condemned declarer to one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Helle</i>
	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
(1) 10–12 HCP			

North led the ♦Q and declarer won with dummy's ♦A, cashed the ♥A K and played a spade to the jack. When that held, he continued with a spade to the king, a spade to the ace and a club to the jack and king. It was clear South held the ♣A, and declarer eventually ducked a club and claimed, +420 and 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Overdeck</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Gerli</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥3. Declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♠4, collecting North's ♠A. After cashing the ♥Q, North switched to the ♣8, declarer taking South's ♣Q and playing a diamond to the ace followed by a spade to the 10. He cashed the ♠K and claimed, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
		1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) 10–13 HCP

South led the ♣10, and declarer won with the ♣K and played a spade to the 10 and ace, North switching to the ♥3. There were three inescapable losers, -50 and 10 IMPs went to OVERDECK.

In the other match, E/W reached 4♠ at both tables, North having bid hearts at some point. Both declarers made 4♠, van Prooijen by playing a low spade at trick two, Zimmerman by crossing to dummy and advancing the ♠J.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
1NT	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	2♦	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♦	All Pass		

(1) Majors

South led the ♥K, but declarer was soon claiming an overtrick, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Helle</i>
1♦	1♠	2♦	3♠
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠K and declarer cashed his winners for +460 and 7 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, leading 34–0.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

(1) Controls

East led the ♠3, and declarer won with dummy's ♠A, pitched a club on the ♠K and played a heart to the king. When he continued with the ♥3 and East discarded the ♠6, he took the ♥A and played the ♥6, but West took the ♥Q and played the ♠10. Declarer ruffed and cashed the ♥J, but when the diamonds did not break, he was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Helle</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass

(1) 12+ HCP, relay

East led the ♣5, and West won with the ♣Q and switched to the ♠Q, declarer quickly disposing of his remaining club. He continued with a heart to the king and a heart to the ace, claiming 10 tricks, for +420 putting HELLE on the board to the tune of 11 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Overdeck</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Gerli</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
		1♣	1♥
1♠	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

(1) Heart raise

West led the ♣6, and having won in dummy, a heart saw East take the ♥A, cash the ♠K and then switch back to clubs. Declarer continued with a heart to the 10 and jack, cashed the ♥K and claim 10 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

(1) Invitational-plus heart raise

West led the ♣6 and East put in the ♥Q on the first round of the suit. Declarer won, played the ♦10 to dummy's ♦A and a second heart, soon arriving at 10 tricks, +620 and 10 IMPs to OVERDECK, leading 23–19.

Little happened after that, OVERDECK leading 23–22 at the end of the session.

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
		1♦	1♥
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣6, and having won in dummy, declarer played a heart to the 10 and jack, a diamond to the king and the ♥9, easily taking 10 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Helle</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥
2♠	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Invitational-plus heart raise

North led the ♣K, cashed the ♣A and switched to the ♥7, South winning with the ♥J and returning the ♣9. Declarer ruffed and played a spade to the 9. When that lost to the ♠Q, his delayed entry into the auction had turned out badly. When South returned the ♣J, declarer ruffed with the ♠J and played the ♦2, North taking the ♦K and exiting with the ♥3. Declarer took dummy's ♥A and played a diamond, but South won and played the ♥K. Declarer ruffed but could only score one more trick, as North had pitched a diamond on the ♣J. The contract was three down, -800 and 12 IMPs for HELLE.

Session 2

Going into the second session, ZIMMERMANN had a handy lead, 56–23, while FLEISHER trailed by a single IMP.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helle</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(1) GF raise

East led the ♦K, and declarer won with dummy's ♦A and ran the ♥Q, East winning and playing two rounds of diamonds. West could ruff, but that was the last trick for the defense, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) 9–12 HCP			

It is generally a sound strategy to raise to 3NT with a 4–3–3–3 pattern, although if North could have a five-card major you might check for that.

East led the ♠6 and declarer took West's ♠K, crossed to dummy with a club and ran the ♥10, one down, -50 and 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helle</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass
2♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

(1) 6+♣, 11–15 HCP

(2) Invitational+ relay

(3) Four hearts

(4) Relay

I suspect the relays revealed that East was 3=4=0=6.

South led the ♠4 to the 10 and ace. Declarer played a heart to the ace and ran the ♣9, South winning and exiting with the ♣5, which ensured two down, -100.

I think South deserves a pat on the back for that.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) 11–14 HCP, 5+♣, 4♥/♠ or 6+♣

(2) Relay

North led the ♦Q, and declarer won with the ♦K, ran the ♣Q and took 10 tricks, +430 and 11 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helle</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

West led the ♥9, and declarer ruffed, drew trumps and cashed the ♣Q, claiming, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

South led the ♣K and seeing North's ♣4 (even number), played two rounds of spades, -100 but 11 IMPs for ZIMMERMANN, who took the session 57–8. A score adjustment from the first session meant they led 113–31.

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Overdeck</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Gerli</i>	<i>Martel</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dbl
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

South led the ♣K and seeing partner's ♣4 (upside-down count), switched to spades, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥ ⁽¹⁾
3♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

(1) Spades and a minor

Personally speaking, I would like to bid diamonds with West's hand, either 3♦ or a more aggressive 4♦ fit jump.

South led the ♣K, and when North followed with the ♣9, he continued with the ♣A, -450 and 11 IMPs to FLEISHER who led 44-23.

It is worth recording that the session score was 22-0. Having discussed the matter with the man on the Clapham Omnibus, we have decided that it is a shutout, a perfect game being one where you score IMPs on every board without conceding any.

Session 3

Board 31. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
	3♣	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

3NT was a brave bid, but when you are 82 behind, you can't wait forever.

Clearly the wires were crossed at some point.

South led the ♣2, and having won with dummy's ♣A, declarer played a spade to the ace and a diamond to the 10; so far so good. Needing diamonds to be 3-3, he cashed dummy's ♦A and continued with a diamond to the king, North discarding the ♣4. Declarer now played spades, but when he pitched a heart on the third round instead of a club, he was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣2, and having won with dummy's ♣A declarer played the ♦10 to the ♦K, cashed the ♥A and ended up taking all the tricks, +510 and 12 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Martel</i>
	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♣2 to dummy's ♣A, and declarer cashed the ♥K and ran the ♥8, South winning and playing the ♣9. When North played the ♣10, declarer took the rest, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl ⁽⁵⁾	Pass	4♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT ⁽⁶⁾	Pass
5♦ ⁽⁷⁾	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(1) 2+♣, 11-14 HCP or 14-16 balanced, or 11-22 unbalanced

(2) 4+♠

(3) Checkback

(4) Controls

(5) First-round control

(6) RKCB

(7) Three key cards

North led the $\heartsuit 7$, and having won with dummy's $\heartsuit J$, declarer played a heart to the ace. We don't know how the play continued, but the score was +980 and 10 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 37. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit 9 8 6 \heartsuit K 4 2 \diamondsuit K J 9 7 \clubsuit K 7 5 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit A K Q J 7 3 \heartsuit 10 \diamondsuit 5 4 3 \clubsuit A J 10 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit 10 4 2 \heartsuit A J 9 \diamondsuit 10 6 2 \clubsuit Q 9 6 4 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit 5 \heartsuit Q 8 7 6 5 3 \diamondsuit A Q 8 \clubsuit 8 3 2 </p>
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ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
1 \clubsuit ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1 \spadesuit ⁽²⁾	Pass
2NT	Pass	3 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \diamondsuit	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

(1) 15+ balanced, 17+ unbalanced

(2) Hearts, may have a longer suit

North led the $\heartsuit 4$ and South won with the $\heartsuit J$ and switched to the $\diamondsuit 6$, declarer winning with dummy's $\diamondsuit Q$ and cashing out for +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1 \spadesuit	Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3 \spadesuit	All Pass		
(1) Forcing for one round			

North led the $\diamondsuit 7$ and South won with the $\diamondsuit 10$ and returned the $\clubsuit 4$, North taking declarer's $\clubsuit J$ with the $\clubsuit K$ and continuing with the $\diamondsuit 9$. When dummy's $\diamondsuit Q$ held, declarer drew trumps and finished with 10 tricks, +170 but 10 IMPs to HELLE.

Board 40. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit 3 \heartsuit 9 3 2 \diamondsuit Q 10 9 7 4 \clubsuit A K J 6 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit A K 4 \heartsuit Q 8 4 \diamondsuit 6 3 2 \clubsuit Q 7 5 2 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit J 10 9 8 2 \heartsuit 10 6 \diamondsuit K J 8 5 \clubsuit 4 3 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit Q 7 6 5 \heartsuit A K J 7 5 \diamondsuit A \clubsuit 10 9 8 </p>	
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ZIMMERMANN vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
2 \diamondsuit ⁽²⁾	Pass	1 \clubsuit ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3 \clubsuit *	Dbl	2 \heartsuit *	Pass
3NT	All Pass	Pass*	Pass

(1) 15+ balanced, 17+ unbalanced

(2) 9–11 balanced

North led the $\clubsuit A$ and switched to the $\diamondsuit 4$, but declarer had nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Pass
2 \diamondsuit	Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass
2NT	Pass	4 \heartsuit	All Pass
(1) Forcing one round			

South led the $\spadesuit J$. Declarer took dummy's $\spadesuit A$, played a heart to the ace and ran the $\clubsuit 8$. North won with the $\clubsuit J$, cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and exited with the $\clubsuit 6$, South ruffing and returning the $\spadesuit 10$, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to HELLE.

As the cards lie, declarer can afford to draw trumps and then run the $\clubsuit 8$. If South finds an initial club lead, North can play four rounds of the suit, after which there are only nine tricks.

The session was tied at 33–33, but with the score at 146–64, HELLE called it a day.

After 14 deals of the third session, FLEISHER led OVERDECK in the other semifinal match was 44–3.

Board 45. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Martel</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣ ⁽²⁾
Dbl	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

(1) Reverse Drury

Without the double, 2♥ would be invitational-plus.

East led the ♣K and continued with the ♣10, West winning with the ♣A and returning the ♣8. Away went the ♦8, as East ruffed. Declarer had 10 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Spade raise

East led the ♥5 to the 2, king and ace. Declarer played the ♦8, East taking the ♦A and returning the ♦2. Away went a club, and declarer cashed the top spades and claimed, +620 and 10 IMPs to OVERDECK, down 36-84.

Session 4

Board 47. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣2, and declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played a spade to the jack. When it lost, West returned a club and declarer had no real hopes of a 10th trick, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Semenata</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦8, and when declarer played dummy's ♦10, East won with the ♦A. At this point only a heart switch will do the job, and when East continued with the ♦3, declarer had a parking place for the ♥2, +420 and 10 IMPs to OVERDECK.

Board 48. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		Pass	2♠
Db1	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

North led the ♥A and continued with the ♥K, declarer ruffing and playing trumps. North pitched a club on the fifth round, +420.

I did wonder if East's hand qualified for an S.J. Simon master bid of 6♦, but that is a very tough ask.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Semenata</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
Db1	3♥	Pass	Pass
Db1	Pass	4♦	All Pass

That meant 7 IMPs to OVERDECK.

Suppose East bids 4♣ instead of 4♦ and West jumps to 5♦: Can East raise to 6♦?

Board 49. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
			2♥
Db1	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Db1	All Pass		

West led the ♠K. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a club to the ace and the ♦3, West taking the ♦A, which was the only trick for the defense, +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Semenata</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
			Pass
1♠	Dbl	3♠	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

That's not a typo: According to the operator, South bid 4♠.

The play was identical to that at the other table, +980 and 6 IMPs to OVERDECK.

Board 50. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥	All Pass
3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass		

(1) Hearts

(2) Diamonds

South led the ♥3 to the queen and king, and declarer played the ♥10 to his ace and ran the ♠10. South won, cashed the ♣A and exited with the ♠3. With a heart and a diamond to lose, that was -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Semenata</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♣J, and South took the ♣A and returned the ♣3, declarer ruffing and running the ♠10. When South ducked, declarer ran the ♦J to the ♦K, won the diamond return with dummy's ♦A and played trumps, +620 and 12 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 58. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. OVERDECK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(1) Three card limit raise

East led the ♦8 to the jack and ace. Declarer played a heart to the queen, West winning, cashing the ♦K and then playing the ♦6. Declarer ruffed with the ♠J and when East discarded the ♥5, he continued with the ♠5, East taking the ♠K and exiting with a heart. Declarer won in dummy and played a club to the queen, but that was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Semenata</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Spade raise

When East led the ♥3, declarer took dummy's ♥A and played a club to the queen and king, East returning the ♥4. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club and played a spade to the jack. Although that lost, he could win the spade return with dummy's ♠Q and claim, +620 and 12 IMPs to OVERDECK. That took the score to 88-96, and if 4♥ had been defeated on Board 50, FLEISHER would have trailed 84-88 and been on the wrong side of a potential shutout.

However, on the penultimate deal, Bessis did well to make an awkward 2NT (essentially by taking a great view in the club suit, playing low from ♣K 10 8 2 (dummy had ♣9 5 3) when West switched to the ♣4 (from ♣Q J 7 6 4). When the same contract went one down in the other room, FLEISHER had 6 IMPs and breathing space. On the final deal, OVERDECK played 5♥ as E/W and 4♠ doubled as N/S. If they had both made ... but both contracts had to go one down. It had been a gallant attempt, but FLEISHER had survived.

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