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National event updates

- Fleisher meets Zimmermann in Vandy final

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Crazy Bridge



More than 10 tables of players – from novices to multiple national champions – had a mind-numbingly

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Spring ahead

Daylight Saving Time starts in the lost hour between Saturday and Sunday. Set your watches and clocks ahead by one hour Saturday night or risk being late for your first bridge date on Sunday. While you lose an hour, the extended daylight will be nice for a post-dinner stroll.

ATTENDANCE through FRIDAY
5726 tables



Goodwill Message

Accept defeat and victory with grace; practice active ethics.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Scandinavia dominates Silodor Open Pairs



The first- and second-place finishers in the four-session Silodor Open Pairs were partnerships from Scandinavia.

Sweden's Alexander Sandin and Norway's Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad won the contest as a first-time partnership. Sandin and Heiberg-Evenstad qualified sixth in Thursday's

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Alexander Sandin and Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad are the Silodor Open Pairs champs.

Robinson–Duftrat snag Smith win

Katarzyna Duftrat of Wroclaw, Poland and Linda Robinson of Arlington MA are the winners of the Smith Women's Pairs. Their second final session score of 66.98% catapulted them into first place.

It's the second NABC+ title for both; Robinson was the winner of the 2023 Baldwin North American Pairs and Duftrat won the 2017 Whitehead Women's Pairs. She also has two second-place finishes: the 2024 NABC+

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Winners of the Smith Women's Pairs: Linda Robinson and Katarzyna Duftrat

SF duo wins 3K Pairs



Winners of the NABC 0–3000 Pairs: Chuck Riffle and Doug Grant

Doug Grant and Chuck Riffle of the San Francisco area won the NABC 0–3000 Pairs by more than two-and-a-half boards on Friday after leading the event wall to wall.

It's their third limited national title. Their partnership dates 60 years to when they met in college.

Grant and Riffle scored 55% and 65% on Thursday to qualify in first place and 57.69% and 59.15% on Friday, widening their lead each session.

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Today's Bridge Events

Saturday, March 7

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

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
10 am				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	Room 231, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions; Pre-qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions; Pre-qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/2000/750)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
WOMEN'S OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
3 pm				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Room 225, 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

Sharon Sweet

Finance Chair

After retiring from a career in corporate communications, Sharon enrolled in an introductory bridge course at a local high school. There she learned just enough to cement her interest in the game, which developed further when she fell in with a group of at-home players and started playing regularly. The transition to duplicate followed, and we find her at the table a couple of times a week. A thoughtful bridge analyst, she models courtesy and patience, and her sense of humor and hearty laugh help remind us not to take ourselves

too seriously at the table.

We're lucky she agreed to be finance chair for this tournament. It's a big job with a lot of responsibility, but she's another one of our committee members who believes in giving back to a game that has given her so much.



Entry Express and purchase options

Tournament events are open to current, paid members. Guest members must convert to a full membership. A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.



All monetary transactions are cashless, including entries for NABC and regional games. All major debit/credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold.

Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL's online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use this system in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of one of the host hotels or resident of the host district.

To use Entry Express, go to acbl.org/ee or scan the QR code. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins and subsequent days. For continuing events, purchase each day through Entry Express to continue receiving the discount.

Hotel guests are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus one (e.g. six nights gets 14 coupons). If you are staying at the hotel but are not on the discount list, go to acbl.org/StLouisEEform to be added. Missing discounts are not refunded. See the FAQ at acbl.org/ee for more information.

For help with Entry Express, visit the ACBL Help Desk located in either building – in the atrium at America's Center and on the ground level of Marriott Plaza.

Entries may also be purchased at the event location in the hour before the start time.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy at least 30 minutes in advance.

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.

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.

A player who was caught smoking has been removed by the host facility and disqualified for the remainder of the Spring NABC.

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).

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If you have any questions, please email recorder@acbl.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are in the America's Center, Marriott Plaza or the main Marriott Grand.

Saturday, March 7

7:30 pm–midnight **Junior Night.** ACBL Educational Foundation-sponsored event; Juniors only. *Parkview, mezzanine, Marriott main*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Room 225, second floor, ACC. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Saturday, March 7

9:15 am Thomas MacCormac *How to Beat Everyone*

HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. on the second floors of America's Center and Marriott Plaza and sometimes also on the first floor of Marriott Plaza. The host committee is providing afternoon hospitality at 2 p.m. on selected days.

Saturday, March 7

Assorted pastries

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.

Saturday, March 7

Mr. Papas, Wing and a Prayer, Zacchi

Sunday, March 8

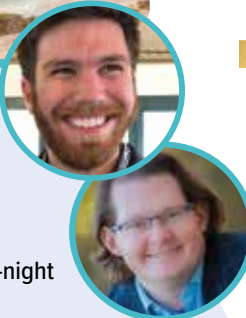
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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 9

By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



Responder bids 2♦ or 2♥ after 1M

In recent articles, we've discussed the 2♣ response to one of a major. What if the response is 2♦ or 2♥?

Not too much changes. The auctions we will be examining now are 1♥-2♦; 1♠-2♦ and 1♠-2♥.

All three responses are still natural, but while the 2♦ response might be only a four-card suit, the

2♥ response guarantees at least five hearts. Of course, the only 2/1 auction with a 2♥ response is 1♠-2♥. Why does it guarantee five? We don't fool around with the majors (the same way we don't open a four-card major). Without five hearts, we manufacture a 2/1 response in one of the minors (usually a 2♣ response). When we are making a 2/1 response, and don't have any five-card suits to respond in, the suit we lie about is a minor. We will always have at least a four-card suit to respond with (because if our only four-card suit was support for partner, we would begin with a Jacoby 2NT response).

What if partner opens 1♠ and we have something like:
♠Q 6 4 ♥A J 7 2 ♦A 9 3 ♣K 8 4?

Assume there is no systemic response available that shows a balanced 13+ (some use 3NT for this). Assume 1NT is not completely forcing. Then what? Don't "lie" with the four-card heart suit. Instead, lie in a minor, preferably by responding 2♣. Partner won't play you for a three-card suit, but he will be in no hurry to drag you into 5♣ without exploring for other contracts. You will surely be correcting back to spades. Summary: The 2/1 response is almost always four cards or longer (natural) in a minor, but very rarely three cards if stuck. The 2♥ response (which comes only after a 1♠ opening) guarantees five or more hearts.

After the 2♦ response

The auction has started either 1♥-2♦ or 1♠-2♦. Opener bids naturally/normally as in previous installments of this series. Jumps are specialized (see last article). Opener shows his shape. There isn't as much space after a 2♣ response, particularly after 1♥-2♦. If opener doesn't have a six-card heart suit to rebid, he could be stuck. For example:

♠6 5 4 ♥A J 7 6 5 ♦A 2 ♣A 4 2.

There is no perfect rebid after 1♥-2♦. 2♥ would show six cards. 2NT, while right on strength/shape, feels funny with no spade stopper. Bidding spades or clubs with three,

or raising diamonds with two doesn't make sense. So, it is a question of "which lie" to tell. Some pairs lie by repeating the five-card heart suit. I'd prefer to lie with 2NT. If partner raises to 3NT and they run five spade tricks, life will go on. However, this isn't likely to happen. When partner bids 3NT, he surely won't have a singleton spade (if he did, he would have had some other more descriptive bid available at his second turn to bid out his shape). I'd rather keep the 2♥ rebid as guaranteeing six cards. I draw the line at rebidding 2NT with a small doubleton. The alternative in that case would be to raise partner's minor on three cards. Remember, that both players will head towards five of the minor only as a last resort (preferring to explore for 3NT or four of the major).

After the 2♥ response

Nothing special. The only 2/1 auction with a 2♥ response is 1♠-2♥. Rebidding 2♠ "promises" six or more. Rebidding 2NT would tend to be exactly 5=2=3=3 shape. Bidding a minor shows four or more cards and does not promise extras.

Quiz, Part 1

What would you rebid as opener after 1♠-2♦?

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|----|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| A. | ♠K J 8 7 2 | ♥6 3 | ♦5 | ♣A Q J 6 2 |
| B. | ♠A K Q 6 5 2 | ♥3 | ♦K Q 2 | ♣A 7 2 |
| C. | ♠A K Q J 7 4 2 | ♥K 6 | ♦9 8 | ♣5 2 |
| D. | ♠A Q J 5 3 | ♥K 8 5 4 | ♦A K Q | ♣4 |
| E. | ♠J 7 6 5 4 | ♥K Q J | ♦6 | ♣A Q 6 5 |
| F. | ♠A K 6 5 2 | ♥A 2 | ♦A Q 9 2 | ♣7 6 |
| G. | ♠K Q 9 8 7 | ♥K 8 6 2 | ♦A 9 8 2 | ♣— |
| H. | ♠A K Q 9 8 | ♥7 | ♦J 9 8 7 | ♣K 6 2 |
| I. | ♠A 9 8 7 5 | ♥5 2 | ♦K Q 3 | ♣A 3 2 |

Answers

- 3♣. I don't recommend, as some do, that this shows extra values. Already in a GF, just bid out shape.
- 2♠. (Repeat the six-card suit. Don't jump when it isn't solid. You can raise diamonds later if need be.
- 3♠. Solid suit.
- 2♥. Bid out your shape; don't jump. No rush to raise diamonds.
- 3♣. Don't distort by rebidding notrump with a singleton.
- 3♦. Support with four.
- 2♥. Majors first; you might have a 4-4 heart fit.
- 3♥. Splinter raise.
- 3♦. The least of evils. Avoid a 2NT rebid with a small side doubleton.

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Tips for New Players

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Quiz, Part 2

What would you rebid as opener after 1♠-2♥?

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

Answers

- J. 3♣. Bid out your shape.
 K. 2NT. To show a 5-3-3-2 hand.
 L. 3♥. Because 2♥ guarantees five, you can raise with this kind of hand.

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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Treysen Sherk and Michael Wenzel of Eugene OR played in Friday's Gold Rush Pairs. The duo is in St. Louis to play in the North American Pairs Flight C, for which they qualified as representatives from District 20. That contest starts today.

Sherk recently earned a bachelor's of fine arts degree, and he is persuing acting as a career. He also recently wrote a play that is being produced in Oregon.

Wenzel is a retired operations executive for an insurance company. His latest project was establishing a call center in Japan. Wenzel is bilingual.

3rd Small Federations Online Open Teams 2026

Save the dates: October 15 to 18, and October 22 to 25.



Fleisher meets Z'mann in Vandy final

The squads captained by Marty Fleisher and Pierre Zimmermann will face off in today's final of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. Fleisher, the defending champions, defeated John Overdeck and company 107-89 in their semifinal match, while Zimmermann took out Rob Helle's squad 146-64 in three quarters of play.

Fleisher's lineup includes partner Chip Martel and teammates Thomas Bessis-Cedric Lorenzini and Antonio Sementa-Alfredo Versace.

Playing with Zimmermann are partner Franck Multon and teammates Jacek Kalita-Michal Klukowski and Michal Nowosadzki-Kamil Nowak.

SAVE THE DATE!

By **Shelley Burns**,
CBF President
president@cbf.ca



Mark your calendars for the
**2027 Maple Leaf
Celebrity Classic**
to be held **Monday, March 8**
at 1 p.m. Eastern Time
(7 p.m. European time).

The Canadian Bridge Federation invites top players worldwide to participate in this community-building fundraising event. The Celebrity Auction supports the CBF.



For those who missed the 2026 event, please feel welcome to participate next year – even if you aren't a "Celebrity!" If you want to be auctioned off, and someone will "buy" you, then you're in!

Silodor Pairs

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Silodor Open Pairs runners-up Martin Andresen and Thor Erik Hoftaniska

opening round, and a mediocre first-session score of 51.86% dropped them to 21st place. But the duo rocketed into the winners' circle with a 69.28% game in the second session to finish a third of a board ahead of runners-up Martin Andresen and Thor Erik Hoftaniska, both of Norway.

This is the second NABC title for Sandin but the first for 18-year-old Heiberg-Evenstad. His fellow countrymen in second place were also his teammates in the Vanderbilt Teams here in St. Louis.

Andresen and Hoftaniska are having a good week at the Spring NABC. They won the NABC+ Open Pairs that finished on Sunday.

Women's Pairs

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Mixed Swiss and the 2024 Women's Open Swiss Teams.

Joanne Weingold of Boca Raton FL and Kerri Sanborn of Delray Beach FL took second place.

"We're both excited," said Robinson of the win. "It was really kind of unexpected because we qualified in 34th, then moved up to 24th, then I said, 'Well, I want, to make top 10.' And so we just sat and played and she played perfectly. But she always does."

"We got some luck," said Dufurat. "And you were absolutely awesome."

So, what's up with the T-shirts? "We were in Poznan, Poland in June where we, luckily, with Chris Parker, Justyna Zmuda, and Anam Tebha, won the women's teams," said Robinson. "But

0-3000 Pairs

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Runners-up in the NABC 0-3000 Pairs: Mark Mackenzie and Jennifer Samuels

They previously won the Young Life Master Pairs when it had a limit of 1500 masterpoints in 2014 and the 0-2500 Mini-Spangold in 2024. They've also twice placed second in the Mini-Spangold.

When asked what happened in the event, Riffle said, "Doug Grant carried me kicking and screaming to this win."

Grant laughed and said it wasn't true. "Our 60-year friendship isn't based on bridge."

In second were Jennifer Samuels and Mark Mackenzie of Portland OR, who qualified in fourth place, moved up to third in the first final with a 55% and up one more spot with 56% in the last session.



Runners-up in the Smith Women's Pairs: Kerri Sanborn and Joanne Weingold

before we did that, we went shopping. Katarzyna took me to a shop that she liked, and we saw these cute T-shirts, and we decided to buy them. I don't think we quite realized where the cabbages were placed. But the colors are great."

NABC 0-3000 PAIRS

18.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

31.90	1	Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	604.30
23.93	2	Jennifer Samuels – Mark Mackenzie, Portland OR	559.39
17.94	3	Peter Ashbrook, Urbana IL; Thomas Shedlock, Danville IL	551.66
14.18	4	Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	550.02
12.76	5	Mark Marty, Oakley CA; Bonnie Macbride, Kensington CA	533.48
11.60	6	Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR	532.50
10.63	7	Cynthia Coffee – Elizabeth Crawford, Louisville KY	529.56
9.82	8	John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA	517.03
9.11	9	Rick Londeree – Sandy Bigg, Chesterfield MO	511.58
8.51	10	John Krah, Seattle WA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	508.85
7.98	11	Ignacio Miquelez, Fort Lauderdale FL; Susan George, Delray Beach FL	507.68
7.80	12	Ping Hu, Naperville IL; Yixin Tang, Lake Forest IL	506.93
7.09	13	Jane Riddle, Midlothian VA; Karen Hamlett, Glen Allen VA	506.18
7.05	14	Louis Daigneault – Denys Skalskyi, Mississauga ON	505.36

SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS

39.0 Tables / Based on 50 Tables

100.00	1	Katarzyna Dufnat, Wroclaw Poland; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	1283.30
75.00	2	Joanne Weingold, Boca Raton FL; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	1247.59
56.25	3	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	1236.16
44.44	4	Julie Sigsgaard, Copenhagen Denmark; Ella Rosthoej, Frederiksberg Denmark	1231.94
40.00	5	Sophia Baldysz, Plymouth IN; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	1226.24
36.36	6	Asli Acar, Izmir Turkey; Berrak Erkan, Turkey	1218.97
33.33	7	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA	1216.43
30.77	8	Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Morgan Sabourin, Ottawa ON	1214.41
28.57	9	Julie Smith, Vancouver BC; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	1202.59
26.67	10	Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Bo Fu, Shanghai China	1193.62
25.00	11	Linus Bendel-Stenzel, Richfield MN; Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	1188.96
23.53	12	Barbara Morgan, Kyle TX; Roxie Tom, San Antonio TX	1186.85
22.22	13	Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL	1185.37
21.05	14	Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL	1169.05
20.00	15	Sondra Schubiner, Boca Raton FL; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA	1152.30
19.05	16	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	1138.52
18.18	17	Crystal Tang, Hong Kong Hong Kong; Michele Liu, Cupertino CA	1137.82
17.39	18	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Nancy Katz, New York NY	1137.08
16.67	19	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	1127.58
16.00	20	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Joan Millens, Kingston NY	1125.83
15.38	21	Myriam Milgrom, Vero Beach FL; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	1120.32
14.81	22	Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	1117.79
14.29	23	Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Allyson Wolfe, St. Louis MO	1115.17
13.79	24	Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Jung Hu, San Jose CA	1111.91
13.33	25	Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	1108.02

SILODOR OPEN PAIRS

65.0 Tables / Based on 130 Tables

125.00	1	Alexander Sandin, Horn Lake MS; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	2167.93
93.75	2	Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway	2157.83
70.31	3	Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV	2143.05
55.56	4	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	2142.78
50.00	5	Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	2112.48
45.45	6	Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	2085.13
41.67	7	Daniel Weiss, New York NY; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ	2081.65
38.46	8	Mark Patton, Dubuque IA; Walter Schafer Jr., Inglewood CA	2027.89
35.71	9	Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland	2003.77
33.33	10	Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark	1999.60
31.25	11	Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Chris Compton, Omaha NE	1974.78
29.41	12	Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil	1965.26

27.78	13	Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel	1964.11
26.32	14	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	1933.18
25.00	15	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	1927.40
23.81	16	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	1903.77
22.73	17	Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA	1892.66
21.74	18	Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	1885.25
20.83	19	Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN	1883.02
20.00	20	Carrie Liu – Maxim Siline, Hudson MA	1875.99
19.23	21	Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL	1875.94
18.52	22	Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	1865.16
17.86	23	Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria	1860.84
17.24	24	Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	1859.99
16.67	25	Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Michael Polowan, New York NY	1857.76
16.13	26	Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	1855.84
15.63	27	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	1854.58
15.15	28	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Emma Kolesnik, Newton Center MA	1850.45
14.71	29	Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland	1846.65
14.29	30	Amber Lin – Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA	1846.03
13.89	31	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY	1843.40
13.51	32	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	1842.43
13.16	33	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	1837.70
12.82	34	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	1835.45
12.50	35	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	1826.76
12.20	36	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ	1825.99
19.52	37	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Igor Savchenko, Morris Plains NJ	1822.53
11.63	38	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON	1822.52
11.36	39	Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA	1816.01
11.11	40	Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	1814.36
15.34	41	Radu Nistor – Lloyd Mandell, New York NY	1809.34
10.64	42	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	1809.12
15.08	43	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	1802.63
10.20	44	Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	1798.53
10.00	45	Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Francisco Bernal, Miami FL	1796.56
9.80	46	Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; John McAllister, Charlottesville VA	1793.80
9.62	47	Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH; Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	1792.89
9.43	48	Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	1792.11
9.26	49	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	1788.64
9.09	50	Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL	1783.56
8.93	51	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Sheng Li, New York NY	1783.25
8.77	52	Danning Lu, Sacramento CA; Andrew Rowberg, Dublin CA	1781.51
8.62	53	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	1767.13
8.47	54	Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK	1761.09
8.33	55	Brian Gilbert – Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	1757.41
8.20	56	Thomas Peters, Dayton MD; Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA	1755.64
8.06	57	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	1750.16
7.94	58	Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	1741.66
7.81	59	Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden	1737.35
7.69	60	Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV	1737.30
7.58	61	B. Wayne Stuart III, Raleigh NC; Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC	1736.17
7.46	62	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	1733.84
7.35	63	Bonnie Gellas – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	1733.68
7.25	64	Lawrence Sherman, San Diego CA; Gregory Chaffee, La Jolla CA	1731.77

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – FINAL PAIRINGS

1. Fleisher **137**
32. Rippey **79**

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

1. Fleisher
3. Zimmermann

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	22	44	84	107
4. (13) Overdeck	23	23	68	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	23	31	64	w/d
3. Zimmermann	56	113	146	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

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – FINAL PAIRING

54 Tables

Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, France; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Chip Martel, Davis CA

vs

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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 Edgton, 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

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2ND FRIDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

31.0 Tables / Based on 100 Tables

	A	X		
41.94	1		Jeff McKee, Livingston TX; Phillip Grothus, Buceras Mexico	61.79%
31.46	2		William Bartley – Paul Darin, San Diego CA	57.76%
20.64	3/4		Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA; Thomas Mac Cormac, Dublin Ireland	57.21%
20.64	3/4		Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY	57.21%
13.98	5		Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; John Hinton, Greenwood IN	56.73%
11.98	6		Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Charles Wilkins, Greensboro NC	56.47%
10.49	7		Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	55.93%
14.07	8	1	Jan Miyake, Oberlin OH; John Bacon, Mayfield Heights OH	55.80%
8.39	9		Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA	55.71%
7.63	10		Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL; Elizabeth Harris, Tampa FL	55.67%
6.99	11		Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL; Barry Rigal, New York NY	55.61%
10.55	12	2	Chen Zhou, Atlanta GA; Xiao-Qian Wang, Norcross GA	55.48%
5.99	13		Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Eric Richelson, Fort Pierce FL	55.29%
7.91	14	3	Brandon Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Lee Blocher, Champaign IL	55.03%
5.24	15		Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Gonzalo Guridi, Ithaca NY	54.97%
5.94	16	4	Frank Morgan – Andrew Krawitt, Ocean City NJ	54.84%
4.69		5	Cecilia Ehrlichman, Ann Arbor MI; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN	54.55%
4.32		6	Larry Averbuch – Steven McMahan, Nashville TN	53.65%
3.52		7	Keith Woolf, Mentor OH; Bill Jacobson, Beachwood OH	52.98%

2ND FRIDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

29.0 Tables / Based on 69 Tables

	B	C		
22.26	1		Michael Krevor, Port Washington NY; Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY	61.64%
16.70	2	1	Michael Peirce, San Marcos TX; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands TX	60.27%
12.52	3		James Zimmer – Daniel Groves, Bloomington IN	58.65%
9.39	4		Elizabeth Wachowicz – Zenon Wachowicz, Clearwater FL	58.55%
7.42	5		Max Mohan Arora, Carmel IN; Rahul Kapur, Indianapolis IN	57.80%
6.36	6		Ernest Levinson – Abraham Pallas, Brevard NC	57.11%
5.26	7/8		Ashley Szymiski, Aurora IL; Neal Goldman, Willow Springs IL	57.04%
5.26	7/8		Larry Newman – John Williams, Cincinnati OH	57.04%
5.04	9	2	Max Ding, Weston MA; Colin Prakken, St. Louis MO	56.52%
4.05	10		Robert Gervis – Richard Paul, Boynton Beach FL	55.67%
3.78	11/12	3	Mark Harkins, Bethesda MD; Tom Trivers, Chattanooga TN	55.22%
3.57	11/12		Linda Drake, Fulshear TX; Judi Whaling, Houston TX	55.22%
3.18	13		Gunnar Niemi, Emeryville CA; Arjun Singh, Lakewood CO	54.64%
2.97	14		Jason Larrivee – Pamela Keim, Regina SK	54.33%
2.78	15		Jayne James, Salt Lake City UT; Darrel Mooney, Boise ID	54.16%
2.84		4	Joe Nolan, Independence KY; Huang-Chia Chang, Cincinnati OH	53.88%
2.74		5	David Ganin, Gainesville FL; William Starkey, Palm Coast FL	53.40%
1.96		6	Robert McDill – Frank Levinson, Saint Louis MO	52.16%

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2ND FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

24.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables

	A	B	C		
8.66	1	1		Treyson Sherk, Springfield OR; Michael Wenzel, Eugene OR	60.19%
6.50	2	2		Robert Moody, Irvine CA; Renata Frutiger, Tiki Island TX	59.75%
4.87	3	3		Linda Nagle, Colledge Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME	59.30%
3.65	4	4		Marla Slusky, Somerville MA; Adam Rosenfield, Cambridge MA	57.04%
2.89	5	5		Andrew Smith – Michael Lam, Rancho Palos Verdes CA	56.17%
2.47	6	6		Lori Rosen – Stephanie Chamberlain, New York NY	55.57%
2.20	7			Ida Parks, Nyack NY; Anne Bendell, Fort Lee NJ	54.95%
1.92	8			Iris Stewart, Lakeland LA; Cindy Barksdale, Baton Rouge LA	54.76%
1.73	9	7		Joy Pillard, La Vista NE; Mary Bonneau, Omaha NE	53.79%
1.68	10			William Bonneau, Omaha NE; Patrick McGehearty, Longmont CO	53.73%
1.44	11			Nancy Hunt, Lees Summit MO; Carolyn Campbell, The Villages FL	53.47%
1.42	12	8		Richard Parker, Upland CA; Peter Kavounas, Claremont CA	53.33%
2.98		9	1	Mary Keeney – Karen Atchley, Austin TX	53.28%
2.24			2	Willis Chang, Arlington VA; Alexander Gretsinger, Fort Washington MD	49.38%
1.68			3	Cindy Williams, Salt Lake City UT; Parker Schmitt, Winnetka IL	47.89%

THURSDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1			Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY	66.84%
3.90	2			Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Peter Clay, Wellesley MA	66.23%
4.33	3	1		Barb Pratzel – Michael Pratzel, Madison WI	61.05%
2.24	4			Max Mohan Arora, Carmel IN; Rahul Kapur, Indianapolis IN	59.83%
3.25	5	2		Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL; Fred Shubert, Andover NJ	59.59%
2.44	6	3		Rana Arora, Carmel IN; Alka Kapur, Indianapolis IN	55.05%
1.83		4		Heather Harmeyer – Aaron Krieser, Foristell MO	54.73%
2.63		5	1	David Dailey, Shoreline WA; Andrew Rigazio, Seattle WA	54.34%
1.03		6		Susan Miguel – Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI	54.01%
1.97			2	Julie Ertmann, St. Louis MO; David Ganin, Gainesville FL	52.91%
1.48			3	Qian Liu, Clermont FL; Sean Chen, Poinciana FL	49.12%
1.11			4	Gerald Kilpatrick, Collierville TN; Alan Greer, Germantown TN	47.54%

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2ND FRIDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
2.10	1	1	Ulrike Schlafly – Nancy Gulick, St. Louis MO	65.28%
1.58	2		David Pliskin, Rio Rancho NM; Marguerite Swope, State College PA	62.50%
1.18	3		Susie Zimmerman, Clayton MO; Joyce Bishop, St. Louis MO	52.08%
1.34		2	Daniel Shavers – Judy Seltzer, St. Louis MO	50.69%

2ND FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

9.5 Tables				
	A	B	C	
4.33	1	1	1 Andrew Eidelhoch – Nathan Chow, San Francisco CA	62.44%
3.25	2	2	2 Asher Howarth – Paul Kubicek, Royal Oak MI	60.72%
2.44	3		Luca Crone, Dublin Ireland; Donna Lombardini, Alcester SD	59.48%
1.83	4		Stefanie Scott – Petra Hamman, Carrollton TX	58.30%
2.19	5	3	Robyn Fennell, Pittsburgh PA; June Threlkeld, Bridgeville PA	56.95%
1.17	6		Simeon Prager – Jane Ettelson, St. Louis MO	53.92%
1.65		4	Daniel Wright, Deerfield IL; Janet Dunlap, West Caldwell NJ	51.47%
1.48		5	3 Can Barut – Emma Joly, Atlanta GA	50.83%
1.22		4	Levi Katriel, Del Mar CA; Stephanie Bergman, Marietta GA	50.17%

2ND THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS – REVISED

15.5 Tables				
	A	B	C	
6.56	1	1	Linda Nagle, College Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME	66.81%
4.92	2	2	Patricia Bell – Geof Tidey, Richmond VA	59.83%
3.69	3	3	Joy Pillard, La Vista NE; Mary Bonneau, Omaha NE	59.29%
2.77	4	4	Allen Otsuka, St. Charles MO; Larry Harris, Creve Coeur MO	58.98%
2.19	5		Patrick McGehearty, Longmont CO; William Bonneau, Omaha NE	58.05%
2.49	6	5	Frank Levinson, St. Louis MO; William Dewitt, Marquette MI	57.36%
1.80	7		Dan McElroy, Burnsville MN; Cass Weil, Minneapolis MN	56.95%
1.46	8	6	Elaine Ozment – Katerina Ozment, Norman OK	53.08%
2.98		1	David Pliskin, Rio Rancho NM; Marguerite Swope, State College PA	51.49%
2.24		2	Kenneth Kwantes – Marcus Cloud, Rolla MO	51.32%
1.68		3	Lisa Ovens – Sue Chappell, Springfield MO	45.87%

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2ND FRIDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

36 Tables / Based on 99 Tables

	A	X	Y		
33.45	1			Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	107.00
25.09	2			Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Johan Upmark, Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden	86.00
18.82	3			Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland	85.00
14.11	4			Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China	78.00
10.36	5/6			William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	77.00
10.36	5/6			Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Larry Sunser, Syracuse NY	77.00
8.36	7			Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy	75.00
7.43	8			David McCreery, East Hampton NY; Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; Daniel Nussbaum, Cambridge MA; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	74.00
6.69	9			Linda Einhorn-Ihde, New York NY; Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa – Juan Castillo – Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL	67.00
10.03		1		Shawn Tate – Beckie Stasi, Lenexa KS; Chad Fisher, Overland Park KS; Allen Rew, Lees Summit MO	66.00
7.52		2	1	Debra Lamountain – David Joseph – Ken Lowenstein, Forest Hills NY; Mark Hyman, Briarwood NY	65.00
4.94		3/4	2	Jane Rusch, Jupiter FL; Glenn Sussman, Juno Beach FL; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL; Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL	63.00
4.94		3/4		Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA; Randal Burns, Washington DC; Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA	63.00

2ND FRIDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

13.26	1/2			Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA; Matthew Franklin, Emeryville CA; Alan Wood, San Diego CA; Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA	111.00
13.26	1/2			Daniel McIntyre, St. Paul MN; John Miller, Stillwater MN; Dan Knier, Waite Park MN; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN	111.00
8.52	3			Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL	96.00
6.39	4			Marion Brum De Barros – Denise Klein, Denver CO; Julie Clark, Aurora CO; Jennifer O'Neill, Greenwood Village CO	92.00

2ND FRIDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables

13.58	1			Brett Roby, Indianapolis IN; John Jordan, Fishers IN; Todd Thorsen – Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA	134.00
10.19	2			Jay Silberberg, Denver CO; Michael Shedd, Brighton CO; Mary Peters, Dayton MD; David Sloane, Glen Cove NY	102.00
7.64	3			Thomas Frank – Bruce Stroud – Suzanne Bellamy, Indianapolis IN; Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN	97.00
5.73	4			Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; John Luebkekmann, Aubrey TX; Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON	82.00

2ND FRIDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables

12.36	1	Charles Johnson – Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO; Aaron Gwin, Chesterfield MO; Elizabeth Mayer, Webster Groves MO	103.00
9.27	2	Andrew Carver – Ben Englert, Belleville IL; Vernon Carver – Mark Somma, Edwardsville IL	99.00
6.95	3	Molly Silvia – Barbara Fitz-Hugh – Cappy McIver – Di Lapeyre, New Orleans LA	95.00
5.21	4	Douglas Giloy, Rockford IL; Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Marc Ashton, Excelsior MN; Rolf Hubmayr, Minneapolis MN	92.00

2ND FRIDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

9 Tables

10.27	1	Monica Ibarra, Covington KY; James Danziger, Mason OH; Robert Nowacki – Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH	102.00
7.70	2	Mark Webb, Rome GA; Roberto Crocenzi – Jeffrey Young, St. Simons Island GA; Vernon Carrigan, Clarksville TN	100.00
5.78	3	Philip Bridges – Susan Bridges – Gordon Brown, Madison AL; Maureen Busta, New Hampton IA	95.00
4.33	4	Ralph Lipe – Lynda Lipe, Chelan WA; Shannon Kasperkiewicz, Redmond WA; Laura Miller, Mercer Island WA	83.00

2ND FRIDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

12 Tables

8.86	1	Matthew Evett – Susan Evett – Mike Andrews – Gillian Andrews, Ann Arbor MI	106.00
6.65	2	Wilhelmina Allen – Randy Steil, Port Allen LA; Paul Snow, Madison MS; Deborah Culler, Gulfport MS	95.00
4.98	3	Julie Ertmann – Ellen White, St. Louis MO; Linda Myers, Ballwin MO; Stephen Myers, Manchester MO	93.00
3.74	4	Cynthia Peters – Penny Williams – David Wells – Jan Mackey, St. Louis MO	89.00

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Vugraph will be on RealBridge, which provides reliable delayed broadcasts, as well as a wealth of information for those of you who want to see what happened at other tables, and a bunch of statistics. For St. Louis, RealBridge has provided us with a new functionality we asked for, that I think both operators and spectators will really appreciate: Operators can now chat to spectators to give you some inside information on what is happening at the table. Operator chat will appear as each board is played. You can't respond or ask the operators questions, as by the time you see something on the kibitz site, the operator will be following a future board.

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Schedule

We'll be showing Vugraph through Saturday, March 7.

We will cover the Vanderbilt from start to finish. Today and Saturday, Vugraph will start at 10 a.m. & 4p.m. All Central Time. Results from matches not on Vugraph will be shown on BridgeWinners at the end of each quarter.

Bridgecasts

Rob Barrington will again be hosting live commentary at bridgecast.org. Today, for the final, there will be full day coverage of the play, starting at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT each day.

New Life Master

Charlotte Lehmann

of St. Louis became a Life Master playing in Thursday's Bracketed Round-Robin Teams. Lehmann

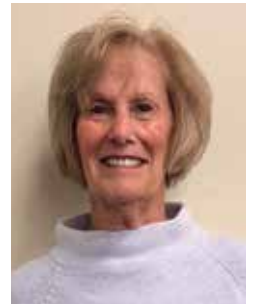


needed gold points to attain her new rank, and she has earned more than 11 gold points so far at the Spring NABC.

Lehmann was playing with Michael Biggers and teammates Ken Eiger and Susan Eiger, all of St. Louis.

Judy Putzel

of St. Louis became a Sapphire LM in Sunday's Fast Pairs contest with Patricia Shine, also of St. Louis. Putzel



needed a handful of gold points to top the 3500-masterpoint milestone.



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For the first time ever, [The Real Deal on RealBridge](#) is hosting a one-day regional Swiss Teams event!

Here's the scoop:

- Sunday, March 15 – one day only!
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- 2-session Swiss Teams
- 1:00 and 5:00 pm ET: Gold Rush - 750/400/200
- 1:15 and 5:15 pm ET: B/C - 3000/1250
- 1:30 and 5:30 pm ET: A/X - Open/5000
- Entry fee: \$120/team (2 sessions)
- 6 matches of 7 boards, 7 minutes / board
- Regional-rated (Gold Points and Red Points, Regional-rated)!

Can't make it in March? Join us in April!

The Real Deal Regional Swiss will be played each month.

Open Swiss teams begin play today



Winners of last year's Jacoby Open Swiss Teams: Leo LaSota, David Yang, captain Jiang Gu and Alex Perlin

The Jacoby Open Swiss Teams begin play today with the Jacoby Trophy honoring the winners. This is a four-session event with two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

The trophy is named for Oswald and Jim Jacoby – one of the premier father-son pairs in ACBL history, the first father-son to win a national championship together and the first father-son to be elected to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame.

The senior Jacoby (1902–1984) won his first major title – the National Team Championship of the American Whist League – in 1929 and his last major title – the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams – in 1983.

In between, he won the McKenney Trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) four times. He was the first player to win 1000 masterpoints in a single year and the first player to earn 10,000 masterpoints.

Oswald Jacoby won seven Spingolds, seven Vanderbilts, two Reisingers and more than a dozen other major titles. He was named to the



ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame in 1965.

He and son Jim are the co-authors of Jacoby transfer bids, Jacoby 2NT and other bidding ideas. Together, they won the Reisinger in 1955 – when Jim was 22 – and the Vanderbilt in 1965.

Jim Jacoby (1933–1991), elected to the Hall of Fame in 1997, won the Bermuda Bowl in 1970 and 1971, the World Mixed Teams in 1972 and the World Team Olympiad in 1988. He won more than 14 NABC titles and captured the Barry Crane Top 500 in 1988 – the same year he won the Olympiad title.

The history of the event became more complicated in 2015, when it was won by a team including a pair who were later convicted of cheating and stripped of the title. The other members of the team announced they wished to renounce the title.

Previous winners:

- 1982** Allan Stauber, Jan Janitschke, Ross Grabel, Mike Smolen
- 1983** Mike Albert, Ira Rubin, Grant Baze, Barry Crane
- 1984** Bart Bramley, Mark Cohen, Milt Rosenberg, Ralph Katz
- 1985** John Devine, Alan Sontag, John Mohan, Roger Bates
- 1986** Mark Cohen, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey
- 1987** Eddie Kantar, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, John Mohan, John Devine

- 1988** Ron Sukoneck, Doug Fraser, Kamel Fergani, Bill Pettis
- 1989** Jim Mahaffey, Ron Andersen, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
(became Open Swiss Teams)
- 1990** John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley, Gerald Michaud, Larry Richardson, Bob Hamman
- 1991** George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold, Mark Lair, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman
- 1992** Richard Schwartz, Drew Casen, Michael Seamon, Richard Pavlicek, Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein
- 1993** Tony Kasday, Michael Seamon, Steve Sion, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith
- 1994** Perry Johnson, Jeff Meckstroth, Chip Martel, Eric Rodwell
- 1995** Ralph Cohen, Billy Cohen, Peter Nagy, George Mittelman, Marty Sklar, Hugh Ross
- 1996** Jimmy Cayne, Bjorn Fallenius, Brian Glubok, Chuck Burger, Mats Nisland, Mike Passell
- 1997** Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Brian Glubok, Bart Bramley, Walter Schafer, Geir Helgemo
- 1998** Edith Rosenkranz, Ralph Cohen, Ron Smith, Bob Etter, Bob Morris
- 1999** Sam Lev, Brian Glubok, Michael Polowan, John Mohan, Barnet Shenkin
- 2000** Mike Cappelletti Jr., Gary Cohler, Mark Lair, Richard Finberg
- 2001** George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin
- 2002** Perry Johnson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway
- 2003** Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom, Christal Henner-Welland, Fred Gitelman
- 2004** Jacek Pszczola, Michal Kwiecien, Piotr Gawrys, Sam

	Lev, Michael Polowan, Chris Willenken	2016	Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Daniel Korbel, Huub Bertens	2021	Not held
2005	James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein	2017	Tim Verbeek, Danny Molenaar, Bob Drijver, Bart Nab, Dano De Falco, Patricia Cayne	2022	Laurence Lebowitz, Adam Grossack, Agustin Madala, Dennis Bilde, Michael Rosenberg, Zachary Grossack
2006	Bob Hamman, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Steve Weinstein	2018	Jacek Pszczola, Josef Blass, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Sjoret Brink, Bas Drijver	2023	Stan Tulin, Dror Padon, Alon Birman, David Bakhshi, Cornelis Van Prooijen, Louk Verhees Jr.
2007	David Maidman, Marin Marinov, Kalin Karaivanov, Ruman Trendafilov	2019	Espen Erichsen, Tony Liebowitz, Christian Bakke, Tor Eivind Grude	2024	Andy Goodman, Mike Passell, Simon De Wijs, Bauke Muller, Giacomo Percario, Giovanni Donati
2008	Perry Johnson, Chris Compton, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	2020	Not held	2025	Jiang Gu, Alex Perlin, David Yang, Leo Lasota
2009	Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell				
2010	John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Brad Moss, Fred Gitleman, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson				
2011	Greg Hinze, Dan Morse, Jacob Morgan, Michael Polowan, Steve Shirey, David Yang				
2012	Gaylor Kasle, Larry Kozlove, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Fred Stewart, Kit Woolsey				
2013	Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Jon Baldursson, Thorlakur Jonsson, Espen Lindqvist, Boye Brogeland				
2014	Sabine Auken, Josef Piekarek, Christina Madsen, Alexander Smirnov, Roy Welland				
2015	Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist				

Women's Swiss starts today



Last year's winners of the Women's Open Swiss Teams: Cathy Baldysz, Sophia Baldysz, team captain Lynne Castoldi and Ann Karin Fuglestad

The Women's Open Swiss Teams, an event that debuted on the spring calendar last year, begins today.

Between 1982 and 2017, the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams was held in the spring. It was discontinued due to lack of participation.

To help make the new event viable,

more than half the field will qualify for the second day.

2024 Susan Zhang, Sylvia Shi, Janice Seamon-Molson, Irene Baroni

2025 Lynne Castoldi, Ann Karin Fuglestad, Cathy Baldysz, Sophia Baldysz

Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations:

If you are now or have been a member of a bridge organization outside of the U.S., Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed). This is especially important if you intend to enter an event with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (Westmoreland, first floor, Marriott Plaza) to do so.



Golder NAP Flight B begins play today



Golder North American Flight B champs from last year: Charlie Chen and Andrew Chen, representing District 16

Competition begins today in the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B – a grassroots event limited to players with 0–2500 masterpoints.

The first stage is conducted at the local club level and qualifiers advance to unit competition. Those qualifiers then advance to the district finals where three pairs – more, depending upon attendance – qualify for the North American final.

Winners are honored by the Golder Cup and will also receive a certificate of recognition.

The trophy is presented in memory of Benjamin M. Golder (1894–1946) of Philadelphia, who died the day before the close of his term as 1946 ACBL president. He was named ACBL Honorary Member of the Year for 1947.

The event was not held in 2020, but those who qualified in 2019 for the 2020 event competed online in 2021.

Previous winners:

- 1992 Peter Worley, Kevin Young (D18)
- 1993 Robert Sewell, Paul Janicki (D2)
- 1994 Brendan Dempsey, Ian Crowe (D1)
- 1995 Jay Levy, William Rushmore (D5)
- 1996 Robert Johnson, David Rosenstein (D20)
- 1997 Bill Drewett, Kirk Twiss (D13)

- 1998 Adam Benesch, Brian Gilbert (D22)
- 1999 Andy Kaufman, Greg Burch (D4)
- 2000 Hal Hindman, Mark Chen (D6)
- 2001 Walter Lee, Jonathan Weinstein (D25)
- 2002 Wieslaw Kalita, Marian Krasowski (D13)
- 2003 Jordan Chodorow, Harvey Katz (D23)
- 2004 Jim Alison, Dayn Beam (D10)
- 2005 Pete Whipple, Jamie Radcliffe (D14)
- 2006 Fletcher Thompson, Bruce Todd (D6)
- 2007 Mark Golding, Rob Kitchen (D1)
- 2008 Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken (D3)
- 2009 Robert McCaw, Lewis Gamerman (D25)
- 2010 Fred Schenker, Dian Petrov (D5)
- 2011 Roger Webb, Philippe Galaski (D25)
- 2012 Joseph Rice, Bjorgvin Kristinsson (D14)
- 2013 Daniel Jackson, Bill McCarty (D16)
- 2014 Miroslav Kovacevic, Aleksandar Vujic (D2)
- 2015 Richard Jeng, Andrew Jeng (D7)
- 2016 Ryan Schultz, A.J. Stephani (D11)
- 2017 Murat Veysoglu, Kevin Lane (D23)
- 2018 Jeff Dater, Scott Nason (D16)
- 2019 Yin Yichen, Chang Liu (D25)
- 2020 Not held
- 2021 Morris Chen, John Lai (D19)
- 2022 Ryan Connors, Rick Bingham (D6)
- 2023 James Zhan, Ying Peng (D16)
- 2024 Alan Munro, Colin Schloss (D6)
- 2025 Andrew Chen, Charlie Chen (D6)



Tengyun Tony Cao and James Yi, representing District 12, won the North American Pairs, Flight C last year.

NAP–C Pairs compete for President's Cup

Players in the North American Pairs Flight C, a grassroots event limited to players who have not yet become Life Masters and have less than 500 masterpoints, will begin competition today for the President's Cup.

The trophy was presented in 1942 by Morgan Howard, ACBL president that year. The trophy previously honored the winners of the President's Pairs event, held at the Summer NABC.

The competition began last summer at the local club level and qualifiers then advanced to unit competition. Those qualifiers advanced to the district finals and three pairs from each district – more, depending upon attendance – qualified for the North American final.

The event was not held in 2020, but those who qualified for that year's contest competed online in 2021.

Previous winners:

- 1987 1-2. David Deaderick, Bill Thomas (D16)
- 1-2. Leo Austern, Bernard Pollack (D24)
- 1988 Brad Moss, Aaron Silverstein (D24)
- 1989 Jeffrey Brown, Warren King (D16)
- 1990 Moske Harel, Philip Leung (D21)

1991	Eric Greco, Philip Greco (D4)	2005	Jiang Chen, Nongyu Li (D21)	2019	Sheila Cesarano, Terry Jonas (D9)
1992	Gail Joelson, Alan Kasner (D5)	2006	Stanislaw Kolesnik, Vladimir Reznik (D13)	2020	Not held
1993	Everett Boyer, Mark Micheli (D21)	2007	Jon King, Dayou Zhou (D22)	2021	Arvind Sharma, Lynnise Sharma (D16)
1994	Weizhong Bao, Jingdong Guo (D4)	2008	Dmitri Bourlikov, Abraham Pallas (D9)	2022	Danning Lu, Andrew Rowberg (D22)
1995	Edward Lee, Brett Roby (D21)	2009	Michael Bodell, Elenalani Lam (D21)	2023	Bill Shane, Hongsa Situ (D22)
1996	Ruoyu Fan, Yue Zuo (D13)	2010	Vladimir Oudalov, Stanley Weiss (D3)	2024	Yuchen Xu, Music Li (D24)
1997	Michael Corker, Thomas Franklin (D21)	2011	Rajeev Bansal, Michael Hughes (D15)	2025	Tengyun Tony Cao, James Yi (D12)
1998	Tien-Chun Yang, Fang Wu (D21)	2012	Chase Bonnette, Jeffrey Tsang (D5)		
1999	James Gunn, Harry Shaffer (D15)	2013	Julie Arbit, Jordan Kaye (D12)		
2000	Meredith Beck, John Johnson (D16)	2014	Donald Richards, Sharlene Tyler (D9)		
2001	Hailong Ao, Jian-Jian Wang (D6)	2015	Blake Schwartzbach, Adam Gann (D6)		
2002	Jacek Leznicki, Jerry Owczarek (D3)	2016	Benjamin Kompa, Robert Thorstad (D7)		
2003	John Christensen, Robert Wissman (D6)	2017	Yangping Zhang, Henry Zhang (D12)		
2004	Ryan Connors, Daniel Wilderman (D6)	2018	Henry Zhang, Yanping Zhang (D12)		

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Meet Me in St. Louis – Vanderbilt Quarterfinal Round

By Mark Horton, UK | Watch at kibitz.realbridge.online

All four quarterfinals were being broadcast, so for the first session I resolved to look out for special deals in every match.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Helle</i>
		1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4♦ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(1) 13-16

(2) Spades

(3) Ask

(4) Two spades

(5) 5+♠, 5+♦, slam interest

Even the great Al Hollander was uncertain about the meaning of 6♣, but 6♦ was the best slam available.

South led the ♣7. Declarer took dummy's ♣A, played a spade to the ace, cashed the ♥A K pitching clubs and took the diamond finesse, collecting North's ♦J.

With unlimited entries, the best line in the diamond suit is to play low to the 8 then repeat the finesse assuming it loses to the jack or 10. Here declarer, had to play a diamond to the queen, cash the ♠K, ruff a spade and play a diamond. When South put in the ♦10, declarer won and claimed, +920.

Not a bad way to start a match.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hans</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥4. Declarer took dummy's ♥A, played a diamond to the queen and a low diamond, South winning with the ♦10 as North discarded the ♥5. Declarer ducked the return of the ♥Q, pitching the ♠5, and South's switch to the ♣3 was ducked to North's ♣K. That was the last trick for the defenders, +430 but 10 IMPs to HANS.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Helle</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Hearts and a minor

South led the ♥K, and declarer ruffed and played the ♣K, North taking the ♣A and returning the ♥10. Declarer ruffed and played the ♦3, North winning with the ♦J and continuing with the ♥9. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A K and played a diamond. When South followed with the ♦6, dummy's ♦9 scored and the ♣Q gave declarer his 10th trick, +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	3♥	4♠	5♦
Pass	5♥	5♠	Dbl

All Pass

(1) Strong, artificial

(2) Clubs

North led the ♦J to the king and ace, and South cashed the ♦Q and continued with the ♦5, North overruffing dummy with the ♠Q and cashing the ♣A for two down, -300 and another 13 IMPs to HANS.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

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

(1) Spades

(2) 5♠ + 4♦, invitational

(3) Game forcing with diamonds

South led the ♣10 and declarer won, drew trumps and claimed, +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
	Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) (13)14–17 HCP, can be offshape

(2) Spades

(3) Diamonds

South led the ♣9, +510 but 10 IMPs to RUBENSTEIN.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Helle</i>
Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1NT ⁽²⁾
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl

All Pass

(1) 2+♦, 11–15 HCP

(2) 13+, any

Were North to lead a minor suit or the ♠5, then five down would be a possibility, but he went with the ♥3 and South won with the ♥Q and switched to the ♦K. Declarer ruffed and played a heart and was in control to the extent that he could not be prevented from securing five tricks, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hans</i>
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥5, and declarer won and played the ♠K, soon claiming, +990 and 10 IMPs for HANS, leading 33–1.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Multon</i>
1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Rdbl ⁽²⁾	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) 2+♦, 10–15 HCP

(2) Transfer

North led the ♠Q, and declarer won with the ♠A and played the ♥K, North winning and switching to the ♣3. That left declarer needing something good to happen in hearts, one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Rdbl	1♠
1NT	2♠	3NT	All Pass

(1) Polish Club: 0+♣; 11-14 balanced or 4=4=1=4; 15+, 5(4)+♣; 18+ any

E/W play a lot of transfers after a double.

The early part of the play was identical, but here after North's club switch at trick three, declarer cashed five diamonds and exited with a club, North had pitched the ♣K, so South won with the ♣Q and fatally returned a spade. North, down to ♠Q 10 ♥J 9 could take two tricks, but then had to lead into the split tenace in hearts. Losing 400 meant 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Helle</i>
		1♠	2♥
Dbl	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♥

All Pass

(1) Splinter

When West led the ♦2, declarer ruffed in dummy and played the ♥8. He could draw trumps and give up a club for 12 tricks, +1430.

Only a club lead and a spade switch will defeat 6♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hans</i>
		1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣3 and East won and returned the ♠J, +650 and 13 IMPs to HELLE.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Versace</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Majors

West led the ♠3, and East won with the ♠K and returned the ♠7, West pitching the ♣2. Declarer had four trump tricks but that was all, four down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♠ ⁽³⁾	Dbl	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
5♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(1) Majors

(2) Diamonds

(3) Splinter

(4) Controls

North led the ♠A and continued with the ♠Q, declarer winning with dummy's ♠K, cashing the ♦A and playing a diamond to the jack for an unlucky one down, -50 and 13 IMPs to SHOURIE.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Multon</i>
		1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass
2♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	3♥ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
4♠ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) 16+ HCP

(2) 0–7 HCP

(3) Kokish, strong in hearts or 24+ balanced

(4) Forced

(5) Hearts

(6) RKCB(?)

South led the ♠3 and declarer ruffed North's ♠A, cashed the ♣A K and played the ♦K, North taking the ♦A and returning the ♦7. Declarer put up the ♦Q, ruffed a club with the ♥10, pitched a diamond on the ♠Q and drew trumps, +1210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
		1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
5♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♥	All Pass

(1) Polish Club

(2) RKCB

(3) Zero key cards

South led the ♥2 and declarer won with the ♥A, played a heart to the 10, North discarding the ♦4, then played three rounds of clubs, ruffing. He ruffed a spade, drew trumps and claimed, +450 but 13 IMPs to RUBENSTEIN.

Despite the two slam swings, ZIMMERMANN led 33–28.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Helle</i>
			1♦ ⁽¹⁾
1♥	Dbl	2♣	Pass
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) 2+♦, 11–15 HCP			

East led the ♥4, and declarer took West's ♥J with the ♥Q and played the ♦J. When East failed to cover, it was all over, declarer collecting 11 tricks, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hans</i>
			1NT
Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

According to the card I can see, 2NT showed diamonds; perhaps they have changed it to Puppet Stayman.

West led the ♥3, and when dummy's ♥K held, declarer played the ♦J covered in turn by the ♦Q, ♦K and ♦A. Back came the ♥5, and when declarer put up dummy's ♥Q, he was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs to HELLE.

Over the last six deals, HELLE had scored 38 IMPs to leave the match tied at 40–40.

Session 2

After the first session of the quarterfinals, only Overdeck held a decent lead.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>deWijs</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	2♠	Dbl	All Pass

East led the ♣J. Declarer won with dummy's ♣A, pitched a diamond on the ♣K, ruffed a club and played the ♦9 to the 3, queen and king. When West returned the ♦J (a heart is best) before switching to a heart, declarer could win with dummy's ♥A, ruff a diamond and exit with the ♠6.

East had to win and declarer could ruff his club exit and score one more trump trick for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helle</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠6, and having won performe with dummy's ♠A, declarer played the ♣J, and when it held, he continued with a diamond to the jack before playing a second club to dummy's ♣10. South also ducked that, so declarer exited with the ♥J, North winning with the ♥Q and returning the ♦9. Declarer won with the ♦K, cashed the ♠K and played a heart, establishing a ninth trick, +600 and 11 IMPs for HELLE.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>deWijs</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Muller</i>
3♠	4♠	3♣	3♦
Pass	7♦	Pass	6♠ ⁽¹⁾
		All Pass	

(1) First-round control

West led the ♦3. Declarer won with dummy's ♦K, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, drew trumps, crossed to the ♣A and cashed the ♥A, collecting West's ♥K, +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helle</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Hans</i>
3♠	Dbl	4♠	5♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Hoping his partner held the ♠A, West led the ♠J but declarer won, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart and ruffed a spade. He unblocked the ♦K, ruffed a heart and drew trumps, taking 12 tricks, +1540 but 12 IMPs to HELLE, who took the session 60–5 to open up a commanding lead.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♥ ⁽²⁾	Dbl ⁽³⁾	3♠
4♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	4♦ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
5NT ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(1) Hearts

(2) Spade support

(3) Heart support

(4) Control

(5) Last Train

(6) Pick a slam

West must have assumed that 4♦ promised a control.

South led the ♠4 and declarer won, ruffed a spade, drew trumps and played on clubs. When the suit failed to break, he had to concede one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Moss</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass
All Pass			

North led the ♠Q and +450 meant 11 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, who won the session 25–16 to lead 58–44.

Board 16. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Martel</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

(1) Transfer

East led the ♥2, and declarer won with his ♥A, drew trumps and advanced the ♠Q. With the ♠K onside and the ♠10 falling, that meant all the tricks, +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Shourie</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

East led the ♦8. Declarer won with the ♦J, played a club to the king and the ♠Q to the king and ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by a spade to the 9, and East won and switched to the ♥3, breaking up the impending squeeze, +460 and 10 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Martel</i>
		1♣	1♠
Dbl	All Pass		

West led the ♠6. East took the ♠A and switched to the ♦2, West cashing the ♦A, ♦J and ♦Q before switching to the ♣4. East won with the ♣7 and returned the ♠Q, declarer winning, cashing the ♠10 and playing the ♥A. With two spade tricks to come he was two down, -500.

Leading trumps is the traditional way of defending against a doubled low-level partscore, but here it works better to start with three rounds of diamonds, East pitching hearts. Then a low club switch and a heart return will result in three down.

There is another way to collect 800, with West starting with two clubs, East winning and switching to a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Shourie</i>
		1♣	1♠
2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass	5♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

(1) Diamonds

(2) RKCB for clubs

(3) Two key cards

South led the ♦5, and declarer won, drew trumps, cashed the ♣A and played a club to the king. When South discarded the ♠2 on the next club, declarer had to go one down, -50 and 11 IMPs to SHOURIE.

With SHOURIE leading the session 34-16 and the match by 18 IMPs, along came this deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Martel</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

It looks like 4♣ promised the minors, perhaps suggesting better distribution than a 2NT overcall.

West led the ♠Q. Declarer took dummy's ♠A and returned the ♠10. West won and switched to the ♥A, but it was too late. Declarer ruffed, pitched a diamond on the ♠J and played two rounds of diamonds. He ruffed the heart return, ruffed a diamond with dummy's ♣Q and drew trumps,+600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Shourie</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West led the ♠Q and declarer took dummy's ♠A and returned the ♠10, easily securing 10 tricks, but +130 meant 10 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Martel</i>
1♦	1NT	Dbl	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

North led the ♠K to dummy's ace, and declarer played a heart to the ace and the ♣Q, covered by the king and ace. The ♣J and a club ruff were followed by a spade ruff and a club, ruffed by the ♦7 and overruffed by North, who exited with the ♠Q. Declarer ruffed in dummy and ducked a heart to North's ♥7. When he continued with the ♥K, South ruffed and played the ♠J, declarer overruffing North's ♦6 with the ♦8 to escape for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Shourie</i>
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Rdbl ⁽²⁾	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl ⁽³⁾	2♦
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) 10–13 HCP

(2) Strong

(3) Penalty

West led the ♣Q to the king and ace, and East cashed the ♠A before playing the ♣J followed by the ♣6. West ruffed and returned the ♠10, East ruffing and playing the ♥5. West took the ♥A and continued with the ♠5, East ruffing to take the score to 7–0. Declarer won the heart exit with dummy's ♥K and played a heart, ruffing with the ♦10 (ruffing with the ♦2 saves a trick, declarer continuing with the ♦Q) and playing a diamond to the jack. He could ruff a heart, but East could overruff the spade that followed, -800 and 13 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Martel</i>
4♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
	All Pass		

South led the ♣7 and three rounds of the suit meant a rapid one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Shourie</i>
2NT	1♦	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
	All Pass		

North led the ♣A and switched to the ♦3, but it was too late. Having won with dummy's ♦K, declarer played a spade to the queen, overtook the ♠J with dummy's ♠K and continued with the ♠10. South won and played a diamond, but declarer won and played a club, claiming 10 tricks, +630 and 12 IMPs to FLEISHER who had ran off 43 IMPs on the last five deals of the session to lead 84–59.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

OVERDECK vs. ROSENTHAL

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

South led the ♦6, and declarer lost a club trick, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Overdeck</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Gerli</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
			2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	2♥ ⁽²⁾	6♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

(1) Weak 2M or 24+ balanced, game forcing

(2) Pass or correct

North led the ♥5, and declarer took all the tricks for +1470 and an IMP to OVERDECK.

You would like to be in 7NT which has numerous chances. The best line is to cash three spades discarding clubs (the moment South discards you are in good shape) then test the diamonds. If they don't break, you cash your hearts. If North started with four diamonds and the ♣Q, he is clearly toast, but even if South has the ♣Q, the last heart will force North down to one club and you will know to finesse. If South has four diamonds, the last heart will force North down to two clubs and South, holding three clubs and the master diamond will be forced to part with a club – a simultaneous double squeeze.

Session 3

In the third session, HANS outscored HELLE 21–17, but trailed 66–110.

Board 9. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubenstein</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Clubs or balanced invitational

(2) No club fit

East led the ♦5, and with the ♣K onside, that was +520.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

In the finest traditions of the Scottish play, South “Stood not upon the order of his going, but went at once.”

East led the ♠6, and declarer won with the ♠J, played a club to the queen and ran the ♦10, +990 and 10 IMPs to RUBENSTEIN.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubenstein</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽³⁾
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	Dbl	Rdbl

All Pass

(1) Polish Club

(2) Game-forcing relay

(3) Five spades

West led the ♠6. East won with the ♠K and switched to the ♥K, declarer taking dummy's ♥A (West following with the ♥J) and playing the ♠5. East took the ♠A and continued with the ♥7. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the queen, cashed the ♣K, overtook the ♣Q and drew the outstanding trump, +1480.

Closed Room

West <i>Nowak</i>	North <i>Grossack</i>	East <i>Nowosadzki</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	2NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Hearts and a minor

West led the ♥J and East played the ♥Q under dummy's ♥A. The ♠5 saw East take the ♠A and return the ♥7, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond to the king. East ruffed, but declarer was in control, claiming +790 but losing 12 IMPs.

ZIMMERMANN had lost the session 40–30, but led 91–84.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West <i>Demuy</i>	North <i>Fleisher</i>	East <i>Kranyak</i>	South <i>Martel</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) No five-card major

(3) Four spades

North led the ♣7. When dummy's ♣9 held, declarer played a spade to the queen, North taking the ♠A and switching to the ♥4. Declarer won with the ♥Q and played a spade to the jack and king, North winning the next spade and switching to the ♦6. South won with the ♦K and returned the ♦10, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West <i>Lorenzini</i>	North <i>Hurd</i>	East <i>Bessis</i>	South <i>Bathurst</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♦6, and South won with the ♦K and returned the ♦10 to the queen and ace. Declarer won the club switch with the ♣K and played the ♦9, North winning and exiting with the ♣7. Declarer won with the ♣Q, cashed the ♦8 and played a spade to the jack and king. When he cashed dummy's remaining clubs, North, down to ♠A 10 ♥K J, tried discarding the ♠A to avoid the impending endplay, +600 and 12 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West <i>Demuy</i>	North <i>Fleisher</i>	East <i>Kranyak</i>	South <i>Martel</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♠J, holding declarer to 11 tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West <i>Lorenzini</i>	North <i>Hurd</i>	East <i>Bessis</i>	South <i>Bathurst</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(1) Asking for a five-card major

North led the ♣9. Declarer won with dummy's ♣A, drew trumps and ran the ♦Q to South's ♦K. He won the diamond return and eventually took the club finesse for +980 and 11 IMPs to FLEISHER who took the session 51–16 to lead 135–75.

Session 4

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

HELLE vs. HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	3♠	Pass	4♠
4NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	5NT ⁽³⁾	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

(1) Two places to play

(2) Hearts and clubs

(3) Pick a slam

That's my interpretation of the bidding. Both players had options, but they knew they had to push for points.

North led the ♠A and declarer had to lose a club to go one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Dbl	Pass	5♠
Dbl	All Pass		

East led the ♣10, and although declarer could ruff away West's ♣A, he could not avoid going four down, -800 and 13 IMPs to HELLE.

HELLE, who went on to win 153–84.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass	5NT ⁽³⁾	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

(1) Hearts

(2) RKCB for diamonds

(3) Pick a slam

North led the ♠7. Declarer won with dummy's ♠J, cashed the ♦A, came to hand with a heart cashed the ♥K Q and played a diamond, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Moss</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
4♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT ⁽³⁾	Pass
5♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	5♦ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♥	All Pass

(1) Hearts

(2) Fit

(3) RKCB

(4) Four key cards

(5) ♥Q?

Give that East knew that all the key cards were present, what was possibly vital was a third-round diamond control in West's hand. Whether bidding 6♦ over 5♠ would have solved that problem, I leave you to judge.

7♥ need a miracle in one of the minors which was not forthcoming, declarer finishing two down, -200 and 17 IMPs to RUBENSTEIN, only a single IMP behind.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Rdbl	All Pass

South led the ♦4, and North ruffed and returned the ♠7. Declarer won with dummy's ♠J, pitched the ♦Q on the ♣A and was two down, -600.

When Klukowski–Kalita bid and made 4♠ in the Closed Room, that was +420 and 14 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

ZIMMERMANN vs. RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
4♠	1♥	1♠	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
(1) Transfer	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

East started with his top spades, and declarer ruffed and played on diamonds, East winning the third round and exiting with the ♣Q, which sped up the play, +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Moss</i>
4♠	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦

All Pass

(1) 16+ HCP

(2) RKCB

(3) One key card

West led the ♠Q and declarer had to lose two tricks, eventually squeezing West for one down, -50 and 12 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN who won 136–103, having outscored the opponents 34–2 over the last nine deals of the match.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
4NT	4♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

South led the ♥A and continued with the ♥5, declarer ruffing, ruffing a spade and running the ♦J. South won and exited with the ♦2 and declarer won, cashed the ♣K and played a club to the jack. When North discarded the ♠4, declarer was a trick short, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
4NT	4♥	Dbl	Pass
All Pass	Pass	5♦	Dbl

South started with two rounds of hearts, declarer ruffing, playing a diamond to dummy's 7, a club to the king, and a club to the jack. He cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, cashed the ♠A and claimed, +750 and 13 IMPs to FLEISHER who lost the session 31-33 but won comfortably, 165-108.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

OVERDECK vs. ROSENTHAL

Open Room

West <i>Brogeland</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Bakke</i>	South <i>Gandoglia</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣

All Pass

(1) 4+♣, 4+♦

East led the ♥K and continued with the ♥6. With the ♦K onside, that was +620.

Closed Room

West <i>Manno</i>	North <i>Schaltz</i>	East <i>Palma</i>	South <i>Willenken</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

That was +1370 and 13 IMPs to ROSENTHAL.

Despite recording only one double-digit swing throughout the match, OVERDECK won comfortably, 121-70.



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			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
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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

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