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# Monte Carlo Rally



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The Monte Carlo Rally is a famous auto race finishing in Monaco each January for more than 100 years. On Thursday in Lille, Team Monaco in the Open series used a different kind of rally to avoid what would have been a stunning upset. Trailing Canada by 18 IMPs, Monaco won set six 58-0 to advance to the round of eight against the Netherlands, reigning Bermuda Bowl champions.

The Dutch were not taxed in defeating France as they scored 71 IMPs in each of the fourth and fifth sets to win 221-161.

The Monaco-Canada match was one of several featuring late rallies, not all of which were successful. One that was occurred in the Women's series, where Indonesia came from 49 IMPs behind in the last set to win 197-187.

In another Women's match, Poland withstood a 60-7 final-set rally by USA to win by 4 IMPs.

In the Seniors, Poland edged England 117-108 by winning the last set 30-4.

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## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### Round of 16

| Tbl |             | c/o | Boards<br>1 - 16 | Boards<br>17 - 32 | Boards<br>33 - 48 | Boards<br>49 - 64 | Boards<br>65 - 80 | Boards<br>81 - 96 | Total |
|-----|-------------|-----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1   | Ireland     | 0   | 33               | 18                | 30                | 40                | 62                | 31                | 214   |
|     | Germany     | 0   | 27               | 27                | 63                | 38                | 22                | 23                | 200   |
| 2   | Norway      | 0   | 3                | 15                | 34                | 51                | 36                | 11                | 150   |
|     | Russia      | 0   | 36               | 31                | 14                | 24                | 73                | 47                | 231   |
| 3   | Poland      | 0   | 23               | 36                | 71                | 48                | 47                | 0                 | 225   |
|     | Denmark     | 0   | 9                | 26                | 25                | 0                 | 51                | 0                 | 111   |
| 4   | Turkey      | 0   | 23               | 5                 | 20                | 66                | 49                | 25                | 188   |
|     | Italy       | 0   | 29               | 48                | 73                | 25                | 23                | 25                | 223   |
| 5   | USA         | 0   | 36               | 23                | 12                | 22                | 45                | 14                | 152   |
|     | India       | 0   | 13               | 12                | 18                | 10                | 28                | 19                | 100   |
| 6   | Israel      | 0   | 30               | 18                | 12                | 26                | 47                | 18                | 151   |
|     | Sweden      | 0   | 7                | 28                | 62                | 54                | 37                | 42                | 230   |
| 7   | France      | 0   | 25               | 45                | 27                | 5                 | 24                | 35                | 161   |
|     | Netherlands | 0   | 13               | 11                | 34                | 71                | 71                | 24                | 221   |
| 8   | Monaco      | 0   | 28               | 29                | 21                | 41                | 35                | 58                | 212   |
|     | Canada      | 0   | 12               | 57                | 37                | 9                 | 57                | 0                 | 172   |



## WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

### Round of 16

| Tbl |             | c/o | Boards<br>1 - 16 | Boards<br>17 - 32 | Boards<br>33 - 48 | Boards<br>49 - 64 | Boards<br>65 - 80 | Boards<br>81 - 96 | Total |
|-----|-------------|-----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 11  | Denmark     | 0   | 22               | 25                | 33                | 9                 | 28                | 17                | 134   |
|     | Russia      | 0   | 36               | 40                | 13                | 37                | 57                | 36                | 219   |
| 12  | Turkey      | 0   | 11               | 56                | 49                | 23                | 43                | 5                 | 187   |
|     | Indonesia   | 0   | 15               | 28                | 22                | 38                | 30                | 64                | 197   |
| 13  | Austria     | 0   | 21               | 61                | 39                | 14                | 24                | 52                | 211   |
|     | Brazil      | 0   | 26               | 14                | 57                | 53                | 48                | 17                | 215   |
| 14  | Poland      | 0   | 19               | 40                | 35                | 39                | 49                | 7                 | 189   |
|     | USA         | 0   | 15               | 23                | 24                | 25                | 34                | 60                | 181   |
| 15  | Australia   | 0   | 14               | 9                 | 46                | 18                | 47                | 19                | 153   |
|     | Sweden      | 0   | 50               | 42                | 11                | 49                | 19                | 41                | 212   |
| 16  | England     | 0   | 21               | 16                | 41                | 62                | 53                | 31                | 224   |
|     | China       | 0   | 20               | 34                | 34                | 36                | 60                | 4                 | 188   |
| 17  | Italy       | 0   | 1                | 11                | 38                | 31                | 29                | 19                | 129   |
|     | Netherlands | 0   | 37               | 13                | 13                | 33                | 55                | 33                | 184   |
| 18  | France      | 0   | 26               | 36                | 20                | 49                | 42                | 29                | 202   |
|     | Scotland    | 0   | 23               | 7                 | 30                | 17                | 74                | 15                | 166   |

# SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

## Round of 16

| Tbl |             | c/o | Boards<br>1 - 16 | Boards<br>17 - 32 | Boards<br>33 - 48 | Boards<br>49 - 64 | Total |
|-----|-------------|-----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 21  | France      | 0   | 39               | 51                | 47                | 42                | 179   |
|     | Netherlands | 0   | 29               | 15                | 38                | 1                 | 83    |
| 22  | Italy       | 0   | 32               | 33                | 58                | 24                | 147   |
|     | Israel      | 0   | 29               | 17                | 29                | 36                | 111   |
| 23  | Canada      | 0   | 22               | 45                | 23                | 29                | 119   |
|     | Denmark     | 0   | 46               | 29                | 29                | 30                | 134   |
| 24  | USA         | 0   | 16               | 35                | 52                | 19                | 122   |
|     | Germany     | 0   | 39               | 37                | 25                | 19                | 115   |
| 25  | Singapore   | 0   | 23               | 29                | 7                 | 1                 | 60    |
|     | Hungary     | 0   | 78               | 25                | 97                | 37                | 237   |
| 26  | England     | 0   | 52               | 6                 | 46                | 4                 | 108   |
|     | Poland      | 0   | 10               | 49                | 28                | 30                | 117   |
| 27  | Indonesia   | 0   | 55               | 34                | 70                | 0                 | 159   |
|     | Japan       | 0   | 19               | 23                | 35                | 0                 | 77    |
| 28  | Sweden      | 0   | 49               | 34                | 49                | 46                | 178   |
|     | Australia   | 0   | 1                | 51                | 45                | 8                 | 105   |

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Quarter-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

**OPEN**

| Tbl | Home Team | Visiting Team |
|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 1   | Russia    | Ireland       |
| 2   | Poland    | Italy         |
| 3   | USA       | Sweden        |
| 4   | Monaco    | Netherlands   |

### Quarter-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

**WOMEN**

| Tbl | Home Team   | Visiting Team |
|-----|-------------|---------------|
| 11  | Russia      | Indonesia     |
| 12  | Brazil      | Poland        |
| 13  | Sweden      | England       |
| 14  | Netherlands | France        |

### Quarter-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

**SENIORS**

| Tbl | Home Team | Visiting Team |
|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 21  | Italy     | France        |
| 22  | USA       | Denmark       |
| 23  | Poland    | Hungary       |
| 24  | Indonesia | Sweden        |

**Transnational Mixed Teams**  
(10.00, 11.50, 14.20, 16.10 and 18.00)

## VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

### Morning matches (10.30)

|         |                      |                                   |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| VG      | Poland – Italy       | Open Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)    |
| BBO 2   | Italy – France       | Senior Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)  |
| BBO 3   | Monaco – Netherlands | Open Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)    |
| BBO 4   | Sweden – England     | Women's Teams<br>(Quarter-finals) |
| BBO 5   | USA – Sweden         | Open Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)    |
| Ourgame | Russia – Indonesia   | Women's Teams<br>(Quarter-finals) |
| CRS 7   | Netherlands – France | Women's Teams<br>(Quarter-finals) |
| CRS 8   | Brazil – Poland      | Women's Teams<br>(Quarter-finals) |
| CRS 9   | Indonesia – Sweden   | Senior Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)  |
| CRS 10  | Poland – Hungary     | Senior Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)  |
| CRS 11  | Russia – Ireland     | Open Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)    |
| CRS 12  | USA – Denmark        | Senior Teams<br>(Quarter-finals)  |

### Afternoon matches (14.00 and 17.00)

To be decided

**OPEN** **Germany v Ireland** **KO-16 SET 3**

**The Luck of the Draw**

by Mark Horton

(This article is dedicated to Mary Kelly Rogers)

When you select a match to watch your fate is in the lap of the gods. You may get one with a series of dull boards and few swings, or you may get the opposite with wild deals and IMPs flying in all directions. What you are hoping for is top class play by both teams - but for some reason that is usually about as rare as a hen's tooth. However, the third session of the match between Germany and Ireland featured some outstanding play by both sides on a terrific set of deals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

| West       | North    | East   | South    |
|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Fitzgibbon | Fritsche | Mesbur | Rohowski |
|            | Pass     | 1♦*    | 1♥       |
| Db1*       | Pass     | INT    | Db1      |
| 3NT        | All Pass |        |          |

1♦ Bal 17-20 jp with 2+♦ (about 11-13)  
11-16 4441 or 5+♦ unbalanced or  
4+♦/5♣ or 5♦/4♣



Tom Hanlon, Ireland

South led the six of hearts and declarer won with dummy's king and played the nine of diamonds. When North covered with the queen declarer took the ace and played a spade to the king. When that held he played a spade to the ten and South won with the ace and returned a spade to declarer's queen. A heart saw South go up with the ace and exit with a heart. Declarer won performe in dummy, played a diamond to the ten, cashed the king of diamonds and exited with a heart to endplay South, +400.

That was very well played and perhaps South was left to regret his revealing double.

**Closed Room**

| West     | North  | East       | South  |
|----------|--------|------------|--------|
| Rehder   | Hanlon | Gromoeller | McGann |
|          | Pass   | Pass       | 1♥     |
| Pass     | 1♠     | Pass       | 2♠     |
| All Pass |        |            |        |

To defeat 2♠ East has to lead the four of spades but of course he started with the ace of diamonds. He switched to spades and West took the king and returned the suit to the ten and ace. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and ran the jack of diamonds pitching a club. He ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart and according to the play record finished with +110. I suspect declarer actually played a club to the jack and ace, won the club return and played the jack of hearts and a heart for +140 and 11 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

| West       | North    | East   | South    |
|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Fitzgibbon | Fritsche | Mesbur | Rohowski |
|            |          | 1♣*    | 4♥       |
| 4♠         | All Pass |        |          |

1♣ 17+ unbalanced, 25+ jp balanced

North led the ace of diamonds and continued with the three. South won with the king and switched to the king of hearts. North decided to ruff this and he exited with a diamond (a club is best - the ten locks declarer in hand). Declarer discarded a club from dummy, ruffed in hand and played a spade. Had he put in the ten he would have been able to get home, but he went up with the ace and the hand was over, -100.

**Closed Room**

|                            |                        |                           |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>Rehder      | <b>North</b><br>Hanlon | <b>East</b><br>Gromoeller | <b>South</b><br>McGann |
| 4♠                         | All Pass               | 2♣*                       | 4♥                     |
| 2♣ 5♣ with 4M or 6+♣ 10-16 |                        |                           |                        |

North was not as inspired as his counterpart in the other room and when he led a club declarer put up the king, cashed the ace of spades, came to hand with a spade and played a club to the ten and jack. A diamond went on the ace of clubs and another one on the next club. North could ruff, but there was only one more trick heading the defenders' way, +650 and 13 IMPs to Germany.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ A K 4     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♠ 9          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ K Q 8 2   |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♥ A J 10 5 3 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ K 3       |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♦ 8 6 2      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ 10 8 3 2  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♣ A J 7 6    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♠ Q 7 6 5 3 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ 9 7 4     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ J 10 5 4  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ K         |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
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|             | N                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W           |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | E            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             | S                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♠ J 10 8 2   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♥ 6          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♦ A Q 9 7    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♣ Q 9 5 4    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

**Open Room**

|                           |                          |                       |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>Fitzgibbon | <b>North</b><br>Fritsche | <b>East</b><br>Mesbur | <b>South</b><br>Rohowski |
| Pass                      | INT                      | 2♥*                   | Pass                     |
| Pass                      | 2NT                      | Pass                  | 3♥*                      |
| Pass                      | 3NT                      | All Pass              |                          |

2♥ Hearts and a minor

East led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the queen and played a club to the nine and king. West returned the nine of hearts, covered by the king and ace (declarer discarded a club from dummy) and East cashed the ten and exited with a heart. Declarer won, cashed three diamonds and two spades. When the queen did not appear he exited with a spade and West had to surrender a trick - but only after cashing the jack of diamonds, +100.

**Closed Room**

|                       |                        |                           |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br>Rehder | <b>North</b><br>Hanlon | <b>East</b><br>Gromoeller | <b>South</b><br>McGann |
| Pass                  | INT                    | Pass                      | Pass                   |
| Pass                  | 2♥                     | Pass                      | 2NT                    |
| Pass                  | 3NT                    | Dbf                       | All Pass               |

East's double (shades of Jeremy Flint and Freddie North's *Tiger Bridge*) was sound - but his opening lead was the nine of spades. That saw declarer win with dummy's jack, play a diamond to the king and a club to the queen (at DD a low club is the winner). West won and switched to the nine of hearts, covered by the queen and ace and East elected to return the three of hearts. That was all the help declarer needed. He won with the eight and played a club. East put up the ace and played the jack of hearts, but declarer could win, cash the top spades, play a diamond to the queen and exit with a spade to force a return into the ♦A9. +750 and 13 IMPs to Ireland.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 10 8 7 3  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♠ 6          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ K 10 9    |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♥ A Q J 8 3  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ J 6 3     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♦ 9 4        |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ K 8 7     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♣ J 10 9 3 2 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♠ K Q J 5 2 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ 7 2       |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ 10 7 5    |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ Q 6 5     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
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|             | N                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W           |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | E            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             | S                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♠ A 9 4      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♥ 6 5 4      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♦ A K Q 8 2  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ♣ A 4        |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |



Joerg Fritsche, Germany

**Open Room**

| West       | North    | East   | South    |
|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Fitzgibbon | Fritsche | Mesbur | Rohowski |
| 2♠         | Pass     | Pass   | DbI      |
| Pass       | 2NT*     | Pass   | 3NT      |
| All Pass   |          |        |          |

East led the jack of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played on diamonds. On the third round East fatally parted with a club. Now declarer could cash two more diamonds and the ace of spades and play a club. If West plays low, so does declarer. East wins and can only play a club but now declarer wins and exits with a heart to endplay East. West chose to put up the queen and now declarer won and exited with a club for yet another endplay and +600.

**Closed Room**

| West   | North  | East       | South  |
|--------|--------|------------|--------|
| Rehder | Hanlon | Gromoeller | McGann |
| Pass   | Pass   | 2♦*        | DbI    |
| 2♥*    | Pass   | Pass       | DbI    |
| Pass   | 3♥*    | Pass       | 4♦     |
| Pass   | 5♦     | All Pass   |        |

2♦ Weak ♥ or any GF or 23/24 or 27/28 balanced

5♦ was hopeless. The defenders started with three rounds of hearts, West ruffing and still had two spades to come, -300 and 14 IMPs for Germany.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

| West       | North    | East   | South    |
|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Fitzgibbon | Fritsche | Mesbur | Rohowski |
| 3NT        | Pass     | 1♦*    | 2♥       |
| 4♥         | Pass     | 4♦     | Pass     |
| 5♥         | Pass     | 4NT    | Pass     |
|            |          | 6♦     | All Pass |

South led the ten of hearts and when declarer played low the contract was soon two down, North getting a ruff when South came in with the ace of diamonds, -100. The

only clue was the absence of a double of 4♥. If declarer (as any self respecting Double Dummy Rabbi would have done) puts up the ace of hearts it should not be too difficult to continue his double dummy line. Rather than playing on trumps and suffering a ruff, he needs to pitch his heart on dummy's clubs by playing North for the queen of clubs - and South's singleton ace of diamonds is the icing on the cake.

**Closed Room**

| West   | North    | East       | South  |
|--------|----------|------------|--------|
| Rehder | Hanlon   | Gromoeller | McGann |
| 2♣     | Pass     | 1♦         | Pass   |
| 3♠*    | DbI      | 3♦         | Pass   |
| 4♦     | Pass     | 3NT        | Pass   |
| 6♦     | All Pass | 5♣         | Pass   |

It looks as if 3♠ promised a heart stopper whilst denying one in spades. Whatever, it proved to be a winner as South led a spade and declarer won and played the king of diamonds. South won and switched to the nine of hearts. When the king fell under the ace declarer claimed and +920 gave Germany a second 14 IMP swing.

The remaining boards were flat, but England's Gunnar Hallberg made an interesting observation about this deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

3NT was the popular contract, West having shown a powerful balanced hand.

A spade was a popular lead, handing declarer a ninth trick on a plate. (That is how Gunnar made 3NT.) Suppose North leads a heart? Declarer wins, and might well cash a top club and play a club to the queen. If North plays the ten on the second round declarer might continue with the nine of clubs, expecting to finesse against South's possible ♣J643. Now declarer will be stuck in hand. In the five card ending he will have to exit with a diamond to have any chance. The defenders can arrange for South to win the third round of the suit and now the nine of spades leaves declarer guessing for the contract. (You would not expect North not to have led a spade from ♠Qxxx, but you never know.)

Germany had won the set 63-30 to lead 117-81.

# Don't Mess with the Zohan (or John Schermer)

by Barry Rigal

The opening lead with a hand like North's is very much open to discussion. What the experts suggest is that when in doubt if you have a sequence you should fall back on that.

So here while some would lead a low club, (fourth highest of longest and strongest and all that) others would insist on a heart (majors over minors) while others, including me, would recommend the spade nine.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 9 8 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ♠ K J 7    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ K 7 5 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ♥ J 8 3    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ 7 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ♦ Q J 10 2 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ K J 8 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ♣ Q 7 5    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
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| W                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            | E |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | S          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

| West | North | East | South            |
|------|-------|------|------------------|
| INT* | Pass  | 3NT  | Pass<br>All Pass |

\*14-16+

The spade lead would be especially clear on a limited auction (INT - 2NT - 3NT) but here too a spade is as likely to be right as anything else and less likely to cost a trick.

Say you lead the spade nine; declarer puts up the king as partner follows with the three, and passes the ♦Q successfully. Next he repeats the diamond finesse and then leads a heart to the queen. Have you decided how you will defend? Now that you are in (this is surely not the right moment to duck) are you going to press on with spades or shift?

Given partner's far from encouraging spade spot if you ARE going to shift to clubs – which seems right – then the right play is surely the jack; if South has the ace and ten any club works, while if partner has the ace with the nine but not the ten you need to pin the ten in declarer's hand, and a low club shift doesn't do the trick.



John Schermer, USA

Here is the full deal

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| ♠ 9 8 5   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♠ K J 7    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♥ K 7 5 2 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♥ J 8 3    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♦ 7 4     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♦ Q J 10 2 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♣ K J 8 2 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♣ Q 7 5    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♠ A 10 2  | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |            | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ Q 6 4 3 |
|           | N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| W         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | E          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
|           | S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♥ A Q 9 4 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♥ 10 6     |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♦ A 8 6 3 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♦ K 9 5    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |
| ♣ 10 3    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ♣ A 9 6 4  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |           |

The winning defence would be hard enough to find, but arguably the play at one table in the Seniors was even more dramatic. Eduardo Scanavino played 3NT on an uninformative auction against USA Seniors. John Schermer led ♠8 (promising the nine) and this went to the jack, queen, and king. Scanavino decided to continue his deceptive approach: he led a low heart from hand. Schermer was having none of this -- he hopped up with the ♥K and fired the ♣J through for down one and a fine example of telling the opponents 'Don't try to screw with me!'

Play this deal on Vu-Bridge with interactive comments! Log on to [www.vubridge.com/Lille2012](http://www.vubridge.com/Lille2012)



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“Any player smoking in the building will cause his team to be fined 2 victory points (6 IMPs in a knockout match), plus a fine of 100 euros. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.”



# IBPA awards



The International Bridge Press Association annually recognizes outstanding declarer play, defense and bidding. The following four awards are for 2012. You can read about other IBPA awards in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin.

## Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year

**Winner: Roger Lee (USA)**

(Phillip Alder, journalist; from IBPA Bulletin 560.16)

OPATIJA 2011

Phillip Alder, Hobe, Sound, FL

The second World Youth Congress was held in Opatija, Croatia, from August 21 to 30. Opatija is a picturesque town in the northwest corner of Croatia, about a three-hour drive from Venice. I was editor of the daily bulletins, with able assistance from Herman De Wael (primarily page layouts), PO Sundelin (daily bridge puzzles) and Kees Tamens (articles about his Dutch charges).

If there had been a prize for the best-played deal of the tournament, this would have been the easy winner. It was played by Roger Lee of the USA team in the opening session of the Knockout Teams.

Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

| West | North           | East | South           |
|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| —    | Wolkowitz       | —    | Lee             |
| Pass | 2♠ <sup>1</sup> | Pass | INT             |
| Pass | 3NT             | Pass | 3♣ <sup>2</sup> |
| Pass |                 | Pass | Pass            |

1. Range enquiry
2. Maximum

At the other table, South took the first heart trick and early on played on diamonds, hoping they would run. But when they broke 5-1, he had to fail, going two down.

Lee realized that diamonds could wait. He won the ten-of-hearts lead with his queen and immediately ran the seven of clubs, losing to East's jack. To defeat the contract, East had then to switch to a diamond, or return his low

club for West to switch to his diamond! Understandably, though, East tried a low spade. Declarer put in his jack, winning the trick. Suddenly he seemed to be up to nine tricks: two spades, two hearts and five diamonds. But Lee realized that diamonds could still wait. He led another club, dummy's queen losing to East's ace. East led the king of spades, ducked by South, and another spade to declarer's ace, dummy discarding a heart.

Diamonds could wait no longer. South took his ace, played a diamond to dummy's king, and cashed the queen and jack to put West under pressure. On the jack of diamonds, South threw a club, but what could West spare? He had to pitch his last spade. But now a club exit endplayed West to lead away from the king of hearts. Beautifully done! Are you wondering what would have happened if West had won the second club trick with his king and led back the ten of spades? Declarer would have ducked and taken the next spade to cash his ace of hearts, squeezing East in the minors. He would have had to give up his spade, but declarer would then have led a third club to establish his ninth trick there. What marvelous symmetry.

### Shortlist:

Alejandro Scanavino/Felipe Ferro (Ana Roth & Fernando Lema, 561.14).

Frederik Skovly/Emil Buus Thomsen (Jens Otto Pedersen, 571.16).

Liga Bekere (Herman De Wael, 571.16).

## Keri Klinger Memorial

**Declarer Play of the Year**

**Winner: Terje Lichtwark (NOR) (Knut Kjærnsrød, journalist; from IBPA Bulletin 566.12)**

NORWEGIAN BRILLIANCY

Knut Kjærnsrød, Tored, Norway

This board was played recently in one of our clubs in the far north, Harstad. Anders Kristensen, one of the opponents, reported declarer's brilliant play.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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





| West     | North | East       | South     |
|----------|-------|------------|-----------|
| Bremseth | Lind  | Kristensen | Lichtwark |
| —        | —     | Pass       | 2♥        |
| Pass     | 2NT   | Pass       | 3♥        |
| Pass     | 6♥    | Pass       | Pass      |
| Pass     |       |            |           |

Two hearts showed six hearts and 10-13 points and three hearts showed a (semi-)balanced minimum. Despite that, North decided to jump to slam. West had decided to “wait in the bushes” with his solid suit. West started with the ace of diamonds and continued with the king, ruffed in dummy. With the trumps 2-2 or 3-1 the contract is easy, but when Terje Lichtwark played a trump to his queen, West discarded a diamond. South played a club to the king and played the ten of trumps, which East had to cover. Then Terje played a club to the ace and ruffed a club. It may seem natural to play the queen of spades now, but that would not work. Instead he played a spade to the king and a club from dummy. East discarded a spade and South his remaining diamond. Now the situation was:

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

To fulfill his brilliancy, Terje played dummy’s last club and ruffed with his three. The spade queen overtaken with the ace left East helpless.

**Shortlist:**

- Bill Jacobs (Ron Klinger, 566.6).
- Ronny Jorstad (Knut Kjærnsrød, 566.11).
- Matias Rohrberg (Roland Wald, 567.11/568.15).
- Franck Multon (Brian Senior, 570.7).
- Sven-Åke Bjerregård (Micke Melander, 570.22).
- Carla Arnolds (Mark Horton, 570.20).

**Gidwani Family Trust  
Defence of the Year**

**Winner: Tezcan Sen (TUR)**  
**(Erdal Sidar, journalist; from IBPA Bulletin 560.4)**

ISTANBUL OPEN PAIRS  
Erdal Sidar, Istanbul

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♦   | Pass  | INT  | 4♥    |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

This deal comes from the four-session 2011 Istanbul Open Pairs Championship; 186 pairs took part. West led the diamond ace, spade ace and diamond king. Declarer, Orhan Ozcelik, ruffed and played a trump; East won the ace and continued with a third diamond, but Ozcelik ruffed and cashed all his trumps (unblocking the ten of clubs). West’s last three cards were a master spade, a master diamond and the jack of clubs. A club to the ace and another to the nine made the contract. Had East returned a spade instead of a diamond, retaining his diamond guard, the position would have been more complex:

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

This time, on the last trump, West can let go his last diamond; had he discarded it earlier, a club would be forced at this point. Declarer throws the spade from dummy and East feels the pressure between the minors.

At another table, after the same start, East, Tezcan Sen (European Mixed Pairs champion in San Remo and World IMP Pairs champion in Verona) ducked the heart queen. Not wishing to allow the defence a chance to eliminate the diamond menace, declarer ruffed a spade to hand and continued with a high heart, discarding a spade from dummy. Again Sen ducked. On another high heart, declarer was presented with a dilemma: dummy remained with two spades, two diamonds and three clubs. A discard in either spades or diamonds would allow East to destroy the men-

ace in that suit, so he threw the ten of clubs. Sen could now exit with the club queen, clipping the transportation channels for any squeeze. A brilliant stroke.

Declarer, however, missed his chance. Instead of a spade ruff after the queen of hearts holds the trick, if he comes to hand with a diamond ruff, that isolates the diamond menace as the cards lie and the guard squeeze works as before. That, however, was very difficult as if diamonds had been 4-4, East could eliminate the menace in the suit when in with the heart ace.

**Shortlist:**

- Norberto Bocchi (Jan van Cleeff, 563.9).
- Lynn Deas (Brian Senior, 564.3).
- Joel Wooldridge (Phillip Alder, 564.14).
- Cezary Balicki (Slavek Latala, 567.11).

**IBPA Best Bid Hand of the Year**

**Winners: Alejandro Scanavino/Felipe Ferro (ARG)**  
**(Ana Roth/Fernando Lema, journalists; from IBPA Bulletin 561.14)**

**OPATIJA 2011**

Ana Roth & Fernando Lema, BA  
 "A Big Bull in an Unknown Rodeo" (From El Gaucho Martin Fierro)

"I am a bull in my rodeo and a big bull in an unknown rodeo; I always think of myself as very good and if you want to try me, let others sing and we will see who is less."

With the words of the great Argentine poet José Hernández, we thus describe the excellent South American performance in the semifinal of the teams against a very powerful Dutch-Romanian team. In a match that will surely make history in Argentine-Uruguayan youth bridge, four junior masters from South America overcame a negative result and won this semifinal. The last set began with Argentina-Uruguay down 25 IMPs and produced a lot of swings. With three boards to play, and with the South American team 7 IMPs behind, Felipe Ferro-Alejandro Scanavino bid and made a grand slam that swung the match in their favour. The remaining boards added more IMPs and the match finished 134-104 in favour of the South Americans. The last set was not for heart patients and board 30 was a luxury not often seen.

Board 30. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

|                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                             |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| ♠ 8 7 2<br>♥ A J 8 7 3 2<br>♦ A 7 2<br>♣ 8 | ♠ J 9 5<br>♥ 10 9 5<br>♦ K J 4<br>♣ J 10 6 2 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N<br/>                     W     E<br/>                     S                 </div> | ♠ A K Q 10 4<br>♥ K 4<br>♦ 9 3<br>♣ A 7 5 3 |
|                                            | ♠ 6 3<br>♥ Q 6<br>♦ Q 10 8 6 5<br>♣ K Q 9 4  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                             |

| West  | North  | East   | South    |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Agica | Garcia | Nistor | Crusizio |
| –     | –      | 1♠     | Pass     |
| INT   | Pass   | 2♣     | Pass     |
| 3♠    | Pass   | 4♠     | Pass     |
| Pass  | Pass   |        |          |

Agica began with one no trump in order to later show an invitational hand with spade support. Nistor didn't think his hand deserved a slam invitation and closed proceedings with four spades. He made all 13 tricks. The bidding in the other room was very different...

| West             | North   | East            | South    |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Ferro            | Drijver | Scanavino       | Wackwitz |
| –                | –       | 1♠              | Pass     |
| 3♣ <sup>1</sup>  | Pass    | 3♦ <sup>2</sup> | Pass     |
| 4♣ <sup>3</sup>  | Pass    | 4♥ <sup>4</sup> | Pass     |
| 4NT <sup>5</sup> | Pass    | 5♦ <sup>6</sup> | Pass     |
| 5♥ <sup>7</sup>  | Pass    | 6♥ <sup>8</sup> | Pass     |
| 7♠               | Pass    | Pass            | Pass     |

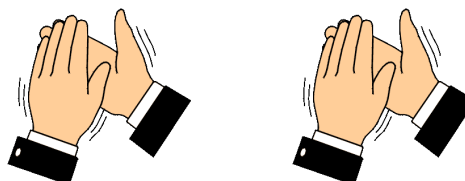
1. 3 or 4 spades and an invitational hand
2. Game force
3. Club shortage
4. Heart control, denies diamond control
5. RKCB
6. 3 Key Cards
7. Asks for the trump queen
8. I have it and the king doubleton or king-queen third of hearts.

Once Scanavino confirmed they were going to play game, Ferro began slam exploration. First he informed partner about the club shortage, and when he saw four hearts, he knew that his partner didn't have club wastage, and that he had heart control but no diamond control. Ferro continued by asking about key cards, promising diamond control. The three-key-card answer was evidently the ace-king of spades and the ace of clubs, so he continued by asking for the queen of spades, telling his partner they had all five key cards. Scanavino confirmed the spade queen and third-round heart control (he had already promised the king). Now Ferro could count to 13 and contracted for the grand slam, not concerned about their combined 25 HP. A jewel.

The lead was a trump; declarer only had to draw trumps and play on hearts...for a well-deserved 1510.

**Shortlist:**

- Diego Brenner/Agustin Madala (Ana Roth/Fernando Lema, 561.10).
- George Jacobs (Brent Manley, 568.5).
- Marion Michielsen/Laura Dekkers (Roland Wald, 568.13).
- Gary & Daffyd Jones (Patrick Jourdain, 570.6).



## In the Spotlight

Find out a little bit more about your fellow bridge players.

### John Carruthers

#### How did you take up bridge?

In high school we had a poker group. All the losers at poker took up bridge. Eventually there were only two of us left, so we had to follow.



#### Biggest influence?

Karl Hicks and Bruce Ferguson, early partners.

#### Bridge Club?

Kingsville BC, a non affiliated club in my home town.

#### First Bridge Book

5 Weeks to Winning Bridge by Alfred Sheinwold.

#### Favourite Music?

Blues, Reggae, 60's folk, 80's new wave.

#### Favourite drink?

Red wine.

#### All time favourite player?

Adam Meredith.

#### Favourite TV Show?

Fawlty Towers.

#### Best achievement in Bridge?

Winning the 2000 Forbo International teams against an elite field; third in the Owen Sound Pairs with a partner who could not put an ace on a king.

#### Least favourite opponent?

Only the unethical ones.

#### Biggest failing at the table?

Occasional inattention.

#### Most important attribute in a partner?

Simpatico.

#### Your favourite tournament?

The 1995 Junior World Teams Championship in Bali.

#### Other interests?

Golf, reading, writing, food.

Other things I have noticed from previous interviews:

**Favourite films** - Pulp Fiction, Annie Hall, 2001: A Space Odyssey.

## A three-pipe problem

by Barry Rigal



Steen Møller brought the bulletin this problem; maybe it is not susceptible of a rational solution – but that is no reason why we shouldn't torment you too!

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| N                | ♠ 5 4 3    |
| W     E          | ♥ 10 5 4 3 |
| S                | ♦ 10 9 6   |
|                  | ♣ A K J    |
| ♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7 |            |
| ♥ Q              |            |
| ♦ 8 4            |            |
| ♣ 8 4 2          |            |

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             | INT (15-17)  | Pass        | 4♥*          |
| Pass        | 4♠           | All Pass    |              |

\* Spades

You lead a top club and get clear discouragement from partner. What do you shift to? Diamond, heart or spade – or will you continue clubs and hope for a miracle? Here is the full deal:

|           |           |                  |  |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|--|
|           | ♠ 6 2     |                  |  |
|           | ♥ A K J 2 |                  |  |
|           | ♦ A Q 5 2 |                  |  |
|           | ♣ Q 10 3  |                  |  |
| ♠ A       | N         | ♠ 5 4 3          |  |
| ♥ 9 8 7 6 | W     E   | ♥ 10 5 4 3       |  |
| ♦ K J 7 3 | S         | ♦ 10 9 6         |  |
| ♣ 9 7 6 5 |           | ♣ A K J          |  |
|           |           | ♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7 |  |
|           |           | ♥ Q              |  |
|           |           | ♦ 8 4            |  |
|           |           | ♣ 8 4 2          |  |

As you can see, a spade is the killer. Møller wondered if a reasonable argument might be that each suit is equally likely to work. But if you pick the wrong red suit declarer will surely get his clubs away on the other red-suit. If you lead a spade and it is wrong you may still survive when declarer has the ♠A. With six points in the black suits, he might for example have the ♥K and ♦AQ and still not be able to get rid of his clubs. Substitute a top red-suit honor for the ♠A as in the real hand and you will see why the spade looks right.

## The Shutout

by Mark Horton

In team sports, a shutout is a game in which one team prevents the opposing team from scoring. Shutouts are usually seen as a result of effective defensive play.

In Major League Baseball, a shutout refers to the act by which a single pitcher pitches a complete game and does not allow the opposing team to score a run. If two or more pitchers combine to complete this act, no pitcher will be credited with a shutout, although the team itself can be said to have shut out the opposing team.

Until Wednesday afternoon only 22 pitchers had recorded a 'perfect game' – a shutout with no member of the opposition getting a hit or a walk. Felix Hernandez made it 23 by achieving the feat for the Seattle Mariners against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Round about the time that this was happening Sweden's Per-Ola Cullin and Peter Bertheau were combining defensively on a deal where the key to success was to shut declarer out of dummy.



Peter Bertheau, Sweden

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 8 7 2

♥ 5 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ 10 5

♠ 6 4

♥ Q J 9 7 4 3

♦ J 10 5

♣ A 8



♠ J 9 5

♥ A K

♦ 7

♣ K Q J 9 7 4 2

♠ A 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ K 9 8 6 3 2

♣ 6 3

| West  | North  | East       | South    |
|-------|--------|------------|----------|
| Liran | Cullin | Fridlander | Bertheau |
| 1♥    | 1♠     | 1♣         | 1♦       |
| 3♥    | 3♠     | 3♣         | Pass     |
|       |        | 4♥         | All Pass |

North led the king of spades and South made the first essential move by following with the three. If he had overtaken and say switched to a club declarer wins in hand and plays a spade. North would win and play a second club but declarer can now win and play the jack of spades discarding a diamond if South refuses to ruff. Then a diamond allows declarer to organise a diamond ruff thanks to North's modest trump holding.

North had to assume that a second spade would stand up, and the ace of diamonds would give the defenders a third trick. On the assumption that declarer held the ace of clubs how could the defenders possibly arrive at a fourth trick?

The next problem was that the defenders could not afford to cash a second spade as that would provide declarer with an easy way to get to hand. So, how to set about negating the threat posed by dummy's clubs?

One possibility would be to play diamonds with the idea of forcing a trump out of dummy, but as you can see that won't work. Declarer simply ruffs, unblocks the other trump and comes to hand with a club to draw trumps.

Per-Ola Cullin was the only player in any of the knockout matches to find the way to defeat the contract.

At trick two he switched to a club!

Declarer could win in hand, but if he took two rounds of trumps and then played clubs, South would ruff the third round and whatever declarer did the defenders would prevail.

So, he played a second club and then a third round, discarding a spade when South pitched a diamond. North ruffed and now attacked dummy's trump holding by playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer could ruff, ruff a spade and ruff a diamond but South had to score a trump trick for one down.

It deserved more than the 10 IMPs it collected when 4♥ made in the other room.

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**OPEN**

**Monaco v Canada**

**KO-16  
SET 4**

**Thrills and spills**

by Brent Manley

Going into the fourth round of the Open series in the 14th World Bridge Games, the young Canadian team was feeling good with a 28-IMP lead against the powerful team from Monaco.

Part of the Canadians' high came from the 15-IMP swing they got against Monaco on this board from the third set on Wednesday.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



| West  | North    | East   | South |
|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| Miles | Fantoni  | Korbel | Nunes |
| 4♠    | All Pass | 2NT    | 4♥    |

Fulvio Fantoni led the ♦A and continued the suit to his partner's ace. Claudio Nunes played a third round of diamonds (the jack), ruffed by Daniel Miles in hand. Miles



Darren Wolpert, Canada

played a spade to the 10 and cashed the trump ace, followed by the top two clubs. A club ruff set up the suit, and declarer went to dummy with the ♥A and played the ♣J, pitching a heart. Fantoni ruffed and played the ♦10, forcing Miles to ruff with a spade honor. The final tally was two down, minus 200.

| West    | North    | East     | South |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Helgemo | L'Ecuyer | Helness  | Demuy |
| 4♠      | Dbl      | 2NT      | 4♥    |
| Pass    | Dbl      | 5♣       | Pass  |
|         |          | All Pass |       |

The defenders had seven tricks before Tor Helness took his first. Vincent Demuy started with the ♥J, ruffed by Nick L'Ecuyer. The play swiftly proceeded: spade ruff, heart ruff, spade ruff, heart ruff, low diamond to the queen and king and a low diamond back to the ace. There were no more tricks for Canada, but they had plus 1400 and a huge swing. The set ended with Canada ahead 106-78.

The fourth set was quiet through the first seven boards, Canada winning the set at that point 4-2. Things began to unravel on board 24.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



| West    | North  | East     | South   |
|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| Helgemo | Amoils | Helness  | Wolpert |
| Pass    | Pass   | 1♣       | 1♠      |
| Dbl     | Reddbl | INT      | Pass    |
| Pass    | Dbl    | All Pass |         |

Darren Wolpert started with the ♥K, switching to a low spade at trick two. Helness took Les Amoils' ♠J with the king and played the ♥10, overtaking with dummy's jack. Amoils won the ♥A and returned a spade to the 10 and Wolpert's ace. Wolpert drove out the ♠Q with the 9 and ducked when Helness played a diamond to the king. Helness cashed the two heart winners, but he had no more tricks. The defenders took eight tricks for plus 300.

Fantoni and Nunes did the Canadians one better at the other table.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Miles       | Fantoni      | Korbel      | Nunes        |
|             |              | 1♠          | Pass         |
| INT         | Dbf          | All Pass    |              |

Fulvio Fantoni led a low heart to Nunes' king. He continued with a heart to Fantoni's ace. Fantoni then made the deadly switch to the ♠9. Miles put up dummy's queen, but Nunes won the ace and continued with a low diamond, ducked to Fantoni's 8. A third diamond cleared the suit. Miles cashed his two heart winners, then played a club to dummy's king. That was his last trick – down three for minus 500 and 5 IMPs to Monaco.

It got worse for Canada on the next deal.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Helgemo     | Amoils       | Helness     | Wolpert      |
|             | Pass         | Pass        | Pass         |
| 1♥          | Pass         | 1♠          | Pass         |
| 2♠          | Pass         | 2NT         | Pass         |
| 4♠          | All Pass     |             |              |



Fulvio Fantoni, Monaco

Wolpert led a low club to dummy's queen, and Helness followed with the ♠9 to his king. A second spade went to Wolpert's queen, and he followed with a play he would regret: a low diamond. Helness went up with the king and played two more rounds of clubs, pitching the diamond from dummy. He eventually took the losing heart finesse, but he had 10 tricks for plus 620.

In the closed room, the contract played from the other side.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Miles       | Fantoni      | Korbel      | Nunes        |
|             | Pass         | Pass        | Pass         |
| 2♦          | Pass         | 2NT         | Pass         |
| 3♠          | Pass         | 4♠          | All Pass     |

2♦ = Four spades, five hearts, 10-16 HCP

3♠ = 4=5=2=2 shape with a maximum

Fantoni got off to the lead of a low diamond, so it all came down to a guess in hearts. When Daniel Korbel made the percentage play in hearts, he was one down and Monaco had 12 IMPs.

Canada was ahead 110-100 when this deal came along.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Helgemo     | Amoils       | Helness     | Wolpert      |
|             | Pass         | Pass        | Pass         |
| 1♥          | Pass         | 3♦*         | Pass         |
| 4♥          | All Pass     |             |              |

\* Bergen

Amoils led a top diamond, continued with the other and gave his partner a diamond ruff. That was it for the defense, however – plus 420 for Monaco.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Miles       | Fantoni      | Korbel      | Nunes        |
|             |              | Pass        | Pass         |
| 2♦          | Pass         | 2NT         | Pass         |
| 3♦          | Pass         | 3♥          | Pass         |
| 3NT         | Pass         | 4♥          | Pass         |
| Pass        | Dbf          | All Pass    |              |

Miles' 2♦ bid was slightly outside the system range (10-16), but close enough. The auction may have sounded somewhat tentative to Fantoni, prompting the double (he knew from the 3♦ bid that West had three diamonds, so a diamond ruff by partner seemed a decent possibility).

Fantoni cashed his two high diamonds and gave his partner a ruff, but that was it for the defense. Canada was back in the lead 115-110.

This was the final board of the set, representing the "spills" part of the headline.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

| West           | North         | East           | South          |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Amoils</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Wolpert</i> |
| 1♠             | Pass          | 2♦             | Pass           |
| 2♥             | Pass          | 4♣             | Pass           |
| 4♦             | Pass          | 4♠             | Pass           |
| 5♥             | Pass          | 6♥             | All Pass       |

This one took a bit of time to play after Amoils started with the ♣K. Helgemo ruffed in dummy and thought about his next play for more than couple of minutes. Finally, he cashed dummy's top hearts and played a diamond to his ace, followed by a club ruff. He ruffed a diamond to hand, picked up the last trump with the ace then played on spades. When that suit split 3-2, he could claim for the loss of one club trick. Plus 1430.

At the other table, the wheels came off in the bidding for Miles and Korbel.

| West         | North          | East          | South        |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Miles</i> | <i>Fantoni</i> | <i>Korbel</i> | <i>Nunes</i> |
| 1♠           | Pass           | 2♦            | Pass         |
| 2♥           | Pass           | 2♠            | Pass         |
| 3♣           | Pass           | 5♣            | Pass         |
| Pass!        | Pass           |               |              |

Korbel's 5♣ was Exclusion Key Card Blackwood (or, as one wag on BBO put it, "Explosion Blackwood"). Miles said later that he simply lost concentration and forgot where the auction was. Miles managed five tricks for minus 600. The 19-IMP loss put Monaco back in front 119-115 with three sets to go. A lot of eyes would be on Canada to see how they responded to the setback. Stay tuned.

## In the Spotlight

Find out a little bit more about your fellow bridge players.

**Ron Tacchi**

### How did you take up bridge?

Aged 11 I saw a cartoon of four people in a lifeboat playing cards with the caption 'and I believe the last call before Man the Lifeboats was 3NT'.

### Biggest influence?

The Bridge Room at Imperial College 1967/68.

### Bridge Club?

Nogent -Le-Retrou.

### First Bridge Book

The Acrol System Today by Reese & Dormer, though the co-editor asked me to plug The Rodwell Files.

### Favourite Music?

Proper 60's music.

### Favourite drink?

That which is in the glass in front of me, though hopefully it would be a good red wine or a gewurztraminer or a gin and tonic or a...

### All time favourite player?

Terence Reese.

### Favourite TV Show?

The Big Bang Theory, Crackerjack (it's Friday, it's 5 o'clock it's...)

### Best achievement in Bridge?

Consistently finishing in the top three at the Aigle 1 May tournament, which is right up there with finishing second in the one table Howell in Vaupillon.

### Least favourite opponent?

Unnecessarily slow players.

### Biggest failing at the table?

Getting a head of myself.

### Most important attribute in a partner?

Not to shout at me and to forgive me when I shout at him.

### Your favourite tournament?

Aigle, as above (ask Jean-Claude Beneix).

### Other interests?

Food, cooking, food, nerdy things on the computer, food and cooking, oh and drinking.



**OPEN** **Poland v Denmark** **KO-16 SET 4**

**Rock the boat**

by Micke Melander

Poland did a good job on the first day of the Round of 16 beating up Denmark with 130-60 over the first 48 boards. With another three segments to play Denmark was in desperate need of getting some IMPs flowing in their direction.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
|     | ♠ N |     |
| ♠ W |     | ♠ E |
|     | ♠ S |     |

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

|          |  |       |
|----------|--|-------|
| ♠ —      |  | ♠ —   |
| ♥ —      |  | ♥ 3   |
| ♦ K 10 9 |  | ♦ 6   |
| ♣ 8      |  | ♣ 9 7 |

|         |  |       |
|---------|--|-------|
| ♠ —     |  | ♠ —   |
| ♥ —     |  | ♥ 3   |
| ♦ A J 5 |  | ♦ 6   |
| ♣ A     |  | ♣ 9 7 |

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
|     | ♠ N |     |
| ♠ W |     | ♠ E |
|     | ♠ S |     |

|       |  |       |
|-------|--|-------|
| ♠ —   |  | ♠ —   |
| ♥ —   |  | ♥ 3   |
| ♦ Q 4 |  | ♦ 6   |
| ♣ K Q |  | ♣ 9 7 |

When nothing happened on a diamond to dummy's ace, declarer was bound to lose a club for one off.

The winning line with the actual lay-out would have been to play South for the clubs and keep the ten of spades in dummy as the big threat against South, who finally would have been squeezed in his black suits. Blakset's line was valid – but the cards didn't cooperate. A 13 IMP swing to Poland wasn't the start of the day that Denmark wanted.

**Open Room**

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Buras       | Askgaard     | Narkiewicz  | Bjarnarsson  |
| 1♣          | Pass         | 4♥          | All Pass     |

**Closed Room**

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Schaltz     | Balicki      | Blakset     | Zmudzinski   |
| 1♣          | Pass         | 4♥          | Pass         |
| 4♠          | Pass         | 5♥          | All Pass     |

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
|     | ♠ N |     |
| ♠ W |     | ♠ E |
|     | ♠ S |     |

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

In the Open Room Bjarnarsson lead the king of spades, declarer ducking from dummy. When South now continued with a spade it was easy for declarer to cash the jack of hearts, ruff a spade in hand, pull trumps and play to set up the club suit for a diamond discard, eleven quick tricks.

Schaltz made a cue-bid inviting Blakset to slam with all his aces in hand. Blakset, who just had his hearts, didn't accept. Zmudzinski also led the king of spades but evilly shifted to the eight of diamonds after inspecting the dummy. The eight of diamonds held the trick when declarer called for the three from dummy, North playing the seven and declarer followed with the two. Zmudzinski reverted to the attack on spades and continued with the queen, Blakset went up with the ace, unblocked the jack of hearts from dummy and then had to pick a line of play for his eleventh trick. Blakset finally decided on playing North for the clubs rather than South and therefore ruffed a spade to enter his hand and then pulled trumps to reach the following four-card ending:



Cezary Balicki, Poland



**Open Room**

| West  | North    | East       | South       |
|-------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Buras | Askgaard | Narkiewicz | Bjarnarsson |
|       | Pass     | 1♦         | Pass        |
| 1♠    | Pass     | 1NT        | Pass        |
| 2♠    | All Pass |            |             |

**Closed Room**

| West    | North    | East    | South      |
|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| Schaltz | Balicki  | Blakset | Zmudzinski |
|         | Pass     | 1NT     | Pass       |
| 3NT!    | All Pass |         |            |

Buras lost his five expected tricks in 2♠ after making a correct guess in hearts. 110 for E/W looked like an average board until the Danes in the Closed Room tried to start rocking the boat again. Blakset opened with their mini no-trump showing 12-14 and Schaltz took a gamble that there might be nine tricks and jumped to 3NT. Zmudzinski had no problem leading his longest and strongest, clubs, eventually holding declarer to four tricks when nothing behaved. Another 8 IMPs to Poland who managed to win the segment 48 – 0. The Poles had then drilled a large hole into the Danish boat, threatening so sink it. They led the match 178-60 with only 32 boards to go.



**OPEN Monaco v Canada KO-16 SET 5**

**Bouncing back**

by Brent Manley

After the shock of a 19-IMP loss on the final board of their round-four match against Monaco, Canada no doubt was eager to “get back on the horse,” so to speak.

It was a wild and crazy ride for the players and the spectators, particularly those rooting for underdog Canada. In all, 92 IMPs changed hands with Canada coming out on top.

The fifth set started off with a couple of small swings for each side, then:

other diamond and played the ♣J, ducked all around. Daniel Miles took the ♣A on the next play. When the spade finesse worked, Helness had 12 tricks for plus 980.

| West  | North    | East     | South |
|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| Nunes | L'Ecuyer | Fantoni  | Demuy |
|       |          |          | 1♠    |
| Pass  | 2♥       | Pass     | 4♦    |
| Pass  | 4NT      | Pass     | 6♥    |
| Pass  | 7♥       | All Pass |       |

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul

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

| West  | North   | East     | South   |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|
| Miles | Helness | Korbel   | Helgemo |
|       |         |          | Pass    |
| Pass  | 1NT     | Pass     | 2♣      |
| Pass  | 2♥      | Pass     | 4♦      |
| Pass  | 4NT     | Pass     | 5♦      |
| Pass  | 6♥      | All Pass |         |

Tor Helness ruffed the opening diamond lead and played a heart to hand, discovering the 3-0 break, then ruffed an-

The exuberant auction gave Monaco a chance to pick up 14 IMPs. Instead, the team lost 11 when Fulvio Fantoni started with the ♦A. Nick L'Ecuyer ruffed in dummy and played a heart to his ace. He followed with the ♠Q, ducked by Fantoni in case the queen was a singleton. L'Ecuyer then pulled two more trumps, staying in hand, and played a spade to dummy's jack. When it held, he could claim the grand slam. Canada had regained the lead, 130-121.

This board produced another 12 IMPs for Canada.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Miles       | Helness      | Korbel      | Helgemo      |
| Pass        | 1♥           | Pass        | 1♣           |
| Pass        | 3NT          | All Pass    | INT          |

Daniel Miles started with the ♠6, taken in dummy with the ace. Geir Helgemo played a low heart from dummy at trick two, covering Daniel Korbel's jack with his queen. The ♥6 went to the 8 and Korbel's ace. Helgemo won the spade continuation in hand and played a diamond to dummy's king, followed by the ♦10. Korbel did not bite, playing low, and Helgemo went up with the ace. He overtook his ♥10 with the king and cashed the 9, then returned to hand with a spade and played a club up to the king. The Canadians took the rest, leaving Helgemo one trick short and minus 50.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Nunes       | L'Ecuyer     | Fantoni     | Demuy        |
| Pass        | 1♦ (♥s)      | Pass        | 1♥           |
| Pass        | 2♦           | Pass        | 2♥           |
| Pass        | 2NT          | Pass        | 3NT          |
| All Pass    |              |             |              |

Fantoni started with the ♣10, taken by L'Ecuyer with the king. He played a low heart to the jack and queen and returned the ♥10 to Fantoni's ace. Fantoni's spade switch was taken in dummy and two more rounds of hearts came next, Fantoni discarding clubs. L'Ecuyer then played a club from hand: 10, jack, queen. A diamond went to dummy's ace and declarer played another club, establishing the 7. L'Ecuyer finished with 10 tricks for plus 630. That was 12 IMPs to Canada.

Monaco hit back for 10 IMPs on the next deal.



Les Amoils, Canada

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

|           |                                                                                                                                                |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ A Q 5   |                                                                                                                                                | ♠ J 10 7   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ 6 4 3   |                                                                                                                                                | ♥ Q J 8 7  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ A J 7   |                                                                                                                                                | ♦ K 10 8 3 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ A J 8 3 |                                                                                                                                                | ♣ 10 4     |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♠ K 9 6   |                                                                                                                                                |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ A 10 9  |                                                                                                                                                |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ 6 5 4 2 |                                                                                                                                                |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ 6 5 2   |                                                                                                                                                |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
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|           | N                                                                                                                                              |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W         |                                                                                                                                                | E          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|           | S                                                                                                                                              |            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                                | ♠ 8 4 3 2  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                                | ♥ K 5 2    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                                | ♦ Q 9      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|           |                                                                                                                                                | ♣ K Q 9 7  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

The auction was the same at both tables.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Miles       | Helness      | Korbel      | Helgemo      |
| Nunes       | L'Ecuyer     | Fantoni     | Demuy        |
| Pass        | INT          | Pass        | 2♣           |
| Pass        | 2♦           | Pass        | 3NT          |
| All Pass    |              |             |              |

Fantoni found the killing lead of the ♥Q, ducked by L'Ecuyer, who could have blocked the suit by ducking the next trick, but he put up the king, taken by the ace. The ♥10 return was overtaken by Fantoni, to cash his other heart. When the diamond finesse failed, L'Ecuyer was one down.

At the other table, Korbel started with his fourth-best heart. Miles would have done better to put in the 9 – the defense can still prevail by not giving declarer a heart trick – but he won the ♥A and switched to the ♠K. Helness won and played a low diamond from hand, ending with an over-trick and plus 430 – a 10-IMP swing to Monaco.

The following deal swung more IMPs Canada's way.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul

|               |                                                                                                                                                |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 2           |                                                                                                                                                | ♠ A Q J 8 3  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ J 10 8 7 4  |                                                                                                                                                | ♥ Q 5 2      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ A Q         |                                                                                                                                                | ♦ —          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ A J 7 5 2   |                                                                                                                                                | ♣ K Q 10 9 6 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♠ 10 9        |                                                                                                                                                |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ 9 6 3       |                                                                                                                                                |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ J 7 5 4 3 2 |                                                                                                                                                |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ 8 3         |                                                                                                                                                |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
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|               | N                                                                                                                                              |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W             |                                                                                                                                                | E            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|               | S                                                                                                                                              |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|               |                                                                                                                                                | ♠ K 7 6 5 4  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|               |                                                                                                                                                | ♥ A K        |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|               |                                                                                                                                                | ♦ K 10 9 8 6 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|               |                                                                                                                                                | ♣ 4          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Miles       | Helness      | Korbel      | Helgemo      |
| Pass        | 1♥           | 1♠          | 2♦           |
| Pass        | 2♥           | 3♣          | 4♥           |
| All Pass    |              |             |              |

Korbel started with the ♣K, taken by Helness with the ace. He played a spade at trick two, taken by Korbel with

the ace. Korbel exited with a heart to dummy's king, and Helness cashed the ♠K to pitch a club from hand. When he played a diamond to his ace, Korbel ruffed and got out with his last heart to dummy's ace. Helness ruffed a spade to hand, cashed the ♥J and ♥10, hoping for something good to happen. When that hope proved false, he was two down for minus 200.

Fantoni and Nunes wound up minus also – at a lower level.

| West     | North    | East    | South |
|----------|----------|---------|-------|
| Nunes    | L'Ecuyer | Fantoni | Demuy |
| Pass     | 1♥       | 2♥      | DbI   |
| 2♠       | Pass     | Pass    | DbI   |
| All Pass |          |         |       |

Whichever of his two-card suits Nunes selected, he was running into a 5-1 trump split. At least he could pick one at the two level.

L'Ecuyer started with his trump, ducked to Vincent Demuy's king. The ♦10 went to the North's queen, which was ruffed in dummy. The ♣K went to L'Ecuyer's ace and the ♥J was taken by Demuy with the ace. Another diamond forced dummy again, Nunes ruffing with the queen so he could get to hand with his 9. When he played a club to the 10, Demuy ruffed and exited with a spade to dummy's ace. He ruffed the ♣Q and played the ♦9 to Nunes' jack. Nunes was two tricks short for minus 500 and 12 IMPs to Canada.

With one board to play in the set, Canada was up 165-154. This deal added to their total.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul

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

| West  | North    | East    | South    |
|-------|----------|---------|----------|
| Nunes | L'Ecuyer | Fantoni | Demuy    |
| 2♦    | Pass     | 2♥      | Pass     |
| 3♠    | 4♠       | 5♦      | 5♠       |
| Pass  | Pass     | DbI     | All Pass |

L'Ecuyer was due to lose one trick in each suit if he guessed the right play in hearts. He got his chance at trick two after Fantoni cashed the ♦K. He played a low heart and, after due consideration, L'Ecuyer got it right, playing the jack. Minus 300 looked like a possible swing or at least a push.

As it happened, it looked as though they were in for a 9- or 11-IMP loss, depending on the play at the other table.



Claudio Nunes, Monaco

| West  | North   | East   | South    |
|-------|---------|--------|----------|
| Miles | Helness | Korbel | Helgemo  |
| 1♦    | 3♠      | 3NT    | All Pass |

It looked like two or three down after Helgemo led the ♠3. Korbel discarded a club from dummy and ducked when Helness put in the queen. Helness did not know how tenuous Korbel's stopper was, and if he had at much as AJ5, another spade might give him his ninth trick. At trick two, Helness switched to the ♣9, taken by Helgemo with the ace. The unmakeable contract was now home. Plus 600 gave Canada 7 IMPs, extending their lead to 172-154 with one set to play. They had bounced back from the disaster of the previous round.

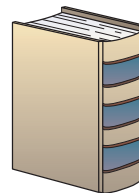
In 16 boards, the two teams had exchanged 92 IMPs.

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