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Fleisher takes Spingold Trophy



ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins presents the Spingold Trophy to winning captain Marty Fleisher (center). Playing with Fleisher (from left) were Chip Martel, Cedric Lorenzini, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace and Thomas Bessis. They defeated Leif Bremark's squad 147-133 in the final.

Team Yenova wins Roth Open Swiss



Team Yenova won the Roth Open Swiss Teams (from left): Dror Padon, Linlin Hu, Alon Birman, team captain Jun Zhang, Yanhui Sun and Yinghao Liu. They finished with a score of 127.11 VPs, in second was the Gillian Minitier team with 116.56.

Birman wins Fishbein

Alon Birman of Israel won the Fishbein trophy, awarded to the player earning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC. Birman



picked up 160 points for winning the Roth Open Swiss Teams, 142.50 for finishing second in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs and 50 for reaching the Spingold round of 16. His total of 352.50 was 44.47 more than that of Italians Antonio Sementa and Alfredo Versace, who tied for second.

Masterpoint leaders

- | | | |
|----|--------|-----------------|
| 1. | 352.50 | Alon Birman |
| 2. | 308.03 | Antonio Sementa |
| | 308.03 | Alfredo Versace |
| 4. | 298.57 | Zia Mahmood |
| 5. | 297.69 | Dror Padon |

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Poska posts 10K Mixed Swiss win

Winners of the NABC 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss (from left): Mukund Thapa, Vandana Vidwans, Daiva Vitukynaite and team captain Gediminas Poska.



FINAL ATTENDANCE: 8343 tables

Second in the Spingold KO Teams: Johan Upmark, Simon Hult, Antonio Palma, captain Leif Breemark, Fredrik Nystrom and Frederic Wrang.



Second in the Roth Open Swiss Teams: Kevin Bathurst, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy and (inset) team captain Gillian Minitier



Runners-up in the NABC 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss (from left): Ronald Gould, team captain Yvette Neary, Estelle Ronderos and Alvaro Ronderos.

Ruby Life Master

Kenneth Bisson of Angola IN became a Ruby Life Master on Saturday playing in the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. He was already over 1500 masterpoints but needed 10 more pigmented. "I haven't been to a lot of tournaments in the last three years," he said. For placing 16th in the event, he picked up 10.06.



Fishbein

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- 6. 296.85 Ola Rimstedt
- 7. 291.59 Kevin Bathurst
- 8. 282.33 Chip Martel
- 9. 270.93 Cedric Lorenzini
- 270.93 Thomas Bessis
- 11. 253.57 Martin Fleisher
- 12. 235.49 Iftikhar Baqai
- 13. 231.22 David Berkowitz
- 231.22 Jeff Meckstroth
- 15. 230.16 Jeffrey Wolfson
- 16. 225.12 Agustin Madala
- 17. 221.13 Aldo Gerli
- 18. 217.86 Allan Graves
- 19. 217.41 Yanhui Sun
- 217.41 Jun Shang

- 21. 215.13 Linlin Hu
- 22. 214.35 Yinghao Liu
- 23. 212.20 Mikael Rimstedt
- 24. 203.91 Finn Kolesnik
- 25. 202.57 John Hurd
- 202.57 John Kranyak
- 27. 194.26 Vincent Demuy
- 28. 192.46 Jerry Stamatov
- 29. 190.85 Gillian Minitier
- 30. 187.16 Jack Zhao
- 31. 182.43 Simon Hult
- 32. 182.43 Leif Breemark
- 33. 182.00 Nabil Edgtton
- 182.00 Michael Whibley
- 35. 181.81 Frederic Wrang
- 181.81 Antonio Palma
- 37. 180.62 Fredrik Nystrom
- 180.62 Johan Upmark
- 39. 180.39 Kevin Dwyer

40. 179.17	Leonardo Fruscoloni	61. 149.55	Tom Hanlon	83. 127.32	Mark Aquino
41. 175.25	Kevin Rosenberg	149.55	Leslie Amoils	84. 127.02	Douglas Doub
42. 168.29	Christian Bakke	63. 148.79	Brian Platnick	85. 126.00	Jerome Rombaut
168.29	Boye Brogeland	64. 148.77	Luc Tijssen	126.00	Leo Rombaut
44. 162.44	Shan Huang	65. 145.30	Louis Glasthal	87. 125.84	Ben Norton
45. 162.26	Jeffrey Juster	66. 142.65	Radu Nistor	125.84	Stefano Tommasini
162.26	Jacob Morgan	67. 142.23	Roger Lee	89. 125.34	Dean Panagopoulos
47. 159.68	Cecilia Dwyer	68. 142.05	Mark Itabashi	90. 125.00	Sebastiaan Drijver
	Rimstedt	69. 139.81	Joel Wooldridge	125.00	Piotr Gawrys
48. 158.35	Joyce Hill	70. 138.73	Sartaj Hans	125.00	Sjoert Brink
49. 157.50	Jenny Wolpert	138.73	Andy Hung	125.00	Michal Klukowski
50. 156.22	Geir Helgemo	72. 138.11	Andy Goodman	125.00	Michal Nowosadzki
51. 156.22	Chris Willenken	73. 138.11	Mike Passell	125.00	Pierre Zimmermann
52. 155.64	Kent Mignocchi	74. 137.67	Geoffrey Brod	96. 124.85	Jean-Luc Aroix
53. 155.10	Allison L. Cappelletti	75. 135.98	Iulian Rotaru	124.85	Jeremie Tignel
54. 153.64	Phyllis Fireman	76. 133.10	Joe Grue	98. 122.05	Ross Grabel
55. 153.64	Joris van Lankveld	77. 133.00	Mitch Dunitz	99. 121.54	Owen Lien
153.64	Berend Van Den Bos	78. 131.28	Steve Garner	100.120.32	Mukund Thapa
57. 150.63	Oren Toledano	79. 131.27	Aaron Silverstein		
150.63	Ami Zamir	131.27	Andrew Rosenthal		
59. 150.55	Gary Cohler	81. 130.99	James Krekorian		
60. 149.97	Steven Ashe	82. 130.34	Ishmael Del'Monte		

**Host hotel**

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265 Peachtree Center Ave. NE
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To book a room, contact ConferenceDirect, ACBL's housing partner for all NABCs, at 855-956-0776 or acbl@conferencedirect.com.

You may also make your room reservations online at acbl.org/nabc.



Reservations through ConferenceDirect close Oct. 20. After this date, contact the hotel directly for your reservation. Note that you may not get the bridge rate if you reserve after this date.

Hotel cancellation policy

The ACBL no longer charges a one-night room deposit to the credit card of a guest at the time of booking their hotel reservation. However, the ACBL will charge a \$150 cancellation fee starting at 60 days prior to that NABC's major arrival date (Sept. 26 for Atlanta), in addition to any cancellation fees the hotel may charge. Request for cancellation policy exceptions should be directed in writing to the ACBL Meeting Services Manager at nabc@acbl.org.

Playing site

All bridge events will be played at the Marriott Marquis. See the onsite Daily Bulletin for details.

Air travel

Travelennium is the official travel agency for the ACBL. For air travel assistance, call 800-844-4924 or email info@travelennium.com.

**Cashless tournament**

All North American Bridge Championships are cashless. Most major credit cards are accepted for purchasing entries.

Entry Express

ACBL members can now enjoy the convenience of the new Entry Express online, allowing players to purchase entries in advance.

Visit acbl.org/atlanta to buy entries in advance.

Covid requirements

Proof of vaccination will not be required for the 2023 Fall NABC. Other COVID measures, such as having masks and hand sanitizer available at NABC tournaments, will remain in place. Concerned players, themselves wearing masks properly, will retain the right to require that masks be worn at their table. Failure to comply with an

appropriate masking request will result in a penalty; please call the director.

Atlanta attractions

Atlanta is a vibrant city that elevates Southern hospitality, cuisine and culture to another level. With loads of personality, this city exudes soul. See a complete listing of attractions and events at discoveratlanta.com.

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Atlanta has been home to leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis and countless others who championed justice. The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is a museum that honors their hard work and features interactive exhibits exploring the past and present.

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NABC 0–10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

56.40	1	Gediminas Poska – Daiva Vitukynaite, Palos Hills IL; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Vandana Vidwans, Fremont CA	120.42
42.30	2	Yvette Neary – Ronald Gould, Mequon WI; Estelle Ronderos – Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Meeting PA	105.50
31.73	3	Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom; Andi Boughey, Pokeno New Zealand; Sriram Ganesan, Redmond WA; Jessica U, Queens NY	104.73
25.07	4	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ; Yan Wang – Rose Hou, Richmond Hill ON; Cindy He, Toronto ON	104.16
22.56	5	Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Ernest Napier, Nashville TN; Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	98.81
20.51	6	Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Sean Mekie, London United Kingdom; Dan Israeli, Tel Aviv Israel; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Zain Mahmood, London United Kingdom	93.80
18.80	7	Patricia Herrera, Mexico City Mexico; Alamiro Pinoargote, Ecuador; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Gwen Chen, Wilmington DE	90.15
17.35	8	Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Shailesh Gupta, Chino CA; Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR	89.82

ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS

38 Tables / Based on 137 Tables

160.00	1	Jun Shang, Beijing People's Republic of China; Yanhui Sun, People's Republic of China; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Linlin Hu, People's Republic of China; Alon Birman – Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel	127.11
120.00	2	Gillian Minitier – John Hurd, New York NY; Kevin Bathurst – Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC	116.56
90.00	3	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	115.24
52.75	4	Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	108.74
68.57	5	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	106.10
64.00	6	Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Chris Willenken – Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjord Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	105.69
60.00	7	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	105.09
56.47	8	Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil	103.00
53.33	9	Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	101.03
50.53	10	Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Artur Malinowski, Harrow United Kingdom	100.88
48.00	11	Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	98.71
45.71	12	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	98.16
43.64	13	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands	93.92
41.74	14	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Emma Kolesnik, Newton Center MA; Igor Savchenko, Morris Plains NJ; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	93.54

28.57	15	Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; David Gold, United Kingdom; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	92.19
38.40	16	Lee Rosenthal – Eliran Argelazi, Israel; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	91.77
36.92	17	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnet Shenkin, Glasgow Scotland; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway; Nils Kvangraven – Geir Brekka, Kristiansand Norway	90.82
35.56	18	Amir Levin, Israel; Josef Roll, Yavne Israel; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden	89.82
24.49	19	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut – Jean-Luc Aroix, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jeremie Tignel, Castanetolosan France; Baptiste Combescure – Pierre Franceschetti, Paris France	89.19
33.10	20	John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY	88.21
32.00	21	Kiki Ward-Platt, Fayence France; Vasileios Vroustis – Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Athens Greece; Jacek Kalita, Geneva Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland; Franck Multon, Monaco	87.29
30.97	22	Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	86.06
30.00	23	Mike Cappelletti – Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Iulian Rotaru, New York NY	85.43
29.09	24	Clerk Shaw, Knoxville TN; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Jeremie Stoeckli, Fribourg Switzerland; Alessandro Calmanovici, Wallisellen Switzerland	85.03
28.24	25	Morten Bilde – Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark	84.06
27.43	26	Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY; Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL	83.26
26.67	27	C. Ganzer, Brooklyn NY; Brady Richter – Jennifer Richter, Summit NJ; Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Michael Berkowitz, Salt Lake City UT	81.99
25.95	28	Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN; Carlos Pellegrini – Santiago Semberoz, Buenos Aires Argentina; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil	81.78
25.26	29	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Ilan Wolff, Philadelphia PA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA	80.87
24.62	30	Margie Cole – Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Ida Groenkvist, Bromma Sweden	80.15
24.00	31	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jan Jansma, New York NY	76.15
23.41	32	Samantha Punch, Stirling United Kingdom; Stephen Peterkin, United Kingdom; Ron Gerard – Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	73.48
22.86	33	Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; William Pollack – Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	71.96
22.33	34	Ira Hessel – Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX; Buddy Hanby – Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands TX	66.08
21.82	35	Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Greg Michaels, Cleveland OH	65.11
21.33	36	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Rosenbaum, Truro MA; Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	62.58
20.87	37	Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Mark Friedlander, Deerfield IL; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL	62.03
20.43	38	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Bob Feller, Guilderland NY; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Mark Ospeck, Remsen NY	53.53

SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS

80 Tables

- 250.00 1 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy
- 180.00 2 Leif Bremark – Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark – Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal
- 125.00 3/4 Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver – Michal Klukowski – Piotr Gawrys, Geneva Switzerland
- 125.00 3/4 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand
- 80.00 5/8 Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom; Steve Garner, Chicago IL
- 80.00 5/8 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Adam Grossack, Newton MA
- 80.00 5/8 Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA
- 80.00 5/8 Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jean-Luc Aroix, Bordeaux France; Jeremie Tignel, Castanetolosan France; Baptiste Combescure – Pierre Franceschetti, Paris France
- 50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway
- 50.00 9/16 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Andrea Manno – Massimiliano Di Franco, Palermo Italy
- 50.00 9/16 Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Kevin Bathurst – Vincent Demuy – Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Greenville SC
- 50.00 9/16 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden
- 50.00 9/16 Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ishmael Del'monte, Baton Rouge LA; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland
- 50.00 9/16 Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway
- 50.00 9/16 Jun Zhang, Beijing People's Republic of China; Yanhui Sun – Linlin Hu, People's Republic of China; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Alon Birman – Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel
- 50.00 9/16 Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Nils Kvangraven – Geir Brekka, Kristiansand Norway; Barnet Shenkin, Glasgow Scotland; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway
- 25.00 17/32 Nick (Frank) Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
- 25.00 17/32 Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel
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- 25.00 17/32 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy
- 25.00 17/32 Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Ron Smith, Astoria NY
- 25.00 17/32 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands
- 25.00 17/32 Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Josef Roll, Yavne Israel; Amir Levin, Israel

- 25.00 17/32 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
- 25.00 17/32 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Soren Bilde – Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden
- 25.00 17/32 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Artur Malinowski, Harrow United Kingdom
- 25.00 17/32 Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy; Francesco Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy
- 25.00 17/32 Zhenyi He, China; Yuxiong Shen, Shanghai People’s Republic of China; Zhaobin Xie, People’s Republic of China; Zheng Jiang Liao, Beijing People’s Republic of China
- 25.00 17/32 Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Patryk Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark
- 25.00 17/32 Christal Henner – Uday Ivatury, New York NY; Sheri Winestock – Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV
- 25.00 17/32 Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil; Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil



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ELDAD ‘GINO’ GINOSSAR SUNDAY FAST PAIRS

29.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
19.50	1			Jon Sorkin, Palatine IL; Fawad Hakim, Niles IL	62.02%
14.63	2			Christina Madsen, Denmark; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	58.76%
10.97	3			Samir Zeine, Farmington Hills MI; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY	58.74%
8.23	4			Barbara Shukov, Los Altos CA; Sibrand Van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands	56.62%
6.50	5			Aleksandar Lishkov – David Joyce, Kenilworth IL	56.32%
8.80	6	1		Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	56.27%
6.60	7	2		Peter Wong, North York ON; Jessica Lin, Markham ON	56.10%
4.33	8			Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL; Richard Gabriel, Naples FL	55.68%
4.27	9			Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	55.55%
3.55	10			Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Carol Frank, San Diego CA	55.16%
4.79	11			Michael Christensen – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	55.15%
3.00	12			Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Amber Lin, Millbrae CA	54.85%
2.79	13			Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	54.81%
2.60	14			H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Paul Lewis, White Plains NY	53.98%
4.95	15	3		Nic Hristea – Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL	53.59%
3.71		4		Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Mark Cohen, Audubon PA	52.95%
2.93		5		Anne Lamport, Lane Cove Australia; Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN	50.43%
5.53		6	1	Kyle Lui, Morganville NJ; Cooper Smith, Marquette MI	50.34%
4.15			2	Guo Dong Gao, Verona WI; Haijin Li, Lisle IL	49.54%
3.11			3	Shmuel Greenberg, Israel; Joseph Lanzel Jr., Foxboro MA	49.10%
2.33			4	Marion Brum de Barros, Denver CO; Julie Clark, Aurora CO	47.72%
1.84			5	Harry Potter, Vienna VA; James Mosley, Falls Church VA	47.62%

CAROL LABARGE SUNDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1	1	Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Caroline Zhao, Westfield NJ	67.60%
3.41	2			David Zapatka, Sun Lakes AZ; Dianne Zimmerman, Chandler AZ	63.86%
3.25	3	2	2	Melanie Appelbaum, Harrison NY; Barbara Matas, New York NY	58.70%
2.44	4	3		William Berkman – Patricia Ballman, Chicago IL	57.70%
1.83	5	4		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	53.83%
1.38	6	5	3	Zheliang Fan – Zihao Sun, Madison WI	53.10%
1.03		6		Gregg Underheim, Oshkosh WI; Wayne Peters, Appleton WI	51.79%

JAN HOWARD SUNDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

4.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.25	1	1		Paul Dynowski – Nancy Williams, Chicago IL	59.53%
1.73	2	2	1	Rahul Garga, Chicago IL; Michael Guilmette, Durham NC	56.62%
1.30	3	3	2	Atlanta Warke – Richard Warke, Indian Wells CA	56.25%
0.95	4			John Van Arsdale – David Faulkner, Chicago IL	53.44%

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10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1			Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Bob Cole, Bethlehem PA	62.04%
3.90	2	1		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	61.86%
2.93	3	2		Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN; Wendy Nickerson, New York NY	60.52%
2.19	4	3		Patricia Ballman – William Berkman, Chicago IL	58.85%
1.37	5			Don Cohen, Oak Park IL; Bonnie Boyer, Morton Grove IL	57.74%
2.63	6	4	1	Michael Guilmette, Durham NC; Rahul Garga, Chicago IL	54.32%
1.97		5	2	Lauren Tsai, Ridgefield CT; R.E. Stern, Chicago IL	52.76%
1.48			3	Mai Phan – Les White, Chicago IL	49.11%
1.11			4	Heidi Studebaker – Alan Yngve, Chesterton IN	48.68%

FRI-SUN DAYLIGHT SIDE SERIES

43.75 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

8.88	1/2			Neal Rechtman, Christ Church	123.96%
8.88	1/2			Michael Saltzman, Aurora IL	123.96%
6.66	3/4			David Zapatka, Sun Lakes AZ	122.06%
6.66	3/4			Dianne Zimmerman, Chandler AZ	122.06%
6.00	5/6			Yan Drabek, Florence MA	116.58%
6.00	5/6			Daviud Brown, Syosset NY	116.58%
4.63	7/8			Patricia Ballman, Chicago IL	116.55%
4.63	7/8			William Berkman, Chicago IL	116.55%

SUNDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

57 Tables / Based on 157 Tables

	A	X	Y		
38.25	1			Michael Shuster, Colleeville PA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	92.00
28.69	2			John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Matthew Brown, Pokeno New Zealand; Jovanka Smederevac – Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria	90.00
21.52	3			Herbert Jordan, Miami FL; Erez Hendelman – Rachael Moller – David Gurvich, New York NY	87.00
16.14	4			Len Vishnevsky, San Francisco CA; Gabrielle Kamil – Michael Kamil, Buckeye AZ; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	84.00
12.75	5			Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ishmael Del'monte, Baton Rouge LA; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland	83.00

10.25	6/7			Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	79.00
10.25	6/7			Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; John Lusky, Portland OR; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	79.00
8.50	8			Richard Chan, Markham ON; Yimei Cao, North York ON; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Muh-Sha Crawford, Hampton VA	76.00
7.65	9			Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	74.00
6.95	10			Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	73.00
5.91	11/13			Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands	72.00
14.49	11/13	1	1	Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Charlie Chen – Andrew Chen, Austin TX; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA	72.00
5.91	11/13			Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Helmut Haeusler, Saarbruecken Germany; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenheim Germany; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA	72.00
9.51	14/15	2/3		Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Lily Andre – James Andre, Allyn WA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	71.00
9.51	14/15	2/3	2	Susan Port – Barry Port, Atlantic Beach NY; Harriet Goldman, Melville NY; Ken Lowenstein, Forest Hills NY; Mark Hyman, Briarwood NY	71.00
6.11	4			Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Matthew Rudary, Redding CT; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA	70.00
4.83	5	3		Howard Liu, Castro Valley CA; Jason Rosenfeld, Seattle WA; Daniel Wilderman, New Haven CT; Jennifer Gu, Palo Alto CA	69.00
3.88	6/7			Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA; Randal Burns, Washington DC; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA	61.00
3.88	6/7	4		Jack Boge, New York NY; Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; William Segraves, Guilford CT; Jordan Winick, Toronto ON	61.00
2.86		5		Lon Sunshine – Ivania Yeo, Merrimack NH; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN	60.00

PAUL HAMPER SUNDAY 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND TOBIN TEAMS BKT 1

8 Tables

11.96	1			Paul Hattis, Newton MA; James Orleans, Northbrook IL; Steven Fox, Kensington MD; Howard Booth, Cornelius NC	73.00
8.97	2			Gregory Gauthier, Mountain View CA; John Stremel – Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Anne Wilson, Campbell CA	68.00
6.73	3			Valy Lev, Evanston IL; Judi Katz, Chicago IL; Richard Valpey, Longs SC; Larry Murray, North York ON	66.00

PAUL HAMPER SUNDAY 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND TOBIN TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

9.30	1			Brian Tanenbaum, Deerfield IL; Mark Stein, Skokie IL; David Sales, Northbrook IL; Lee Nykaza, Wilmette IL	109.00
6.98	2			Monica Quinlan – Michael Barry, Tucson AZ; Robert Shenkin – Susan Shenkin, West Chester PA	70.00
5.23	3			Bridget Whitley, Harrisburg PA; Gustavo Saravia, Oak Park IL; Judith Samson – Robert Samson, Lincolnshire IL	56.00

PAUL HAMPER SUNDAY 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND TOBIN TEAMS BKT 3

7 Tables

6.62	1			Jichong Chai, Fairfax VA; R Mani, Lanham MD; Deepak Abbhi – Ritambhar Burman, Miami FL	98.00
4.97	2			Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI; Anne Brown, Estero FL; David Leaver, Los Altos Hills CA; Gary Sheerer, Los Altos CA	79.00
3.72	3			Glenn Graf – Lea Bradley – Bonnie Kremer, Mount Pleasant IA; Martha Peterson, Nichols IA	67.00

SPINGOLD TEAMS

1. Zimmermann **170**
 32. Meltzer 139

1. Zimmermann **174**
 16. Nitabach 109

1.(4) Fleisher 30 69 118 **147**

16. Nitabach **147**
 17. (48) Tommasini 127

1. Zimmermann **151**
 8. Lebowitz 120

9. Amoils 142
 24. (41) Levinson **144**

9. (41) Levinson w/d
 8. Lebowitz **173**

25. Juster 98
 8. Lebowitz **107**

1. Zimmermann 43 61 68 77
 4. Fleisher 28 77 122 **175**

5. Wolfson **134**
 28. (37) Henner 116

5. Wolfson **140**
 12. (21) J. Zhang 93

21. J. Zhang **130**
 12. Delimpaltadakis 102

5. Wolfson 123
 4. Fleisher **129**

13. Goodman 116
 20. Fredin **147**

13. (20) Fredin 117
 4. Fleisher **136**

29. Dinkin 71
 4. Fleisher **155**

SPINGOLD TEAMS

2.(14) Bremark	31	77	110	133
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2. Nickell	115
31. (34) Rombaut	135

2. (34) Rombaut	150
15. Goldberg	99

18. Hinze	59
15. Goldberg	105

2. (34) Rombaut	153
7. (23) Hans	171

10. Bailey	97
23. Hans	158

10. (23) Hans	138
7. Spector	125

26. Gupta	87
7. Spector	163

2. (23) Hans	12	52	61	87
3. (14) Bremark	26	42	84	122

6. Street	150
7. Rippey	124

6. Street	189
11. F. Kolesnik	116

22. Zagorin	84
11. F. Kolesnik	150

6. (11) F. Kolesnik	65
3. (14) Bremark	145

14. Bremark	121
19. Cayne	116

14. Bremark	142
3. Rosenthal	91

30. (35) Z. He	86
3. Rosenthal	151

Following the Crowd

By Mark Horton

By the time I had logged into BBO for the Spingold semifinal round, more than 2000 spectators were following the match between Zimmermann and Fleisher. Who am I to argue with their choice?

Dlr: North ♠ A 3 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ K Q 7 4 2
 ♦ A 10 9 8
 ♣ 4

♠ 10 7
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ J 7 6 5 3
 ♣ Q J 9 5

♠ 9 8 5 4
 ♥ A 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 7 6 2

♠ K Q J 6
 ♥ J
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ A K 10 8 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Game-forcing relay

2♦ suggests a minimum, after which a series of relays saw South sign off in game.

West led the ♣Q and declarer won, played the ♥J, a spade to the ace and the ♥K, East taking the ace and returning the ♠5. Declarer won, cashed the ♦K Q and claimed the rest when East discarded the ♥5, +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

4NT was quantitative, and North's 5NT asked South to pick a slam. East led the ♥A and switched to a spade and a few moments later declarer got the bad news, one down, -100 and 13 IMPs for Zimmermann.

Dlr: North ♠ K Q 10 9 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ 3
 ♦ A 9 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 4

♠ 7
 ♥ A K Q 10 6 2
 ♦ Q J 8 4 3
 ♣ J

♠ A 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ A K 10 8 5 2

♠ J 8 5 4 3
 ♥ J 9 7 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 7 6 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	1♠	2♣	4♠
4NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♦	All Pass

(1) Red suits

South led the ♠3, and declarer won with the ace and played the ♦10, followed by the king, North ducking as South pitched the ♠8. When declarer now played two rounds of hearts, North ruffed, cashed the ♦A and exited with the ♣4. Declarer took the ace, but could only muster 10 tricks, -100.

After one round of hearts, declarer might play a trump, North winning and exiting with a spade. Declarer ruffs in dummy, draws the last trump and then overtakes the ♣J and cashes another club. He will then have to decide how to play the hearts. He knows South has a 5-4-3-1 pattern, but does he have four hearts or four clubs? There is a slender clue: North's opening bid probably marks him with the ♣Q, in which case he started with a singleton heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
	1♠	1NT	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dbl	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

North led the ♠K and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♦10 followed by a heart to the ace and a diamond to the king, South discarding the ♠5. When declarer continued with a heart to the 10, he was home, +600 and another 12 IMPs.

Dlr: South ♠ A Q 7 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 9 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A Q 10 9 6

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

♠ J 10 6 2
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 8 5 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) 2+ ♣, 12–14 balanced or 18–20 balanced or 4+♣, 12+ unbalanced

(2) 0–6 any or 8–11 4+♦ no major or 12+ 5+♦, possible four-card major or 0–10 4♥+4♠, or balanced hands used as relay

East led the ♥8, and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond, West taking the king and switching to the ♣4. When declarer put in the queen, East won and returned the ♦Q. Declarer ruffed and played the ♠Q. When that held, declarer cashed the ♣A and saw West discard the ♦4. To escape for one down, declarer needs to cash a second heart before playing a club, but that is far from easy, as it assumes West is 1=5=6=1 as opposed to 1=6=5=1. When declarer played a third club, East won and exited with a heart and there were only eight tricks, two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

(1) 4–10, ♥+♦/♣, NV 5/4

West led the ♣4, and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♠4 to the 10. A club to the 9 lost to the jack, and East played two rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffing in dummy and playing a club. Having already missed one chance to switch to a heart (which puts the defenders ahead of the game), East continued with the ♦Q and declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠Q, throwing his remaining club, cashed the ♠A and the ♥K and played the ♣10 ensuring nine tricks,

+140 and 12 IMPs leaving Zimmermann ahead 43–23.

Dlr: South ♠ K J 7 4 2
 Vul: E-W ♥ 10 2
 ♦ J 9 7 6 2
 ♣ —

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

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ J 4 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♦ ⁽²⁾
Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	5NT ⁽³⁾
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

(1) Spades

(2) Control bids

(3) Pick a slam

West led the ♦5 and declarer could not avoid a heart loser, -50.

7♦ is the best grand slam, making when the trumps break, as declarer will be able to ruff a heart in dummy. There is also a neat point when East leads a top club – we'll come to that in a moment.

Closed Room

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

(1) Spades

(2) Control bid

East led the ♣K and declarer ruffed, drew trumps and soon claimed 12 tricks, +920 and 14 IMPs.

Having crossed to dummy with a diamond, declarer can ruff a club and then play a second diamond. When East discards it is possible to play to ruff two more clubs completing a dummy reversal for all 13 tricks.

Dlr: West ♠ K 10 8 6 5
 Vul: Both ♥ —
 ♦ 6 5 4 3
 ♣ A K Q 8

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

♠ A 9
 ♥ A 9 8 5
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ J 10 7 4 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
1♦	3♣	3♠	4♥
5♣ ⁽¹⁾	5♥	6♦	6♥
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♥
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) Control bid

Declarer could not be denied nine tricks, four down, -800.

I happened to be watching this deal “live,” so I can tell you that South took a long time to bid 7♥. Would East–West have been better off if East had preferred 6♥ to 6♦? Could East have changed his mind and bid 7♠ over partner’s double?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	4♣	4♠	5♣
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

(1) 0+♣ 11–14 balanced or 4–4–4–1♦ 15+, 5(4)+♣ or 18+ any

That was +1010 and 5 IMPs.

Dlr: West ♠ Q 5
 Vul: N–S ♥ Q 10 3
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A K Q 9 8 3

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

♠ A 9 7
 ♥ J 8 5
 ♦ K 9 7 5 3
 ♣ 7 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Light, weak 2♠ or a wide-range weak 2♥, often five cards NV

West led the ♥6, and declarer won with the jack and set about the clubs. On the second round of the suit, West followed with the ♥7, correcting his mistake before the revoke was established. After cashing the top clubs declarer called for dummy’s ♥10 and West had to follow with the 7, declarer claiming for +600.

Once West had started with a low heart, declarer was almost certain to score nine tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠

All Pass

(1) Game forcing, natural, balanced or fit

Declarer ruffed the lead of the ♥4, played a spade to the 9, and when it held, he cashed the ♠A, played a club to the ace, cashed the ♠K and claimed 11 tricks, +650.

When I asked my Clapham Omnibus friend about the deal, he (as did I) wondered why North did not support clubs at an earlier stage.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West led the ♣3, and declarer won with dummy’s 8, cashed the top spades and then played the ♣Q. When the suit divided, declarer claimed, +1370 and 12 IMPs that saw Fleisher leading 58–43.

Dlr: West ♠ 7
 Vul: None ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ K J 10 8 6 4 2

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

♠ 6 4 2
 ♥ A K Q 9 8 5 4
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 9 3

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♣	All Pass	

(1) 3–10 HCP, 6+♥/♠

East led the ♥9. West took the king and ace and then returned the ♥2, East ruffing and playing the ♦A followed by the queen, covered and ruffed by West who switched to the ♠3 for the queen, king and ace. Declarer claimed seven tricks, -200 and 13 IMPs to Zimmermann who trailed 61–77 as the set closed.

The third set saw everything go Fleisher’s way. A game swing was followed three successive 7- IMP swings, taking the score to 110–68 for them.

Dlr: West	♠ A 5	
Vul: N–S	♥ J 9 8 7 4	
	♦ Q 6 4 2	
	♣ 10 2	
♠ K 10 2		♠ Q J 9 8 7 6
♥ Q 10 5 3		♥ —
♦ K 8 7 3		♦ A 10 9 5
♣ 9 5		♣ K 8 6
	♠ 4 3	
	♥ A K 4 2	
	♦ J	
	♣ A Q J 7 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	3♣
3♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dbl

(1) 6♠, 8–9/11–12 HCP depending on vulnerability/position

South led the ♥K, and declarer ruffed and played the ♠9 to the king and ace. North switched to the ♣10 followed by the 2, South taking the king with the ace and continuing with the queen. Declarer ruffed with dummy’s ♠10, drew trumps and played the ♦10 for the jack and king and then ran the 8, claiming +590.

The only winning defense is to lead a diamond at trick one, setting up a ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♠	Dbl	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dbl

All Pass

Declarer ruffed the lead of the ♥K and then played the ♦10 to dummy’s king followed by a club to the 2, king and ace. South continued with the ♣Q and ♣J, and North ruffed with the ♠A and returned the ♦4, South’s ruff putting the contract one down for -200 and another 12 IMPs.

Fleisher had taken the set 45–7 to establish a commanding lead, 122–68.

Zimmermann found points hard to come by as the final set unraveled. With the score at 142–75 along came:

Dlr: West	♠ Q J 9 4	
Vul: N–S	♥ J 6 4	
	♦ J	
	♣ A 10 5 4 2	
♠ K 10 8 7		♠ A 2
♥ K 5		♥ A Q 10 8 7
♦ A K 10 9 6 3		♦ 5 2
♣ 9		♣ K Q 8 6
	♠ 6 5 3	
	♥ 9 3 2	
	♦ Q 8 7 4	
	♣ J 7 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	Dbl	Redbl	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass

Dbl All Pass

This was one of those rare occasion when one gets caught out at the one level.

East started with two rounds of spades. West won and switched to the ♥K, the defenders taking three tricks in the suit (West pitching the ♣9) before East switched to the ♦5. West won and exited with a spade, and declarer won and tried the ♣A. West ruffed and played the ♦A. Declarer ruffed (discarding saves a trick) and East took the rest, five down, -1400 (shown as four down, -1100 on BBO, so perhaps declarer did discard on the ♦A).

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

South found an essential spade lead, declarer taking North’s queen with the ace and playing a diamond to the king and jack. The play record stops at this point, my guess being that declarer claimed 11 tricks when the ♦Q refused to fall under the ace, -100 and a 15-IMP swing.

Fleisher added another 20 IMPs on the two remaining deals to win 177–75.