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1=	JEREMY BAKER	STEVE AUCHTERLONIE	59
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3=	URSULA HARPER	MARTIN HOFFMAN	58
5=	ESPEN ERICHSEN	SUSANNA GROSS	57
5=	LUKE PORTER	ADAM DICKINSON	57
5=	PETER KAUFMANN	DICK SHEK	57
8	SANDY DAVIES	TOM GISBORNE	56
9=	ALAN GREEN	DAVID CLARK	55
9=	IAN PAGAN	CHRIS JAGGER	55
9=	ANDREW MOORE	JANE MOORE	55
12=	BERNARD EDDLESTON	MARGARET EDDLESTON	54
12=	IAN PANTO	TONY WATERLOW	54
14=	MARTIN GARVEY	JOHN HOWARD	53
14=	TIM BRIERLEY	MIKE ELLIOTT	53
16=	SIMON GILLIS	NORMAN SELWAY	52
16=	MICHAEL SCANLON	ROBERT MORRIS	52
16=	PAUL SMITH	TONY BAKER	52
19=	GERAINT HARKER	PHIL SMITH	51
19=	DAVID BEAL	JOHN MURRELL	51
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22=	LIZ LANCASTER	IAN LANCASTER	50
22=	PEGGY MOSS	CHRIS GEORGE	50
22=	RYAN STEPHENSON	LIZ CLERY	50
22=	TREVOR THROWER	ROBERT MILLER	50
22=	MADELINE LAWSON	MAHMOOD NURMOHAMED	50
22=	JEAN SQUIRES	ISOBEL TOWNLEY-FREEMAN	50
22=	PAUL FEGARTY	CATHERINE CURTIS	50
30=	MIKE FINCH	MOLLY FREEMAN	49
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30=	PAUL GIBBONS	CAMERON SMALL	49
30=	PHILIP THORNTON	VICTOR SAVAGE	49
30=	NEIL ROSEN	MARTIN JONES	49
35=	BRENDA CROSS	DAVID CROSS	48
35=	BO DEYAL	JOHN JONES	48
35=	MANDIE CAMPBELL	BENJAMIN HACKENBROCH	48
35=	MOZA PANAHPOUR	JAN SVENDSEN	48
35=	MICK CARRINGTON	LINDSAY GEDDES	48
40=	DAVID BARNES	NIGEL GUTHRIE	47
40=	MATTHEW HOSKINS	ANDREW SOUTHWELL	47
40=	MICK HAYTACK	SHEENA HAYTACK	47
40=	BILL GARDNER	RON BARNES	47
40=	ANNE ROSEN	SANDRA PENFOLD	47
40=	JERRY HAROUNI	RAY ROBINSON	47
40=	BERYL PITMAN	ROGER STEVENS	47
47=	MARILYN NATHAN	ARTUR MALINOWSKI	46
47=	VALERIE REEVES	ANN COX	46

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49=	KATHRYN McKIMMIE	JOHN McKIMMIE	45
49=	LYNTON STOCK	VICTOR SILVERSTONE	45
49=	JEFF SMITH	ALAN NELSON	45
49=	RUNE HAUGE	JON-EGIL FURUNES	45
49=	WENDY MILLER	JANE MORTON	45
49=	IAN DRAPER	CATHERINE DRAPER	45
49=	DAVID HERMAN	ROBERT BRINIG	45
49=	KATHERINE DOE	NICK DOE	45
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58=	JEREMY RICKARD	ROBERT GLASS	44
58=	JOHN HAWKINS	ANDY SMITH	44
58=	BERNARD MITCHELL	RICHARD FARRER	44
58=	SUE MILLARD	RICHARD MILLARD	44
58=	ANNE MONCRIEF	IAN BRUCE	44
58=	FRANCIS GLASSBOROW	GILLIAN WEATHERLEY	44
58=	SARAH DUNN	DAVID EWART	44
58=	BERNARD TELTSCHER	MARK TELTSCHER	44
58=	NADIA STELMANSHENKO	VICTOR MILMAN	44
58=	MARY BRIANT	JOAN CULLEN	44
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73=	STEVE TEARLE	TRACEY ADAMS	43
73=	SOBHAG SHAH	CHARU SHAH	43
73=	MICHAEL PRIOR	GARY WILES	43
73=	MALCOLM PRYOR	MALCOLM HARRIS	43
73=	CHRYN POOLE	STEVE LEE	43
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73=	RON DAVIS	MONICA LUCY	43
73=	SIMON STOKES	JUDITH HILL	43
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84=	BARRY STOKER	GORDON O'HAIR	42
84=	EDDIE LUCIONI	DAVID MOIR	42
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84=	CHRIS COOPER	NIGEL DENT	42
84=	JOHN SUTCLIFFE	JACKIE DAVIES	42
84=	PAUL BELSTEN	STUART DAVIES	42
84=	JOHN VOSATHAN	ASIOS ARGIROPOULOS	42
84=	RAY CLARKE	ROBERT ELLIOTT	42
84=	LYN DEMPSTER	ROY DEMPSTER	42
84=	HERB MUELLER	CAROLE MUELLER	42
84=	LAURIE BURTT	STEPHANIE BURTT	42
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Today's Schedule

11.00 a.m	Discuss it with an Expert
1.00 p.m	Swiss Pairs Session 2 (4 matches)
8.00 p.m	Swiss Pairs Session 3 (3 matches)
Midnight	Night Owls Speed Ball (Swiss Teams)

Welcome

Welcome to the 2006 EBU Summer Meeting in Brighton. I landed at Heathrow only this morning on my return from editing Daily Bulletins at the World Youth Team Championships in Bangkok, Thailand so, if at any time in the next couple of days you see me wandering around looking as though I am not quite sure what day of the week it is, there is a good reason – I probably really don't know what day it is.

It tends to be difficult to get much good copy on the first evening of this tournament so I intend to only start to cover the Swiss Pairs in tomorrow morning's bulletin. I hope, however, that you will find this morning's bridge interesting.

How interesting future bridge coverage will be depends very much on you. Please, if you have a good story, whether it be a well-played hand or a spectacular disaster, let me know about it, and I will make you famous (or infamous).

Verona 2006

The best English performance in the recent World Championships in Verona, Italy, was that of David Bakhshi and Andrew McIntosh in the World Open Pairs Championship. They started the five-session qualifying phase with a disastrous session which left just one pair behind them in the standings but then recovered to qualify in some comfort.

They coasted through the five-session semi-final and, went into the fifth and final session of the final in fifth place out of 72. David and Tosh stayed in contention for a medal until almost the end of the session, and finished sixth.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

[J 9 8 3] A 8 7 3 { Q 8 6 2 } 5	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	[10] 10 9 4 { A K 10 7 3 } K J 9 6
	[A 6 5 4 2] K J 6 { J } A Q 8 3	
	[K Q 7] Q 5 2 { 9 5 4 } 10 7 4 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Sainte-Marie</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1[	Pass	2[
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3}	Pass
3{	All Pass		

While we all have to make slightly unsound calls if we want to be successful at matchpoints, Bakhshi judged that to act at his first turn, when vulnerable, was a little too risky when his opponents held the boss suit and rated to outbid him whenever it was right for them to do so. However, when the French pair stopped in 2[, Bakhshi was more than willing to make a balancing double. Tosh's 2NT response showed at least two places to play, and 3} was selected because, facing the clubs and hearts, Bakhshi preferred clubs – bidding his best suit would have risked taking him a level higher if partner did not have diamonds. Tosh converted to diamonds, showing that he also held hearts.

Marc Bompis led his trump, often the correct start on auctions of this type, and Tosh won the ace then played the [10 to Thierry De Sainte-Marie's queen. Sainte-Marie switched to a heart, ducked to the jack, and Bompis cashed the ace of clubs before playing a spade, ruffed in dummy. Tosh played king of clubs and ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club with the queen and played his last trump to dummy. Having drawn the last trump, there was just a heart to lose; nine tricks for +110 and 52 MPs out of a possible 70.

At matchpoints, the little boards are as important as the more spectacular ones and, if you can be consistently above average on most of the competitive partscore deals as here, you will do well.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

[10 8] K 10 6 5 4 { Q 10 } A 10 4 3	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	[A K J 3 2] 9 2 { K J 8 3 } J 2
	[6 4] Q J 7 3 { 7 6 5 2 } K Q 9	
	[Q 9 7 5] A 8 { A 9 4 } 8 7 6 5	

West	North	East	South
<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Westra</i>
Pass	Pass	1[	Pass
1NT	Pass	2}	Pass
2[	All Pass		

The Dutch pair were also in the running for a medal, though they were eventually to miss out, finishing in fourth place. Here, Bakhshi's 2} rebid was a transfer, but Tosh preferred spades so bid 2[, ending the auction.

Berri Westra led a club, ducked to the queen, and Vincent Ramondt switched to a heart to his partner's ace. Westra returned a second heart to dummy's king and Bakhshi ran the ten of spades, ducked by Westra. Declarer repeated the spade finesse and, of course, this time Westra won his queen. He played a club, Bakhshi

rising with dummy's ace and playing the queen of diamonds to Westra's ace. Bakhshi ruffed the club return, cashed the remaining trumps, then played diamonds from the top. The fall of the {9 meant an overtrick; +140 and 50 MPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

		[Q 6 5	
		] 10 7 3	
		{ A K Q 2	
		} J 5 3	
[10 8 4			[A K 9
] 9			] K Q J 8 4 2
{ 9 8			{ 5 4
} A K Q 9 8 7 2			} 10 6
		[J 7 3 2	
		] A 6 5	
		{ J 10 7 6 3	
		} 4	

West	North	East	South
<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Khiouppen</i>
—	—	1]	Pass
2}	Pass	2]	Pass
3}	Pass	3[	Pass
4}	Pass	4]	All Pass

Four Hearts is beatable, of course, as South can arrange to take a club ruff, after which declarer will also have a slow spade loser, as well as the three top red tricks, but it is also the only game contract with any hope of success, courtesy of the even trump split.

Russia's Jouri Khiouppen led the jack of diamonds and Vadim Kholomeev overtook to play a second round before switching to a club. And that was the end of the defence. When South won the ace of trumps he had no entry to partner's hand to get his ruff, and no club to lead to cut declarer off from my dummy; ten tricks for +420 and 64 MPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

		[Q J 6 4	
		] Q 6 4 2	
		{ Q 6	
		} Q J 8	
[A 9 8			[K 7 2
] J 8 7 5			] K 10 9
{ K 10 2			{ A 4 3
} 9 7 3			} 10 5 4 2
		[10 5 3	
		] A 3	
		{ J 9 8 7 5	
		} A K 6	

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertens</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Berendregt</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1}
Pass	1]	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Another small board saw another excellent result for Tosh/Bakhshi. Huub Bertens of the Netherlands led the eight of spades, which was run to Bakhshi's ten. He played back the same suit, Bertens taking his ace and exiting with his last spade to Berendregt's king.

The switch was a club to declarer's king and Bakhshi led a diamond, West going in with the king and returning a club to dummy's jack. Bakhshi cashed the queen of spades then played the {Q, won by East.

That was all for the defence as the diamonds were now established. Nine tricks was huge, of course. The defence never attacked hearts and the diamonds went very well for declarer; +150 and 66 MPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

		[8 3 2	
		] Q 9 7	
		{ Q 3	
		} A Q 8 7 5	
[J 10 7 6 5			[Q 9 4
] 6 5 3			] A K 10 2
{ K 8 2			{ 10 9 7
} J 10			} K 4 2
		[A K	
		] J 8 4	
		{ A J 6 5 4	
		} 9 6 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Zobu</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
—	—	1}	1{
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Another 1NT contract went very well, this time for McIntosh. Ahu Zobu led ace, king and a third heart, McIntosh unblocking to win the third round in dummy to play a diamond towards his queen, which held the trick.

Declarer crossed to the ace of diamonds to play the nine of clubs to the ten, queen and king, and Zobu cashed the thirteenth heart then switched to a spade. When the clubs came in, Tosh had nine tricks for another +150 and 60 MPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

		[A 9 8	
		] 3 2	
		{ 9 3	
		} K Q J 9 8 3	
[Q 10 7 6 4			[K J 5 3
] 9 6 4			] J 8 7 5
{ Q			{ A 10 5 4
} A 6 5 2			} 4
		[2	
		] A K Q 10	
		{ K J 8 7 6 2	
		} 10 7	

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolata</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1{
1[	2]	4[	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

We all make aggressive pre-emptive bids when we have good support for partner and the opposition sound strong. However, West's overcall was wafer-thin for this vulnerability - that is a polite way of putting it. I would not have overcalled and I do like bidding, so I think Turkey's Suleyman Kolata was over-aggressive in doing so. Ismail Kandemir's 4 \heartsuit call looks OK to me but the price was too high.

Tosh led the king of clubs to declarer's ace and Kolata gave up a heart. The defence cashed three heart winners then Bakhshi played a fourth heart, ruffed high as Tosh threw his last diamond. Now a spade was ducked to dummy's jack and Kolata tried to cash the ace of diamonds. Tosh ruffed and cashed the ace of spades then exited with a top club. Declarer had to lose a club at the end so that was three down for -800 and all 70 MPs for McIntosh/Bakhshi.

Fu Zhong and Zhao Jie of China averaged 56.84% to take the gold medal. Second were Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein of USA with 56.41%, with the bronze medal going to the holders, Italy's Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes, who scored 55.91%. McIntosh/Bakhshi scored 54.73%. To put those scores into context, one board was just over 0.7.

The Hackett twins were never in contention for the medals, but finished strongly to take ninth place, Nick Sandqvist/Artur Malinowski finished sixteenth, and Tom Townsend/David Gold 24th.

In other events, Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Andrew McIntosh and David Bakhshi reached the last 16 of the Rosenblum, the World Open Teams Championship, Sally Brock and Heather Dhondy were sixth in the Women's Pairs, and John Holland and Michele Brunner were 14th in the Mixed Pairs but, overall, not a great tournament for England.

Trivia Quiz 1

Sporting Nicknames

At some point in their careers, which well-known sportsmen and women had these nicknames?

1. Sweetness
2. The Brown Bomber
3. Ohio Fats
4. The Louisville Lip
5. White Lightning
6. The Rockhampton Rocket
7. The Duchess of Doom
8. The Don
9. The Babe
10. Flo-Jo

Discipline

We all make technical errors once in a while, errors of judgement, take wrong views. Where the best have an edge is normally that they are less likely to lose discipline, concentration, focus – call it what you will. These three deals from the recent American Nationals in Chicago illustrated a few different ways in which to achieve foolish and entirely avoidable results.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

$$\begin{array}{l} [KQ974] \\]107 \\ \{65432 \\ \}5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} [AJ] \\]AJ4 \\ \{QJ108 \\ \}K862 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} [86] \\]KQ6532 \\ \{A \\ \}9743 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} [10532] \\]98 \\ \{K97 \\ \}AQJ10 \end{array}$$

A central 2x2 grid with a gray background contains the letters:

$$\begin{array}{cc} N & E \\ W & S \end{array}$$

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>		<i>Hackett</i>	
–	–	2]	Pass
2[	2NT	3[	4}
All Pass			

Paul Hackett's 2] opening was weak and my 2[response was, supposedly, constructive but not forcing.

A very strong and experienced player lost faith in his partnership agreements here. Of course, the 2NT overall was strong and balanced by agreement, but South was convinced by the East/west bidding that his partner must be showing the minors.

South could have bid 3NT to achieve a normal result, or doubled for a huge one. The fact that 4♠ failed, by a trick was almost irrelevant – after a heart lead to the ace, declarer cashed two rounds of trumps and found that he had to allow East to ruff a diamond.

Discuss it with an Expert

(11.00 a.m in the Cambridge Room)

This morning's Expert will be
David Stevenson.

As well as discussing interesting hands from yesterday evening's session, David will discuss some of the Orange Book changes that have just come into force.

I was the guilty party on this next deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	[10 8 6] Q 5 { A J 2 } Q J 9 4 3										
[A 7 2] J 6 2 { 6 5 4 } K 7 6 2	<table><tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr></table>		N		W		E		S		[K Q 5 3] K 10 9 8 4 3 { 10 9 } 10
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	[J 9 4] A 7 { K Q 8 7 3 } A 8 5										

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hackett</i>		<i>Senior</i>
–	1}	1]	2{
2]	Dble	3]	3NT
All Pass			

I lost focus. I was annoyed that partner had opened a non-opening hand and he had also intended his double as support (showing three-card diamond support), while I had interpreted it as showing extra values.

The heart lead went to the queen, king and ace, and I crossed to the ace of diamonds to run the queen of clubs.

When the ten appeared, it is true that this would have been a fine and, no doubt, correct play from } K10 doubleton, but realistically the finesse rated to fail.

Not thinking clearly, or perhaps at all, I took the club finesse and was down six, for –300 and about the number of matchpoints you would imagine such a result would achieve.

Had I stayed calm, I would have seen that East/West were cold for at least +140 in a heart contract, so that cashing out for –100 would save a lot of matchpoints.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	[10 8 6 2] 9 { 9 6 5 4 3 } K 7 6										
[AK 7 4] K 8 4 { 8 7 } AJ 10 4	<table><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 9 5 3] AQ 6 5 3 { Q 10 } 8 2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	[J] J 10 7 2 { AKJ 2 } Q 9 5 3										

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2}	Pass
2[	Pass	4[	All Pass

North led the six of diamonds to the queen and king and South cashed the jack, North following with the four. South thought that this showed an initial holding of four cards, expecting the nine to be played from the actual holding. He continued with the ace of diamonds to force dummy to ruff – an effective defence should North hold]10xxx or]K10xx.

Alas, declarer was able to ruff in hand and pitch a club from dummy. She now drew four rounds of trumps. What should South discard? He had better choose three clubs, after all, what use will his club holding be in front of declarer's holding?

See what happens if South pitches that 'useless' two of diamonds. Declarer continues with the king of and another heart and, when North shows out, ducks. South wins but declarer has three hearts and the ace of clubs to come – ten tricks in all. If South keeps the two of diamonds, he has a winner to cash when he gains the lead.

At the table, South was irritated by North's carding and the ruff and discard and stopped thinking. He pitched two clubs and the low diamond. It isn't always easy but it is important to keep focus, keep thinking and discuss after the game what went wrong – maybe it is you who misunderstands your partnership agreements.

Incidentally, had South known the diamond position, he would probably have switched to a club at trick three.

After the ten forces the king, South is squeezed on the run of the spades and ten tricks are easy. The third diamond lead was correct all along.

Trivia Quiz 1

Sporting Nicknames

Solutions

1. Chicago Bears running back, Walter Payton (American Football)
2. Joe Louis (Heavyweight Boxing)
3. Jack Nicklaus (Golf)
4. Cassius Clay (Heavyweight Boxing)
5. Alberto Juantarena (Cuban Olympic gold medallist in Track and Field)
6. Rod Laver (Tennis)
7. Alison Fisher (Ladies Pool)
8. Don Bradman (Cricket)
9. Babe Ruth (Baseball)
10. Florence Griffiths Joyner (Track and Field)