

Swiss Pairs for the Harold Poster Cup**Standings after Round 10**

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Today's Schedule

11.00 a.m	Discuss it with an Expert
12.30 p.m	Swiss Pairs Session 4 (4 matches)
8.00 p.m	Open Pairs and Open Teams

The Swiss Pairs

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

Session One

If you have dreams of winning the Swiss Pairs Championship, the last thing that you want is to begin with a zero from your first match – precisely what Geoff Wolfarth and I collected against Jim Grant and Stefan Lindfors.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

[Q 9 6 2] 10 6 3 { A 8 5 4 } K 2	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	[8 5 4] A 8 2 { K Q 10 6 } 8 6 5
	[A J 10 3] J 9 4 { J 7 3 2 } 10 7	
	[K 7] K Q 7 5 { 9 } A Q J 9 4 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Wolfarth</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Lindfors</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1}
Pass	1[Pass	2}
Pass	Pass	Dble	2]
All Pass			

I didn't know how well off I was when my opponents stopped in 2} and, liking to compete at this vulnerability whenever possible, made a balancing double. Lindfors took the opportunity to introduce his second suit and Grant judged correctly to leave his partner to play the four-three fit.

Wolfarth made the best lead of ace and another diamond, Lindfors ruffing. He played king of spades then a spade to the ace and passed the seven of clubs to West's king. Lindfors ruffed the diamond return then played a club to the ten and ruffed a spade, then played a winning club but ruffed it in dummy to take one more ruff with his last trump. Then he played another club winner. When West ruffed in with the three, he discarded from dummy but East was able to under-ruff with the two to allow West to play the J 6 through at trick twelve. But East's entry into the auction made it easy for declarer to get that right, putting in the nine and making an overtrick for +140 and 112 out of 128 MPs.

Discuss it with an Expert

(11.00 a.m in the Cambridge Room)

This morning's Expert will be Paul Hackett.
Why not bring along your problems from yesterday for some Expert advice?

[2] A J 9 8 7 5 { A Q 5 4 } 7 3	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	[A J 5] Q 6 { K 7 2 } 10 8 5 4 2
	[K Q 10 9 4] 10 2 { J 10 9 8 6 3 } –	
	[8 7 6 3] K 4 3 { – } A K Q J 9 6	

West	North	East	South
<i>Wolfarth</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Lindfors</i>
1]	2]	Dble	4[
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5]	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Grant's 2] overcall showed spades and a minor and my double showed some high cards and, perhaps, interest in penalising the opposition. The second double was penalty but Wolfarth judged to remove it. Whether he was right or not rather depends on what he would have led against 4[doubled. It takes a trump lead to beat it, as East can win and switch to a heart to get two tricks in that suit to go with the two trump winners. Otherwise, declarer can pitch heart losers on the clubs to make his doubled game.

Anyway, 5] doubled it was and Grant, looking for a club ruff, led his lowest spade, hoping that partner would win and read the lead as suit preference. Declarer took dummy's spade ace and led the queen of hearts to the king and ace. He tried to cross back to dummy for a second heart finesse by leading to the king of diamonds and that got ruffed. Lindfors cashed two top clubs then played a third round, ruffed and over-ruffed, and a second diamond ruff left the contract down three for –800 and only 5 MPs to East/West.

There was no lie of the cards consistent with the bidding that would permit 5] doubled to make by crossing to dummy to take a second heart finesse. Declarer should have played on the assumption that a reasonable number of people would be making 4[, so that if he could get out for less than –620 he would score a useful number of MPs. The way to ensure at most two down was to continue hearts from the top after winning the heart ace.

The fall of the J 10 would be just a bonus. Even losing to the J 10, and having a late diamond loser, the contract is only two down for –500. On the actual lay-out, declarer draws trumps then concedes a club, and South had better return a spade now and a second spade when declarer concedes a second club, else North gets squeezed between diamonds and spades and the contract is actually made!

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1]	1[1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Plenty of people went down in 3NT on this one from Round 3, but Richard Harris and his partner, John Dakin, managed to get it five down, earning themselves a lot of matchpoints in the process.

Harris led the four of clubs to the jack and queen and Dakin returned the } K to dummy's ace. Declarer took a losing diamond finesse and Harris cashed the clubs.

On the run of the clubs, dummy pitched a spade, two hearts and a diamond, East a spade and two hearts, and declarer a diamond and three spades.

Harris exited with a heart to dummy and declarer cashed a second heart, throwing his last spade, then led a diamond to the ace and had no option but to exit with another diamond. But the diamond to West's king squeezed dummy, which was down to just] A and [Q], and the defence had the last two tricks for –500.

Incidentally, what do you think of South's 1NT bid? Maybe it didn't deserve quite the fate that it suffered, but 1NT is a serious distortion of the hand and, as South had already passed, partner could hardly have got carried away had he bid 2{ instead.

Trivia Quiz 2

Capital Cities

What are the capital cities of the following countries?

1. Thailand
2. Nicaragua
3. Kenya
4. Peru
5. Egypt
6. Poland
7. Hungary
8. Bolivia
9. The Philippines
10. Cambodia

Those Extra Chances

Everyone knows that it is important to go for overtricks at matchpoints. Finding those extra tricks is often another matter, however. How would you play this deal from the Life Masters Pairs at the recent ACBL Nationals in Chicago?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

N
W E
S

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1NT
2]	4] (i)	Pass	4[
All Pass			

(i) Transfer to spades

Your left hand opponent's 2] overcall is described as being natural but not a good hand, and the opening lead is the two of diamonds.

Many-time world champion, Eric Rodwell won the ace of diamonds, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, played a diamond to the king and ruffed a diamond. Only now did he play a trump.

The partial elimination play was successful. West won the spade but was endplayed, forced to either lead into the heart tenace or give a ruff and discard. Either way, Rodwell would get twelve tricks and 23.5 out of 25 MPs.

This was the full deal. Did you find the extra chance as did Rodwell?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

N
W E
S

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

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

[10 4
] 10
{ Q 10 8 3
} K Q J 6 5 3

Swiss Pairs

Session Two

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

[A 9 8 6] A J 10 8 6 5 4 { K 8 } -	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> N W E S </div>	[7 2] - { A 9 4 } A K 10 8 6 5 3 2
	[Q J 5 4] K 3 { 10 7 6 3 } Q 7 4	
	[K 10 3] Q 9 7 2 { Q J 5 2 } J 9	

At my table the contract on this deal from the first match on Saturday afternoon was 4] by West. The play was straightforward enough – basically, declarer pitches two spade losers on the top clubs and has to play trumps for two losers to succeed.

Geoff Wolfarth duly played with the odds when he played ace followed by a low heart, dropping the doubleton honour. Either honour doubleton is twice as likely as the doubleton nine, the time when it is correct to continue with the ten or jack on the second round.

Of more interest is the play in a club contract on the lead of the jack of clubs, which happened at a number of tables. Normally, this would be for the overtrick in 5}, but did anyone bid and make a club slam?

On the club lead, declarer wins and plays two more rounds of clubs, wins the likely spade switch, and plays ace then ruffs a heart to leave only one defender able to guard that suit. Then he rattles off the trumps.

At the point where declarer cashes the last trump, by which time the defenders will no doubt be heartily sick of the sight of clubs, he will be down to just ace to three diamonds in hand, while dummy has king doubleton diamond, a heart and a spade.

South must keep the queen of hearts on this trick. If he throws his remaining spade to keep two diamonds, dummy throws its heart and North is squeezed in diamonds and spades. So South must keep a heart and a spade, coming down to only a singleton diamond. Again, the heart is pitched from dummy, but this time North can throw his last spade without pain.

Declarer leads a diamond to the king, seeing South's last diamond, and should know to finesse the nine of diamonds on the way back to make twelve tricks.

Why should declarer know to finesse in diamonds, because to play for the drop is to play for South to have begun life with {QJ1052 and not to have either led or

switched to the suit – very unlikely. Another good reason to get the ending right is simply because opportunities to play a successful Guard Squeeze, which is what this is, are few and far between, so any good technician will want to do just that.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

[K J 10 4] 10 8 7 { 8 3 } A 7 5 3	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> N W E S </div>	[Q 9 7] Q 9 5 2 { 4 2 } J 8 6 4
	[8 6] A K 6 4 { Q 10 9 7 5 } 10 2	
	[A 5 3 2] J 3 { A K J 6 } K Q 9	

West	North	East	South
<i>Eginton</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Nelson</i>	<i>Wolfarth</i>
-	-	-	1{
1[Dble	2[Dble
Pass	4{	Pass	4[
Pass	5{	All Pass	

Steve Eginton and Kath Nelson have a very good record in this event over the years. One reason is that they are active in the bidding and their opponents don't often get an easy ride. Take this deal. It is frequently right to compete on marginal values at Love All, when both sides are going down only in 50s, but I imagine that most N/S pairs had a free run to 3NT. Not against Steve and Kath.

Steve's four-card overcall allowed Kath to take another level of bidding away from us with her simple raise and it was much tougher to get to 3NT than for most people. Yes, South might very well have preferred 2NT to the responsive double, but he no doubt imagined that North had a singleton spade.

We got to game OK, just not the game we would have liked to play at matchpoints.

Bridge Books Wanted

The EBU Education department is trying to build up a library of old bridge books for use by our growing number of junior squad members. The library will be kept at Loughborough Grammar School. If you have any old books or magazines that you would like to donate they can be brought to the congress desk during the congress; sent or brought to EBU Headquarters in Aylesbury or sent or taken to Loughborough Grammar School marked for the attention of Mel Starkings.

EUROPE v USA

September 18th to 21st sees two of the top teams in the world compete for the **Warren Buffet Cup** in Dublin.

The event starts off with Pairs, followed by Teams, and finishes with an Individual. All matches are head-to-head, with a very unusual feature – you do not actually play against your opponent, only against all the other players on the opposing team.

Eric Kokish will be responsible for the vugraph and all six tables will be live on www.bridgebase.com, where you can watch for free.

The Teams

Europe: Giorgio Duboin/Norberto Bocchi (Italy), Geir Helgemo/Tor Helness (Norway), Sabine Auken/Daniela von Arnim (Germany), Tom Hanlon/Hugh McGann (Ireland), Jan Jansma/Louk Verhees (Netherlands), Jason & Justin Hackett (England).

USA: Bob Hamman/Paul Soloway, Bobby Levin/Steve Weinstein, Jill Levin/Jill Meyers, David Berkowitz/Larry Cohen, Zia Mahmoud/Roy Welland. Geoff Hampson/Fred Gittelman.

How can you help? Please log in to www.buffetcup.com and register. It is free and it encourages the sponsors to continue the event.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

[K 6 5] 10 8 { 5 } Q J 8 7 6 5 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	[J 9] A 9 5 2 { K J 8 7 6 3 } 3
	[10 7 4 2] Q J 7 3 { A 9 } K 10 2	
	[A Q 8 3] K 6 4 { Q 10 4 2 } A 9	

West	North	East	South
Jones	Small	Rosen	Gibbons
–	–	Pass	1NT
3}	Dble	Pass	4}
Pass	4]	Pass	4[
AllPass			

Neil Rosen found a neat deceptive play to lead declarer astray on this deal from Round 5. Paul Gibbons opened a 15-17 no trump and Martin Jones overcalled 3}, pre-emptive. Cameron Small's

double was take-out so Gibbons cuebid then converted 4] to 4[, ending the auction.

Jones led the queen of clubs, which declarer won in hand with the ace. No doubt a good few contracts failed around the room when declarer crossed to dummy and took a trump finesse, running into a club ruff when the finesse failed. But Gibbons saw an improvement on that line – he could cash the ace of spades then cross to dummy and lead a spade towards his queen, reducing the danger of the ruff.

This line works beautifully, particularly as the [J pops up on the second round. But it didn't quite go like that, because Neil Rosen dropped the jack on the lead of the ace of spades. Declarer was taken in and, wanting to guard against [K965 on his left, followed up with a low spade to the seven and nine. He was back up to two trump losers again and four in all for down one, a nice falsecard.

Trivia Quiz 2

Solutions

1. Bangkok
2. Managua
3. Nairobi
4. Lima
5. Cairo
6. Warsaw
7. Budapest
8. La Paz
9. Manila
10. Phnom Penh

SHOPPING

Don't forget to do your Bridge Shopping. **Jeanette Goatcher** has all manner of bridge gifts at her **Bridge The Gap** stall, while **Brian Senior** has a huge range on his **Bridge Book** stall.

Bill Gardiner noticed that, in the White Section on Friday evening, a pair were sitting without opponents. Everyone else had started so they called for the TD, "We have no opponents".

The TD asked them to wait.

A few minutes later they asked another TD, "Can you find us some opponents?"

Off he went and came back with Tony Forrester and Alexander Allfrey. Perhaps they would have been better off waiting a while longer?