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Junior Games open with a bang *Ortiz-Patiño presides at impressive ceremony*

In perhaps the most impressive ceremony in the history of world bridge, President Emeritus **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** of the World Bridge Federation opened the *Fifth World Junior Team Championships* with a bang -- he pounded a gavel at the speakers' stand.

The opening had everything -- interesting speakers, presentation of the members of all 12 teams, Indonesian music and dancing, and an outstanding Indonesian dinner. Supervising throughout was Paula Wirjawan, the mistress of ceremonies.

The speakers included Ortiz-Patiño; Major General Wiranto, president of the Indonesian Contract Bridge Association; Professor Dr. Ida Bagus Oka, provincial governor of Bali; General Wismajo Arismunandar, president of the Indonesia National Sports Committee; Panos Gerontopoulos, chairman of the World Bridge Federation Youth Committee, and John Tumewu, a member of the Indonesian Junior team who offered a pledge for all participants.

Ortiz-Patiño has attended all five World Junior Championships. Back in 1976 when he first became president of the WBF, he was very much involved in bringing Junior bridge to the fore. He told of the first days of the World Junior Championship -- "We had difficulty getting five teams to compete." He pointed out how far Junior bridge has come, with 12 teams from five WBF zones in competition here.

He also emphasized that bridge now has been recognized by the International Olympic Committee. "This will open the way for our organization to receive support from many areas whose doors were closed to us in the past," he said.

Ortiz-Patiño had words of high praise for Amran Zamzami, president of the executive committee in

charge of this tournament, and for Gerontopoulos.

"Amran Zamzami is the father of bridge in Indonesia," he said. "Without Amran Indonesian bridge would not be where it is today. Panos has been untiring over the years in his efforts to project Junior bridge forward first in Europe and then in the world. First it was the European Junior Championship, then the European Bridge Camp, and now the World Junior Championship."

Ortiz-Patiño first visited Bali in 1972 and returned in 1976. He was tremendously impressed by the island's beauty then -- and now -- and he strongly advised all present to take full advantage of their trip to Bali by seeing as much as possible of the beautiful country.

Gerontopoulos pointed out that it was a daring step to take the World Junior Championship out of Europe and North America and place it in Indonesia. "But Indonesia has been a bridge pioneer in the Far East, and they are proving to us that it was a good move for the WBF to come to Bali."

Each of the teams was introduced in turn. They were escorted to the front of the room by beautiful Indonesian young ladies who carried the national flag of the country whose team they were leading.

Indonesian dancers put on a wonderful show with their incredible movements and beautiful costumes.

No question about it -- it was a night to remember.

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And don't forget !...

ROUND - ROBIN SCHEDULE

Round 1

Sunday, July 9 **10.30 - 12.50**
 14.10 - 16.30

- Denmark - Indonesia
- Japan - USA 1
- Italy - Canada
- USA 2 - Great Britain
- China - New Zealand
- Australia - Argentina

Round 2

Sunday, July 9 **17.00 - 19.20**
 21.30 - 23.50

- Indonesia - Australia
- USA 1 - Argentina
- New Zealand - Italy
- Canada - China
- Japan - USA 2
- Great Britain - Denmark

Round 3

Monday, July 10 **10.30 - 12.50**
 14.10 - 16.30

- Indonesia - USA 1
- Argentina - Great Britain
- China - Japan
- Denmark - New Zealand
- USA 2 - Canada
- Australia - Italy

Round 4

Monday, July 10 **17.00 - 19.20**
 21.30 - 23.50

- Canada - Indonesia
- Great Britain - Australia
- USA 1 - USA 2
- Italy - Japan
- New Zealand - Argentina
- Denmark - China



Twelve teams of Juniors from all over the world are here to compete for the Junior Team championship of the world. Play will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 9. Each team will play a 32-board match against each of the other teams during an 11-match round-robin that will conclude on Friday, July 14.

The four teams finishing highest in the round-robin then will go into the knockout phase. The team finishing first will have the right to choose their semifinal opponent. However, there is one stipulation -- if two teams from the same country both make the semifinals, they must play each other. The only possibility here is an all-United States match -- the U.S. is the only country fielding two teams.

The semifinal will take place on Saturday, July 15, and will consist of 64 boards. The winners will meet in a 96-board final -- 64 on Sunday, July 16, and 32 on Monday, July 17.

André Boekhorst

1934-1995

André Boekhorst of the Netherlands, 61, newly elected president of the *European Bridge League*, died June 25 in a Netherlands hospital after a long illness. A pioneer in Junior bridge, he had been elected EBL president only days before his death. Previously he had served as EBL vice president and as a member of the *World Bridge Federation Executive Council*.

Boekhorst was a major bridge force in the Netherlands, the European Junior program and the International Bridge Press Association.

President Emeritus of the Dutch Bridge Federation, Boekhorst was a prime mover in building membership in the Dutch federation from less than 20,000 into an organization of more than 100,000 members. During his nearly 30 years of service to the federation, Boekhorst held many positions --- chief editor of *BRIDGE* magazine, secretary and later president of the federation. He also was the driving force behind the highly successful teacher education program.

But his greatest contributions were in the world of Junior bridge. He was named the **IBPA Bridge Personality of the Year** in 1990 for his work in the Junior program.

As a young executive of the Netherlands Bridge Federation, he took the initiative to organize an international bridge competition for young people. After obtaining permission from the European Bridge League -- a not inconsiderable task -- he staged the first European Junior Bridge Team Championship in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in August of 1968.

Ten nations competed in Prague, and most players and officials left Prague immediately afterward. Three days after the conclusion of play, the Russians invaded the city. Boekhorst was waked up at midnight and driven to the

border -- he never had a chance to say goodbye to those who worked with him at the championship.

At the second championship in Dublin in 1970, David Pigot donated an impressive trophy - a trophy that is still in play in the European Championships.

The championships made a breakthrough in 1972 when 17 countries competed, and they have been going from strength to strength ever since. The championships were going so well that Boekhorst was able to direct his energies to another project -- the European Junior Bridge Camp. The camp was launched in 1976 in Warmensteinach, Germany. Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, new president of the World Bridge Federation at the time, attended the first camp.

The second camp was held in Budapest in 1977, and the camp has been held every two years since. The camps take place in odd-numbered years, the championships in the even-numbered years.

Having laid the foundation for Junior Bridge, Boekhorst retired as chairman of the European Bridge League Youth Committee in 1985 after 18 innovative years. He suggested Panos Gerontopoulos of Greece as his successor, and Gerontopoulos became first the European chairman and later the World Bridge Federation chairman. He still holds both positions.

Let the Games... *BEGIN!*

Which country will be the champion in the **Fifth World Junior Bridge Team Championships**? We won't know until Monday, July 17, but of course some teams seem to have more potential than others.

Certainly **Great Britain** is a team to be reckoned with. In a Zone with many fine Junior teams, the Britons won the European Junior Team Championship. **Denmark** also figures to be among the leaders.

Poland, originally the third Zone 1 representative, had to drop out for economic reasons. **Norway** was next in the standings but couldn't make the necessary arrangements because of the tight time frame. Therefore the third invitation went to **Italy**, at this point somewhat of any unknown quantity.

United States I, another strong group, suffered a loss shortly before heading for Bali. **Leni Holtz**, partner of **Andrew Moss**, was forced to withdraw because of pressures caused by his job. No suitable replacement was found for Holtz, so United States I came here as a five-man team.

Moss will be used in partnership with each of the other four, thereby opening the way for each to have an occasional rest from tournament pressure.

United States II and **Canada**, the other Zone 2 teams, also must be considered reasonable candidates for semifinal berths.

The word from the Far East Championships is that **China** is a force to fear -- three strong and practised partnerships. Some pundits are confident that China will make it to the final and might

go all the way. The other teams from the Far East, as well as **Argentina** from Zone 3, will cause their opponents plenty of trouble as the round-robin progresses, but their chances of reaching the semifinals are not as solid as those of some of the other competitors.

Five of the seven WBF Zones are represented -- all but Central American-Caribbean and Middle East.



How the teams line up *

** The following are the lineups as we had them in the Daily Bulletin office. However, we had not received the official lineups as of press time. If there are any changes, they will be noted in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin.*

AUSTRALIA -- Jason Pitt, Adam Sarten, Kylie Robb, Ben Hutchinson, Mark Jappe, Stephen White; Sean Mullamphy, npc.

ARGENTINA -- Maria Florencia, Eleonora Alegre, Alexis Pejacsevich, Luciano Remondi, Pablo Revenna, Leonardo Rizzo; Gustavo Alujas, npc.

CANADA -- Jeff Blond, Darrell Kovacz, David Levy, Fred

Pollack, Mike Roberts, Eric Sutherland; John Carruthers, npc.

CHINA -- Ye Huang, Weinfei Wang, Jien Chen, Ziqui Xie, Yongchuan Li, Jianyong You; Jizu Tang, npc.

DENMARK -- Mathias Bruun, Jacob Ron, Freddi Brondum, Nicolai Kampmann, Lars Lund Madsen, Morten Lund Madsen; Jens Kofoed, npc.

GREAT BRITAIN -- Jason Hackett, Tom Townsend, Danny Davies, Justin Hackett, Jeffrey Alberton, Phill Souter; Phil King, npc.

INDONESIA -- Jemmy Boyoh, Djems Polii, Nofry Kaligis, Jemmy Angkow, Taufik Nasution, Agus Kus Trijanto; Edison Muntu, npc.

ITALY -- Gianluca Busacchi, Riccardo Intonti, Giacomo Beretta, Giovanni Albamonte, Federico Primavera, Gianmatteo Rona; Victorio Brandonisio, npc.

JAPAN -- Yasuo Otsuka, Tadashi Teramoto, Toshihiro Ogata, Minoru Mizuta, Ryoga Tanaka, Yasushi Kobayashi; Takeshi Nozaki, npc.

NEW ZEALAND -- Nigel Kearney, Charles Ker, Scott Smith, David Ackerley, Ishmael Delmonte, Ashley Bach; Michael Sykes, npc.

UNITED STATES 1 -- Kevin Wilson, Eric Greco, Steve Altus, Andrew Moss, Varis Carey; Steve Robinson, npc.

UNITED STATES 2 -- Eric Secan, Mike Shuster, Richard Pavlicek Jr., Blair Seidler, Joel Wooldridge, Tom Carmichael; Bob Rosen, npc.

The European Championships

By Barry Rigal

The 42nd European Bridge Championships were held in the Algarve in Portugal, and everyone was impressed with the setting. Playing rooms were spacious and cool, the main hotel was luxurious, and the vugraph show was a triumph -- it was even piped directly to the hotel rooms for those too lazy to come down to the arena.

Poland was the favorite, with France, Sweden, the Netherlands and the other Scandinavian countries not far behind. None of the pundits fancied Italy, especially after their traumatic start (three losses in the first six matches). But the Italians leapfrogged to the top and after that were never seriously challenged for first place.

The minor placings behind Italy were all undecided with half a match to go. France got the maximum 25 to take second place, and the Dutch overcame a 25-IMP deficit to take third. That left the battle for the final Bermuda Bowl berth -- Poland vs. Sweden on vugraph. The Swedes needed to win by at least 30 IMPs to qualify, and they were only five ahead at halftime. In a sensational second half the Swedes picked up an additional 36 IMPs (Piotr Gawrys and Kris Lasocki were sitting out during this session). The hands were unlucky for the Poles, and they also contributed to some extent to their own downfall.

This means that Italy, France, the Netherlands and Sweden will represent Zone 1 (Europe) in the Bermuda Bowl in Beijing, China, this fall.

In the Women's Championship, France demolished the field, averaging 20 Victory Points a match and clinching the title with a round to spare. With two matches to go it appeared that Germany and Great Britain would fight for the silver. Israel, Austria and Poland seemed to be the contestants for the fourth berth in the Venice Cup in Beijing.

It did not work out that way. Israel blitzed Germany, Sweden blitzed Great Britain -- and suddenly all those teams were fighting for tickets to Beijing.

The Germans recovered from the morning trauma to beat a tough Netherlands team on vugraph -- that was good enough to take the silver. Israel clinched the bronze with a big win. Meanwhile Great Britain and Austria were in a titanic struggle for fourth place.

It was close all the way, with the British finally prevailing by just three Victory Points.

Here is a hand from the Great Britain-Austria match.

Board 23. Game all. Dealer South.

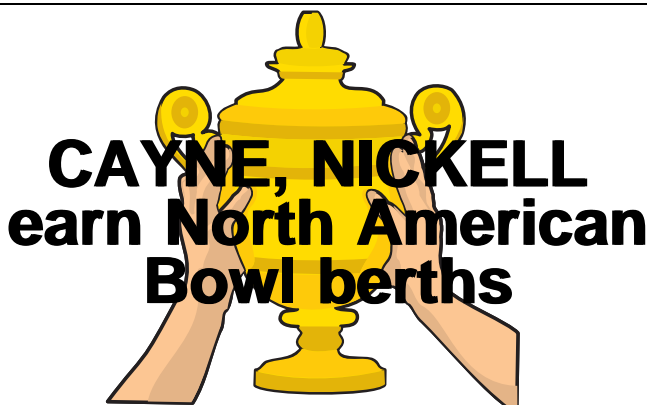
♠ K 2	♠ Q J 10 9 7 6 4
♥ K J 9 8 7 6	♥ Q
♦ 10 6	♦ A Q 8 4 2
♣ J 9 3	♣ --
♠ 3	♠ A 8 5
♥ 5 2	♥ A 10 4 3
♦ K J 9 7 5 3	♦ --
♣ A 7 6 4	♣ K Q 10 8 5 2

Closed Room			
West <i>Fraser</i>	North <i>Handley</i>	East <i>Stiefsohn</i>	South <i>Landy</i>
			1♣
1♦	1♥	4♠	5♦
Pass	5♥	6♦	6♥
All Pass			
Open Room			
West <i>Smith</i>	North <i>Erhart</i>	East <i>Davies</i>	South <i>Lindinger</i>
			1♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

This board really hurt the Austrians. The canapé approach in the Open Room quickly located the heart fit, but South's double of 4♠ seems ill-judged. The contract could have been defeated on a heart lead, but South not unnaturally led the ♣K. Declarer quickly discarded her ♥Q. When the defense subsequently failed to find their diamond ruff, Davies had made an overtrick for +990. In the Closed Room, Landy valued her hand somewhat differently and was fortunate that East had no club to lead. +1430 meant a massive 20-IMP swing to the British.

BERMUDA BOWL	Italy	569
	France	547
	Netherlands	542.5
	Sweden	541.5

France	418	VENICE CUP
Germany	383	
Israel	380	
Great Britain	366	



United States teams captained by Jimmy Cayne and Nick Nickell will be two of North America's three representatives in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl in Beijing, China, in October. They won this right by finishing 1-2 in the International Team Trials in Las Vegas last month. Canada also will field a Zone 2 team as a result of their victory in the Tri-Country Trials in Bermuda in January.

CAYNE (Chuck Burger, Mike Passell, Mark Lair, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman) swept through the Las Vegas competition undefeated. NICKELL (Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell) won the repechage final.

Cayne, Burger, Lair, Nickell and Freeman will be competing in the Bermuda Bowl for the first time. The others have a total of 21 Bermuda Bowl championships to their credit --- six each for Hamman and Wolff.

The team with the greatest reason to be disappointed was the squad led by Steve ZOLOTOW (Chris Compton, Harold Lilie, Marc Jacobus, Ron Smith, Billy Cohen). They played for 10 straight days, pulling off a series of upsets and getting to two finals in the knockouts --- only to go home with nothing but experience.

ZOLOTOW was the losing finalist in the primary knockout and was blown out in the repechage final in a rematch with NICKELL. Down by 128 IMPs with 32 boards to go in the 128-board match, ZOLOTOW withdrew.

Both winning teams were thrilled to have a chance to return the Bermuda Bowl to North America for the first time since 1987. "This was a great team effort," said Passell, "one of the best I've ever been associated with."

In the post-game celebration, Cayne revealed that he had Bear Stearns business cards printed in Chinese -- before the ITT started. "I was that confident," he said.

Primary final

An aggressive bid by Lair on this deal helped his team to an 11-IMP gain.

N-S vul. Dealer South.

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

West <i>Goldman</i>	North <i>Jacobus</i>	East <i>Soloway</i>	South <i>Lilie</i>
Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	All Pass	1♦ (2)

- (1) Precision: 16-plus high-card points.
- (2) 0--7 HCP.

Lilie took a dim view of his 5 HCP and made no further moves. Jacobus took 10 tricks for plus 130. At the other table:

West <i>Cohen</i>	North <i>Lair</i>	East <i>Smith</i>	South <i>Passell</i>
Pass	1♣	Dbl	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1♦

Smith led a heart to Lair's jack, and when the club suit behaved, there were 10 tricks for plus 630.

Burger played brilliantly to help his team to a 12-IMP gain on this deal from the seventh set.

N-S vul. Dealer West.

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

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

      ♠ K 3
      ♥ A 10 7
      ♦ A 10 7 6 4
      ♣ A K 8
    
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The auction was identical at both tables.

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Burger</i>	<i>Lilie</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In one room, Lair led the ♦9 to the 4, jack and king. Smith played a spade to the king, took the finesse and cashed the ace.

Next he played a club to the ace, cashed the ♦A, discarding a heart, and followed with the ♣K, the ♥A and a low heart. When Smith ruffed with the ♠9, Lair overruffed and cashed his queens, exiting with a diamond and leaving dummy with a heart loser. Down one.

At the other table, Lilie led the ♦8 to the 4, jack and king. Burger played a spade to dummy and followed with the finesse and the ♠A.

He then played a club to dummy, noting the fall of the jack. Burger then played a low diamond from dummy, ruffing with his last trump, and played a heart. Lilie could not gain by ruffing, so he discarded a diamond. Burger won the ♥A and followed with the ♣K and a club to Lilie's queen.

Lilie was endplayed. He could cash the ♠10, but he was forced to lead into dummy's diamond tenace at the end. Burger's only losers were the master spade, a diamond and a heart.

The secondary final

After CAYNE ended their remarkable recovery, ZOLOTOW had to regroup for the rematch with

NICKELL. NICKELL took a 38-2 lead in the opening set, nearly taking all the starch out of the underdogs. ZOLOTOW came back in the second set to score 60 IMPs, but they gave up 55. 13 IMPs went to NICKELL on a deal which could have been the fourth slam swing of the session.

Game All. Dealer West.

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

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

      ♠ 6 5
      ♥ A 9 6 4
      ♦ 8 6 4
      ♣ 10 7 3 2
    
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West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Lilie</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Jacobus led a spade to the 10, which held. Freeman ran the ♦Q to North's king and the defense took two heart tricks before Freeman claimed. Plus 630. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
1♣	1♠	2NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Cohen found himself in a slam off a cashing ace and king, but Rodwell led his partner's suit, giving Cohen a chance. Cohen won the opening lead with the ♠Q and put the ♦Q on the table.

Rodwell played low and Cohen thought about his play for a long time before calling for a low card from dummy. Meckstroth scooped up that trick and the defense cashed two hearts for plus 200. ZOLOTOW's chance at a 13-IMP gain had turned into a 13-IMP loss.

The following deal was one of several gains for ZOLOTOW.

E-W vul. Dealer North.

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

N-S vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
			Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣ (1)	Pass
4♦ (2)	Pass	5♣ (3)	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

- (1) Key Card Blackwood.
- (2) Zero or three key cards.
- (3) Still trying for slam.

Rodwell had no trouble racking up 10 tricks in his spade contract. At the other table:

After Smith's aggressive 3♦ opener, he and Cohen had a sensible auction to the correct contract. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Lilie</i>
	1NT (1)	Pass	2♥ (2)
Dbl	Redbl	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Lilie</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	4♠	All Pass

- (1) 14-16.
- (2) Transfer.

Despite his void in hearts, Lilie fearlessly passed when Jacobus announced a strong heart holding with his redouble. Freeman led the ♦4 to Nickell's ace. A diamond was returned to dummy's queen. Lilie cashed the top two clubs and played a spade to his ace. He cashed the ♦K, discarding dummy's losing club, and ruffed a club. He played a spade to the king and exited with a low spade. Freeman was all trumps at that point, so he had to ruff Nickell's winner. When Freeman got out with a low trump, Lilie put in dummy's jack for his eighth trick. He still had one more trick coming for plus 840 and 9 IMPs to ZOLOTOW.

Meckstroth did not have a penalty double available to him, so he simply bashed into game. Lilie led his singleton diamond, covered by the 10, queen and ace. Before Lilie could gather his thoughts -- but not too quickly -- Meckstroth had the ♦7 on the table. Lilie considered ruffing, but if Jacobus was about to win the trick with the ♦K, it would have been better to discard. Obviously, if Lilie had ruffed, 4♠ would have been defeated. With no way to enter dummy for the trump finesse, Meckstroth would have lost the ruff, two clubs and a trick to the ♠Q.

After the second set, ZOLOTOW could not mount another charge. The team scored only 39 IMPs over the next 32 boards while NICKELL racked up 65. NICKELL poured it on in the fifth segment with a 66-31 edge.

Lilie did not ruff, however, and the ♦9 became the dummy entry Meckstroth needed. He ran the ♠10 -- Jacobus could have saved a trick by covering -- played a heart to the ace, pulled trumps and conceded two club tricks. Minus 450 was only a 2-IMP loss for ZOLOTOW, but defeating the contract would have been a 10-IMP gain. Furthermore, the manner in which Meckstroth pulled off the gambit can be demoralizing for opponents who are already on the ropes.

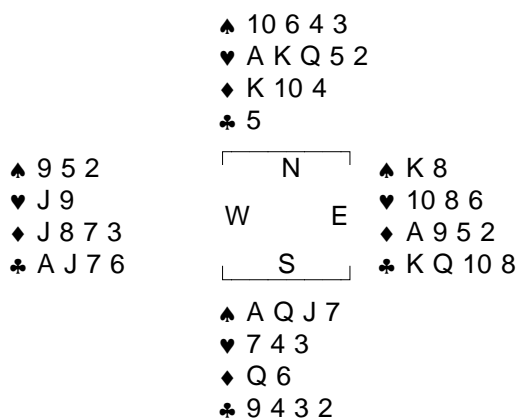
Set number six turned out to be the last one as NICKELL built up steam and won the segment 66-30, increasing their lead to 290-162 with 32 deals to go. This deal, the next to last of the set, showed how devastating Meckstroth's table presence can be.

Shortly after comparing, members of the ZOLOTOW squad withdrew.

How to succeed at squeeze play, without really trying

by Barry Rigal

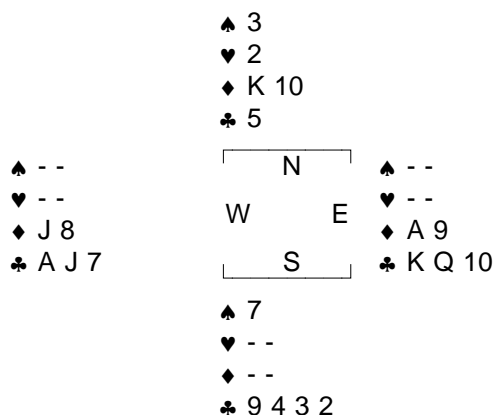
Some squeezes are easy to play, some require great technical knowledge and foresight (I always get these wrong). One of the most esthetically satisfying is the double guard squeeze - at least that's what I think it is called - no one at this tournament that I have asked really seems to know. I have never previously run into a double guard squeeze without the count; but I **guarantee** that you will all be as successful as **Jim Hoeyland** of the **Norwegian** Open Team was against **Sweden** in the European Championships.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
	3♠	Pass	4♠

North/South were playing a Strong Club, which may partly explain the exuberant jump to 3♠. Jim received the lead of the ♦3, to the 4, 9 and queen.

As you or I would do he crossed to the ♥Q, ran the ♠10, and then drew trumps to play off the hearts. On the run of the heart suit he will throw a diamond and club from hand, to reach this position:



East, West and South discarded clubs on the last heart. North

defender won had to play a club. When this is ruffed in dummy, lo and behold! at trick 13 your club 9 is good! See what I mean?

Australia won the South Pacific Championships in both the Open Teams and the Women's Team. The Aussies will represent Zone 7 in both the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup in Beijing, China, in October.

In the Open, there were three teams each from New Zealand and Australia plus single teams from New Caledonia and Tahiti. The winners were Paul Marston, George Kozakos, John Roberts, Matthew Thomson, Hugh Grosvenor and Phil Gue.

Only six teams competed in the Women's, three from Australia and three from New Zealand. The victors were Sue Lusk, Aleda Clark, Felicity Beale, Di Smart, Lidia Beech and Margaret Bourke.



TIME TO GIVE UP

by Sally Brock

Most of the British team have been here for quite a while. They have had a few days' holiday, but they are taking the event very seriously, practicing at least twice a day.

Friday was their final serious practice, but on Saturday they decided to play a few boards with different partners. One of the team preferred to stay in bed so I was asked to make up the numbers.

Once upon a time I was a good player (or so I like to think), but I have not played a single hand since before Christmas.

Things didn't start too well when partner asked me how many aces I had and I got the answer wrong (!) - so we missed a laydown grand slam. Later on I was rather pleased with myself . . .

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	3♠
4♥	All Pass	Dbl	Pass

North led the ♠A and, after a little thought, switched to the ♣J. This was allowed to hold and North continued with a club to South's ace.

When South tried the ♦10, I won with the queen in hand and ruffed a spade. Now I had a bit of a problem.

I could come back to hand with a trump and ruff another spade, but then I would be locked in the dummy. I would have to cash my diamonds so if anyone (South) had only a doubleton I would go down. I was pleased to spot this in my rusty condition!

Never mind, there seemed to be a solution. Surely North could be squeezed. If, as expected he had the ♣K and the long diamonds, the squeeze would be automatic.

But even if South had the long diamonds he would be squeezed if he had the queen, jack and ten of

spades. So I played off all my trumps . . . Unlucky, the full deal was:

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

I wished I had never heard of squeezes. I think I shall definitely wait until next year before I play again . . . or maybe the year after that.

OBITUARY

Marian Frenkiel 1919-1995

Marian Frenkiel, 76, chairman of the Polish Bridge Union from 1973 to 1990, died suddenly on June 23 at the European Championships in Vilamoura, Portugal. A Polish Grandmaster, he won the first World Rosenblum Team championship in New Orleans in 1978. He was honored with gold medals as a bridge and sports official.

He was captain of the Polish national team which won the European Championships in Birmingham in 1981, Turku 1983, the Team Olympiad in Seattle in 1984, and medals in the Bermuda Bowl in 1981 and 1989.

He was a member of the executive committee of the European Bridge League from 1983 to 1991. He was an outstanding promoter of bridge in Poland and Europe.