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CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Kneeling: NPC Daniel Korbel. See page 6 for stories.

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has the time come?

Editorial by Jude Goodwin

Congratulations to all our players for their good efforts at the recent World Championships in China. At the end of the round robin and seven days of championship level play, our women's team finished in 7th place. Our senior's team took first place on Day 4 and held fast for the next four days. These results solidly place Canada as one of the top 8 bridge countries in the world. We can be very proud! See page 6 for a few stories and be sure to read the daily bulletins and the many championship blogs online. You can find them all on the Great Bridge Links championship jump page at greatbridge-links.com/gblTOUR/World2007.

More than ever before, this year's World Championship was discussed, storied, blogged, photographed and vugraphed daily on the world wide web. The internet is finally growing into its potential and the bridge world has always been at the forefront of this charge.

Today there are free 'blog' websites where anyone can follow a few simple steps and start writing down their thoughts for all to read. There are free photo galleries where people can upload their images. There are free movie sites where people can upload movies from their cameras. There are community websites where individuals can upload photos, post their thoughts, send gifts and nudges, link to friends. And there are still the many forums where people can discuss hands, bidding, politics, results, deaths, new products, etc.

Simply put, no one need be uninformed nowadays. If a person does not have internet access in North America, he/she can walk into any of a million internet cafes, or the public library, and purchase an hour or two for just a few dollars.

All this information and communication at our fingertips and, amazingly, without the financial and environmental expense of paper and

postage. Full-colour, ever current, easy to access.

Has the time come for the CBF to reconsider its magazine delivery methods? Should we continue to spend thousands of dollars on printing and mailing our magazine when we will be able to offer all updates and information much more efficiently, quickly, accurately and in full colour on our new website? Especially if we are able to redirect the magazine budget, at least in part, to maintaining the new pages.

World events can easily be covered with links to bulletins and blogs. We can have a newcomer section with monthly articles and advice. We can upgrade our junior pages to include a coaches' corner and links to online play areas. Business from the CBF Office will always be current, the calendar updated as often as needed. Zone Directors will have their own areas and be able to post zone final information, special events or perhaps their thoughts. We can have photo galleries with images from the past and present. We can create an online museum.

Well, I don't need to go on here - anyone who spends time online knows what an online world has to offer in the way of communication. But what about those who still need or want some information in printed form? A well-designed website has pages that print out nicely. Club owners could offer a printout service. Most libraries offer printing.

The CBF website, launched in 1995, was the first National Contract Bridge Organization website on the world wide web. Switching over to an online magazine certainly suits Canada's innovative style and presents, as well, a greener approach to publishing.

Recently the Board of Directors voted to budget for the first significant upgrade since that early launch. When finished, our new site can offer us all we need in the way of a national magazine.



from the **cbf** OFFICE

Executive Assistant Jan Andersson

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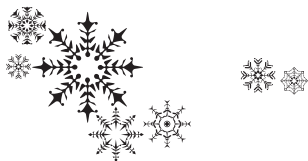
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No Zone will be allowed to send more than 60% of the teams participating in the Zone Final to the National Final. This applies to both the CNTC-A and CNTC-B. Thus if a Zone is originally allocated 3 teams and only 4 teams play in the Zone final, that zone will only be allowed 2 teams in the National Final and the vacant spot will be filled using the ranking of Zones based on participation per capita. Should the application of this policy cause the number of teams for the National Final to drop below 22 - the National Coordinator may add more teams based on participation per capita even if it means a Zone might get a team it would not have otherwise been granted.



CBF CANADA WIDE STAC

February 18 – 24, 2008

It's not too late for clubs to sign up for the 2008 CBF Canada Wide STAC. Contact CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson, to participate.

CBF ELECTION REPORT

This fall elections were held in Zones II and V. The newly elected board members will take over office on January 1, 2008. In Zone II, Jean Castonguay was re-elected by acclamation. In Zone V, Alex Fowlie was re-elected by acclamation.

MORE UNITS STEP UP to Help International Fund and their Players

In 2007 there was an increase in the number of Sectional Tournaments holding International Fund Games. These Sectional International Fund games are very popular with the players as they award Silver Master Points at Regional Rating instead of Sectional Rating. This means the players earn 1.4 times as many Masterpoints. The CBF benefits as these games help raise funds to support our Canadian representatives at World Championship events.

Thank you to the following Sectionals (number of IF sectionals held):

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Edmonton – Unit 391(2)
Regina – Unit 573 (2)
Saskatoon – Unit 575 (1)
Vancouver – Unit 430 (2)
Rimouski – Unit 199 (1)
Winnipeg – Unit 181 (1)

2007 CBF Charitable Foundation Report

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Zone Six (\$ 2,000)

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Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society	\$ 300
Okanagan Boys and Girls Club	\$ 300
Mustard Seed Food Bank	\$ 300
Project Literacy – Parksville/Qualicum	\$ 200
Vancouver Native Health Society (Sheway)	\$ 400

Total 2007 Donations

\$ 15,500



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SHANGHAI CHINA

The 38th World Team Championships were held in Shanghai's International Convention Centre, and were splendidly organized. For the first time ever, recording of the bidding and play of the hands was made electronically via the BridgeMate. Running scores were available in real time, while the hand, bidding and play records could be obtained shortly afterwards. The headquarters hotel, the Oriental Riverside Hotel, left nothing to be desired, and so did the other tournament services as the result of a fruitful cooperation between the World Bridge Federation and the Chinese Contract Bridge Association.

Norway secured a resounding victory over a veteran US team to win its first ever title in the Bermuda Bowl competition. The team is made up exclusively of players who have distinguished themselves in youth competitions over the past 20 years. Now they have scored their biggest success by capturing the Bermuda Bowl, symbol of world supremacy at bridge. The US captured the most medals at the 38th World Team Championships. As well as a silver medal finish in the Bermuda Bowl, they easily won the women series and captured the Venice Cup. The US was also victorious in the Senior series retaining the Seniors Bowl with a comfortable win over Indonesia in the final match.

Canada was represented by three teams in the championships. Our Senior team held first place for the final four days of the round robin. Our Venice Cup team finished the round robin in 7th place. There are many excellent stories and images from the championships available on line in the daily bulletins at this link www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Shanghai.07/Shanghai.htm

Prior to publication we sent out a request for people's 'favourite hand' from this tournament. Following are three we received. More will be printed in our Spring Bridge Canada. If you have a favourite hand send them to editor@cbf.ca.

How about my scariest hand...

by Jeff Smith

All Vul:

- ♠ K 9 x x x
- ♥ J x x x
- ♦ A K
- ♣ x x

I open a 10-12 NT, and get an emphatic double on my left, pard jumps to 4NT! (minors) and it goes pass on my right. I dutifully bid 5♦ and LHO doubles emphatically once again, pard passes, and after a LONG LONG hesitation Righty bids 5♥ which gets passed out. I lead the ♦ A and dummy tracks with:

- ♠ A Q J x x
- ♥ A 10
- ♦ x
- ♣ A K x x x

GULP! This was going to be messy in 5♦. Partner drops the ♦ J asking for a spade switch. I comply by returning the ♠ 9 and partner RUFFS! Partner returns a diamond which taps the dummy thereby ensuring I get my natural trump trick and we score a well deserved plus. Partner's hand was

- ♠ VOID
- ♥ x
- ♦ Q J 10 x x x
- ♣ Q J 10 x x x

SHANGHAI

By Ray Lee

Following Rhoda Habert's last-minute illness, our Venice Cup team underwent a drastic change two days prior to departure for China. While the Francine Cimon/Julie Fajgelzon partnership remained intact, it was decided to resurrect the Sylvia Summers/Isabelle Smith pairing, and put draftee Linda Lee together with Pamela Nesbit. In fact, the latter duo were to arrive in Shanghai never having played a board together, and having managed a grand total of about two hours system discussion. Meanwhile, I was 'pressed into service' as captain, a phrase that had a nice resonance given our destination.

Jet lag and inexperience contributed to a slow start in the round robin, but team morale remained high, and no one doubted that we could turn it around. Turn it around we did, starting in Round 11 with a convincing blitz of a strong English squad. From there on, we never looked back, and qualified for the playoffs comfortably in 7th place. Francine and Julie finished 8th overall in the Butler ranking of individual pairs, while the untried pairing of Linda and Pamela ended (remarkably) in 12th place.

The playoff against Germany was something of a letdown, as both Linda and Pamela were sick and were barely able to struggle through two out of the six sets.

Nevertheless, we lost only by 30 IMPs over 96 boards to a very experienced team that in fact went on to take the silver medals. So in the end, we didn't know whether to be delighted that we had made the last eight, or disappointed that we hadn't got further! Ah, well, there's always next year.

The match that really cemented our playoff spot was in Round 19 against the Netherlands. Coming to Shanghai as the reigning European champions, this team had started slowly and were now trying to make a late run for the top eight. The Dutch ladies needed to beat us by a lot to stand any chance, and when they didn't their tournament was pretty much over. The following deal was one that didn't help them:

EW vul., dealer South

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

Closed Room:

Simons	Cimon	Pasman	Fajgelzon
West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♣
dbl	1♠	2♥	2NT*
4♥	5♣	dbl	all pass

Open Room:

Nisbet	Wortel	Lee	Michielsen
West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♣
dbl	1♠	2♥	2NT*
4♣	pass	4♥	all pass

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The auction began the same way in both rooms, with South's 2NT rebid in context simply suggesting a desire to compete a little further in clubs. With the vulnerability in mind, Francine correctly judged to take the save, and Julie had no trouble limiting the loss to 100 points.

In the Open Room, Pamela took a more aggressive stance, but North-South nevertheless elected to defend. The opening lead was a spade, and it was immediately clear to everyone, including declarer, that the critical play on the hand would come in the trump suit.

This was a BBO broadcast match, so I was watching it on my laptop in the Press Room along with Isabelle, while my son Colin was in voice communication back home in Toronto (what did we do without the Internet?). 'She'll get it right,' he said. 'Mom's good at this stuff.' I agreed with him, but I then went on to explain why I agreed with him.

This is a great 'dog in the night-time' deal – you recall the case Sherlock Holmes solved because of the dog in the night-time, the one that didn't bark? As declarer you have to wonder why North-South didn't bid 5♣. Ever looking to save mental energy, Linda (as I predicted she would) won the ♠A, crossed to her hand and played a heart up, starting to think about her next play only when South followed low. The auction had placed the ♥A pretty firmly with South, so the question was, who had the queen?

Again as I thought she would, Linda decided that either hearts were 2-2 and/or North had the heart queen. She was pretty sure that if South had ♥AQx and North a small singleton heart, North would have taken the save. So she called for the ♥K from dummy, and great was the fall thereon. A loud cheer went up from the Canadians in the Press Room, and 11 IMPs came our way.

MY FAVOURITE HAND*by John Carruthers*

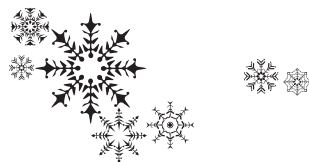
...involved my team only indirectly. The attached article by Heather Dhondy features Michelle Brunner of the English women's team who was the ONLY player to find the play. The article has added poignancy and immediacy because Michelle learned that she is very sick with cancer the day she got back to England from China. My teammate did not find the play so we lost a swing (Joey and I had the good sense to use GSF, so knew we were off one of the high trump honours.)

From Dec IBPA Bulletin (out in 2 weeks):

'You may get to see a deal where declarer had to drop a singleton king of clubs offside to make seven clubs. Paul Chemla told Sabine Auken that he had noticed a neat defensive possibility. If the defence starts with the jack of hearts dummy will put up the queen from queen-six and if the defender holding king-eight-four-three declines to cover, declarer will be able to take a losing finesse. Impressed, Sabine asked if anyone had found the play. "No," said Paul, "I wasn't playing." (It is the play Michelle Brunner found.)

THE VENICE CUP***Heather Dhondy***

Having successfully negotiated the round robin, it was time for England to face China in the quarter-finals. We were neck and neck for the first four sets out of six, but eventually the Chinese proved too strong and we were eliminated. One of the earlier sets produced a very special play from Michelle Brunner:



QF2. Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Michelle</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Rhona</i>	<i>Wang</i>
<i>Brunner</i>	<i>Yi Qian</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Wenfei</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1 ♣ ¹	Pass	1 ♦ ²
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Precision Club (16+)
2. Negative (0-7)

The Precision auction propelled the Chinese side to an optimistic seven-club contract. You will note that the entryless dummy more or less forces declarer into the winning line of dropping the singleton king of trumps off-side to land a rather jammy contract.

Enter Michelle, who, on seeing partner's lead of the jack of hearts covered by the queen in dummy, ducked!

Declarer, who was mightily relieved to gain a surprise entry, had no hesitation in taking advantage of it to play her percentage shot in trumps of taking the finesse! Whoops!

How was this brilliancy found? Should declarer have been fooled? Let's think about it.

One club was strong and one diamond negative. The jump to two spades was natural and forcing, showing a strong hand. Two no trump and three clubs were both natural. Over partner's natural four clubs, showing support, North jumped to five no

trump, grand slam force. Whether they disagreed about the meaning of five no trump or the responses, I'm not sure, but one thing that Michelle could be certain of is that declarer had a source of running tricks in spades for this action. Therefore there would be no danger in giving declarer a cheap trick in hearts since they would soon be disposed of on spades in any case.

From Michelle's point of view, a jump to seven clubs holding only the queen in trumps left room for partner to have a trump honour and there was a significant danger that it would be singleton. With plenty of time to think about it, we can all see that it can't cost, and may gain on this layout.

However, the really impressive thing is that it had to be done smoothly and in tempo so as to give nothing away. If you duck slowly, declarer will be suspicious. Should she have been suspicious anyway?

It is unusual to lead from a king-jack-ten holding against a grand slam. If you don't want to lead a trump, then a spade into the solid suit would seem to give nothing away. On the other hand, a lead from jack-ten would be perfectly normal. Therefore, you should not expect the queen of hearts to hold the first trick. Nevertheless, it is a huge leap of logic to then deduce that West has ducked in order to persuade you to take a losing line in trumps. This brilliancy was undoubtedly the play of the tournament.

ZONE V CHALLENGES
all other Zones in Canada

In 2007, seven of the 12 Sectional Tournaments in Canada that held International Fund Games were in Zone V. Zone V would like to challenge all other Zones in Canada to beat this record in 2008. Talk to your Tournament Coordinators and get them to make some International Fund games at your Sectionals. Can your Zone step up to this challenge?

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Monday, March 24th, 2008

7:30 pm Bracketed Charity KOs 1 1st Round
 Stratified Open Charity Pairs Single Session
 Charity 199er Pairs Single Session

Tuesday, March 25th, 2008

8:45 am Bracketed KOs 1 2nd Round
 Bracketed KOs 1 Semi-Final
 Bracketed KOs 2 1st Round
 Stratified Open Pairs 1st Session
 Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session
0 to 5 pts Newcomers play FREE

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7:30 pm Bracketed KOs 1 Final
 Bracketed KOs 2 2nd Round
 Stratified Open Pairs 2nd Session
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams Single Session
 Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session
 0 to 5 pts Newcomers play FREE

Wednesday, March 26th, 2008

8:45 am Morning Compact KOs 1st Round of 2

1:00 pm Bracketed KOs 2 Semi-Final
 Bracketed KOs 3 1st Round
 Stratified Open Pairs 1st Session
 Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session

7:30 pm Bracketed KOs 2 Final
 Bracketed KOs 3 2nd Round
 Stratified Open Pairs 2nd Session
 Stratified Mixed-Unmixed Board-A-Match,
 Ladies sit N/S, Gents sit E/W Single Session
 Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session

Thursday, March 27th, 2008

8:45 am Morning Compact KOs Final

1:00 pm Bracketed KOs 3 Semi-Final
 Bracketed KOs 4 1st Round
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams 1st Session
 Stratified 199er Swiss Teams Single Session

7:30 pm Bracketed KOs 3 Final
 Bracketed KOs 4 2nd Round
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams 2nd Session
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams Single Session
 Stratified 199er Swiss Teams Single Session

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Friday, March 28th, 2008

8:45 am Friday-Saturday Morning Swiss Teams 1st Session

1:00 pm Swiss Teams, unstratified 1st Qualification
 Top 10 teams advance to Saturday BAM
 Bracketed KOs 4 Semi-Final
 Bracketed KOs 5 1st Round
 Stratified Open Pairs 1st Session
 Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session

7:30 pm Swiss Teams 2nd Qualification
 Bracketed KOs 4 Final
 Bracketed KOs 5 2nd Round
 Stratified Open Pairs 2nd Session
 Evening Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session

Saturday, March 29th, 2008

8:45 am Friday-Saturday Morning Swiss Teams Final

1:00 pm Board-A-Match Teams
 (Must qualify in Friday Swiss) 1st Final
 Bracketed KOs 5 Semi-Final
 Compact Bracketed KOs 1st of Two
 Open Pairs 1st Session
 Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session

7:30 pm Board-A-Match Teams 2nd Final
 Bracketed KOs 5 Final
 Compact Bracketed KOs 2nd of Two
 Stratified Open Pairs 2nd Session
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams Single Session
 Stratified 199er Pairs Single Session

Sunday, March 30th, 2008

10:00 am Open Stratiflighted Swiss Teams Two Sessions
 Stratified 199er Swiss Teams Single Session
 Open Fast Pairs (End 12:30 pm) 1st Session

1:30 pm Open Fast Pairs (End 4:30 pm) 2nd Session
 2:30 pm Stratified 199er Swiss Teams Single Session

Single Session entries accepted for Fast Pairs Sessions or Open
 Stratiflighted Swiss first session. A short lunch break will be
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Hand Evaluation Rules : 5

by *Medric Cousineau*

What did he say?

By now our advancing players should be getting a feel for some of the concepts that allow them to compete more aggressively in the auction, to protect their partnership assets, and to punish those who step out of line and land in the wrong ballpark.

The language of bidding, even though done via bidding boxes these days, describes your holdings as best as possible to partner. As the great Jerry Helms likes to say, "A good bid is the one that best describes your hand". This is a great truism. However, occasionally you have a rebid problem and then you are stuck with the "Best Fib" rebid (i.e., which bid confuses my partner the least and is the least serious transgression). Also, in today's ultra-competitive bidding environment, the uncontested auction is a rare breed. On most hands both sides are doing their best to compete for part scores or to paint a picture of the best line of defense. This creates a scenario where your holdings can increase or decrease rapidly in value as the auction continues and provides clues to the distributions and shapes of the opponents and your partner's hands allowing you to make more effective bids. Enough preamble and on to some real life examples. You hold:

♠ J x x
♥ Q x x x
♦ K J x x
♣ K x

Partner opens 1♣, RHO passes, you bid 1♦, LHO passes, and Partner bids 1NT.

Talk about an auction on the fast track to nowhere. Let's review what we know. Partner doesn't have a 4-card major, probably doesn't have 4 diamonds and doesn't have much more than a minimum.

So what might his hand look like? Perhaps:

♠ Q x x
♥ K x x
♦ Q x x
♣ A Q x x

With 23 points between and no fit, bowing out of the auction seems like a great idea. Advancing this hand may be a recipe for disaster.

Let's try another example with the same hand. Partner opens 1♣ and RHO bids 1♦ and it's time for your bid. 1♥ seems logical with a 4-card heart suit. LHO passes and Partner bids 1NT. Did your hand get better or worse?

RHO's bid marks him with 5 Diamonds, probably including the ♦A. Your partner has implied a spade stopper and a diamond stopper. This hand has gotten better because of your diamond holding but it sure hasn't gotten that much better. Here's a 3rd example with the same holding:

Pard opens 1♣ and RHO over calls 1♦, and you bid 1♥ and LHO bids 2♦ and pard bids 2♥. RHO then bids 3♦. You pass as does LHO and partner now bids 3♥. RHO passes and it is time for your next bid.

What do we know? Well there is a very good chance that the opponents hold 9 diamonds between them in, potentially, a 6-3 split. If that is the case your partner is void and didn't open a major. So could his hand be 4-4-0-5 shape? If so, what if he holds:

♠ A Q 10 x
♥ A 10 x x
♦ void
♣ A x x x x

I know I sure would like to make a play for 4♥ since my partner didn't double 3♦.

In the above examples I left out the issue of vulnerability since it would only further cloud the discussion, but in all cases reviewing the vulnerability for potential risk/reward of competing, sacrificing or pushing the opponents to a distributional makeable game is always a consideration.

Another of my favorite partners is Roy Landry, from Halifax Bridge World. Roy is an aggressive bidder and gregarious individual, who likes to spend time reviewing auctions and constructing the hands based upon the auctions. These “You-hold” exercises can be very beneficial in sorting out problematic hands before they occur at the table. It can also help to clarify partnership agreements.

In the next issue:
The rule of 2 Flaws

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Count or attitude ?

By Martine Lacroix

Defending without using some kind of signals is unthinkable. The most frequently used are count and attitude. The easiest part of giving a signal is to follow suit in a certain order.

Attitude : a high card followed by a smaller one asks partner to keep playing that suit, while a small card followed by a higher one asks for a switch.

Count : a high card followed by a smaller one shows an even number in that suit. Low then high shows an odd number.

To understand the type of signal given requires a good understanding between partners. If you are not on the same wavelength, disaster is on its way. In general, attitude is given when partner plays a suit (on his first lead as well as later in the hand); count is given when declarer plays a suit. The following tips – extracted from *Modern Bridge Defense* by Eddie Kantar, the leading expert in defensive play – may be of help to you.

Giving count

Playing against a weak declarer, give as many count signals as you can. Be more prudent against a strong one. Standard count with 4 cards in a suit is 2nd highest then the lowest. When declarer or dummy initiates a suit, the only signal given is count. Give count whenever partner leads a suit and dummy wins with a Queen or less.

Attitude

Against a suit contract, to play a discouraging card on the opening lead of an Ace (from Ace-King) tends to show a high honour in a side suit. If this is not the case, it is often better to give a false encouragement. If partner leads 4th best and dummy wins with the Ace or the King, give attitude. Your first discard in a suit is an attitude signal.

Suit Preference

Other signals may be given, such as a preference signal when the card played asks for a specific suit: the higher ranking suit apart from trump, this is done by playing the highest possible card to indicate a preference for the higher ranking suit apart from trumps, and the smallest possible card when a return in the lower ranking suit is requested.

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Améliorez l'évaluation de votre jeu 5

Par Medric Cousineau

Qu'a-t-il réellement dit ?

Les joueurs en apprentissage doivent maintenant commencer à saisir les concepts qui leur permettent d'enchérir plus efficacement en compétition. Ils peuvent protéger les valeurs de leur camp ou punir ceux qui s'aventurent sur un terrain glissant.

Le langage des enchères, même s'il se fait via les boîtes d'enchères, demeure un langage qui tente de décrire votre jeu du mieux possible à votre partenaire. Comme Jerry Helms le dit, « Une bonne enchère est celle qui décrit le mieux votre main ». C'est là un truisme évident même si occasionnellement vous rencontrez des situations difficiles où vous devez choisir entre le moindre des mensonges (c'est-à-dire l'enchère qui déconcertera le moins votre partenaire ou celle qui transgressera le moins vos ententes.) Dans l'environnement ultra compétitif d'aujourd'hui, les enchères incontestées demeurent une denrée rare. Dans bien des cas, les deux camps tentent de s'emparer d'une partielle ou d'échanger suffisamment d'informations pour construire la meilleure défense. Cela crée des scénarios où la valeur de votre main peut augmenter ou décroître rapidement en fonction des enchères et où vous arrivez à former une image mentale des distributions des autres joueurs, ce qui vous permettra d'enchérir avec plus d'acuité. Assez de préambule, voici quelques exemples :

Vous détenez :

- ♠ V x x
- ♥ D x x x
- ♦ R V x x
- ♣ R x

Votre partenaire ouvre 1♣, vous annoncez 1♦, et il revient à 1SA, les adversaires étant restés silencieux. Qu'avez-vous appris jusqu'à maintenant ? Votre partenaire n'a

pas de majeure quatrième, pas plus que quatre carreaux et il a une ouverture minimum. Sa main peut ressembler à ceci :

- ♠ D x x
- ♥ R x x
- ♦ D x x
- ♣ A D x x

Avec 23 points dans votre ligne et pas de fit, laissez tomber. Continuer les enchères dans ces circonstances ne peut que conduire au désastre.

Essayons autre chose avec le même jeu. Votre partenaire ouvre 1♣ et l'adversaire intervient à 1♦. À vous. 1♥ est toujours aussi logique puisque vous avez quatre cartes, passe par l'adversaire, 1SA par votre partenaire. Est-ce que votre main a pris de la valeur ou s'est-elle détériorée ? L'enchère 1♦ indique peut-être cinq carreaux à l'As à votre droite alors que la redemande de votre partenaire implique probablement un arrêt à pique et un à carreau. Encore ici, même si la valeur de votre main s'est légèrement améliorée avec votre teneur à carreau, elle ne s'est pas bonifiée suffisamment pour continuer.

Voici un troisième exemple, toujours avec le même jeu que vous aviez au départ. Votre partenaire ouvre 1♣, l'adversaire intervient à 1♦, vous annoncez 1♥, l'autre adversaire soutient à 2♦ alors que votre partenaire vous soutient lui aussi à 2♥. Le surenchérisseur en remet à 3♦, vous passez, tout comme le joueur qui vous suit et votre partenaire persiste à 3♥. Qu'avez-vous appris jusqu'à maintenant ? Il y a de fortes chances que les adversaires aient un fit à neuf cartes probablement réparti 6-3. Si c'est le cas, votre partenaire a une absence. Comme il n'a pas ouvert en majeure, il a probablement une distribution 4-4-0-5, comme celle-ci :

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Compte ou attitude ?

Par Martine Lacroix

Il serait impensable de nos jours de défendre un contrat sans utiliser quelques signaux défensifs. Les signaux les plus fréquents sont le compte et l'attitude. La façon de donner le signal est la partie la plus facile puisqu'il s'agit de jouer les cartes dans un certain ordre.

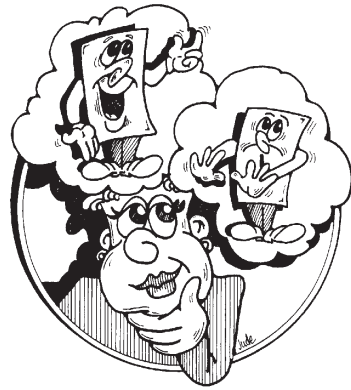
L'attitude — une haute carte suivie d'une carte plus basse demande au partenaire de continuer la couleur. Alors qu'une basse carte suivie d'une plus haute demande un changement de couleur.

Le compte — une haute, suivie d'une basse indique un nombre pair de cartes. Basse et haute, un nombre impair.

Déterminer et interpréter le type de signal requiert une bonne entente entre les partenaires. Si vous n'êtes pas sur la même longueur d'ondes que votre vis-à-vis, vous courez au désastre. De façon générale, on indique l'attitude lorsque le partenaire ouvre une nouvelle couleur (à l'entame ou au cours du jeu) et on donne le compte lorsque c'est le déclarant qui joue une couleur. Ces quelques conseils – tirés du livre *Modern Bridge Defense* d'Eddie Kantar, la sommité mondiale en matière de défense – pourront vous être utiles.

Donner le compte

Contre un déclarant peu expérimenté, donnez à votre partenaire de très nombreux signaux pour indiquer le nombre de cartes que vous détenez. Soyez plus avisé contre un déclarant de fort calibre puisqu'il en tirera profit autant que votre partenaire. Pour donner le compte dans une couleur qui contient 4 cartes, jouez d'abord la deuxième plus forte, puis la plus petite. Quand le déclarant ou le mort ouvre une nouvelle couleur, le seul signal qu'il est possible de donner est le compte, jamais l'attitude.



Donnez le compte quand le partenaire ouvre une couleur et que le mort gagne la levée avec une Dame ou une carte plus petite. On ne donne pas le compte quand il s'agit de la dernière couleur à être jouée.

Indiquer l'attitude

Dans un contrat à l'atout, fournir une carte décourageante sur l'entame d'un As (faite avec As-Roi) a tendance à garantir un gros honneur dans une autre couleur. Si vous n'en avez pas, il est souvent préférable de faire un appel dans la couleur entamée. Si le partenaire entame d'une quatrième meilleure et que le mort remporte la levée avec l'As ou le Roi, dites à votre partenaire si vous avez aimé son entame ou pas. Ne donnez surtout pas le compte. La première carte que vous défaussez dans une couleur non jouée est un signal d'attitude.

D'autres signaux peuvent être utilisés, il s'agit du signal de préférence où la carte jouée demande un retour dans une couleur précise : la couleur la plus chère hors l'atout et la couleur jouée si la carte est grosse, et la couleur la moins chère si la carte est petite.

On donne le signal de préférence quand

- On fait couper le partenaire.
- Le partenaire coupe en deuxième position.
- Le déclarant coupe.

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- La dernière carte d'une couleur est jouée au mort (dans un contrat à la couleur)
- Le partenaire joue le Roi suivi de l'As pour montrer un doubleton.

L'écho à l'atout consiste à jouer une carte d'atout plus haute suivie d'une plus petite pour montrer la possession de trois atouts.

L'écho à l'atout

Faites un écho à l'atout à chaque fois que vous coupez (coupez avec la carte du milieu quand vous en avez trois et avec la plus petite carte avec deux ou quatre.)

L'écho à l'atout permet aussi au partenaire de compter la main. Ne le faites pas si vous pensez que cela va aider le déclarant. Si vous l'utilisez uniquement quand vous voulez couper, vous renoncez à un avantage indéniable.

Count or attitude? *Continued from page 11*

Suit preference signals are given when

- Giving partner a ruff.
- Partner (as 2nd hand) ruffs.
- Declarer ruffs.
- Dummy's last card in a suit is played (against a suit contract).
- Partner has played Ace followed by the King (showing a doubleton).

The Trump Echo

A Trump Echo is used to show how many trumps you hold. A high trump followed by a lower one shows three trumps.

Give a trump echo so partner can count the hand, unless you think that it will help declarer. To only give it when you can ruff something, is to lose an edge.

Use a trump echo (middle card from 3, low from 2 or 4) whenever you ruff.

Qu'a-t-il réellement dit ?

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- ♠ AD10x
- ♥ A10xx
- ♦ –
- ♣ Axxxx

Face à un tel jeu, vous voulez sûrement être à la manche puisque votre partenaire n'a pas contré 3♦.

Dans les exemples ci-dessus, je n'ai pas fait mention de la vulnérabilité afin de clarifier la discussion. Cependant, vous devez toujours tenir compte de la vulnérabilité pour évaluer le risque encouru quand vous décidez de poursuivre les enchères en compétition.

Un de mes partenaires préférés est Roy Landry, du Halifax Bridge World. Un enchérisseur dynamique tout autant qu'un individu sociable, qui aime prendre le temps de réexaminer les enchères et de construire les mains qui y correspondent. Ces exercices sont efficaces pour découvrir les mains à problèmes avant qu'elles ne surgissent à la table. Cela peut aussi aider à clarifier les ententes entre partenaires.

Dans le prochain numéro : Les failles de la règle de 2.

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Trevor Willis Memorial Trophy Winners 2007

Alan Turner and Mileva Jobin of Ottawa, pictured above with the Trevor Willis Memorial trophy, topped the 20 table field with a 71.04% game on Friday, Nov 16th at the Prince of Wales DBC. This charity event raised \$4400 for Habitat for Humanity.

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October 15, 2007

1. Bob Frender, Edmonton AB & Eleanor Gibson, Edmonton AB 71.73%
2. Philippe Ducharme, Chelsea QC & Bob Zeller, Kanata ON 71.33%
3. Rita Dodge, Vancouver BC & Theresa Kong, Vancouver BC 70.49%
4. Raymond Hornby, Winnipeg MB & Gerald Munt, Winnipeg MB 68.33%
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Erin Berry

ROOKIE-MASTER GAME 2007

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007

Nineteen clubs took part in the annual Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game, which is named in memory of Erin Berry. Erin was developing into one of Canada's best Junior players when she tragically died in an automobile accident in January 1998.

The Bridge Centre of Niagara had the largest turnout with 29 tables. The Saskatoon DBC came in second with 28 tables. The Rideau BC, the North Bay DBC and the Vancouver Bridge Centre all had 24 tables. The CBF would like to express its appreciation to Steve Lawrence of Calgary for doing the analysis for this event.

NATIONAL WINNERS (593 PAIRS)

1. Lyse Seguin & Carole Berry
Rideau Bridge Club 72.78%
2. Minnie Fahey & Dolores Bruleigh
Cape Breton DBC 68.75%
3. Rene Larouche & Roy Osberg
North Bay DBC 66.94%
4. Esther Oaks & Faith Pritchard
Edmonton Bridge Centre 66.37%
5. Donna Pollard & Sharon Stevenson
Saskatoon Bridge Club 65.68%
6. Julie Gabor & Myrtle Moulton
Halifax Bridge World 65.50%
7. Shirley McNicol & Nelson Freedman
Friendly Loyalist BC 65.45%
8. Barbara Digidon & Delta Steeves
Chatham DBC 65.42%
9. Janet Smith & Pamela Keim
Regina DBC 65.15%
10. Peter Van de rBorch & Jean Sullivan
Halifax Bridge World 65.00%
10. Diane Kirk & Gerald Raymond
Friendly Loyalist BC 65.00%

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Erin Berry

ROOKIE-MASTER GAME 2007

Our National Champions this year are Lyse Seguin and Carole Berry who played out of the Rideau Bridge Club in Ottawa.

Lyse was introduced to bridge while in University in the 70's and like many, had little time for the game until recently planning her retirement from the federal public service. Travel, Golf and Bridge are all in her future plans and it was very timely that the Camelot Golf - Bridge Club began in the spring of this year and offered chalk talks followed by a practice play session.

Said Lyse, "It is quite a thrill to do so well in the first competition I've participated in".

Is it possible to have a more suitable winner than Carole Berry? She is Erin's mother, bridge teacher and first tournament partner. She continues to teach bridge and is the driving force behind the newly incorporated non-profit Bridge Players Education Outreach Association.

During the past 5 years, she has taught scores of adults and the lion's share of over 2,000 Ottawa Elementary School children to ruff and sluff. Erin delighted in bringing newcomers to the bridge table and that tradition is on solid ground.

Winning strategy with a modest bit of luck is well illustrated by Board 2 (see right).

After Lyse had shown a minimum of 9 cards in the majors, Carole decided that 3NT was particularly unattractive with a gaping hole in diamonds and/or a "source of tricks" in clubs that wasn't. Choosing the heart game rather than spades which would put you, the Master (of disaster?) on play is sooo much what this event is all about.



Avoiding the diamond lead from the South side of the table is a bit lucky but Lyse played with confidence and skill to wrap up 12 tricks. The only pair in our field (or perhaps the country?) to play in hearts, plus 680 was a deserved top score.

Dealer: East
Vul: NS

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

West	North	East	South
-	Carole	Pass	Lyse
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥(xfer)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Opening Lead: 10♠

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LES CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE 2007

Shangai par Martine Lacroix

Que d'émotions au championnat du monde de bridge qui s'est déroulé à Shangai du 29 septembre au 13 octobre dernier. Dans la Bermuda Bowl, l'Italie (la grosse équipe, celle de Bocchi, Duboin, Fantoni, Lauria, Nunes et Versace) s'est fait éliminer en quart de finale par l'Afrique du Sud, qui a passé à deux cheveux de réitérer son exploit en semi-finale contre l'autre géant de la scène internationale USA1, avant de s'incliner par une faible marge, 207-199. En bout de ligne, c'est la Norvège (Geir Gelgemo, Tor Helness, etc.) qui a fini par émerger victorieuse de cette épuisante compétition.

L'équipe canadienne (Waldemar Fruckaz, Piotr Klimowicz, Kamel Fergani, Nicolas L'Écuyer, Jeff Smith, John Zaluski et Nader Hanna, capitaine non joueur), quant à elle, n'a pas franchi l'étape du tournoi à la ronde. De leur côté, l'équipe féminine et les seniors ont passé cette étape avec brio.

LA VENICE CUP

L'équipe féminine a été reformée à la toute dernière minute après la défection de Rhoda Habert atteinte d'une pneumonie. Les membres de l'équipe, Sylvia Summers, Isabelle Smith, Pamela Nisbet, Julie Fajgelzon et Francine Cimon, avaient choisi une femme comme capitaine non joueur, Linda Lee. Cette décision s'est avérée heureuse puisque Linda a pu remplacer Rhoda Habert au pied levé. Mais préparer un système d'enchères dans l'avion qui vous conduit droit aux championnats du monde n'est certes pas la préparation idéale pour une compétition de cette envergure. Pourtant, Linda Lee et Pamela Nisbet ont réussi un petit miracle : se comprendre et éviter les désastres.

Voici une main tirée du tournoi à la ronde qui illustre leur performance.

Donneur : Nord
Vul. : Personne

Nord
♠ D V 7 6 5 2
♥ D 9 7
♦ D V 10 6
♣ -

Ouest
♠ A R 10 8
♥ 8 2
♦ R 9 8
♣ D 10 5 2

Est
♠ -
♥ A V 10 4 3
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ A R V 4

Sud
♠ 9 4 3
♥ R 6 5
♦ 7 3
♣ 9 8 7 6 3

Dans la Venice Cup, seules trois paires ont déclaré le petit chelem à trèfle, le barrage de Nord à 2♠ ayant rendu les échanges d'information plus ardu. La première paire à l'avoir déclaré est l'Allemagne, qui a eu la tâche facile puisque que le Japon en Nord a passé d'emblée, et la seconde paire a chuté. La seule autre paire à avoir réussi le petit chelem est celle des Canadiennes Pamela Nisbet et Linda Lee. Voici leurs enchères :

QUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
Nisbet	Dhondy	Lee	Smith
-	2♠	Contre	Passe
3SA	Passe	4♣	Passe
5♣	Passe	6♣	Passe
Passe	Passe		

Entame : la Dame de carreau.

Il semble que le mauvais bris des atouts pourrait créer un problème, mais la distribution favorable des autres couleurs permet de le surpasser facilement. La déclarante gagne l'entame à carreau du Roi et défause les deux petits carreaux du mort sur l'As et le Roi de pique. Elle enchaîne avec un coeur vers le Valet, qui se rend au Roi de Sud. La continuation carreau est prise par l'As du mort. La déclarante apprend la mauvaise nouvelle lorsqu'elle tire l'As de trèfle. Elle n'a pas d'autre choix que d'encaisser l'As de coeur, couper un coeur, puis couper un pique avec le 4 de trèfle en

espérant que Sud soit dans l'obligation de fournir à la couleur. Lorsque cela s'avère le cas, elle n'a plus qu'à terminer le coup en coupes alternées avec ses atouts maîtres, +920.

À l'étonnement des observateurs, les Canadiennes ont réussi à décrocher la septième place dans le tournoi à la ronde, les propulsant ainsi en quart de finale contre l'Allemagne. La majorité des segments ont été très serrés, les Allemandes ont pris l'avance par quelques imps et l'ont conservé jusqu'à la fin accumulant au passage quelques imps ici et là pour terminer avec un score de 224 contre 193.3.

La donne suivante a fait couler beaucoup d'encre.

Donneur : Est
Vul. : N/S

	Nord		Est
	♠ R V 5 2		♠ 7
	♥ D 4 3		♥ V 10 8 2
	♦ A 9 5		♦ R V 6 3 2
	♣ A V 4		♣ 9 6 2
Ouest			
♠ D 10 9 6 4 3			
♥ A R 9 7 5			
♦ -			
♣ D 10			
	Sud		
	♠ A 8		
	♥ 6		
	♦ D 10 8 7 4		
	♣ R 8 7 5 3		

OUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
Auken	Cimon	v. Arnim	Fajgelzon
-	1SA	Passe	Passe
1♠	1SA	Passe	3SA
Passe	Passe	Passe	

Entame : le 3 de carreau

Francine Cimon, en Nord, a fait une surenchère en sans-atout ce qui a suffi à Julie Fajgelzon pour lui donner la manche. L'entame d'un petit carreau, sur lequel Sabine Auken jette le 10 de pique, lui permet de gagner la levée avec le 9. Elle continue avec un petit trèfle pour le Roi, suivi d'un second trèfle pour la Dame et l'As. Elle débloque le Valet de trèfle et l'As de carreau

avant de retourner au mort par l'As de pique pour encaisser les trèfles maîtres. Francine n'a pas pris le risque de tenter l'impasse à pique (on ne sait jamais!), la réalisation du contrat étant bien suffisante en soi, +600.

À l'autre table, Schraeverus-Meuer s'est abstenue d'intervenir à 1SA avec une main aussi minimum, une question de style personnel. La réponse 1SA d'Isabelle Smith vient ensuite enterrer toutes les chances de Nord/Sud de se rendre à la manche. Le 2SA de Sud est une demande de mineures sur lequel Sylvia Summers choisit de passer. Elle se reprend au tour suivant quand les enchères lui reviennent après la préférence à 3♣ de Nord. Isabelle poursuit à 4♥ après l'enchère compétitive de Nord à 4♣ et les enchères se terminent à 4♥ contrés. La séquence complète :

OUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
Summers	S-Meuer	Smith	Alberti
-	-	Passe	Passe
1♠	Passe	1SA	2SA
Passe	3♣	Passe	Passe
3♥	4♣	4♥	Passe
Passe	Contre	Passe	Passe
Passe			

Entame : As de trèfle.

L'entame de l'As de trèfle aurait pu s'avérer dévastatrice, comme elle l'avait été dans le match China Global Times vs England où la déclarante britannique n'a pu éviter une chute de trois levées. Le vent a soudain tourné à la deuxième levée quand Nord a contre-attaqué atout ! Sylvia gagne au mort et joue pique pour l'As de Sud. Alberti encaisse le Roi de trèfle et persiste à trèfle. La déclarante coupe, joue la Dame de pique, couverte du Roi et coupée au mort. Elle revient en main à l'atout et joue Nord pour le Valet de pique, +590 et un gain de 15 imps pour le Canada. Pour la petite histoire, notez que c'est USA1 qui a remporté la Venice Cup.

LES SENIORS

Chez les Seniors, les Canadiens (Boris Baran, Joseph Silver, John Carruthers, Arno Hobart, Fred Hoffer, Don Piafsky et Daniel Korbel, npc) ont mené le bal pendant le tournoi à la ronde, terminant en tête du classement avec 391, vingt-trois points de mieux que la Pologne qui s'est classée seconde. Toute une performance. Voici deux donnes tirées du tournoi à la ronde.

Donneur : Sud
Vul. : N/S

Nord
♠ A 9 6 4
♥ A R 10 9 7
♦ A D 6
♣ A

Ouest
♠ R 8 7 2
♥ 4 2
♦ R 5 3
♣ D 9 8 5

Sud
♠ D
♥ D V 8
♦ V 10 8 7 4
♣ V 6 4 3

OUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
-	Silver	-	Carruthers
Passe	1♥	Passe	2♥
Passe	2♠	Passe	3♥
Passe	4♦	Passe	5♥
Passe	6♥	Passe	Passe
Passe			

Dans la Senior Bowl, seulement trois paires ont annoncé ce petit chelem, la Chine, la Thaïlande et le Canada.

Le soutien initial à 2♥ de Carruthers est pratiquement automatique. Le 2♠ de Silver est d'abord une tentative de manche demandant de l'aide dans une deuxième couleur. N'ayant ni As ni Roi, Carruthers n'est pas très disposé à se rendre à la manche, il montre

son absence d'intérêt en revenant à 3♥. Quand Silver poursuit avec l'annonce d'une nouvelle couleur, il révèle son intérêt pour le chelem. Carruthers procède à une réévaluation de sa main, le singleton pique combiné au petit mariage à cœur augmentent en valeur et, comme il ne peut poursuivre avec un cue-bid, il choisit de sauter au niveau de cinq dans la couleur d'atout agréée. Il n'en faut pas plus à Silver pour déclarer le chelem. Avec le Roi de carreau bien placé, le jeu ne présente aucun problème. +1430 et un gain de 13 IMPs au Canada.

Donneur : Est
Vul. : Tous

Nord
♠ A 6 3
♥ 9 5
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ R D 4 3

Ouest
♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 9 3
♣ A 10 8 6

Est
♠ D 9 2
♥ A R 4 3
♦ R D 10
♣ 9 5 2

Sud
♠ R V 7
♥ D V 8 2
♦ V 8 7 4
♣ V 7

Aux deux tables, le contrat est 1SA par Est. Les déclarants reçoivent tous deux l'entame du 2 de coeur. En salle ouverte, Hoffer appelle le 10 du mort à la levée numéro un. Quand celui-ci remporte la levée, il joue un pique vers son 9, que Sud gagne du Valet. Le déclarant prend ensuite la continuation

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cœur de l'As et continue avec la Dame de pique pour le Roi de Sud, qui persiste à cœur. Hoffer gagne et rejoue pique. Nord prend de l'As et contre-attaque d'un petit carreau. Le déclarant monte du Roi et joue un petit trèfle vers le 8 du mort. Nord fait le Roi et essaie un second petit carreau, mais Hoffer ne se trompe pas, il gagne de la Dame et réclame bientôt son contrat, 7 levées, +90.

Il semble que le camp défensif doit attaquer l'entrée à trèfle du mort pour l'empêcher d'accéder au dernier pique, mais le flanc ne peut jouer trèfle que deux fois sans concéder une extra-gagnante au déclarant.

En salle fermée, Carruthers aussi entame d'un petit cœur. Mais cette fois, le déclarant Burgay joue un petit du mort et laisse passer quand Silver en Nord fournit le 9. Silver contre-attaque carreau à la levée numéro deux et Burgay, tout comme Hoffer, monte du Roi. Il poursuit avec un trèfle vers le 8 et la Dame de Nord. Silver aussi persiste à carreau, mais, cette fois, le déclarant insère le 10. Carruthers prend du Valet et continue carreau pour l'As de son partenaire. Quand la fumée se dissipe, le déclarant avait réussi à faire deux cœurs, un carreau et un trèfle, subissant une chute de trois levées, vulnérable, 9 IMPs au Canada.

En quart de finale, les Canadiens affrontent le Brésil. Après cinq segments, la lutte est extrêmement serrée, 150 à 146 en faveur du Canada, impossible de prévoir qui sortira gagnant. Mais au sixième segment, le dernier, la chance tourne et les Canadiens concèdent 31 imps. Ils étaient si près du but ! Selon le capitaine de l'équipe, Daniel Korbel, « les Brésiliens ont simplement joué mieux que nous et ils ont mérité leur victoire. Je leur lève mon

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Élections de la FCB

Les élections de la FCB dans les zones II et 5 ont eu lieu sans histoire. Les membres réélus entreront en fonction le 1^{er} janvier 2008.

Dans la zone II, Jean Castonguay a été réélu par acclamation.

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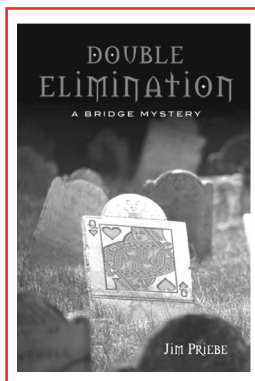


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