

March 16th-20th
St. Louis, Missouri

Inaugurating a regular event for all Nationals, the International Events Fund game on the Friday evening before the Spring Nationals started attracted a field of 392 pairs of eager-to-get-going bridge players and poured over \$1,900 into the fund which will help defray expenses of our international teams. Fittingly enough, it was won by an across-the-boarder duo, SAMMY KEHELA and BARON WOLF LEBOVIC, of Toronto, Canada, whose score of 214 gave them a 1½ point margin of victory over runners-up JAN STONE, N.Y.C. and PEGGY ROTZELL, Phila. Mrs. E. D. ENGELMAN, Columbus, O. and Mrs. E. I. SCHWARTZ, Shaker Heights, O., finished third.

On Saturday afternoon the first two of six major titles at stake started the tourney rolling toward a flock of new attendance records as 340 pairs of women and 280 pairs of men entered their respective events. Despite the fact that both events were, for the first time, scheduled for four sessions instead of three, the men's entry tied the all-time record set during the Summer Nationals in '56 and the women's entry represented a new all-time high.

MEN'S PAIRS

At the end of the first qualifying session, ALPHONSE MOYSE, JR., NYC and TOM SANDERS, Nashville, assumed a narrow ½-point lead over SAMMY KEHELA and BARON WOLF LEBOVIC, Toronto, but when the field was cut to 120 pairs for the finals on Sunday, the lead was taken over by OSWALD JACOBY, Dallas and PAUL LEVITT, Miami Beach, just one point ahead of BOBBY NAIL, Houston and ALVIN ROTH, NYC.

In the first final session, NAIL and ROTH forged to the front with a six-point lead over MARSHALL MILES, San Bernardino and EDDIE KANTAR, L.A., but when the final reckoning was made, KEHELA and LEBOVIC had captured the title with 834, putting together two over-400 sessions in the finals to top runners-up MOYSE and SANDERS by 4½ points, and win their second event in a row.

MEN'S PAIRS — 1st Qual. (280 prs.)	
1. A. Moyses, Jr., NYC - Thos. Sanders, Nashville	216½
2. Sammy Kehela - Baron Wolf Lebovic, Toronto	216
3. Wm. Rosen, Chi. - Monte Logana, St. L.	212
4. Dr. Richard Greene - Sidney Lazard, N. C.	207½
5. Dr. Barry Breakley - Brooks Hughes, Ann Arbor	201½
2nd Qual.	
1. Oswald Jacoby, Dallas - Paul Levitt, Miami Bch	398½
2. Robert Nail, Houston - Al Roth, NYC	397½
3. Paul Kibler, Wash. D.C. - Robert Reynolds, Coral Gables, Fla.	394½
4. Moyses Sanders	394
5. Alan C. Bell, Chi. - Richard Vission, Skokie, Ill.	393½
1st Final (120 prs.)	
1. Nail - Roth	453
2. Marshall Miles, San Bernardino - Eddie Kantar, L.A.	447
3. Chas. J. Bombeck - F. A. Bombeck, Kans. City	427½
4. Sidney Sileder, Phila. - Norman Kay, Merchantville, N.J.	423
5. Moyses - Sanders	420½
Final Standings:	
1. KEHELA - LEBOVIC	834
2. Moyses - Sanders	829½
3. Nail - Roth	825½
4. Sileder - Kay	824½
5. George Willitt, Wichita - Jack Ehrlensbach, L.A.	817½
6. Erik Paulsen, Anaheim, Cal. - Kelsey Petterson, Lg. Bch, Cal.	800½
7. Pat Bronnas, Emporia, Kas. - Edward Groner, Duncan, Okla.	799½
8. Jacoby - Levitt	798½
9. Miles - Kantar	795
10. Dr. Marcel Mooney, Pr. Village, Kas. - Arthur Kincaid, Liberty, Mo.	777



Baron Wolf Lebovic - Sammy Kehela

A. Moyses, Jr., Thos. Sanders

MEN'S PAIR TITLE

Hundreds of native American experts looked somewhat abashed when Sammy Kehela and Baron Wolf Lebovic of Toronto scored two major wins in a row—a great triumph for the tiny Canadian contingent at the championships.

The following deal helped

them collect the Men's Pair title:

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

Mr. Kehela played in three no trump from the South position, and the lead was the spade king. He won, and let the heart ten to West's ace. West played the spade queen and spade ten to establish a spade trick. With the help of a club finesse, South can take three club tricks, two spade tricks, two heart tricks and one diamond. But the diamond jack is badly placed for him, and if he plays for the extra trick in hearts or clubs the defense get five tricks.

Mr. Kehela overcame these problems by engineering a neat throw-in play. He cashed two winning hearts, finessed the club jack and took the two top clubs. West was reduced to three diamonds and his spade winner. When South led a low diamond, West saw that he could be thrown in with the spade nine if he played low. To avoid this danger, he put up his ace, but Mr. Kehela unblocked with dummy's king and made the last two tricks with his diamond queen-ten holding.