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A SLAMMING GOOD TIME

Sammy Kehela of Toronto, one of Canada's best bridge players, watches the action at the Canadian Bridge Federation trials over the shoulder of Bill Crissey at the Town and Country Tavern. Three teams are to be picked and they'll join Kehela and his partner, Eric Murray, at 1972 World Bridge Olympiad.

By PETER CRONIN

The big event of 1971 for Canadian bridge will be the selection of a team to represent Canada in the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad.

In the last two olympic tournaments, Canada has made it known she is a power to be contended with in world class bridge.

In 1964 our team finished fourth. In 1968 we won a bronze medal, finishing third out of 39 teams. Only Italy and the United States fared better. In 1972, who knows?

A four-man team will be selected on the basis of Canada wide trials to be held this year. To that team will then be added the nation's number one pair, Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela of Toronto. They qualify easily on the basis of their considerable reputation.

In our southwestern Ontario unit, trials will be held in February to select nineteen teams which will advance to the Ontario zone finals in June.

From there three teams will go on to the Canadian finals in November where they will meet two teams each from Quebec and British Columbia, and one team each from Alberta, the Midwest and the Maritimes. The final four man team will be selected from those ten.

Competition at all stages will be based on round robin matches scored at IMPs and converted to victory points. The top two teams in the finals however, will play a deciding head on match to finalize the selection.

The pre-tournament favorite would have to be the team of Bruce Gowdy, Duncan Phillips, Gerry Charney and Bill Crissey, all of Toronto.

All four have international reputations. Charney and Crissey represented Canada in '68. Phillips has finished strongly in world pairs competition. Gowdy is the most dazzling card handler Canada has ever produced.

CANADA'S IRON MEN HAVE NOT YET GONE RUSTY . . . Having gained a semi-final place in both the 1964 and the 1968 Olympiads, Canada has no intention of being left behind in the race for the coveted four berths here in Miami. Spearheaded by Sammy Kehela and Eric Murray, the iron men of Canadian bridge who played every single board in Deauville, Canada maintained their reputation of giving the Mother Country a hard time in the two teams' 14th round encounter.

Our reporter approached the task of scrutinizing the play records expecting only a brief, if testing, work-out. Kehela had already revealed to the Press Room the one board worthy of note was where he had found a remarkable opening lead to defeat one notrump doubled while Murray, at his usual evening press conference, had disclosed that the match was devoid of interest except for a case where he made a club trick with C. 10-9-7 via a coup of unparalleled brilliance that had hitherto escaped the attention of bridge analysts.

However, it turned out that one or two other hands were also worthy of being recorded for posterity. The first was where Britain scored game at both tables, the decisive factor being Cansino's use of the Michaels cue-bid:

Board: 8

Dlr: West S. - -
 Vul: None H. K Q 8 6 4
 D. 10 8 6 3
 C. K Q 4 2
 S. K Q 10 7 S. J 9 6 5 3
 H. J 10 7 3 2 H. 9
 D. Q J 2 D. K 9 7 4
 C. 8 C. A 7 5

S. A 8 4 2
 H. A 5
 D. A 5
 C. J 10 9 6 3

Open Room Bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Priday</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Rodrigue</u>
Pass	1 H	Pass	2 C
Pass	3 C	Pass	3 D
Pass	4 C	Pass	5 C (end)

Opening lead: Spade K

Closed Room Bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Flint</u>	<u>Gowdy</u>	<u>Cansino</u>	<u>Phillips</u>
Pass	1 H	2 H	Dbl
4 S	Pass	Pass	Dbl (end)

Opening lead: Heart K

In the Open Room the British bid straight to their best contract in an uncontested auction. Rodrigue ruffed the spade opening with dummy's king, led a low trump and won with the jack. He ruffed another spade high and dislodged the ace of trumps, on which Kehela threw a spade. Later, when the hearts were run Murray, never one to concern himself with minutiae, also threw spades, so declarer made an overtrick.

In the Closed Room the Canadians never really looked like they would detect the club fit, as South's double proved an ineffective riposte to Cansino's cue-bid.

Defending against four spades doubled, South made prodigal use of his heart ace when he overtook his partner's opening lead and and played A-x of trumps. Declarer lost the diamond queen to South's ace and a third trump was won in the closed hand. Declarer now led the heart jack, discarding a club when North refused to cover. A club to the ace and a club ruff followed, then a heart was ruffed with the nine of trumps as South discarded a diamond. The diamond discard had the unfortunate effect of exposing North when declarer drew the last trump with dummy's jack and entered his own hand with the diamond jack. The marked finesse against North's diamond 10 now applied the clincher.

(The N-S club fit also proved hard to locate in the Morocco-New Zealand match. Stan Abrahams made three spades doubled for New Zealand and his teammate, Professor Fran Lu, arrived at four hearts doubled in the other room.)

Canada struck back on the succeeding board, Rodrigue choosing a poor moment to open a weak notrump when he could just as easily have bid one heart in third position:

Board: 9

Dlr: North S. 6 5 3
 Vul: E-W H. 9 5 3
 D. A Q 9 7 4
 C. 9 8
 S. A Q 10 2 S. J 7
 H. A 8 2 H. J 6 4
 D. K J 8 D. 6 2
 C. 7 6 5 C. A Q 10 4 3 2

S. K 9 8 4
 H. K Q 10 7
 D. 10 5 3
 C. K J

Open Room Bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
<u>Priday</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Rodrigue</u>	<u>Kehela</u>
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Club 7

Closed Room Bidding:

<u>Gowdy</u>	<u>Cansino</u>	<u>Phillips</u>	<u>Flint</u>
Pass	Pass	1 H	Dbl
Pass	3 C	All Pass	

Opening lead: Heart K

Fortunately for Canada, Kehela's only attractive lead was a club. (On any other opening, the contract would have come home.) Murray won the ace and returned the four.

Open Series, 14th Round, Great Britain vs Canada, cont'd.

Board # 9 continued -

Declarer finessed dummy's diamond nine in approved fashion and led a heart to the king and ace. Four club tricks in a row forced declarer to keep S, K-9-8, H, K and D, 3 as his last five cards, whereupon the spade jack lead from Murray enabled Kehela to take four tricks in spades. Down four!

Note that Murray's chosen method of play at trick one was not without purpose. He placed Kehela with three clubs, and knew that A-x of the suit would convey the precise position. To insert the queen or ten at trick one as a form of communication play could have caused West to get all kinds of wrong ideas into his head.

In the other room Cansino successfully made three clubs with the East cards when he refused the trump finesse in order to have the tempo to develop the spades, on which he threw a heart. But Britain was forced to admit that they had come off second-best on the board.

On the next board Rodrigue deployed le sans atout comique. The Canadians missed a cold slam, but they would probably have done so anyway:

Board: 10

Dlr: East S. A 10 8 7
Vul: Both H. 8 7 6 5
D. Q 7 4
C. 8 4

S. K Q 2 S. 9 6 4
H. Q J 9 4 H. A K 10 2
D. 9 5 D. A
C. K Q J 9 C. A 6 5 3 2

S. J 5 3
H. 3
D. K J 10 8 6 3 2
C. 10 7

Open Room Bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
<u>Murray</u>	<u>Rodrigue</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1 C	1 NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	2 D	3 D	Pass
3 H	Pass	4 H	All Pass
Opening lead: Spade 3			

Closed Room Bidding:

Cansino	Phillips	Flint	Gowdy
2 H	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 C	Pass	4 H	All Pass
Opening lead: Spade 3			

The E-W hands fitted perfectly. Despite 4-1 trumps and spade ace offside, all that anyone had to do to make six hearts was to ruff a diamond in the East hand and score a spade trick before drawing trumps. (A 3-1 club break might have been awkward -- but only because trumps were 4-1.)

The difficulty of reaching a slam that depended on a perfect fit was illustrated in the Closed Room where Jeremy Flint, who knew from his partner's Precision bidding that opener had four hearts and a longer club suit, made no attempt to reach six.

For a fourth board in a row, London stockbroker Rodrigue was at the vortex of events, this time succumbing to Murray's high-pressure salesmanship:

Board: 11

Dlr: South S. A 9 8 5
Vul: None H. 8 3
D. Q 5 4
C. 8 6 3 2

S. 4 3 2 S. Q J 7 6
H. A K Q 6 H. J 9 7 4 2
D. J 8 7 D. 2
C. A Q 4 C. 10 9 7

S. K 10
H. 10 5
D. A K 10 9 6 3
C. K J 5

Open Room Bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
<u>Rodrigue</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Murray</u>
1 D	Dbl	2 D	2 H (!)
3 D	3 H	Pass	3 S (!)
Pass	4 H	All Pass	
Opening Lead: Diamond king			

Closed Room Bidding:

Phillips	Flint	Gowdy	Cansino
1 D	1 H	Dbl	Pass
2 D	Pass	Pass	2 H
3 D	All Pass		
Opening Lead: Heart king			

Murray succeeded in convincing everyone, including himself, that he had a good hand, so the play presented no problems. Declarer lost a diamond, won the heart shift in dummy, and led a spade to the queen and king. It did not occur to South that his partner had been endowed with the ace of spades in addition to the queen of diamonds (which he knew about), and that a spade return and ruff would bring Murray to justice. He exited with a second trump, whereupon Murray led a second spade from the table. Friday rose with the ace, to Rodrigue's disgust, and exited with a spade. Murray was now in relatively good shape, as already he could count on eight tricks. The ninth came when Murray led the club nine with a cunning look and let it ride when Rodrigue failed to cover. The subsequent finesse of the queen provided trick number ten.

Open Series, 14th Round, Great Britain vs Canada, cont'd.

Cansino may have been a trifle too flexible when he employed the Precision method of coping with a long, solid minor suit in this deal. (See Closed Room bidding)

Board: 14

Dlr: East S. K 10
 Vul: None H. A 9 7 6 5 3
 D. J 6 5
 C. 10 3

S. J 9 8 7 4 3 S. A 2
 H. J 8 H. Q
 D. 9 D. A K Q 10 8 7 2
 C. A K J 9 C. 6 5 4

S. Q 6 5
 H. K 10 4 2
 D. 4 3
 C. Q 8 7 2

Open Room Bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
<u>Murray</u>	<u>Rodrigue</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Priday</u>
2 D	Pass	2 S	Pass
3 D	Pass	4 C	Pass
4 D	Pass	5 D	All Pass

Opening Lead: Heart 2

Closed Room Bidding:

Cansino	Phillips	Flint	Gowdy
1 D	Pass	1 S	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: Heart 2

In the Closed Room, three notrumps was two down on top. In the Open Room, Colonial Acol got Murray to a diamond game which he speedily claimed after losing a heart, winning the spade shift, drawing trumps and conceding a spade. When both opponents followed to the second spade, declarer announced his intention of establishing the suit for a club pitch.

On the final deal from this match it appears that Murray may have exerted his well known table presence to accurately divine the meaning of Rodrigue's bidding when the British player's partner may not have been quite certain of it:

Board: 17

Dlr: North S. A 10 8 5
 Vul: None H. 6
 D. K Q 10 9 8
 C. Q 7 6

S. Q 9 4 2 S. 6
 H. J 4 H. A Q 10 9 7 5 3
 D. - - D. J 7 3
 C. K J 10 9 4 3 2 C. A 5

S. K J 7 3
 H. K 8 2
 D. A 6 5 4 2
 C. 8

Open Room Bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
<u>Priday</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Rodrigue</u>	<u>Kehela</u>
1 D	2 H	2 S	3 C
3 H	Pass	4 C	4 H
4 S	Pass	5 D	Pass
5 S	Pass	Pass	Dbl (end)

Opening Lead: Heart jack

Closed Room Bidding:

Gowdy	Cansino	Phillips	Flint
1 D	2 H	2 S	3 H
3 S	4 H	5 D	Pass
Pass	5 H	Dbl	All Pass

Opening Lead: Club 8

In the Open Room Priday's bid of three hearts with the North cards was equivalent to a sound, as opposed to competitive, raise to three spades. Rodrigue now adjudged his hand to be playable at the five-level at least (it would have been had Priday passed five diamonds). Unsure, perhaps, that the diamond support was so genuine, Priday reverted to the known spade fit.

Against five spades, Murray won Kehela's heart opening lead with the ace and laid down the ace of clubs, on which Kehela played the deuce. Diagnosing the diamond void, Murray shifted to that suit, leaving Rodrigue down one in a contract that he could have successfully negotiated if Murray had returned any other suit.

In the Closed Room, Cansino went down two at five hearts doubled. Declarer won the club opening with the ace and returned his spade singleton. Had South ducked, allowing his partner to return a trump, the defenders could have collected five tricks; but South went in with the king and returned a spade. Declarer ruffed, trumped a diamond in dummy, and continued with spade ruff, diamond ruff. Then the queen of spades was covered by the ace and ruffed by declarer, who exited with A-Q of trumps. Phillips was now able to put Gowdy in with a diamond and obtain a club ruff in return.

Declarer could have tested the defenders by leading the queen of spades on the third round, rather than the nine. At this time North had A-10 of spades and South J-7. If South failed to divest himself of the jack when the queen was covered and ruffed, declarer would sever communications by discarding his last diamond on the final round of spades.

FRENCH SCUPPER CANADA 14-6 AND PROSPECTS IMPROVE . . . With the qualifying rounds entering the last few days, yesterday's clash between fifth-place France and third-place Canada took on added importance. Canada has a tough schedule ahead that includes the Blue Team and the Aces; France's is slightly easier. Thus it was important for the Canadians to get their fair share of the Victory Points.

Canada called on their old guard -- Murray-Kehela and Charney-Crissey. France back the experience of Bourchtoff-Delmouly with the verve of Daniel Leclery playing with Paul Chemla, the brilliant Greek scholar who, like M. Pompidou, graduated 'in letters' at the Normale Superieure. The French broke through first:

Board: 3

Dlr: South S. 6 5 4

Vul: E-W H. 9 2

D. K 8 4 2

C. Q 10 9 8

S. 7 2

H. K 7 6

D. Q 9 6 5

C. K J 6 2

S. K Q J 10 8

H. J 8 5 3

D. 3

C. A 4 3

S. A 9 3

H. A Q 10 4

D. A J 10 7

C. 7 5

Open Room Bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Kehela Delmouly Murray Bourchtoff

1 S Pass Pass Dbl

Pass 2 C 2 S Dbl

Pass 3 D All Pass

Opening Lead: Club five

Closed Room Bidding:

Chemla Charney Leclery Crissey

1 S Pass 2 S Dbl

Pass 4 C All Pass

Opening lead: Spade four

Open Series - 28th Round - Canada vs France, cont'd.

Board # 3 continued

It is unusual to find Murray in the position of the conservative man at the table. However, his decision to pass Kehela's opening bid left the French more room than was available to the Canadians in the Closed Room. Bouchttoff had the opportunity to show his strength with two doubles, and so had no urge to proceed further over Delmouly's three-diamond bid. This restraint proved wise when the 4-1 trump break made the hand hard to handle and just nine tricks were made.

In the Closed Room, Charney's leap to four clubs led to a rather undignified minor partial on a 4-2 fit. The defenders got a cross-ruff going and that was down four, vulnerable.

Canada went ahead when the opening lead made all the difference against a slam:

Board: 11			Open Room Bidding:				
Dlr: South	S. - -		SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	
Vul: None	H. A J 8 5 2		<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Delmouly</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Bouchttoff</u>	
	D. K 10 8 4		1 C	Pass	1 H	Pass	
	C. K 7 6 3		1 S	Pass	2 D	Pass	
S. Q 8 6 2		S. 9 7 5 4 3	3 C	Pass	5 C	Pass	
H. 10 9 7		H. K Q 4	6 C	Pass	Pass	Pass	
D. Q J 7 5 2		D. A 6 3	Opening lead: Diamond queen				
C. J		C. 8 2	Closed Room Bidding:				
	S. A K J 10		<u>Chemla</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Leclery</u>	<u>Crissey</u>	
	H. 6 3		1 C	Pass	1 H	Pass	
	D. 9		1 S	Pass	3 C	Pass	
	C. A Q 10 9 5 4		4 NT	Pass	6 C	All Pass	
			Opening lead: Heart 10				

There were inferences available from the two auctions which influenced the respective opening leads. In the Open Room, Murray forced with the fourth suit and Kehela denied a diamond stopper (he would have bid notrump had he held one). Delmouly cannot be blamed for finding a diamond lead attractive, offering the possibility of two quick tricks.

When the queen of diamonds held, Delmouly shifted to a trump, but declarer had all the time in the world to ruff out the diamond ace, setting up the king for a heart pitch.

In the Closed Room, Chemla's leap to Blackwood made it certain that there was at most one diamond trick available to the defenders. Charney opted for the ten of hearts attack, and Chemla took his best chance for the contract by playing the jack. Unfortunately, East held the diamond ace, and hastened to cash it at trick two -- down one.

(The heart ten was led in both rooms in the Italy-Argentina match; fortunately for Argentina, their pair had stopped in game and that meant 11 IMPs.)

A while later, the ten of hearts made amends by putting the French ahead:

Board: 17			Open Room Bidding:				
Dlr: North	S. Q J 10 7		NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	
Vul: None	H. Q 5		<u>Murray</u>	<u>Bouchttoff</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Delmouly</u>	
	D. A J 8 6 2		Pass	1 H	Dbl	Pass	
	C. 9 6		2 H	Pass	2 S	Pass	
S. A 4 3 2		S. 8	3 S	Pass	4 S	All Pass	
H. 10 9 2		H. K J 8 7 6 4 3	Opening lead: Heart 10				
D. 9 7 3		D. K Q	Closed Room Bidding:				
C. J 7 5		C. Q 8 2	<u>Leclery</u>	<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Chemla</u>	<u>Charney</u>	
	S. K 9 6 5		Pass	1 H	Dbl	Pass	
	H. A		2 S	3 H	4 S	All Pass	
	D. 10 5 4		Opening lead: Diamond king				
	C. A K 10 4 3						

This time Murray approached the bidding in his more customary manner -- all out. Kehela won the heart opening, led a trump which West ducked, and played the A-K of clubs. A club ruff set up the suit and a trump was surrendered to the ace, the 4-1 split becoming public knowledge. Kehela discarded a diamond when East captured the heart queen, but ruffed the continuation in his hand. A club was ruffed and overruffed, and the ace and a low diamond brought forth East's honors. Declarer had all the winners he needed, but West had a long trump. A dummy reversal might have met with more success.

In the Closed Room, East did not want to lead from his heart tenace. He selected the diamond king and declarer was firmly in the saddle, making 11 tricks. (For Argentina, Santamarina became declarer at four spades with the North hand. Garozzo started a heart, sure enough -- but unfortunately, his choice was the king. Declarer wound up making five-odd -- no swing, as Pabis Ticci received the lead of the diamond king.)

OPEN SERIES - 31st Round

Israel vs Canada

REVOKE BY ISRAELI GIVES CANADA 11-9 WIN . . . The sands of time were running out in the qualifying rounds, and Canada, with a schedule ahead that included Poland, the red-hot Irish and Italy, needed a big win to keep the surging French back where the Canadians obviously feel they belong. The first boards were not encouraging for Canada:

Board: 1

Dlr: North S. A K 10 2

Vul: None H. K Q 4

D. J 7 6 3

C. A 8

S. Q J 9 7 5 3

H. J 3 2

D. 4

C. 10 4 3

S. 8 6

H. 9 7 6 5

D. 10 8 5

C. Q J 7 5

S. 4

H. A 10 8

D. A K Q 9 2

C. K 9 6 2

Open Room Bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
<u>Shauffel</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Frydrich</u>	<u>Kehela</u>

1 NT	Pass	2 D	Pass
2 S	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 D	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 S	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 S	Pass	7 D	All Pass

Opening lead: Spade jack

Closed Room Bidding:

<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Schwartz</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Stampf</u>
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1 NT	Pass	2 D	Pass
2 S	Pass	3 D	Pass
4 C	Pass	6 D	All Pass

Opening lead: Heart two

The auctions started off in the same way: a strong notrump followed by forcing Stayman, eliciting the fact that North had a spade suit. Frydrich made a waiting bid and, on finding his partner with a diamond suit, initiated a cue-bidding sequence that led to the grand slam, knowing that it had to be a good shot. The Canadians were rather more precipitate and rather less accurate.

Against the United States Dr. Rosenkranz and Reygadas wheeled in the Romex System effectively:

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| (a) slam interest with diamonds as trump. Describe your hand. | N. | S. |
| (b) a strong notrump (Romex uses a dynamic NT opening) | 1 D | 2 NT (a) |
| (c) how many key cards do you have (the four aces and the K-Q of trumps)? | 3 S (b) | 4 C (c) |
| (d) two | 4 S (d) | 5 C (e) |
| (e) we have all the key cards. What is your lowest-ranking king? | 5 H (f) | 5 S (g) |
| (f) the king of hearts | 5 NT (h) | 6 C (i) |
| (g) any more? | 6 H (j) | 6 NT (k) |
| (j) the queen of hearts | 7 D (l) | |
| (h) the king of spades | | |
| (k) I can count only twelve tricks. | | |
| (i) any other feature | | |
| (l) I have a ruffing value in clubs and a fourth diamond. | | |

No swing as Wolff, Jacoby and the Orange Club got there as well!

On the next board, Kehela tried a tactical bid and Murray got the shaft:

Board: 2

Dlr: East S. J 9 8 5 3

Vul: N-S H. - -

D. A K J 10 3 2

C. 6 5

S. - -

H. 8 7 4

D. Q 9 7 4

C. A K J 10 7 2

S. A K Q 4

H. A J 9 2

D. 8 5

C. Q 8 3

S. 10 7 6 2

H. K Q 10 6 5 3

D. 6

C. 9 4

Open Room Bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
<u>Murray</u>	<u>Frydrich</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Shauffel</u>

1 NT	Pass	2 D	Dbl
2 S	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 H	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond six

Closed Room Bidding:

<u>Schwartz</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Stampf</u>	<u>Crissey</u>
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1 H	Pass	2 C	Dbl
Redbl	2 S	Pass	4 S
Dbl	Pass	5 C	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Opening lead: Diamond ace

Kehela employed forcing Stayman, intending to probe for a minor-suit game unless Murray bid spades. When Murray obliged, Kehela bid what he thought he could make, 3 NT. This barred Murray from the auction -- in theory, but not in practice; he "corrected" to four hearts. Kehela might have tried 4 NT, but he worried about the diamond weakness. The hand might have been makable with an even heart division, but as it was Murray was lucky to scrape together seven tricks.

In the Closed Room, the Canadians were in more trouble. Four spades doubled would have gone down three tricks if the defenders started with two rounds of clubs, ending in the East hand, followed by four rounds of spades. But Stampf decided that a club game offered better rewards. When his opponents elected to double the icy contract, Stampf's calculation became almost vindicated.

Open Series - 31st Round - Israel vs Canada, cont'd.

Canada got on the board when the Israeli defender got busy and allowed a set to slip away:

Board: 4
 Dir: West
 Vul: Both
 S. Q 5
 H. A 6 2
 D. J 5
 C. J 9 8 7 3 2
 S. A J 10 9
 H. J 7
 D. Q 8 7 3 2
 C. Q 5
 S. K 6 4
 H. 9 8
 D. K 9 6 4
 C. A K 10 4

Open Room Bidding:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Kehela Shauffel Murray Frydrich
 Pass Pass 1 S Pass
 2 C Pass 2 D Pass
 4 S Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead: Club king
 Closed Room Bidding:
Stampf Crissey Schwartz Charney
 1 H Pass 1 S Dbl
 2 S 4 C All Pass
 Opening lead: Heart jack

Note that where West passed, E-W reached game; where West opened, E-W opted to defend at the four level -- a curious circumstance. Against Murray's four-spade contract, Frydrich opened the king of clubs. A heart shift would have meted just measure to an over-optimistic contract. North withholds the ace on the first round, then when South is in with the king of spades, a heart to the ace and a heart continuation kills one of declarer's heart tricks. Instead, South chose to shift to a low diamond, run to the queen. "The Goren of the North" needed no more. A heart to the king was allowed to win and a spade finesse lost. Two rounds of hearts were not enough to defeat the contract now, so South persevered with a diamond, trying to knock out dummy's entries. The ace won, trumps were drawn and the jack of hearts was overtaken. Declarer had to score ten tricks. In the Closed Room, declarer lost the obvious one spade, one heart and two diamond tricks.

Israel built up a 10 IMP lead, which disappeared when calamity befell:

Board: 9
 Dir: North
 Vul: E-W
 S. A K J 10 7 3
 H. K 10 5
 D. J 4
 C. 5 2
 S. Q 9 5 4
 H. Q 9
 D. A K 2
 C. Q 8 4 3
 S. 6 2
 H. 8 7 6 3
 D. Q 10 9 8 5
 C. 9 7

Open Room Bidding:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Shauffel Murray Frydrich Kehela
 1 S Pass Pass Dbl
 Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
 Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead: Spade six
 Closed Room Bidding:
Crissey Schwartz Charney Stampf
 1 S Pass Pass Dbl
 2 S Pass 3 NT All Pass
 Opening lead: Spade six

In both rooms, the ten of spades lost to the queen at trick one. Both declarers went about cashing out. Murray took his nine tricks without incident, but Schwartz revoked on the fourth club, discarding a diamond. He did not discover this until he led the fifth club from dummy. Now he needed eleven tricks just to make his nine-trick contract, so he had to take the heart finesse. That meant down three -- 14 IMPs.

The Israelis reduced the deficit to 4 IMPs on a board where Kehela demonstrated his impeccable technique to prevent an even bigger swing:

Board: 20
 Dir: West
 Vul: Both
 S. 7 5
 H. A K 7 5
 D. 10 7 4
 C. K J 6 3
 S. J 9 8 6
 H. 9 4
 D. 9 8 6 5 3 2
 C. 7
 S. 3 2
 H. Q 10 6 3
 D. A K Q J
 C. 8 5 4

Open Room Bidding:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Kehela Shauffel Murray Frydrich
 1 C Pass Pass Dbl
 2 S 3 H 4 S All Pass
 Opening lead: Heart king
 Closed Room Bidding:
Stampf Crissey Schwartz Charney
 1 S Dbl 3 S 4 H
 4 S Pass Pass Dbl (en)
 Opening lead: Heart ace

In the Closed Room, Crissey shifted to a low club after cashing two hearts. Stampf took his two club tricks and crossruffed the rest of the hand for eleven tricks.

In the Open Room, Shauffel took his two hearts and shifted to a trump, robbing Kehela of a crossruff. He won the trick in dummy and finessed the queen of clubs. Shauffel won and played another trump, leaving Kehela with a club guess for his contract. Kehela worked out

Bridge: 3 Teams Vie for Last Spots For Semifinals of Olympiad

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MIAMI BEACH, June 21— The last day of qualifying play in the World Team Olympiad here today became a three-way race for third and fourth positions.

Taiwan, Canada and France remained in contention, but all three teams had something to worry about. Unconcerned, with scores that guarantee their appearance in the semifinal playoff matches tomorrow, were the Italian Blue Team and the United States Aces. For winning the qualifying stage, Italy will have the right to choose its semifinal opponent, and the choice the Italians will make has been the subject of much speculation.

Taiwan seemed well-placed last night, ending the day 9 victory points ahead of Canada and 23 ahead of France. But it lost, 7 to 13, to Argentina this afternoon, and its lead over Canada shrank to 3 points and over France to 10 points. Canada beat the Netherlands, 13 to 7, and France blitzed Jamaica, 20 to minus 4.

Another problem is that Taiwan has relied almost throughout on four players, Patrick Huang, M. F. Tai, Dr. C. S. Shen and Frank Huang. And after playing Bermuda in the 38th round they have a tough last-round match against Switzerland.

Canadian Star III

Canada suffered a major blow to its hopes today when its key player Sam Kehela, collapsed with a chest ailment. He refused to be hospitalized, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to play any more in the Olympiad. So even if Canada reaches the semifinal, its chance of reaching the final would be negligible.

The standings after 37 rounds were: Italy, 591; United States, 562; Taiwan, 515; Canada, 512; France, 505; Turkey, 486; Great Britain, 475; Switzerland, 474; Israel, 473, and Australia, 461.

In the 38th round, Canada lost to Brazil, 3 to 17; Taiwan Bermuda, 14 to 6, and France won over Japan, 20 to minus 2. The crucial standings were then: third, Taiwan, 529; fourth, France, 525, and fifth, Canada, 515.

In the women's series, Italy slipped slightly by winning, 15 to 5, against Venezuela, while South Africa scored maximum points against Spain. Italy will make sure of the title if it wins at least 6 victory points in its final match against France tonight.

The standings after 16 rounds were: Italy, 277; South Africa, 262; United States, 239; France, 204; Brazil, 194, and Sweden, 180.

Canadians Play Well

Canada had to face the Blue Team last night, knowing that a heavy defeat would seriously endanger its prospects of reaching the semifinal. The result was a match of high quality and phenomenally low scoring. After 19 deals, Canada led, 1 to 11, but Italy gained 7 points on the final deal, the win by 4 international match points, or 11 to 9 in victory points.

Highly encouraging for Canada's prospects in the semifinal stage beginning tomorrow was the fine performance of Bill Crissey and Gerry Charney against the Italian stars. By a small margin, they were even more accurate than their famous teammates, Eric Murray and Sam Kehela, and their famous opponents, Giorgio Belladonna, Walter Avarelli, Benito Garozzo and Pietro Forquet. On the diagramed deal they saved the day for Canada when their teammates failed to solve a very difficult defensive problem.

On Vu-Graph, Garozzo opened the North hand with one diamond in fourth seat and Kehela overcalled one spade. Forquet jumped to two no-trump, and was raised to game. As the cards lie, this contract can be defeated if the defense finds the right way to establish either major suit, but none of the successful paths are easy to find.

Murray made the normal lead of the spade six, having no reason to lead a heart which would, as it happens, have been effective.

Italian Pleased

One winning defense would have been for East to duck the first trick, leaving the defenders' communications open. But it seemed unlikely to Kehela that his partner held both the diamond ace and the spade king, so he took his ace and reviewed the situation. From his angle there was a possibility that South held the diamond ace and was chancing the heart suit in jumping to two no-trump. Hoping to find his partner with a heart suit of A 10 x x x, he made the imaginative shift to the heart king—necessary on his hypothesis to avoid a block.

Forquet was charmed by this development. He took

Today's Hand

NORTH

♠ 4
♥ Q8
♦ KQ108432
♣ A Q5

WEST

♠ K96
♥ 107652
♦ A
♣ 9864

EAST (D)

♠ A108752
♥ KJ4
♦ 5
♣ 1032

SOUTH

♠ QJ3
♥ A93
♦ J976
♣ KJ7

Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
1 ♠	2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the spade six.

the heart ace and played a diamond. When West won, he saw no reason to cash the spade king, so Italy scored 660 and seemed headed for a big profit. In the closed room, however, Crissey and Charney reached five diamonds, a contract in which there appear to be three losers. But East made the natural lead of the spade, and that was that: the queen-jack of spades provided for an eventual heart discard.

There were some exciting

developments on this deal in other matches. Australia defended against three no-trump doubled after East opened with a weak two-spade bid. The play to the first trick was the same, but Tim Seres, the pride of down-under, returned the spade eight. His partner Roelof Salde, won the king and shifted to a heart. This en-

sured the defeat of the contract and, in trying to get home, South went down three.

In another match, Mexico played four no-trump, after East's weak two-spade bid had been raised and North had bid four diamonds. West made the fine imaginative lead of the spade king, which should have simplified the communications problems of

the defense. All East had to do was to duck the second spade lead, but he was thrown out of his stride when the Mexican South, Miguel Reygadas, made the imaginative false-card of dropping the jack under the king. East put up his ace at the second trick, hoping over-optimistically that the queen would fall, and the contract became unbeatable.

Canada in semi-finals at bridge Olympiad

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — With its top player in the hospital, Canada staged a rally last night to win a spot in the semi-finals of the World Bridge Olympiad which began here 13 days ago.

Canada now will play the world champion Dallas Aces, representing the United States, in the semi-final, while Olympic champion Italy will meet the fourth place qualifier, France.

The finish of the round-robin was incredibly close. Canada had to come from behind in the very last round, and needed a loss by either China or France in order to stand a chance. Both lost, and Canada took third place.

Superstar Sammy Kehela of Toronto collapsed with nervous exhaustion early in the day, and Canada was playing with a makeshift partnership for the two final matches.

He is expected to play

against the Aces, however.

Canada began the last round in fifth place, 10 victory points behind France and even further behind China. Yet the depleted Canadian team was the only one to gain maximum points when it blitzed the Philippines 20-0.

Standings at the end of the round robin: Italy 631, United States 599, Canada 535, France 534, China 531, Britain 509, Turkey 506, Israel and Switzerland 490.

In the women's series, Italy as expected took the gold medal, with South Africa in second place and the United States third. The Canadian team continued its good run with a win and a tie in the final two rounds, and finished seventh.

Final scores: Italy 291, South Africa 269, United States 251, France 210, Brazil 203, Sweden 193, Canada 173, Netherlands 164, Argentine 162.

Bridge: Italian and U.S. Teams Lead In Semifinals of the Olympiad

By ALAN TRUSCOTT

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MIAMI BEACH, June 22—The semifinal line-up in the World Team Olympiad here this afternoon guarantees that the final tomorrow will be the Old World against the New World.

The Italian Blue Team, attempting to defend the title won in 1968, seems sure to reach the final. Italy led France by 24 international points after 16 deals this afternoon, and increased the lead to 38 after 3 deals.

In the other semifinal, the Aces, representing the United States, are favored to win. They have three strong pairs, Jim Jacoby and Robert Wolff, Robert Goldman and Mike Lawrence, and Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway, who can be rested in turn. Their Canadian opponents are relying on a basic line-up of four players, Eric Murray, Sam Kebela, Bill Crissey and Gerry Charney. Kehela seems to have made a good recovery from his collapse yesterday, which endangered Canada's qualification for the semifinal. The Aces led Canada after 16 deals by 8 points, but surged ahead in the second quarter and led by 47 points at the halfway mark.

At the end of the qualifying stage last night, Italy, as the top qualifier, was entitled to choose its semifinal opponent. The Italian announced that they would not play against the Aces, and requested that a draw determine whether they would play the French or the Italians. This resulted in one European semifinal and one North American semifinal.

Final Deal the Key

The qualifying round last night ended in the most exciting possible way, with three countries a hairbreadth from the semifinal stage. The events at two tables on the diagramed deal decided their fate—everything hinged on one hand at the end of 12 days of concentrated effort.

If this deal had not been played, or had produced no swings, the crucial standings would have been: third, Taiwan, 536; fourth, Canada, 535; and fifth, France, 531.

When Canada played the Philippines, there was no swing, but it would not have mattered if there had been. Canada was sure of maximum victory points and a final score of 535.

When France played Poland on Vu-Graph, the French North-South was content to play three no-trump, making five, and France gained 11 IMPs, international match points, bringing its victory-point total to 534.

In the closed room, the Polish declarer in six diamonds failed by a trick. If he had been content with a game resulting in a standoff on the deal, France would have tied with Taiwan and been eliminated on the result of the match between the tying teams. If the Polish declarer had made the slam, as he could have done, France would have finished with 527 points, and quite out of contention.

As it was, France would

up losing, 9 to 11, to Poland. One more international match point would have given them a 10-to-10 tie and a sure place in the semifinals. France had previously beaten Canada, and would have won the tie-break if both teams hand ended with 535.

The French had to await the result of the Taiwan-Switzerland match, in which the Chinese players needed 5 victory points out of a possible 20 to qualify. Reports suggested that the Swiss were having the best of matters and that a photofinish was likely.

As it turned out, both teams reached six diamonds, a sound contract, but one tricky to play. For Switzerland, Pietro Bernasconi played the slam from the North side and received a spade lead.

Dummy's jack was covered by the ace and North ruffed. After cashing the king and queen of diamonds and the top clubs, he ruffed a club and suffered an overruff. But this did not prevent him from making the contract. He ruffed the spade return, ruffed a club to establish his fifth club and developed a squeeze against East in hearts and spades to make the slam.

South the Declarer

If North had gone down in the slam, Taiwan would have qualified at the expense of France. As it was, all hinged on the result when the Chinese held the North-South cards. Dr. C. S. Shen played in six diamonds from the South position and received the lead of the spade ace from West, ruffed in the dummy.

This left him rather better placed than Bernasconi, for his queen and jack of spades were an asset. One plan that would have succeeded would have been to draw three rounds of trumps, ending in the South hand, and surrender a spade to East. Once the clubs failed to break, South would have been able to squeeze East in clubs and hearts.

Instead, South played on a plan similar to Bernasconi's: drawing two rounds of trumps and ruffing the third club. But the trumps he played were the ace and kind, a rather subtle technical error. West overruffed and shifted to a heart, and South subsequently went wrong by playing for West to hold the spade king. He could have saved the day by winning with the heart king ruffing a club, ruffing a spade and then squeezing East in spades and hearts.

The extraordinary thing about this deal, noted by Bernasconi after the event,

NORTH

♠ K 8 5
♥ A 10 6 5 2
♦ A K 9 6 3

WEST

♠ A 10 9 8 5 3
♥ 6 3
♦ J 4 3
♣ Q 2

EAST

♠ K 7 6 4
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ 8
♣ J 10 5 4

SOUTH (D)

♠ Q J 2
♥ A 10 7 2
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ 8 7

East and West were vulnerable. The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3N.T.	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the spade ace.

was that West's triumphant overruff with the diamond jack was in fact an error that gave the declarer a chance to make the contract. Analysis showed that if West had made the inspired play of refusing to overruff, the contract could not have been made by any play, because South's trump plays had made it impossible to draw the third trump and end in the dummy.

If Dr. Shen had made the slam, his team would have lost the match by 7 to 13 instead of 2 to 18 and would have finished third instead of fifth—thus qualifying for the semifinal. It is not a deal he is ever likely to forget.

The full standings at the end of the 39 qualifying rounds in the open series were: First, Italy, 631; second, United States, 599; third, Canada, 535; fourth, France, 534; fifth, Taiwan, 531; sixth, Great Britain, 509; seventh, Turkey, 506; eighth, Israel, 491; ninth, Switzerland, 490; 10th, Denmark, 487; 11th, Australia, 481; 12th, Ireland, 473; 13th, Poland, 468; 14th, Morocco and Sweden, 443; 16th, Brazil, 441; 17th, South Africa, 414; 18th, Austria, 412; 19th, Argentina, 410; 20th, the Netherlands, 404; 21st, Germany, 399; 22d, India, 398; 23d, Spain, 397; 24th, Venezuela, 375; 25th, Mexico, 360; 26th, Finland, 347; 27th, Colombia, 328; 28th, Lebanon, 318; 29th, Belgium, 300th; 30th, Jamaica, 284; 31st, Peru, 259; 32d, Philippines, 242; 33d, New Zealand, 237; 34th, Bermuda, 207; 35th, Panama, 165; 36th, Japan, 156; 37th, Chile, 149; 38th, Netherlands Antilles, 56, and 39th, Bahamas, 44th.

The final standings in the women's series were: First, Italy, 291; second, South Africa, 269; third, United States, 251; fourth, France, 210; fifth, Brazil, 204; sixth, Sweden, 193; seventh, Canada, 173; eighth, the Netherlands, 164; ninth, Argentina, 162; 10th, Spain, 158; 11th, Ireland, 155; 12th, Colombia, 147; 13th, Mexico, 145; 14th, Venezuela, 140; 15th, Peru, 105; 16th, Australia, 97; 17th, Philippines, 78, and 18th, Bermuda, 40.

Semifinal Round - United States vs Canada

UNITED STATES GIVE REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF '64 SEMIFINAL WIN OVER CANADA

. . . Canada's ups-when they held second or third place in the standings for a large part of the qualifying rounds --and downs (when Sammy Kehela became temporarily laid low the day before the semifinals) -- combined with the tremendous effort they had to put forth in Wednesday night's 39th round, probably took a good deal out of them and rendered them slightly less doughty opposition than of yore in the 64-board match against the United States yesterday. The U.S. always had a firm grip on the match and ran out easy winners by 203 IMPs to 85.

The knack of knowing when to play for game at a major suit and when at notrump is a great asset. The Blue Team has it, and the U.S. team exhibited the same trait in this early deal:

Board: 3	S. K 9	Open Room Bidding:				
Dlr: South	H. 9 6	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	
Vul: E-W	D. J 10 9 8 6 5	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Jacoby</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Wolff</u>	
	C. K 3 2	Pass	1 H	2 D	2 S	
S. Q		Pass	3 NT	All Pass		
H. K J 5 3 2	S. A J 7 5 4 2					
D. K Q 7	H. A 8 4					
C. A 9 7 5	D. 4 3	Closed Room Bidding:				
	C. J 6	<u>Soloway</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Hamman</u>	<u>Crissey</u>	
	S. 10 8 6 3	Pass	1 H	Pass	1 S	
	H. Q 10 7	Pass	2 C	Pass	2 D	
	D. A 2	Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 S	
	C. Q 10 8 4	Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 H	
		Pass	4 S	All Pass		

In the Open Room, three notrump couldn't be beaten. Murray led a diamond to his partner's ace and Kehela returned a low club to his partner's king. Jacoby won the club continuation and led the queen of spades, which was covered by the K-A. Declarer could actually afford to duck a round of hearts now and he did.

In the Closed Room, four spades was a lost cause after Soloway found a club opening lead. Declarer had to lose a club, a diamond and two trumps. 12 IMPs to the U.S.

Semifinal Round - United States vs Canada, cont'd.

The U. S. were picking up points here and there, in a quiet but workmanlike way. But Murray counter-attacked with a typically-aggressive double of two hearts -- down one, vulnerable, and then came this deal:

Board: 9	S. A 10 9 8		Open Room Bidding:			
Dlr: North	H. J		NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Vul: E-W	D. 10 6 3		<u>Murray</u>	<u>Wolff</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Jacoby</u>
	C. A Q 9 3 2		Pass	Pass	1 C	1 H
S. K 7 6 5		S. Q J 3	2 H	Pass	2 NT	Pass
H. Q 7 6 5 3 2		H. 10 9 8	3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
D. A Q 2		D. K 7 5 4				
C. - -		C. J 8 6	Closed Room Bidding:			
	S. 4 2		<u>Hamman</u>	<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Soloway</u>	<u>Charney</u>
	H. A K 4		Pass	Pass	Pass	1 H
	D. J 9 8		Dbl	Pass	2 C	Pass
	C. K 10 7 5 4		3 C	Pass	Pass	Pass

With eleven points in each hand, Murray drove his partner to three notrump. West led a low heart and dummy's lone jack became Kehela's ninth trick.

Canada's fortunes continued temporarily in the ascendant as Soloway was doubled for 800:

Board: 10	S. A 9 4 2		Open Room Bidding:			
Dlr: East	H. J 10 5 3		EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Vul: Both	D. 10 8 6 2		<u>Wolff</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Jacoby</u>	<u>Murray</u>
	C. 4		Pass	Pass	1 D	Pass
S. 10 6		S. K J 8 7 3	1 S	Pass	1 NT	Pass
H. K 9 8		H. Q 7 2	2 NT	All Pass		
D. K Q 9 7		D. A 3				
C. A 10 8 6		C. J 9 2	Closed Room Bidding:			
	S. Q 5		<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Soloway</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Hamman</u>
	H. A 6 4		Pass	Pass	1 D	Pass
	D. J 5 4		1 S	2 C	Pass	Pass
	C. K Q 7 5 3		Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room Wolff played at two notrump, which was all that the hands were really worth, making four-odd after Murray led a low heart.

In the Closed Room Soloway's strategy of passing with his substandard hand and then backing in did not work out at all well. Charney held the first trick with the king of diamonds and shifted to a low spade, which was won by his partner's king. Crissey cashed the diamond ace and exited with a spade. Declarer led the trump queen, which held, continued with a low trump, taken by East who exited with a low heart. Declarer ducked and Charney, on winning with the king, cashed the queen of diamonds and exited with a heart. Two losers brought the penalty to 800, leaving South to console himself with the thought that it could have been worse (if West grabs the first club and plays two rounds of diamonds, enabling East to put his jack of trumps to work).

It was Murray's turn to be doubled at two of a major, in a deal which proved once again that a declarer who is doubled very often goes down a trick less than a declarer who isn't:

Board: 12	S. K Q J 10 8 6		Open Room Bidding:			
Dlr: West	H. 10 9 7		WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Vul: N-S	D. Q 8 5		<u>Jacoby</u>	<u>Murray</u>	<u>Wolff</u>	<u>Kehela</u>
	C. J		Pass	Pass	2 C	Pass
S. 4 3		S. A 9 7 2	2 H	2 S	Dbl	All Pass
H. K Q 6 3 2		H. - -				
D. J 4 2		D. K 10 7	Closed Room Bidding:			
C. K 9 8		C. A 10 6 4 3 2	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Hamman</u>	<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Soloway</u>
	S. 5		Pass	2 S	All Pass	
	H. A J 8 5 4					
	D. A 9 6 3					
	C. Q 7 5					

Clubs were led in both rooms and declarer was forced to ruff from the word go. By the time he had drawn East's trumps,

he was out of the suit. The ten of hearts was passed to West, forcing him to return a diamond. Murray ducked in the closed hand, knowing that East had the king as part of his opening. When East's ten forced the ace, Murray wisely grabbed the ace of hearts and settled for down one. In the other room declarer, after similar play, took a second shot at his contract by leading a diamond from the table after winning with the ace. Crissey, who had discarded a diamond on declarer's heart lead, then claimed the balance.

Semifinal Round - United States vs Canada, cont'd.

Board 13 found Murray in the unaccustomed position of bidding a trick less and making a trick less than his rival:

Board: 13 S. K Q J 7 6
 Dlr: North H. A 7
 Vul: Both D. 10 4
 C. A K 7 6

S. 4 2
 H. 10 9 6 4 3
 D. K 8 5 3
 C. 4 3

S. 10 8 5 3
 H. K 2
 D. J 9 6 2
 C. J 8 2

S. A 9
 H. Q J 8 5
 D. A Q 7
 C. Q 10 9 5

Open Room Bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
<u>Murray</u>	<u>Wolff</u>	<u>Kehela</u>	<u>Jacoby</u>
1 S	Dbl	2 S	Pass
3 C	Pass	3 S	All Pass

Closed Room Bidding:

<u>Hamman</u>	<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Soloway</u>	<u>Charney</u>
1 C	Pass	1 D	Pass
1 S	Dbl	3 S	Pass
4 S	All Pass		

In the Open Room Murray, not unduly extended, drew trumps, cashed the A-K of clubs and settled for his contract when the queen didn't fall. In the Open Room Crissey led a heart, won a trump trick, exited with a trump and found himself back on play after declarer had cashed dummy's king of hearts and led a low diamond from the table, playing the ten from the closed hand. Crissey found the ill-starred return of a club, on which declarer speedily played dummy's jack.

It certainly seemed that Crissey had cause for concern about the club situation, with declarer apparently bent on establishing dummy's diamonds. However, Charney had signaled with the five when declarer led a diamond from dummy, and this offered East a clue to unravel. Declarer was marked with 5-2 in the major suits; if West's five of diamonds was the lowest of three, he would have to have the king, and declarer would be due to go down regardless. If the five was the beginning of an echo, showing king-fourth, there would be no hurry to attack clubs. Finally, if declarer had K-10 bare, of diamonds and A-x-x-x of clubs, the ace of diamonds and a diamond continuation could not cost. Eventually, the defenders would come to a club trick to go with the other three winners.

This was the last big swing of the first 16 boards, leaving the United States with the narrow lead of 36 IMPs to 28, which they extended to 88-41 in the next 16 boards, largely through the medium of two slam swings. At the three-quarter mark the score had mounted almost to landslide proportions, 165-51.

SEMIFINAL ROUND - United States vs Canada

UNITED STATES PINS BIGGEST-EVER INTERNATIONAL DEFEAT ON CANADA . . .

The last 16 boards of the United States-Canada semifinal began with the U.S. way ahead by 165-51. But no one acquainted with the Torontonians expected them to throw in the towel. The only question in anybody's mind was whether the boards would offer Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela, the Canadian spearhead, any chance at all to recover lost ground. That question became settled when Al Lando, Canadian n.p.c., announced that Murray-Kehela would not play the last 16 boards -- but it soon became clear that the Murray mantle had descended upon Bill Crissey, who sat North in Murray's accustomed position.

There were just two deals that offered some kind of opening -- and Crissey was right there both times. However, to make a thorough-going job of Canada's dethronement after their fine performance in the marathon qualifying rounds, Crissey's efforts were crowned with failure both times. This was the first board:

Board: 49	S. A 8 3		Open Room Bidding:			
Dlr: North	H. 10 6 4		NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Vul: None	D. 8 2		<u>Wolff</u>	<u>Gowdy</u>	<u>Jacoby</u>	<u>Phillips</u>
	C. J 10 9 3 2		Pass	1 S	2 D	2 H
S. 9 6 4 2		S. K Q J 10 7 5	Pass	2 S	Pass	3 C
H. K Q J 8 3		H. A 2	Pass	3 H	Pass	3 S
D. Q		D. J 7 6 4	Pass	4 S	Pass	5 D
C. A Q 7		C. 8	Pass	5 H	Pass	5 S (end)
	S. - -		Closed Room Bidding:			
	H. 9 7 5		<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Hamman</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Soloway</u>
	D. A K 10 9 5 3		1 S!	Pass	2 D	2 H
	C. K 6 5 4		Pass	3 S	Pass	4 C
			Pass	4 H	All Pass	

The dealer's psyche by Crissey had the desired effect of deterring E-W from the 10-card spade suit -- but the alternative contract that Soloway got to was completely immune to the slings and arrows of fortune. Had the hearts been 4-2 or the king of clubs offside, or the N-S entries differently arranged, four hearts might have been awkward. As it was, after a diamond lead and trump shift, Soloway came home a winner without even breathing hard.

The other board where Crissey went down to honorable defeat could have been a real bonanza had the gods been kind.

Board: 57	S. Q 9 8 7 5		Open Room Bidding:			
Dlr: North	H. K Q 9 5 4 3		NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Vul: E-W	D. 3		<u>Wolff</u>	<u>Gowdy</u>	<u>Jacoby</u>	<u>Phillips</u>
	C. J		Pass	Pass	3 D	3 NT
S. A K		S. J 10 6 4 2	Pass	Pass	Pass	
H. 7 2		H. A J 8				
D. A K J 8		D. Q	Closed Room Bidding:			
C. A K 9 7 3		C. Q 10 8 6	<u>Crissey</u>	<u>Hamman</u>	<u>Charney</u>	<u>Soloway</u>
	S. 3		4 H!	Pass	Pass	Dbl
	H. 10 6		Pass	4 S	Pass	Pass
	D. 10 9 7 6 5 4 2		Dbl	All Pass		
	C. 5 4 2					

In the Open Room the Canadian pair did not really meet the challenge of Jacoby's ultra-weak three-bid. The vulnerable seven-club contract that they missed was utterly and completely laydown, except against a 4-0 trump break -- and even then it would have had chances.

In the Closed Room Crissey displayed a fine disdain for the theory that a preemptive opening hand should not contain a secondary major suit. When his four-heart opening jockeyed the opponents into four spades, Crissey quite naturally tried to improve the shining hour by doubling. Crissey was looking for opportunities to bring back points and, with his partner's hand practically unlimited, this could have been one.

Unfortunately, the defenders really had very little to work with except Crissey's trump holding, and Hamman speedily nullified even that. The heart opening was taken by declarer, who cashed the diamond queen and S. A-K, then led the diamond ace. Crissey ruffed low and declarer overruffed, crossed to a club, and led more diamonds. Crissey could do no better than ruff with the queen and cash his heart trick, declarer making the rest.

And so Canada was forced to bow the knee in the biggest defeat it ever suffered in international bridge.



Canada, bronze medal winners for the second straight Olympiad: Al Lando (npc), Jerry Charney, Sammy Kehela, Duncan Phillips, Eric Murray, Bruce Gowdy (Bill Crissey not available).

Canada is No. 3 in bridge tourney

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Canada today took the bronze medal in the World Bridge Olympiad by defeating France in a playoff match by 160 international match points to 87.

The French captain insisted on playing all the 64 scheduled boards, presumably in an attempt to capitalize on Sammy Kehela's recent illness—a move that enraged Kehela's partner Eric Murray. Both, however, played strongly and the winner was never in doubt.

Kehela, considered one of the world's great players, was taken to hospital earlier this week suffering from hypertension. He and Murray are from Toronto.

In the championship match, Italy gave a controlled performance of accurate bidding in the first 48 deals and finished the session leading the United

States by 143 international match points to 120.

The story was mainly one of American disasters in the slam zone. Three times James Jacoby and Bobby Wolff, both of Dallas, bid a slam and three times went down.

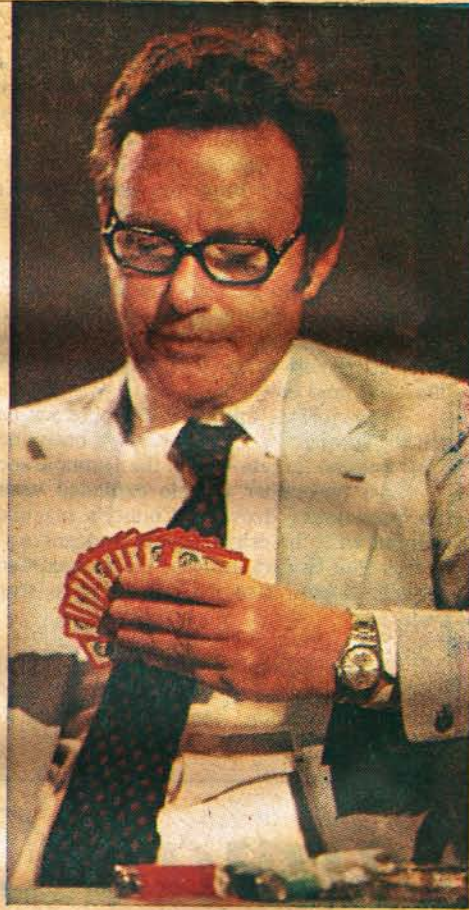
The Italians stayed out of all three of the slams. The points the United States lost on these three hands accounted for the major part of Italy's lead.

Observers also considered Italy's card play technically superior to that of their U.S. opponents.

Throughout yesterday afternoon's session Italy played its two strongest pairs, Pietro Forquet of Naples with Benito Garozzo of Rome, and Walter Avarelli of Rome with Giorgio Belladonna of Florence.

Forquet and Garozzo are considered the world's best bridge partnership.

The two Olympiad finalists were to play the final 24 deals this afternoon.



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Benito Garozzi Checks Hand
... as bridge score mounts

Pietro Forquet on Maneuvers
... for head-to-head combat

Italian Team Winner In Bridge 'Super Bowl'

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It was the bridge world's Super Bowl.

The playing field — a square green table just large enough to hold 52 pale-blue cards and the frustrations of the Dallas Aces as they strained in vain Saturday to shake the defending champion Italian Blue Team.

The Big Blue Machine, led by the one-two punch of Benito Garozzi and Pietro Forquet, swept aside the American entrants in the fourth World Bridge Olympiad to score a 203-138 victory — not unlike a 14-3 win in football.

GAROZZI, striding through the ornate lobby of the Americana Hotel in Miami Beach in black turtle-neck shirt, pants and shoes, looked every bit as deadly as any gunfighter searching out a victim. But Garozzi has a stamp where his trigger finger should be and it is his brain and heart that will leave the Aces in the carpeted dust.

Matching Garozzi step for

step, is Forquet, the other half of the pair conceded to be the toughest in the world in head-to-head confrontation. Forquet is wearing his customary blue jacket and a serious expression that matches his appearance of an archaeologist on holiday. Just before entering the small room for the third and last session of the 88-board match, he slips an arm around Garozzi's shoulders.

Later, basking in the glow of congratulations from the overflow crowd that viewed the play on closed-circuit TV and Vu-Graph, the Italian masters and their four teammates indicated this would be their last appearance as a full squad in international competition.

Garozzi said, "We are still the best. The American team was strong, the equal of the (American) team in 1964 (The Italians won the first of their three consecutive Olympiads in New York that year) but this win feels about the same as the other two."

"WE WERE a little worried at the start (The veteran

had taken the wrong seat at the start of play), but soon we were confident."

The Blue team, whose other playing members were Giogio Belladonna and Walter Avarelli in the final boards, went into Saturday's action with a lead of 28 International Match Points.

The lead was big enough for Lee Hazen, nonplaying captain of the Aces, to venture that his team was a 2-1 underdog going in. But the lead was not insurmountable, especially since the Aces' young stars Bob Goldman, Mike Lawrence, Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway had brought the Americans from an enormous 60-IMP deficit Friday night.

It was the failure of the Ace's top pair, Jim Jacoby and Robert Wolff, in the opening hands that gave the lead to the Blue — a team that Jeff Glick, veteran chairman of the Olympiad described as "killers".

"JACOBY AND Wolff are toughest against us," Garozzi said.

"Jacoby and Wolff were snakebit on Friday," Hazen said after posting a starting final-round lineup that matched Hamman and Soloway against the Italian master. "We have no time left to take risks."

But the strategy had only temporary success. After holding their own for two hands, the 67th and 68th deal brought disaster to the Aces.

First the Americans went down four doubled at a five Diamond contract. The 1100-point debacle computed out to 15 IMPs to the Blue team. Then, apparently still shaken by the staggering loss, Hamman and Soloway bid only three clubs on a hand in which a small slam was bid and made at the other board by Belladonna and Avarelli. It was another 10-IMP swin and suddenly the United States was down 173-120. Not even an on-side kick could help now.

"Did you relax after you got your big lead?" Garozzi was asked later.

"NO, I ALWAYS play the same," he answered with a small smile, secure in the knowledge that "the same"

for him meant the cool, uncompromising perfection that made comeback impossible.

Yet there was hand No. 71. It was a vexing heart contract that seemed to hinge on the club division. Garozzi, who was declarer, had no way of knowing he had to be wrong no matter which way he played the suit. As he sank lower in his seat, cigarette clenched tightly, the Vu-Graph commentator whose dry humor enlivened the action for an appreciative audience, said hopefully: "Perhaps he'll tire himself out on a hand that makes no difference."

After long thought, Garozzi sighed, looked up, laughed, shuffled two cards and blindly flipped one onto the table. He shook his head sadly as the trick slipped into defense's pile, but when the hand played out and he saw he had been doomed no matter what he had played, he threw back his head and laughed again. Somehow the 7 IMPs the United States gained on the hand didn't seem to matter.

Garozzi knew that his Blue team, despite an average age of 51 and the burden of a 760-board, 38-nation, 16-day competition, had once again proven it was the best in the world.