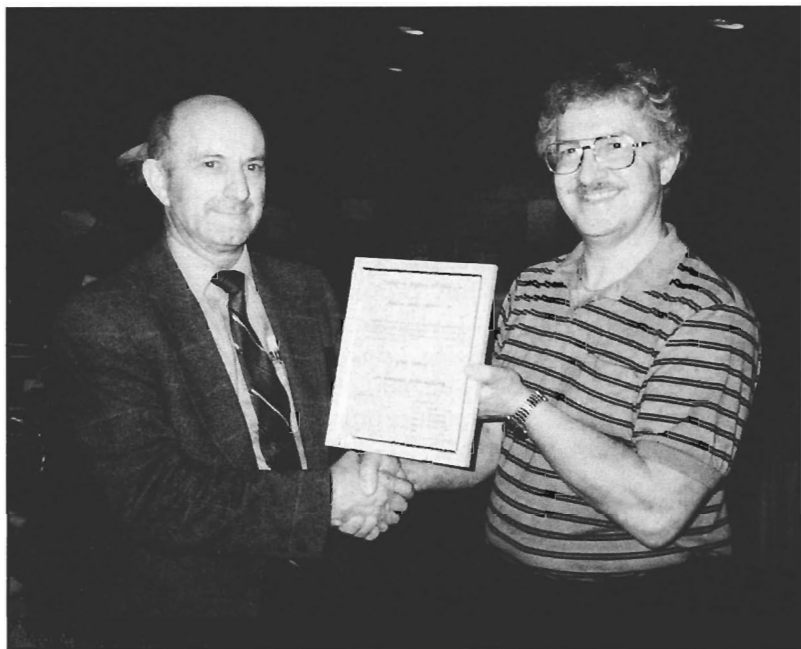




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Editorial

Well, hello again! It has been almost two years since the birth of Canadian Bridge Canadien. No doubt most of you had concluded that Canada's official Bridge publication had vanished without trace. As explained by CBF President Doug Heron in his report, the noble plans for the publication of an independent Canadian bridge magazine fell through after one issue. A combination of causes contributed to this, but the principal one was cost. At the CBF executive meeting during the Ottawa regional in May, it was decided to resume publication of Canadian Bridge Canadien as an insert in the ACBL Bulletin (as with the Canadian Bridge Digest, last seen in January 1990). It was also decided to aim for the August bulletin, in order to have copies available during the Summer NAC in Toronto.

As you may appreciate, this left little time for collection of material. In fact I didn't receive *any* material until June 18, which has made it a real scramble to meet the ACBL deadline of July 1 for inclusion in the August bulletin. In particular, I deeply regret that I was unable to obtain any French language material; this *won't* happen again. Looking on the bright side, the lack of material means that I was able to include a fuller report than usual on the 1992 Canadian National Teams Championships. Two-and-a-half weeks after the holding of the Final in Ottawa May 29 - June 2, Eric Kokish had completed a 50-page report in his own inimitable style. Wielding the scissors with anguish, I selected from this a 17-page potpourri, offering hands from the round-robin, the semi-finals, and the final.

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Kokish also sent long reports on five previous CNTC Finals. There must be some way we can make this material generally available - if we don't, we are letting the history of our organisation and its most important event slip away. During the Toronto NAC, the ACBL Board will be considering a proposal of Henry Bethe's which would affect the way in which the ACBL selects its three-team allotment for the World Championship Bermuda Bowl. In presenting its case, the CBF will be arguing that Canadian bridge deserves to be taken seriously (as indeed it does). If we want others to view the Canadian Championship with respect, perhaps we ourselves should treat it as a major event.

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THE 1992 CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

(Ottawa, May 29-June 2)

by Eric Kokish

Twenty-two qualifiers from the six Canadian Bridge Federation zones gathered at the Skyline Hotel in downtown Ottawa to contest the final stage of the 1992 CNTC. Playing conditions were less than optimal, but the host unit provided excellent support and hospitality. Once again, there were no screens ("take too much space and give the more experienced teams an advantage," said the CBF!) for the three-day round robin stage. Once again the CBF stipulated that only the pairs who "adopted" their opponents' suggested defenses to "highly unusual" methods could keep their defensive notes at the table (although everyone seemed to try hard to provide adequate defenses, the regulation on its face encourages users of complex weapons to offer casual countermeasures; fortunately, most players were more flexible than the director in permitting their opponents to make alterations). It pains me to say so, but Canada's most important event is still a bit primitive.

Only nine teams finished above average in the round robin (9-board matches with 80 VP maximum, each team starting with 40), and all of them had some sort of shot at qualifying with three matches to play. In the end, it was British Columbia's fancied **McAVOY** (Jim McAvoy-Duncan Smith, Peter Herold-Jim Dickie, Mike Strebinger-Bruce "Superstar" Ferguson) who prevailed, with 994 VP. A strong second was the Maritime team, **BENNETT** (Randy Bennett-Mike Betts, Peter MacLean-Eric Balkam, John Stewart-Giorgio Bella Holland), with 990. Third, with 974, was **FRASER** (Doug and Sandra Fraser, Kamel Fergani-Raymond Fortin, Doug Fox-Roy Dalton). The fourth qualifying spot went to **HERON** (Doug Heron-Ed Zaluski, Pierre Treuil-John Zaluski, John Carruthers-Ted Horning), who finished with 965. The other teams that finished over average were (5) **ARBOUR** (Greg Arbour-Paul Sontag, John Bryden-Steve Vincent), 936; (6) **CHAPMAN** (Gord Chapman-John Sabino, Bill Tucker-Fred Lerner), 921; (7) **SILVER** (Joe Silver-Fred Gitelman, George Mittelman-Robert Lebi, Michel Lorber-Eric Kokish), 911; (8) **RANKIN** (Doug Rankin-Ken Gee, Dan Mathieson-Dev Prakhya, Barry Harper-Don Campbell), 900; (9) **BOWMAN** (John and Billy Bowman, Al McDonald-Jurek Czyzowicz), 897.

Bd: 3-21 Dealer: N Vul: N/S

North

♠ A
♥ 862
♦ 643
♣ QT9762

West

♠ QT543
♥ J3
♦ KJ985
♣ A

East

♠ KJ862
♥ Q974
♦ 72
♣ 84

South

♠ 97
♥ AKT5
♦ AQT
♣ KJ53

R Lesage

D Lesage

West	North	East	South
	P	P	1♣
1♠	2♣	3♣	Dbl
3♦	3♠	4♠	Dbl
P	5♣///		

This deal was played in the third match of the round robin. North and South were Richard and Denis Lesage, brothers in arms whose team (Willis-Valliant, Roche-Hough) I had rated as strong contenders to win this year's event. Denis told me after the round robin that their all-too-rare opportunities to practice were simply insufficient to the task at hand. Are you listening, you eager beavers out there?

Despite the best efforts of East and West, les Lesages threaded their way to 5♣. West led a spade and East did what he could to discourage a diamond switch by playing his middle card (continue if that seems safe). With both diamond honours likely to be wrong, declarer set about preparing an endplay. He crossed to the ♥A, ruffed his spade loser (East contributing the jack), and led a trump to the king and ace. West attempted to exit

with the ♥J, but declarer ducked and West had to play a diamond into the tenace or a spade, yielding a ruff and discard. chose the latter. Declarer threw a diamond from dummy, ruffed in hand, led a trump to dummy, and continued with a heart to his ten. When that won, he discarded a second diamond from dummy on the ♥K and claimed his contract.

At first glance it seems as if West might have beaten the contract by leading the ♣A on the go, but that is not so. Declarer will be able to strip the black suits and the ♥A, and lead a low heart, ducking to West to force him to give away the same trick he conceded in the live variation.

You hold:

(E) ♠Q87543 ♥AQJ75 ♦A4 ♣-, unfavourable. You see...

Lorber	Caplan	Kokish	Boyle
West	North	East	South
	P	1♠	2♣
3♣ ¹	4♣ ²	5♥	6♣
6♣	P	???	

¹ limit raise or better in ♠

² splinter

Do you go further, and if so, how?

When I picked up the East hand, I had one of those pseudo "deja vu" experiences. I could feel the hairs on the back of my neck quivering. As the auction progressed, I realized that this was virtually the same situation as my great and good friend Irving Litvack had faced in Biarritz in his partnership with Roy Hughes. Grand slam then was possible in one major and not the other and Litvack-Hughes had gotten it right. Was this the second time around or was this just some other construction? What I knew was that I was unlikely to make 7♠ unless Michel held a fifth spade; otherwise, with the opponents all the way up to six clubs,

he figured to hold too many red cards. And if hearts were the better strain, he might well have bid 6♥ and not 6♠. So I passed....

Bd:14-25 Dealer:N Vul:E/W

North	
♠ T6	
♥ 63	
♦ QJ82	
♣ AJ832	
West	East
♠ AK92	♠ Q87543
♥ K842	♥ AQJ75
♦ 953	♦ A4
♣ 95	♣ -
South	
♠ J	
♥ T9	
♦ KT76	
♣ KQT764	

The kid in the North seems to have been on a steady diet of Zia novels. A free splinter yet. Well, I was right, couldn't make 7♠. But I was wrong about grand slam, as you can see. 7H was cold since there was no defensive spade ruff (North had played a part in introducing that worry for us). Fortunately for us, Greg Carroll-David Turner were in 7♠ at the other table, so we gained 17 IMPs for our imperfect effort.

(See top of next column) 4♠ is an unlikely contract for E/W, but the cards seem to be lying well for them and their curious auction looked as if it was about to pay off. Watch closely now. Joe Silver led the ♠4 to the jack, queen, and king. Arno Hobart led a club to the king and ace and Fred Gitelman returned the ♠7. Hobart put in the eight successfully, played two high clubs to discard a diamond from dummy, and continued with king-ace and a third diamond, ruffing with the ♠T in dummy when Silver dis-

carded.

Bd:17-22 Dealer:E Vul:W

North		
♠	643	
♥	KQT6	
♦	Q2	
♣	T985	
West	East	
♠	AK85	
♥	J8	
♦	A643	
♣	QJ7	
South		
♠	Q97	
♥	72	
♦	J985	
♣	A432	
<i>rt Silver</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>
North	East	South
	P	P
P	2♥ ¹	P
P	4♠ ¹ ///	

¹ Spades (weak) or hearts (invitational)

Now all declarer had to do was extract the remaining trumps. Could he do it? He played ace of hearts, heart. Silver won and led another heart. Gitelman uppercut with the ♠9. Hobart discarded his diamond loser. Gitelman led his remaining diamond and now Hobart could not shut out Silver's ♠6 behind the five.

To defeat the contract, the defenders led trumps at their first two opportunities. Then they scored their two remaining LOW trumps separately late in the day. What a curious hand!

Before we leave the round robin, I would like to share a germ warfare story with you...(see hand on next page)

These "man bites dog" stories always leave readers with a warm glow, so kindle up. South, a known perpetrator, perped away with a toy preempt in a

Bd:7-23 Dealer:S Vul:Both

North

♠ KQ4
♥ AQ85
♦ 8
♣ K9762

West

♠ AJ73
♥ T973
♦ A7
♣ A83

East

♠ 652
♥ 642
♦ 6432
♣ T54

South

♠ T98
♥ KJ
♦ KQJT95
♣ QJ

West	North	East	South
			2NT ¹

Dbl	P	3♦	P
P	5♣!	P	5♦

Dbl///

¹ Preempt in a minor

minor, 2NT. When East removed his partner's double to 3♦, South liked it too much to double. Very soon thereafter, North deduced that South's suit must be clubs, and so he vaulted majestically to five of same. That pleased South not at all and the upshot was a 200-point payout into their own easy 3NT. Simple souls the world over can rejoice at the plight of N/S. As for me, I can't help thinking about a certain deal in the first quarter of our semifinal match against Germany in Geneva in the autumn of 1990.

McAVOY, the round robin winners, had earned the right to choose between HERON and FRASER for their semifinal (64 boards) opponents. They selected HERON, starting with a 6-IMP carryover advantage from their head-on round robin encounter. That left BENNETT to play FRASER with a more serious 20-IMP carryunder to erase.

THE SEMIFINALS

McAVOY vs HERON

BENNETT vs FRASER

First Quarter

Bd:1 Dealer:N Vul:None

North

♠ J8763
♥ 62
♦ QT75
♣ Q6

West

♠ -
♥ KQJ985
♦ AJ83
♣ 953

East

♠ QT5
♥ AT7
♦ K642
♣ K72

South

♠ AK942
♥ 43
♦ 9
♣ AJT84

OPEN ROOM

<i>Horn.</i>	<i>Fergus.</i>	<i>Carr.</i>	<i>Streb.</i>
West	North	East	South
	P	1♦	1♠
2♥	4♠	P	P
6♦	P	P	6♠
Dbl///			

CLOSED ROOM

<i>Herold</i>	<i>Zaluski</i>	<i>Dickie</i>	<i>Treuil</i>
West	North	East	South
	P	P	1♠
2♥	4♠///		

BENNETT vs FORTIN

<i>Betts</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Fox</i>
West	North	East	South
	P	1♦	1♠
3♥	4♠	Dbl	P
5♦	P	5♥///	
<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
West	North	East	South
	P	P	1♠
2♥	3♠(pre)	4♥	4♠
5♥///			

The semifinals began with a high-level

decision, which was appropriate for several high-as-a-kite players ...

Style differences here. Two Easts refused to open the balanced 12-count; two did not. George Holland, alone among his peers, settled for a gentle, not at all unreasonable 3♠. Jim Dickie, alone among his peers, never took a bid with the East cards. In BENNETT vs FORTIN, it all ended at 5♥, where the Wests went two down, minus 100. No swing.

In McAVOY vs HERON, however, Dickie's silence got him a small plus (50) against 4♠. Good enough in the other match, but not in his own, where Ted Horning managed to bully Michael Strebinger into a serious misjudgment at the slam level. The play at 6♠x was interesting. Two rounds of hearts, then a low diamond from Horning. John Carruthers put up the king and switched to a low club, which ran to the queen. Blessed with an extra entry, Strebinger called for the ♠J and passed it when Carruthers did not cover (it would not have helped him to do so, for Strebinger could cross with a club ruff to take a second spade finesse). Down two, minus 300, but 6 IMPs and first blood to HERON, who had erased the carry under.

Doug Fox got busy on Board 6, holding: (S) ♠T72 ♥92 ♦752 ♣AQJ53, at favourable vulnerability. Having passed originally, he came in with 2♣ after his opponents had started 1♠-1NT. This got him to 3♣x, down 500. Without seeing the whole hand, do you think that this was going to be a good result for his side?

Say that you hold: (W) ♠AK865 ♥AQT85 ♦98 ♣8, unfavourable vulnerability. To your third seat 1♠, partner responds 1NT. To 2♥, he gives preference to 2♠. Would you try again with 3♥? Peter Herold did not. Ted

Horning and Kamel Fergani did. They were raised (curiously, I think) to 4♥, and played there, on this lie...

Bd:6	Dealer:E	Vul:E/W
North		
♠	J93	
♥	J764	
♦	AQ4	
♣	KT2	
West		East
♠	AK865	♠ Q4
♥	AQT85	♥ K3
♦	98	♦ KJT63
♣	8	♣ 9764
South		
♠	T72	
♥	92	
♦	752	
♣	AQJ53	

Against Fergani, George Holland elected to start with the ♦A. He switched to clubs, but it was too late. Fergani ruffed the second club, played three high trumps, then ran spades, losing just the master trump and two minor suit aces for +620. That made Fox's 2♣ overcall a small winner, FORTIN gaining 3 IMPs, 33-13.

Against Horning, Superstar led the ♣K, catering to stiff queen or jack in declarer's hand (among things) and aiming to start a force. Horning ruffed the club continuation and led a diamond up. Ferguson grabbed the ace, as he had to if he wanted to have a chance to set the contract, and continued clubs. Horning ruffed and played three high spades, then ♦K and ♦J, discarding a spade. Ferguson won and had to play a trump, so Horning scored the ♥T and ruffed his last spade with the ♥K. The AQ of trumps took the last two tricks. That was +620, and 10 IMPs to HERON when Herold finished +170 at 2S. HERON led, 27-17.

The last swing in each match came on the last deal of the quarter ...

Bd:16 Dealer:W Vul:E/W

North

♠ Q8
♥ KJ75
♦ AQT2
♣ JT9

West

♠ KJ7643
♥ -
♦ J9874
♣ K5

East

♠ AT2
♥ 83
♦ K63
♣ A7432

South

♠ 95
♥ AQT9642
♦ 5
♣ Q86

OPEN ROOM

HorningFergus. Carr. Streb.

West North East South

1♠ Db1 Rdb1 4♥

P P 4♠ 5♥

5♠///

CLOSED ROOM

HeroldJZaluski Dickie Treuil

West North East South

2♠! P 2NT* 3♥

P 3♠ Db1 4♥

4♠ Db1 P 5♥///

BENNETT vs FORTIN

Betts Dalton Bennett Fox

West North East South

P 1NT P 4♦(♥)

P 4♥///

FerganiHolland Fortin Stewart

West North East South

2♦¹ P 2♥² 3♥

4♥///

¹Weak 2♥ or spades and a minor, at least 5-5

²Correctable

It is easy to think terrible things about Peter Herold's eccentric weak 2♠ open-

ing, but Al Roth would certainly improve. And it certainly feels better than not bidding at all, a la Mike Betts (his "pure" pass as dealer did not have to shut him out, but he certainly had some jeopardy in coming in at the four-level; would you have passed 4♦ and 4♥ in his position?) Herold led a spade against Treuil's 5♥, and the defenders got two tricks in each black suit for two down, minus 100. Ted Horning's light and shapely 1♠ opening prompted him to act in front of his partner at the five-level, which was the wrong thing to do this time. He lost a trick to the ♠Q, of course, and two diamonds (Ferguson switched to the ♦Q upon winning the ♠Q and Horning set up the clubs). Down 100 here too. 5 IMPs to McAVOY, who won the set by 20 IMPs and led 57-31 after 16 of 64 deals.

Betts' silence did not help Randy Bennett on opening lead against 4♥. He chose a diamond, which took care of one of declarer's spade losers immediately, the other later when the ♦10 set up. A magnificent +450 for Dalton. The Fortin-Fergani two-way two-bid did not help them to reach 4♠, but the vagaries of the auction left Fergani on lead, and he chose his long suit. That defeated the contract easily enough and brought in 11 IMPs for FORTIN, who won the set by 36 IMPs to lead 81-25. BENNETT had lots of time to come back, but the 56-IMP deficit would test their mettle.

Second Quarter

However, it would take a great deal of mettle to overcome what Fortin himself did to his Maritime opponents on the next deal...(see deal next page)

The best contract for N/S is a diamond partial, and Heron negotiated that for his side with a takeout for the minors on ...

Bd:18 Dealer:E Vul:N/S
 North
 ♠ T53
 ♥ 2
 ♦ AQT7
 ♣ Q8732

West	East
♠ J762	♠ K4
♥ K965	♥ QJT87
♦ J62	♦ 43
♣ AT	♣ J965

South
 ♠ AQ98
 ♥ A43
 ♦ K985
 ♣ K4

OPEN ROOM

<i>Treuil</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>JZaluski</i>	<i>McAvoy</i>
West	North	East	South
		P	1NT
P	2♣*	P	2♠
P	2NT	P	3NT///

CLOSED ROOM

<i>Fergus.</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Strebb.</i>	<i>EZaluski</i>
West	North	East	South
		P	1NT
P	2NT(minors)	P	3♦///

BENNETT vs FORTIN

<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Balkam</i>	<i>Fergani</i>
West	North	East	South
		P	1♦
P	1♠(3+)	P	2♠*
P	3♥(Spl)	Dbl	Rdbl(♥A)
P	3♠	P	4♠///
<i>DFraser</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>SFraser</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
West	North	East	South
		P	1NT///

Ed Zaluski's strong notrump; +130. At the other McAVOY-HERON table, Smith-McAvoy drove to an unsound 3NT, against which Pierre Treuil found the best lead of a heart. Two down, minus 100, and 6 IMPs more to HERON, within 10 IMPs now, 47-57.

George Holland didn't get his side to 3♦, but he did pretty well by passing 1NT, which just fetched, +90. That wasn't going to be nearly enough, though, because Monsieur le Doc was creating an effective monster at the other table. Realizing that he would have a good dummy for spades, he started by responding in that suit, a ploy usually reserved for weak hands. Not weak at all, thought the Doc, continuing with a short suit game try of 3♥ when Kamel Fergani raised to 2♠ (four trumps, either a strong notrump or unbalanced). Fortin finished in 4♠, against which Eric Balkam led a low club to the ten and queen. The ♠T ran to the jack and Peter MacLean switched to a heart. Fortin took the ace, ruffed a heart in hand, and led a second trump. When the king came up, he could draw trumps and run the diamonds for ten tricks and a most imaginative +620; 94-25.

You would expect 16 balanced HCP opposite 15 balanced HCP, with no matching doubletons and at least two honours in every suit to produce at least 3NT, but Balkam-MacLean and Ferguson-Strebinger discovered the hard way that this was simply not so. Meanwhile, at the other two tables, the weak notrumpers in the West seat started with 1♣, found the heart fit, and stopped at 4H, +650. HERON was within 8 now, 62-70.

That deal was a springboard for FORTIN, who proceeded to run off 54 unanswered IMPs before BENNETT recorded a 2-IMP gain for an undertrick on Board 30. Quite a bit of it was simply bad bridge on the part of BENNETT: a needlessly doubled 1NT, which produced an overtrick, a misdefended vulnerable game, an overbid 3NT that was unkindly treated by the FORTIN defenders, an

obscure save that cost too much, and a silly slam on a routine game hand. Far too much to give a team in pretty good form. When the smoke had cleared, FORTIN was ahead by 121 IMPs at the half, riding their 67-2 second quarter to a 148-27 lead.

Meanwhile, very little of note was taking place in McAVOY vs HERON, each team tacking 3 IMPs on to their score. HERON won the second quarter 37-16, and at halftime, McAVOY led by the slender margin of 5 IMPs, 73-68.

Third Quarter

Everyone was in 4♠ from the East side after North showed his clubs (see hand at top of column).

In McAVOY vs HERON, Dickie and Zaluski both went down when they played on diamonds early and South was able to dispose of a heart on the fourth round of diamonds, developing a second trump trick for himself.

I have no play record for Balkam's table, but he came to ten tricks. Perhaps

Bd:38	Dealer:E	Vul:E/W
North		
♠ 2		
♥ KT6		
♦ T764		
♣ AKQ86		
West		East
♠ 983		♠ AKJT4
♥ AJ53		♥ Q97
♦ K8		♦ AJ93
♣ J743		♣ 5
South		
♠ Q765		
♥ 842		
♦ Q52		
♣ T92		

he played in the fashion of Doug Fraser, who ruffed the second club, lost a heart finesse, ruffed the third club and played ace-king of spades to learn the bad news. He continued with ♥Q, heart to the ace, ♦K, ♣J, ruffing with the ♠J. What could Randy Bennett do? If he overruffed, he would have to lead a diamond into the ace-jack or put dummy in with the ♠8 to

First Pan-American Games

The results of the first Pan-American Bridge Championships, held in Corpus Christi, Texas during the week of June 14, became available just as this issue was going to press. Canada's open international team of Mark Molson, Boris Baran, Ed Bridson, David Lindop, John Gowdy, and Geoff Hampson came heartbreakingly close to winning the gold medal, losing by 5 IMP. A successful KJ guess on the last board would have changed the result. The winning US team was Cliff Russell-Bobby Levin, David Berkowitz-Larry Cohen, Peter Weichsel-Sam Lev.

Three Canadian pairs placed in the top 20 in the Open Pairs; likewise, three Canadian pairs placed in the top 20 in the Women's Pairs. They were:

Open

- 11. Geoff Hampson - John Gowdy
- 13. Evelyn and David Kirsh
- 19. Richard Chan - Shelagh Paulsson

Women's

- 9. Lee Atkinson - Barbara Saltsman
- 12/13. Anne Marie Bullis - Ella Omarra
- 20. Helen Colter - Gwen Lynn

cash the long heart. If he discarded, Douglas would cash the ♦A and score the

en passant. Very pretty indeed.

Bd:48 Dealer:W Vul:E/W

North

♠ Q542

♥ J987

♦ 2

♣ J953

West

♠ AK86

♥ 2

♦ KQ9875

♣ Q2

East

♠ -

♥ AQ63

♦ AJ643

♣ A876

South

♠ JT973

♥ KT54

♦ T

♣ KT4

OPEN ROOM

Treuil Smith JZaluski McAvoy

West North East South

1♦ P 1♥ P

1♠ P 2♣ P

2♦ P 3♦ P

3♠ P 4♣ P

4NT P 5♣ P

7♦///

CLOSED ROOM

Herold Horning Dickie Carruthers

West North East South

1♦ P 1♥ P

1♠ P 2♣ P

2♦ P 6♦///

BENNETT vs FORTIN

SFraser Betts DFraser Bennett

West North East South

1♦ P 3♣(♦) 3♦

3♠ 5♦ 5♥ P

6♦ 6♥ P P

Db1 P P 6♠

Db1///

MacLean Dalton Balkam Fox

West North East South

1♦ P 1♥ 1S

2♦ 4♠ 5♠ P

5NT P 7♦///

If you don't get a heart lead in 7♦, you have the choice of the simple heart finesse, the inferior attempt to ruff out the ♥K tripleton or better, or the particularly appealing (if South has bid) Vienna Coup (cash the ♠A en route to drawing trumps and ruffing spades, then run winners; South will be squeezed in clubs and hearts). Which is how Peter MacLean made his grand slam, +2140, vindicating the clever 1700-point save found by the intrepid Betts-Bennett at 6♠x. 10 IMPs to BENNETT, who tied the third quarter 44-44, remaining 120 IMPs behind with 16 to play.

Meanwhile, over in McAVOY vs HERON, the unscientific Herold-Dickie sequence produced +1370 for Herold at 6♦ after a club lead (he tried to ruff out the ♥K). Pierre Treuil, in 7♦, had a chance to salvage something from an unpleasantly one-sided set. He got a trump lead from Duncan Smith, which he elected to win in hand. He ruffed a spade. Cashd the ♦A, came to a trump, and realized that he had played the hand in such a way as to commit himself to the heart finesse. When that lost he was one down, minus 100. The winning line would have left Treuil's team 26 IMPs better off.

McAVOY won the third quarter 54-6, and led now by 53 IMPs, 127-74.

Fourth Quarter

Unless something remarkable comes up in BENNETT vs FORTIN, I intend to leave that match to die in peace. For the record, FORTIN tacked on another 12 IMPs, 50-38, and won the match by 132, 242-110.

It was 131-77 when Board 54 brought along the final shipment of nine-inch nails for HERON's coffin...

Bd:54 Dealer:E Vul:E/W

North

♠ 954
♥ AQ64
♦ A8532
♣ 7

West

♠ AKQT3
♥ T75
♦ Q7
♣ 986

East

♠ 7
♥ K32
♦ KJT4
♣ AQT53

South

♠ J862
♥ J98
♦ 96
♣ KJ42

OPEN ROOM

HornigFergus.		Carr.	Streb.
West	North	East	South
		1♣	P
1♠	Dbl	1NT	P
3NT///			

CLOSED ROOM

Herold Heron		Dickie	EZaluski
West	North	East	South
		1♣	P
1♠	1NT(TO)	P	P
Dbl	2♦	Dbl	2♥
2S///			

I don't think that Zaluski would have enjoyed himself much in 2♥x (if Heron's 1NT was a weak takeout for the other suits, why on earth did he run from 1NTx, we wonder?), but he was spared the experience when Herold saw an easy way to describe his invitational values

without going past 2♠. This Herold made easily enough by leading good diamonds through Zaluski, for +110. At the other table, Carruthers got his stoppers into the picture over Ferguson's (more normal) takeout double, and Horning took an intelligent shot at 3NT. Strebinger found the interesting lead of the ♥J, which was allowed to hold. Strebinger continued with the ♥9, ten, Ferguson's ace. Back came the ♣7, which Carruthers had to win to have a chance. He played low, however, and the ♣J won. Strebinger cleared hearts now and Carruthers realized that it was futile to play on diamonds. Instead, he finessed the ♠10 and ran the spades, hoping for the ♠K onside. That left him two down, minus 200. 7 IMPs to McAVOY, who were 61 IMPs ahead with 10 boards to play.

McAVOY was not about to blow that kind of lead and HERON was not playing well enough to get all those IMPs back on their own.

Incidentally, Kamel Fergani made 3NTx in the other match from the West side. Low heart to the jack, heart to the ace, heart. He led a diamond to the queen and ace and North cashed the long heart and switched to a club. Fergani put up the ace and played his diamonds, which squeezed South in the black suits, sparing Fergani the spade guess.

McAVOY won the fourth quarter 42-5 and won the match by 90 IMPs, 269-179. They were the better team, to be sure, but they were also the luckier one. It would be McAVOY vs FORTIN, 72 boards, for the 1992 CNTC title (see page 16).

During the hiatus in publication, many significant tournament results were not reported. We hope to catch up in the next issue, at least recording the names of the winners of all important Canadian bridge events since the last issue in the Fall of 1990.

CBF REPORT
Douglas Heron 17/6/92

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Several problems arose with the plans to publish an independent magazine, not the least of which was cost. Current plans include our new editor, Don Kersey, of Kingston, with at least three issues per year, distributed as in the past as an insert in the ACBL Bulletin.

3. Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC)

Beginning in 1994, the final will be reduced to twenty teams from the current twenty two. The first fourteen teams will be pre-selected (2,3,3,2,2,2 per Zone, from East to West), and the next six teams will be selected based on number of teams participating at the club level and Unit Final in each Zone.

Montreal will host the 1993 CNTC Final.

4. The 1992 version of the Canadian Womens' Team Championship (CWTC) will be held in Vancouver in August. The 1993 event will probably will be held in Saskatoon. No change in format is planned.

5. The Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) will be held in Halifax, June 1992. The site for 1993 is not yet determined. No change in format is planned.

6. The CBF will take over organizing and running Flights Band C of the National Team Championship, currently known as the Grand National Teams and run by the ACBL in Districts.

7. The CBF will investigate ways in which Canada can become more independent of the ACBL, including the issuing and recording of Canadian Master Points and Ranks, based on play in events organized and run by the CBF.

8. The CBF has committed to pursuit of a Junior Player programme for Canada, which will include subsidizing a National Junior Team to the World Junior Championships in 1993. John Carruthers has been reconfirmed as non-playing Captain and Chairman of the selection committee. The Canadian Junior Team won the Silver Medal at the 1991 World Junior Championships.

9. A fund has been established to aid in the reproduction and distribution of French language material for francophone members of the CBF, beginning with the Conditions of Contest for our National Events. A volunteer committee has been struck to do the required translation at no cost, and to identify those members who require materials in the French language. The cost of this important programme should be minimal.

10. A fund has been developed for New Player Development. The CBF recognizes that a great deal of work in this regard is already being carried out by local organizations, and wishes to complement rather than compete with this work. Attracting, educating, and retaining new players is essential if we are to grow. The CBF is offering a grant of \$50 to every Unit in Canada, to be used to assist in the running of a Novice game in conjunction with a Unit Sectional Tournament, where the Novice player is able to play free of charge. The money may be spent to defray a Director's expenses, for trophies, or in any way the Unit sees fit to help organize such a game. This grant is available once to each Unit in 1993, and requests should be sent to Jan Anderson. Some local organizations are already making a start at teaching in schools and Universities, and the CBF hopes that more local organizations will follow their lead.

11. The Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund has made available to each Zone Director \$5,000 to be donated to worthy Regional charities in 1993. Please contact your own Zone Director for more information if you know of a charity which you feel might qualify.

12. The Annual General Meeting of the CBF will be held in Montreal in conjunction with the Can-At Regional, to be held Sept 8th to 13th, 1992. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 12th, at 11 a.m., at the playing site.

If you have any comments, suggestions, etc., please call, write, or fax your President;

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PSYCHES VERSUS STRONG TWO CLUB BIDS - Doug Heron

C. Cronin writes: *Should psyches be allowed against strong two club bids? If they are allowed, how should a partnership combat them?*

There are two main issues here; first, the ethical responsibilities of the EW pair, and second, the bridge tools a pair might use to cope with possible psychic interference.

Ethical Question

Anytime your side opens the bidding with a strong artificial bid, you should be alert to the possibility of psychic interference, and be ready to deal with it (see below). However, if the defending side has an agreement to psyche (for example, not vul vs vul simple overcall could be a short suit) then this must be alerted and explained. Note also that if the partnership has no actual agreement but has done this before more than once, then there is a tacit agreement and this also must be alerted. (ie "this could be a psyche-if it is, it is likely shortness") On any given hand, if NS feel they have been damaged it is the Director's responsibility (or an Appeals Committee later) to determine whether or not the EW pair had an actual or tacit agreement and therefore should have alerted. If not, no redress. If yes, a second question "were NS damaged by the failure to alert?" must be answered in the affirmative before an adjusted score can be considered.

Bridge Question

Although psyches undoubtedly make life difficult for the non-psyching side,

they often backfire, and with a few simple agreements can be readily handled after your side opens with a strong artificial two club bid.

Premise: A two club opener shows either a strong balanced hand, or a strong unbalanced hand with a long suit or suits.

Suggested rules for responder (after an overcall)

Play NEGATIVE DOUBLES

- A. Pass with a trap in the overcalled suit.(OS)
- B. Double with scattered values, and no length in OS.
- C. Pass with no values.
- D. Strain to bid a five card or longer suit of your own, which need not be as good a suit as expected if RHO had passed.
- E. Bid notrump, natural, but denying extra length in OS with a relatively balanced hand and stopper(s) in OS.

Suggested rules for opener

- A. The first suit bid by opener is the long suit on which the two club bid was based, even if it is a cue bid.
- B. A double of RHO's suit shows that this is the long suit on which the two club bid was based.
- C. A double in the balancing seat is for takeout, will expose the psyche if responder is trapping, and tends to show the strong balanced type hand, otherwise bid your long suit even if it is the OS.

In summary, if the two club opener doubles his LHO's suit, it is takeout; if he doubles his RHO's suit, it is penalty (pass shows the balanced strong hand); and if he bids a suit it is *natural even if it is one of the opponents' bid suits*.

THE FINAL (cont from p. 12)

McAVOY vs FORTIN

First Quarter

McAVOY started with a 9-IMP carryover edge. After 10 deals, the teams had scored a combined 6 IMPs! Then ...

Bd:11 Dealer:S Vul:None

North

♠ K
♥ J973
♦ K8
♣ QJ8432

West

♠ J
♥ AQ54
♦ T9752
♣ A75

East

♠ T9876543
♥ 82
♦ -
♣ KT6

South

♠ AQ2
♥ KT6
♦ AQJ643
♣ 9

OPEN ROOM

Streb. Fortin Ferguson Fergani

West	North	East	South
			1♦
P	1♥(3+)	3♠	Dbl(3♥)
P	3NT	P	P
Dbl 4♣(canape)	P		4♦
Dbl///			

CLOSED ROOM

SFraser Smith DFraser McAvoy

West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♥	3♠ ¹	4♠	Dbl///

¹2♣ would have been game forcing

The shoot 'em up auction in the Open Room was a classic sequence of psychological gambits. In the end, Fortin ran from 3NTx, which he might have made, to 4♣, which he would not have made. Fergani judged well to run to his own long suit, where he was doubled and beaten a trick, for minus 100. Not a great

result, to be sure, but this was a trouble hand for N/S.

In the Closed Room, Sandra Fraser's 1♥ overcall convinced Doug to take a shot at 4♠, which was doubled by McAvoy, who knew of fair values opposite. He led his club to the jack and king. McAvoy passed the first hurdle when he played the deuce on a spade towards the jack. Smith won the ♠K and uncomplicated the hand for declarer by returning the ♣Q. With the ♣10 a winner, Douglas was home now, with the heart finesse winning. He lost only three trump tricks for +590. 10 IMPs to FORTIN, 13-12.

Bd:14 Dealer:E Vul:None

North

♠ AT65
♥ J962
♦ KT94
♣ J

West

♠ 8732
♥ 5
♦ QJ8
♣ Q8652

East

♠ KJ
♥ 874
♦ 76532
♣ T73

South

♠ Q94
♥ AKQT3
♦ A
♣ AK94

CLOSED ROOM

SFraser Smith DFraser McAvoy

West	North	East	South
		P	2♣
P	2♦ ¹	P	2♥
P	4♠(Spl)	P	4♦
P	4♠	Dbl	4NT
P	5♦	P	5NT
P	6♦	P	6♥///

¹1 ace+ or 1 king+ values

In the Closed Room, Smith-McAvoy had a controlled auction to 6♥, which is what McAvoy made after a spade lead

from Sandra Fraser, +980.

OPEN ROOM

<i>Streb.</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Fergani</i>
West	North	East	South
		P	2♣
P	2♠(3K)	P	3♥
P	4♣	P	4NT
P	5♠ ¹	P	7♣
P	7♥///		

¹2 Keycards for clubs!

In the Open Room, Fortin's ostensibly natural 4♣ bid induced Fergani to roll out what he thought was RKCB for clubs. The 5♠ response must have left him wondering what was going on (the monitor's note suggests that this was 2 key cards for hearts or extra values, but we can suspect that the loose wheel had come off and was last seen rolling down the hill to Hull).

Whatever 5♠ was, it convinced Fergani to bid 7♣, and Fortin converted to 7♥ with hope eternal. Strebinger did not lead the threatening spade (which forces declarer to ruff out the diamond honours, cash the ten, and go about his business in clubs without drawing all the trumps); he chose the ♥5, so Fergani had time to get the diamonds right (a ruffing finesse against the queen was certainly a lively alternative), ruff his clubs, draw trumps, and return to the ♠A to cash the ♦100 for a very fortunate +1510 and 11 IMPs. FORTIN led now, 24-16.

The IMP score for the first set was 27-27, but McAVOY was still ahead by the 9-IMP carryover, 36-27.

Second Quarter

The E/W pairs did well on the next deal...(see next page)

DYNAMIC FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED

The Canadian Bridge Federation is pleased to announce the first major corporate sponsorship since the formation of the CBF.

Dynamic Fund Management Ltd., a Toronto based money management firm, has donated \$50,000 for 1992, to be used to sponsor both our Open and Womens' National Championship teams to the World Bridge Olympiad, to be held in Italy later this year. Some of the money has already been used to stage an exhibition Vu-Graph match between these two teams at the Canadian National Regional held in Toronto over Easter, to purchase trophies for Novice events at the Toronto Regional, and to provide some hospitality for the Canadian National Team Championship held in Ottawa in late May 1992.

Dynamic has stated its desire to continue sponsorship in coming years, both for sponsoring our International Representatives, and to further the CBF goals of education and new player development.

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Bd:25 Dealer:N Vul:E/W

North

♠ T
♥ KQJT976
♦ 82
♣ K54

West

♠ AJ652
♥ 852
♦ KJ4
♣ 86

East

♠ K4
♥ -
♦ AQ753
♣ AJT973

South

♠ Q9873
♥ A43
♦ T96
♣ Q2

OPEN ROOM

<i>Herold Dalton</i>	<i>Dickie</i>	<i>Fox</i>
West North	East	South
	4♥	4NT 5♥

6♦///

CLOSED ROOM

SFraserFergusonDFraserStrebinger

West North	East	South
	4♥	4NT 5♥
5♠	P	6♣ P

6♦///

Herold's 6♦ was a nice bid that deserved its fate, +1370. I am not sure which wavelength the Frasers were on when they reached 6♦, but it is possible that the sound of the bidding talked Mike Strebinger out of the cheap 6♥ save (500). Doug Fox's decision not to save at the other table must have been an agonizing one for him.

On board 32, (next column) the Herold-Dickie Flannery 2♦ sequence got them to the normal 4♥ from the short side. Dalton did not lead the ♠K; he chose the ♦2. Herold was able to draw trumps and run the diamonds, discarding clubs and a spade. He lost only two spades for +650. A random very good result for McAVOY.

Bd:32 Dealer:W Vul:E/W

North

♠ K6
♥ T82
♦ 932
♣ AQ942

West

♠ J82
♥ A97
♦ KQT86
♣ JT

East

♠ QT54
♥ KQJ43
♦ A7
♣ K3

South

♠ A973
♥ 65
♦ J54
♣ 8765

OPEN ROOM

<i>Herold Dalton</i>	<i>Dickie</i>	<i>Fox</i>
West North	East	South
P	P	2♦(Flan) P
3♥	P	4♥///

CLOSED ROOM

SFraserFergusonDFraserStrebinger

West North	East	South
1NT	P	2♦(GFS) P
3♦	P	3♥ P

4♥///

At the other table, the Frasers' Forcing Stayman sequence after Sandra's 11+-14 HCP notrump got them to the normal 4♥ from the long side. Mike Strebinger led the ♠8 to Superstar's ace. King of spades, spade, and a ruff, and that was a quick minus 100 for declarer. 13 IMPs to McAVOY, who led now by 22, 57-35.

McAVOY won the second set 23-8 and led at the half by 24 IMPs, 59-35, holding their opponents to less than an IMP a board.

Third Quarter

Bridge is the sort of game that lends itself to many different reasoned approaches, none of them clearly right or wrong. When you decide to take a par-

ticular unsound action, you generally have a fair idea of the risks involved, but you act because you think that the potential payoff for being right is sufficiently attractive. How then, would you rate the campaigns chosen by our two N/S pairs on the first deal of the third quarter?

Bd:37 Dealer:N Vul:None

North

- ♠ AJ43
- ♥ 75
- ♦ T
- ♣ KJ9743

West

- ♠ Q98
- ♥ 864
- ♦ KJ8542
- ♣ 2

East

- ♠ T7652
- ♥ AKJ9
- ♦ 6
- ♣ AQ6

South

- ♠ K
- ♥ QT32
- ♦ AQ973
- ♣ T85

OPEN ROOM

<i>Herold</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Dickie</i>	<i>Fergani</i>
West	North	East	South
	P	1♠	Dbl
2♠	Dbl*	P	3♦
P	3NT///		

CLOSED ROOM

<i>Fox</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>McAvoy</i>
West	North	East	South
	P	1♥ ¹	P
1NT	2♣	2♠ ²	3♣
3♠	4♣///		

¹Potential canape;²the real thing
 No one could describe Kamel Fergani's takeout double (facing a passed partner) as a sound action, but it led to a 3NT contract that was far from hopeless, single dummy. A pretty good payoff if it happened to make. A spade was led to dummy's king and the ♣T ran to the queen. A second spade went to the queen

and king and Fortin continued clubs. Dickie took the third round, cashed his high hearts and exited with a diamond, ducked to the jack. Herold endplayed dummy with a heart and got another diamond for two down, minus 100.

At the other table, Jim McAvoy passed the potential canape 1♥ opening and Duncan Smith came in with a passed hand 2♣. When Dalton-Fox reached 3♠, Smith had to decide whether to continue, and if so, how. He chose 4♣, which bought the contract. He lost two clubs and two hearts for minus 50 and so gained 2 IMPs for his side, 61-35. But what was the payoff for making 4♣?

Not much, particularly with 3♠ touch-and-go. I have always felt it dubious to compete to four-of-a-minor and I have no reason to change my opinion. But trying for a thin 3NT is another matter. Give me the Fortin-Fergani sequence, warts and all, any time.

The match tightened up considerably on Board 40 (please see next page). No one has written the manual on the care and feeding of hands like West's at various vulnerabilities, but our gladiators show us two different approaches. In the Closed Room, Doug Fox's 4♥ slipped past everyone. I am prepared to concede that Jim McAvoy's decision not to reopen with the South hand could have been right, but I am sure it is the sort of action you shouldn't be taking in a tight team match. Your upside is so great if you bid and negative thinking is best reserved for desperate situations. Here, McAvoy collected 100 points from 4♥, which should not have surprised him unduly.

Meanwhile, over in the Open Room, Peter Herold opted for purity by passing the West hand as dealer. Although he

Bd:40 Dealer:W Vul:Both
North
 ♠ AQ3
 ♥ T4
 ♦ K954
 ♣ T975

West	East
♠ KT95	♠ J8754
♥ Q9876532	♥ KJ
♦ -	♦ Q863
♣ 2	♣ KQ3

South
 ♠ 62
 ♥ A
 ♦ AJT72
 ♣ AJ842

OPEN ROOM

<i>Herold</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Dickie</i>	<i>Fergani</i>
West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1♦
3♥	Dbl*	P	4♣
P	5♦	Dbl///	

CLOSED ROOM

<i>Fox</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>McAvoy</i>
West	North	East	South
4♥///			

preempted later, Fortin-Fergani knew enough to contract for game in diamonds and Dickie doubled for penalties somewhat piquedly. Fergani won the heart lead, crossed to the ♦K, ran the ♣10, and led the ♦9, covered. He finessed the spade queen, drew trumps and conceded a club for twelve tricks, +950. 13 well-earned IMPs (say 1) to FORTIN, 53-67.

The match was virtually even after Board 41 (next column). Fergani and McAvoy both declared 3NT from the Southside. Against Fergani, Peter Herold decided to lead a low heart, although dummy had bid the suit (three or more cards). The ♥J won, and a diamond to the jack held. Now a diamond to the ace, a

diamond to the king, and a low heart. Herold won the ♥Q and played a third heart, but Fergani was headed for home. He won the ♥A, stripped the clubs, and threw Herold in with the fourth round of hearts, scoring the ♠K in the endgame for +600.

Bd:41 Dealer:N Vul:N/S
North
 ♠ 642
 ♥ JT62
 ♦ A52
 ♣ Q75

West	East
♠ A875	♠ QJT
♥ KQ93	♥ 75
♦ T9	♦ Q864
♣ T64	♣ J932

South
 ♠ K93
 ♥ A84
 ♦ KJ73
 ♣ AK8

At the other table, Fox opted for a low spade to the ten (the jack is the now-classic play, making it perfectly safe for opening leader to continue the suit) and king. While that gave declarer a spade trick, he still needed an extra winner. Diamond to the ace, diamond to the jack, low heart. Fox won the ♥Q and led a second spade (there was no Smith Peter to guide him in this). Dalton won the ♠J and played a second heart through, and McAvoy had to go one down, minus 100. 12 IMPs to FORTIN, 65-67.

McAVOY won the lively third set 67-46 and led with eighteen deals remaining by 45 IMPs, 126-81.

Fourth Quarter

The home stretch began with the sort of deal that sends a strong message to the protagonists: "This is your day." Or not...

Bd:55 Dealer:S Vul:E/W

North

♠ 9
♥ J9743
♦ 3
♣ AKJ954

West

♠ J864
♥ KT6
♦ T8764
♣ 6

East

♠ 753
♥ 5
♦ AJ952
♣ QT83

South

♠ AKQT2
♥ AQ82
♦ KQ
♣ 72

OPEN ROOM

Herold SFraser *Dickie* *DFraser*

West	North	East	South
			1♠
P	1NT*	P	3♥
P	4NT(RKCB)	P	5♠(2+♠Q)
P	6♥///		

CLOSED ROOM

Fergani Ferguson *Fortin* *Strebinger*

West	North	East	South
			1♠
P	2♣	P	2♥
P	4♦(Spl)	P	4NT
P	5♦(1/4)	P	5♥///

In the Closed Room, the go-as-you-please Ferguson-Strebinger style worked well enough after Ferguson was able to respond with an unconstrained 2♣. RKCB by the strong hand kept them out of the inferior slam, +450 on a diamond lead.

In the Open Room, where Sandra Fraser was reluctant to force to game with a 2♣ response, she thought she had enough to take control when Doug jump shifted to 3♥. Two key cards and the trump queen. Oops, we're up to 5♠ already. So 6♥ it was. There was lots of

good news: first of all, one of the missing key cards was the trump king so they were not off two fast aces; second, Peter Herold led not a time-saving diamond but his singleton club. Doug won the ♣A, came to the ♥A and threw dummy's diamond on a high spade. Then he led a second club. Herold ruffed and cashed the ♥K, but Doug had the rest, minus 50. 11 IMPs to McAVOY, 137-81.

But that FORTIN disaster was wiped out immediately. Whose day was it anyway?

Bd:56 Dealer:W Vul:Both

North

♠ 3
♥ KT76
♦ JT872
♣ KQ3

West

♠ 95
♥ AJ8
♦ AKQ64
♣ 752

East

♠ T82
♥ Q93
♦ 95
♣ AJT98

South

♠ AKQJ764
♥ 542
♦ 3
♣ 64

OPEN ROOM

Herold SFraser *Dickie* *DFraser*

West	North	East	South
1♦	P	1NT	Db!
2NT!	Db!///		

CLOSED ROOM

Fergani Ferguson *Fortin* *Strebinger*

West	North	East	South
1NT	P	P	2♦///

The Closed Room contract was a normal-looking 2♦, which yielded a normal-looking +140. Normal was not a word you could use to accurately describe the Open Room events.

Doug Fraser's double of 1NT would

not be everyone's choice, but look how well it worked. Herold raised "innocently" to 2NT as a two-way shot, but this was a bad lie for that bid. Against 2NTx, Doug led fourth best and continued relentlessly, squeezing his main squeeze in the process. She threw a diamond, a club, two hearts, the ♣K, and the ♥10. Doug played a heart. Jim Dickie finessed. Three down, minus 800. 12 IMPs to FORTIN, 93-137. Not dead yet.

McAVOY outscored FORTIN 9-2 over the next six deals and it was 146-95 with ten boards remaining. Just as hope was beginning to expire for FORTIN, the Great Shuffler conjured up a 12-IMP gain for them...

Bd:63	Dealer:S	Vul:None
North		
♠ 62		
♥ Q5		
♦ JT942		
♣ AT98		
West		East
♠ KJT87		♠ AQ943
♥ -		♥ K98632
♦ AQ73		♦ K5
♣ KQ75		♣ -
South		
♠ 5		
♥ AJT74		
♦ 86		
♣ J6432		

CLOSED ROOM

<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Strebinger</i>
West	North	East	South
			P
1♠	P	2♥(FG)	P
2♠	P	4♣(Spl)	P
4♦	P	4♥	P
4♣	P	5♣	P
6♣	P	P	Dbl
Rdbl///			

OPEN ROOM

<i>Herold</i>	<i>SFraser</i>	<i>Dickie</i>	<i>DFraser</i>
West	North	East	South
			2♦ ¹
2♥ ²	P	3♥	P
3♠	P	6♠///	
¹ weak 2 major; ² takout of hearts			

In 6♠, Peter Herold drew trumps, ruffed three cards in dummy and lost a club in the end for +980. In 6♠xx (for all its lack of success, Mike Strebinger's double was not at all unreasonable), Kamel Fergani won the lead of the ♦J with the king, led a diamond to the ace, and took two low club ruffs in dummy, claiming twelve tricks on a high cross ruff. +1620 and 12 IMPs to FORTIN, who desperately needed them, 107-146. Not dead yet.

Bd:64	Dealer:W	Vul:N/S
North		
♠ AK986		
♥ T4		
♦ J95		
♣ QJ4		
West		East
♠ 53		♠ QJT72
♥ K8652		♥ AQJ7
♦ A762		♦ T
♣ KT		♣ A32
South		
♠ 4		
♥ 93		
♦ KQ843		
♣ 98763		

CLOSED ROOM

<i>Fergani</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Fortin</i>	<i>Strebinger</i>
West	North	East	South
P	1♠	P	P
Dbl	P	P	2♣
P	P	Dbl	2♦
Dbl///			

OPEN ROOM

Herold SFraser *Dickie DFraser*
West **North** **East** **South**
 P 1NT Dbl 2♣(♠+♦)
 Dbl///

Against Doug Fraser's 2♣x, Herold led the ♥2 to Dickie's jack. The ♦10 went to the ace and Dickie got a diamond ruff. A low heart to the king got him another diamond ruff. The ace-king of trumps set the contract two tricks for minus 500.

At the other table, Strebinger got himself somewhat unilaterally to 2♦x (I am not at all certain why he didn't involve Ferguson in the choice of strains; nor am I certain why Fortin was hell-bent on defending with such a good hand for hearts) and got a low trump lead from Fergani. He won in hand, threw a heart loser on a spade and led the ♣Q around to the king. Fergani exited with a second low trump and Strebinger won dummy's nine and called for the ♣J with a magnificent result. Fortin won, played a high heart, then a high spade. Strebinger ruffed, snuck the ♣6 past Fergani, then continued to lead club winners, neutralizing the ♦8 for an overtrick.

+380 for Strebinger and 13 IMPs to McAVOY, who were sitting pretty now, 159-107. Not much time left now.

Even less after Board 65 (next column)...

6♥ was excellent and Dickie-Herold should be commended for bidding it. Herold made seven for +1460. Fergani also made seven, but for a far less satisfying +710. 13 IMPs to McAVOY, ahead 172-107.

Then Fortin-Fergani went one down, minus 50, in a thin 4♠ while the Frasers went two down, minus 200, in a thinner 3♥, 6 IMPs more.

Bd:65 Dealer:N Vul:Both
North
 ♠ KQ854
 ♥ 43
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ 9765

West	East
♠ A72	♠ J
♥ AQJT2	♥ K86
♦ 873	♦ AQT65
♣ AK	♣ T843

South
 ♠ T963
 ♥ 975
 ♦ 942
 ♣ QJ2

OPEN ROOM

Herold SFraser *Dickie DFraser*
West **North** **East** **South**
 P P P
 1♥ 1♠ 3♦(♦+♥) P
 3♠ P 6♥///

CLOSED ROOM

Fergani Ferguson Fortin Strebinger
West **North** **East** **South**
 P P P
 1♥ P 2♠(Drury) P
 4♥///

Which was followed by a wild and crazy Fergani shot at 5♥ over a "hope-they-save" 4♠ by Ferguson, down 500. The Frasers bought 3♠ for +140, so I don't think you need to see Fergani's hand. 12 IMPs more.

And McAVOY completed a 51-IMP run when Strebinger craftily stole a 3NT defeated routinely at the other table, 11 IMPs more. It was 197-107.

FORTIN got a few IMPs back at the end, but the match had been over for some time. McAVOY won the fourth quarter 72-30 and the match 198-111.

After lots of promise and as many

disappointments, the McAVOY team found the winning formula this year. They added Bruce "Superstar" Ferguson, a touring professional who resided in Halifax and Vancouver before moving to

Boise, Idaho, where he runs a bridge club when he is not travelling. The win will play off with Mexico and Bermuda for one of three North American spots in the 1993 Bermuda Bowl in Chile.

SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

At the CBF Annual Board of Directors meeting, it was unanimously agreed to honor Stan Tench of Ottawa, a Nationally ranked Bridge Director, and longtime member of the executive of Unit 192. The photo on the front cover shows Doug Heron, CBF President, presenting the award to a surprised Stan Tench, at the Ottawa Regional in May, 1992. Stan's citation reads as follows:

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STAN TENCH

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