

## World Bridge Championship 2003

### Schedule of India's matches – Venice Cup

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4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003

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### DELHI BRIDGE SCHEDULE

1. Pair event is played at DBA on every Tuesday evening from 1830 Hrs. onwards.
2. Team event is played at DBA on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards.
3. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every alternate Friday or on Holidays at PHD House.
4. Central Secretariat Club holds an open Pair event on every Monday commencing at 1800 Hrs.

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#### DELHI'S PRIZE MONEY TOURNAMENTS

November 2003

The Delhi Gymkhana Club "MTNL" Open Team of Four & "Haren Choksi" Open Pairs Prize money Bridge Tournament will be held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2003 at Delhi Gymkhana Club premises. All Bridge enthusiasts are cordially invited to participate.

December 2003

HCL under the patronage of Mr. Shiv Nadar will organize one of the highest Prize money Bridge tournaments from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2003 at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi. The event will have T-4 duplicate as well as Open Pair events. Further details will follow soon.

January 2004

PHD-GPI under the patronage of Shri K.K. Modi will organize their 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize money Bridge Tournament at PHD House, New Delhi from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2004. The event will have T-4 duplicate & Open Pair events. Further details will follow soon.

### Forthcoming National Events

01-03<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Karnataka Open Prize Money, Bangalore

07-09<sup>th</sup> Nov – Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament

21-23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Yeshwant Club Pairs Prize Money, Indore

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Tolani National Masters, Mumbai

12-14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Punjab Bridge Assoc. Prize Money, Ludhiana

18-21<sup>st</sup> Dec – HCL Prize Money Tournament, N. Delhi

03-13<sup>th</sup> Jan'04 – Winter Nationals at Aurangabad

23-25<sup>th</sup> Jan'04 – PHD-GPI Prize Money, New Delhi

31<sup>st</sup> Jan– 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb'04 – Shree Cement Prize Money, Kolkata

12-15<sup>th</sup> Feb'04 – P.Y.C. Hindu Gymkhana, Pune

19-22<sup>nd</sup> Feb'04 – Lohia Memorial, Kanpur

### Forthcoming International Events

02-15<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Championships at Monte Carlo

20-30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fall NABC, New Orleans, Louisiana

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# Delhi Bridge Association Newsletter

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## The World Championship is here

Finally the month of Nov 2003 has arrived and the TOP Bridge event of the year - The World Bridge Championships will begin at Monte Carlo from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2003.

The 2003 World Bridge Championships comprise:

- The 36th *Bermuda Bowl* (Zonal Championship for open teams)
- The 14th *Venice Cup* (Zonal Championship for women's teams)
- The 2nd *Seniors Bowl* (Zonal Championship for senior teams)
- The 4th *Transnational Open Teams*

The *Bermuda Bowl*, the *Venice Cup* and the *Seniors Bowl* are open to the Zonal representative teams, qualified through trials arranged by each WBF Zone. The number of teams each Zone is entitled to enter in each series varies.

The *Bermuda Bowl* and the *Venice Cup* consist of a qualifier and a knockout stage. 22 teams will take part in the *Bermuda Bowl*, 18 in the *Venice Cup* and up to 16 in the *Seniors Bowl*. The **qualifier** is a round robin (all against all) involving all participating teams in each competition. The top 8 teams will advance to the knockout stage. The **knockout** stage consists of the quarterfinals, the semifinals, the final and the playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The *Senior Bowl*, will consist of a complete **round robin** of 15 x 24-board matches with **no knockout** stage.

The **4th World Transnational Open Teams Championship** is open to teams nominated by the National Bridge Organisations (NBOs) and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament. Teams eliminated from the early stages of the *Bermuda Bowl*, *Venice Cup* & *Seniors Bowl* will also be able to enter the World Transnational Teams free of charge.

The *World Transnational Open Teams* is a Swiss Teams event with 10-board matches (3 or 4 per day). There will be a semifinal to be played on Friday evening, and a final on Saturday 15th November.

Except for Seniors Bowl, India will be participating in all the other events.

India will be represented in **Bermuda Bowl** by - Mr. Subhash Gupta, Mr. Rajeshwar Tewari, Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Mr. B. Satyanarayana, Mr. K.R. Venkatraman & Mr. Sunit Chokshi and in the **Venice Cup** by Mrs. Hema Deora, Mrs. Lina Mayadas, Mrs. Yvette Singapuri, Mrs. Marianne Karmakar, Mrs. Promila Shivdasani & Mrs. Sheelu Thadani.

The Bridge enthusiasts may please note that the Bridge Base Online of Mr. Fred Gittleman is giving **live Vu-graph** of the World championship matches from 3<sup>rd</sup> November onwards. Be ready with the download of the BBO software on your PC to view this superb show **live**. You may please visit [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com) for details.

**Wishing All the Best to the Indian Teams for Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup.**

Editor

## EKRENS 2 DIAMOND

Pre-emptive bidding is one of the important aspects of bidding structure. Still most partnerships neglect one area of bidding – responding to opening preempts. In one of the earlier articles in this Bulletin, we presented Ogust convention for responding to weak two hearts or spades opening bid. We continue our effort in this article with the help of one of the best preemptive openings – **Ekrens 2 Diamond**.

### A) What is Ekrens 2 Diamond

The Ekrens 2 Diamond is an Opening bid of 2D showing at least 4-4 in major suits and 5-10 HCPs. This convention is named after Mr. Bjørn Olav Ekren who originated this convention. In original version of this convention minimum requirement is 8 cards (4-4) and there is no requirement regarding points in major suits. However we recommend minimum 9 cards in majors (4-5 or 5-4 or 5-5) and also the points should be concentrated in major suits only.

Ekrens 2D's power is to show defined suits quickly. Used with discipline this is a formidable weapon. The biggest strength of this convention is that frequently the final contract will be reached quickly, may be in one round only – even before opponents can communicate their strength or distribution. This makes defending an Ekrens opening difficult.

### B) Responses and Rebids after Ekrens 2 Diamond Opening

There are various methods of responding to Ekrens 2D which are presented below. You can choose the method best suitable/liked by your partnership.


2D – ? 2H/S = To play 2NT = Relay 3C = To play 3D = Inv. with 3-3 in majors 3H/S = Preemptive raise 3NT = to play 4H/S = to play  Other meanings of 3C and 3D 3C/D = Natural, forcing  3C = Invitational in Hearts 3D = Invitational in Spades Opener bids next suit as transfer and then passes or bids game	<b>Simple response</b> 2D – 2NT – ? 3C = Min 5 hearts 4 spades 3D = Max 5 hearts 4 spades 3H = Min 5 spades 4 hearts 3S = Max 5 spades 4 hearts 3N = Max 5-5  <b>Alternate response</b> 2D – 2NT – ? 3C = Max hand 3D=relay 3H/S= agrees trump, GF 3D = Min 5H–5S or 5H–4S 3H = Min 5S–4H	<b>Recommended response</b> 2D – 2NT – ? 3C = Min (3D=relay, 3H/S=to play) 3D = Max 5 H – 5 S – 2 D – 1 C 3H = Max 5 H and 4 S 3S = Max 5 S and 4 H 3N = Max 5 S – 5 H – 1 D – 2 C 4C = Max 5 S – 5 H – 0 D – 3 C 4D = Max 5 S – 5 H – 3 D – 0 C 4H = Max 6H – 5S or 6S – 5H  <hr/> 2D – 2NT – 3C – 3D – ? 3H = 5 H and 4 S 3S = 5 S and 4 H 3N = 5 S – 5 H & 2D-1C or 1D-2C 4C = 5 S – 5 H – 0 D – 3 C 4D = 5 S – 5 H – 3 D – 0 C
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In case you play multi 2D and would like to play Ekrens, then we suggest Opening bid of 2 Heart for this.

### C) Defending Against Ekrens 2 Diamond Opening:

Defending Ekrens 2 Diamond opening is not easy. However we can bear in mind that chances of a major suit game are remote. The defence should look for playable 3NT game or minor suit game or slam. The following is the recommended defence against Ekrens 2 Diamond:

- Double – Shows a balanced hand of at least 15HCP.
- 2H/2S/3C/3D – Natural, good one suited hand.
- 2NT – Strong semi balanced hand, minor suits oriented. Responder can pass or bids
  - 3C/D/3NT – To play.
  - 3H/S – Stopper showing for 3NT although can be advance cue bids looking for minor suit slam.
  - 4C/D – Invitational
- A pass first and then double shows 12 – 14 HCP.

 We highly recommend Ekrens 2D or 2H opening bid, but with discipline to reap the benefits. In case of any clarification please contact us.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

## **LAW 61 – 64**

### THE REVOKE

#### ➤ **LAW 64 - PROCEDURE AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOKE**

- Penalty Assessed – When a revoke is established and
  1. the trick on which the revoke occurred was won by the offending player, the trick on which the revoke occurred plus one of any subsequent tricks won by the offending side are transferred to the non-offending side.
  2. the trick on which the revoke occurred was not won by the offending player, then, if the offending side won that or any subsequent trick, one trick is transferred to the non-offending side; also, if an additional trick was subsequently won by the offending player with a card that he could legally have played to the revoke trick, one such trick is transferred to the non-offending side.
- No Penalty Assessed – The penalty for an established revoke does not apply:
  1. When the offending side did not win either the revoke trick or any subsequent trick.
  2. When the revoke is the second one in the same suit by the same player.
  3. When the revoke was made in failing to play any card faced on the table or belonging to dummy's hand.
  4. If attention was first drawn to the revoke after a member of the non-offending side has made a call on the subsequent deal.
  5. If attention was first drawn to the revoke after the round has ended.
  6. When the revoke occurred on the twelfth trick.
- Director Responsible for Equity - When, after any established revoke, including those not subject to penalty, the Director deems that the non-offending side is insufficiently compensated by this Law for the damage caused, he shall assign an adjusted score.

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#### ➤ **LAW 61 – FAILURE TO FOLLOW SUIT – INQUIRIES CONCERNING A REVOKE**

- Definition of Revoke – A revoke is the play of a card of another suit by a player who is able to follow suit or to comply with a lead penalty.
- Right to Inquire about a Possible Revoke
  1. Declarer may ask a defender who has failed to follow suit.
  2. Dummy may ask declarer.
  3. Defenders may ask declarer but not one another (unless zonal organization so authorizes).

#### ➤ **LAW 62 – CORRECTION OF A REVOKE**

- Revoke Must Be Corrected – A player must correct his revoke if he becomes aware of the irregularity before it becomes established.
- Correcting a Revoke – To correct a revoke, the offender withdraws the card he played in revoking and follows suit with any card.
  1. The card so withdrawn becomes a major penalty card (see Law 50), if it was from defender's unfaced hand.
  2. The withdrawn card may be replaced without penalty if it was played from declarer's or dummy's hand, or if it was a defender's faced card.
- Subsequent Cards Played to Trick – To correct a revoke, the offender withdraws the card he played in revoking and follows suit with any card.
  1. By Non-offending Side - Each member of the non-offending side may, without penalty, withdraw any card he may have played after the revoke but before attention was drawn to it.
  2. By Partner of Offender - After a non-offender so withdraws a card, the hand of the offending side next in rotation may withdraw its played card, which becomes a penalty card if the player is a defender (see Law 16C).
- Revoke on Trick Twelve – To correct a revoke, the offender withdraws the card he played in revoking and follows suit with any card.
  1. Must Be Corrected - On the twelfth trick, a revoke, even if established, must be corrected if discovered before all four hands have been returned to the board.
  2. Offender's Partner Had Not Played to Trick Twelve - If a revoke by a defender occurred before it was the turn of his partner to play to the twelfth trick, and if offender's partner has cards of two suits, (penalty) offender's partner may not choose the play that could possibly have been suggested by seeing the revoke card.

#### ➤ **LAW 63 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOKE**

- Revoke Becomes Established when the offender or his partner – .
  1. Leads or plays to the following trick (any such play, legal or illegal, establishes the revoke).
  2. Names or otherwise designates a card to be played to the following trick.
  3. Makes or acquiesces in a claim or concession of tricks orally or by facing his hand.
- Attention Is Illegally Drawn – When there has been a violation of Law 61B, the revoker must substitute a legal card and the penalty provisions of Law 64 apply as if the revoke had been established.
- Revoke May Not Be Corrected – Once a revoke is established, it may no longer be corrected (except as provided in Law 62D for a revoke on the twelfth trick), and the trick on which the revoke occurred stands as played (but see Law 43B2(b)).

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# Local Bridge News & Results

## Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

07/10/2003

NS 1: Mrs. Kiran Nadar – Subhash Gupta	62.15%
NS 2 : Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal – A. Chandra	57.29%
EW1 : Anand Bhatia – J.B. Sengupta	62.85%
EW2 : T.C. Pant – D.K. Mutreja	62.50%

14/10/2003

NS 1 : M. Shivdasani – Sudhir Aggarwal	56.75%
NS 2 : Mrs. Madhuri Modwel – J.D. Gupta	54.76%
EW 1 : D.K. Mutreja – Joyjit Sen Sarma	64.29%
EW 2 : Mohan Hirani – Yogesh Chandra	62.70%

21/10/2003

NS 1 : Dr. Nikita Kamal - Amarjeet	73.35%
NS 2 : D.K. Mutreja – Joyjit Sen Sarma	64.93%
EW 1 : T.C. Pant – Sudhir Aggarwal	62.89%
EW 2 : J.D. Gupta – J.B. Sengupta	57.77%

28/10/2003

NS 1 : Dr. Nikita Kamal – Amarjeet	62.20%
NS 2 : Ravi Sawhney – A.K. Ghosh	56.94%
EW 1 : Sujit Bhattacharya – Nilesh Mitra	58.33%
EW 2 : Santosh Kumar – Brij Kishore	53.26%

## INDIVIDUAL EVENT

An "Individual Event" was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2003 at DBA. The winners were:

1. D.K. Tewari	-	92.0
2. Mukesh Shivdasani	-	90.0
3. V.N. Puri	-	85.0
4. B.R. Murar	-	72.0
5. A.K. Narang	-	71.5
6. Ganpat Rai	-	70.0

Further, a Team of four event was played, which was won by Mrs. Kiran Nadar's team (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, M. Shivdasani & Sudhir Aggarwal)

## All India Ladies Bridge Assoc. Results

03/10/2003

1. Mrs. Urmil Agarwal – Mrs. Shashi Jain
2. Narvir Singh – Sanjiv Bery
3. C.P. Mittal – S.K. Agarwal

## DBA – Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event – Results

04/10/2003

1. **FORMIDABLES** – (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Sunil Bhatia)
2. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, S. Sunderrajan)

11/10/2003

1. **SONCHEL** – (Mukesh Shivdasani, Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, S. Sunderrajan)
2. **LOTUS** – (Mrs. Madhuri Modwel, J.D. Gupta, Sandeep Narang, Ashok Giridhar)

18/10/2003

1. **SONCHEL** – (Sudhir Aggarwal, Ravi Sawhney, S. Sunderrajan, A.K. Ghosh)
2. **PEGASIS** – (Suresh Kumar, Ashim Kumar Ghosh, A.K. Bala, S.K. Uppal)

## DELHI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Delhi State Championships will be held at DBA on the following dates:

**Mixed Pairs:** Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2003 (1800 Hrs. onwards)

**Pairs:**

Elimination I – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2003 (1000 – 1300 Hrs.)

Final (16 Pairs to qualify from Elimination I) – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003 (1000 to 1330 Hrs.)

**Team of Four:**

Full league – On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2003 (1430 – 2030 Hrs.) & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2003 (1000 – 1800 Hrs.) – 4 top teams to qualify for Semi Finals

Semi Final – 2\*10 boards – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003 (1430 – 1630 Hrs.)

Final – 3\*10 boards – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003 (1700 – 2030 Hrs.)

**Board-a-match:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003 (1000 – 1800 Hrs)

**Note:** The Saturday Team event on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov for non-qualifiers will also be held in parallel.

## Excellent Use of Lebensohl

- Reported by Editor

This interesting deal giving full leverage to the Lebensohl convention came in the Pairs Finals of the Golcha Pair Finals held at Jaipur on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2003. Deal has been rotated to make South the declarer.

Vul: NS	♠AKx ♥Qxx ♦Ax ♣KJTxx	
♠Qxx ♥AJxxx ♦Kx ♣Axx	W N E S	♠T9xx ♥KTxx ♦Qx ♣Qxx
	♠Jxx ♥x ♦JT9xxxx ♣98	

The bidding:

W	N	E	S
1H	1NT	2H	2NT(1)
Pass	3C	Pass	3D(2)
3H	Pass	Pass	4D
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1)- Lebensohl – asking partner to bid 3♣

(2) – Weak Diamonds

West led ♥A and continued with a low heart ruffed by declarer. A diamond was played to the Ace of trump and low trump backed. When both the honors fell and West continued with another heart, declarer simply ruffed and played a club to the dummy. West took his ace and forced with another heart. But South ruffed and after winning his ♣K, ruffed a club in hand and was able to discard his losing spade on the 4<sup>th</sup> club to make the contract.

Usually Lebensohl is used after opponent's overcall on partner's 1NT. But the above situation wherein you bid 2NT (as lebensohl) over the support bid of a suit by opponent over partner's 1NT overcall is a nice variation of Lebensohl to compete against the opponent's overcalls, which shows a weaker variety of hand with length in the suit.

## Mission Impossible

- Reported by Sudhir Aggarwal

On the Saturday DBA team event on 11th of October, I had an enjoyable experience of winning a competition that Mukesh Shivdasani (my partner) has created among ourselves. The competition works as follows: whenever one of us Opens the bidding and we end up defending, the other person gets a Brownie point when he collects more tricks in defence than the Opener.

Imagine my feelings when I was sitting North holding the hand below:

Board: 7 Dir: South Vul: NS	♠T64 ♥KQT97 ♦94 ♣832	
♠AK952 ♥AJ64 ♦7 ♣AQ6	W N E S	♠J7 ♥82 ♦JT63 ♣KT975
	♠Q83 ♥53 ♦AKQ852 ♣J4	

The bidding:

W	N	E	S
			1D
Dbl	1H	P	1NT
Dbl	P	2C	2D
2S	All Pass		

Lead: ♦9

Put yourself in my position: what hope, if any, do I have of getting a Brownie point? But as Mukesh says often - Bridge is a funny game!

The play went as follows:

♦9-T-Q-7. Mukesh shifted to ♥5-6-9-2. I played ♦4 – 3 – South ♦2 and declarer (west) discarded ♥4!! Surprised on winning the trick, I looked at Mukesh, played ♥K which was won by declarer with A. Declarer played ♥J ruffing in dummy by ♣7, over ruffed by Mukesh by ♣8. He then played ♦A, ruffed by declarer by ♣5 happily over ruffed by me with ♣6. ♥10 was next card, ruffed in dummy by ♣J over ruffed by ♣Q and ♣K. Declarer then played ♣A and eventually I scored my ♠10 as well.

I won four tricks (the first trick by ♥9, second by ♦4, third by ♣6 and fourth by ♣10) and Mukesh won only two tricks (first trick by ♦Q and second by ♠8).

East certainly had some unkind words for his Partner. But did I care? A few more nice opponents and I will be way ahead in the race for Brownie point with my partner.

# International Bridge News

## 2<sup>nd</sup> European Bridge Championship 2003

The 2<sup>nd</sup> European Bridge Championship was held at Tennis Club Parioli, Rome, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2003. The teams were divided into the following 2 groups.

### Group A

Italy  
France  
Poland  
Sweden

### Group B

Norway  
Israel  
Netherlands  
Bulgaria

Round-Robin results:

### Group A

Italy bt France 24-6  
Sweden bt Poland 19-11  
Italy bt Poland 25-4  
Sweden bt France 25-5  
Sweden bt Italy 25-3  
France bt Poland 19-11

### Group B

Norway bt Israel 14-16  
Netherlands bt Bulgaria 15-15  
Netherlands bt Norway 21-9  
Bulgaria bt Israel 22-8  
Norway bt Bulgaria 18-12  
Netherlands bt Israel 21-9

Standing after Round Robin:

### Group A

Sweden - 69  
Italy - 52  
France - 30  
Poland - 26

### Group B

Netherlands - 60  
Bulgaria - 46  
Norway - 41  
Israel - 33

In the 36 board (3\*12) Semi Finals:

Sweden bt Bulgaria 66-28 (23-1, 26-14, 17-13).  
Italy bt Netherlands 101-72 (67-9, 9-49, 25-14)

**In the 48 boards (4\*12) Final:**

**Italy beat Sweden 122-43 (23-12, 33-21, 25-8, 41-2)**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> place was taken by Netherlands, when they beat Bulgaria by 109-70 (26-29, 35-33, 48-8) in 3\* 12 boards contest.

The winner Italian team was represented by Lorenzo LAURIA, Alfredo VERSACE, Francesco ANGELINI, Antonio SEMENTA, Claudio NUNES and Fulvio FANTONI.

The runner-up Swedish team was represented by Per-Olov SUNDELIN, Pi-erre BERTHEAU, Fredrik NYSTROM and Johan SYLVAN.

Our warmest congratulations to the winners.

*(Courtesy Editor: Daily Bulletins of 2<sup>nd</sup> European Bridge Championships)*

## World Bridge Championship 2003 Qualified Teams

### Bermuda Bowl Teams (Total 22 Teams)

**Zone 1:** Europe : 7 Teams – Italy, Spain, Norway, Bulgaria, Sweden, Poland & Monaco (Host country)

**Zone 2:** North America – 3 Teams – USA1, USA2, Canada

**Zone 3:** South America – 2 Teams – Brazil & Uruguay

**Zone 4:** Asia & Middle East – 2 Teams - India & Pakistan

**Zone 5:** Central America & Caribbean – 1 Team – Bermuda

**Zone 6:** Pacific Asia – 3 Teams – Indonesia, China & Chinese Taipei

**Zone 7:** South Pacific – 2 Teams – Australia & New Zealand

**Zone 8:** Africa – 2 Teams – South Africa & Egypt

### Venice Cup Teams (Total 18 Teams)

**Zone 1:** Europe : 5 Teams – Germany, Italy, Sweden, England, Netherlands

**Zone 2:** North America – 3 Teams – USA1, USA2, Canada

**Zone 3:** South America – 1 Teams – Brazil

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