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**Hand was reported incorrectly,
See Alan Truscott's NY Times article**

<http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/computerbridge/NABC.html>

The World Computer Championship final today will be repeat of last year's final – Jack (The Netherlands) vs. Bridge Baron 9USA).

Bridge Baron finished first in the eight-computer round-robin and beat Micro Bridge (Japan), 143-101, in their 64-board semifinal. Jack finished third in the round-robin and then defeated Wbridge5 (France), 157-118, in the semis.

The final will start at 9 this morning in Concourse H.

A most interesting deal arose in the match between Jack and Wbridge5. You can make at least 12 tricks in notrump from one side, but there are serious dangers of going set in 3NT if played from the other side.

Dlr: West
Vul: E-W

NORTH

♠ 653
♥ Q104
♦ 10872
♣ 1085

WEST

♠ 8
♥ 82
♦ AKQJ
♣ KQJ763

EAST

♠ AKQ42
♥ K93
♦ 65
♣ A42

SOUTH

♠ J1097
♥ AJ765
♦ 943
♣ 9

Table 1

West	North	East	South
Jack	Wbridge5	Jack	Winbridge5
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣ (1)	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	6 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

(1) One ace.

This was the Jack auction – well done indeed. Not only was it played from the correct side, it was also played in slam. East's 1♠ bid gave the partnership plenty of room to learn the strength of the combined hands. Jack actually made seven when South did not lead the ♥ A.

Table 2

West	North	East	South
Winbridge5	Jack	Winbridge5	Jack
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

This was the Wbridge5 auction. East's jump to 2♠ took up a lot of bidding room, so East-West never were able to determine the great strength they had between them. They would up in 3 NY, but they couldn't even make that. The Jack North led ♥ Q and the defenders quickly grabbed the first five tricks for plus 1570 on the board.

**See also: <http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/computerbridge/NYC.html>
Board 64 of the semifinals earned Jack 17 of its 39 IMP margin of victory.
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