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Bill Gates, Sharon Osberg, Richard Friesner and Eric Robinson winners of the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams.

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March 11th**Gates wins 10K Swiss**

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates likes to keep a low profile when he plays in bridge tournaments. That became impossible Saturday when his team won the 0–10,000 NABC Swiss Teams. Gates played with Sharon Osberg, Richard Friesner and Eric Robinson. It was a first NABC win for Gates and Friesner.

The team finished with 126 victory points, 1.75 ahead of Ellen Kozlove's squad. Kozlove played with Ralph Letizia, Lee Bukstel and Michael Wolf.

"We've never done this well before," Gates said. "We had a really good day Friday."

Wins in the first six rounds of Friday's qualifier propelled them into a lead that held on through the end of the day. On Saturday, the Kozlove team, who had been second after qualifying, led six of eight rounds, but Gates recaptured the lead on the last round of each session. "We led every session," Gates noted. Spending more time practicing with partner Osberg helped, he added. "Bill doesn't have a lot of time for bridge," Osberg explained. With a round to go, Kozlove led by 6 VPs, 118 to 112. "It's a great feeling, particularly when you come back on the last round," said Robinson. At age 22 in 1979, Robinson won the first North American Pairs.



Second in the 0-10,000 NABC Swiss: Ellen Kozlove, Ralph Letizia, Lee Bukstel and Michael Wolf.

"At that time I was the youngest person to have won a national open pairs. Five days later this kid named Eric Rodwell won his first, and he was a little younger than me." Osberg previously won three NABC titles and two world championships in women's events.

NABC 10K SWISS TEAMS

26 Tables / Based on 50 Tables

70.00	1	Bill Gates, Kirkland WA; Sharon Osberg, Larkspur CA; Richard Friesner - Eric Robinson, New York NY	126.00
52.50	2	Ellen Kozlove - Lee Bukstel, Boca Raton FL; Ralph Letizia Jr., Louisville KY; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL	124.25
39.38	3	Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC; Louis Sachar - David Sokolow, Austin TX	111.25
31.11	4	Albert Shrive, Naples FL; Jim McKeown, State College PA; Donald Dalpe, Fort Myers FL; Michael Ranis, Miami FL	110.75
28.00	5	Alan Popkin - Tod Moses - Nancy Popkin, St. Louis MO; James Ward, Champaign IL	108.25
25.45	6	Henri Farhi, Chula Vista CA; Norman Schwartz, Carlsbad CA; Kent Hartman - Maritha Pottenger, San Diego CA	107.00
23.33	7	Joanne Weingold - Jack Weingold - Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	105.00
20.77	8/9	Tadashi Yoshida - Hiroko Yanagisawa - Junko Tsubaki - Yumiko Oda, Tokyo Japan	99.25
20.77	8/9	James La Fountain, Temple TX; Claudette Hartman, Austin TX; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX	99.25
18.67	10	John Schwartz - Nancy Passell, Plano TX; James Thurtell - Mark Bumgardner, Dallas TX	98.75
17.50	11	Michael Cassel, Roseville MN; Barry Purrington, Eagan MN; Michael Howland, Minneapolis MN; Harry Sapienza, Minnetonka MN	94.00
16.47	12	Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Jeff Edelstein, Riverview FL	92.25
15.56	13	Isaac Stephani - A.J. Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH; Peter Whipple, Mason OH	91.75
14.74	14	David Johnson - John D. Aguiar - Abdul Fakih - Steven Lawrence, Calgary AB	87.00
14.00	15	Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN; Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN; Eric Hendrickson, Minneapolis MN; Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN	84.75
13.33	16	Steven Gaynor - Jean Boettcher, Minneapolis MN; Carol Cummings, Owatonna MN; Greg Caucutt, Rochester MN	84.25
12.45	17/18	Mac Busby - Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Jim Russell, Sarasota FL; David Abelow, La Jolla CA	80.75
12.45	17/18	Chris Champion - Wendy Turk - Richard Olson - Mary Olson, Colorado Springs CO	80.75