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N.R.K. Moorthy, President of the Bridge Federation of India, is observed by some of the 38 students who visited the championships on Tuesday escorted by their bridge teacher, Baskar Subramanian. See article on page 16.

With 48 boards to play in the matches to determine finalists for Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy, most of the contests are close enough that a game swing or two could change a loser into a winner. The Bermuda Bowl features two tight contests. Sweden is ahead of USA 2 by just 13 IMPs. Poland leads England by even fewer IMP at 99-88.3. USA 1 in the d'Orsi Senior Trophy has the largest lead at 53.5 over USA 2, but with so many boards to play anything can happen.

Starting Times Pairs events

mp Pairs Wednesday 7th
IMP Pairs Thursday 8th

10.00 for the first session
15.00 for the second session

Swiss Pairs Friday 9th
will be announced later

Prize-giving

The Prize-giving Ceremony will be held in the **RAJENDRA HALL (Closed Room)** at precisely **19:30** on **Saturday, 10th October 2015**.

Would the captains of all teams please go to the "Victory Banquet Desk" (located at the Hospitality Desk) to collect the invitation cards for their teams.



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SCHEDULE

Semi Finals

Segment 4	11:00 - 13:20
Segment 5	14:30 - 16:50
Segment 6	17:20 - 19:40

Transnational

Round of 16

Segment 1	11:00 - 13:20
Segment 2	14:30 - 16:50
Segment 3	17:20 - 19:40

Missing Mobile

Yesterday a player left his iPhone 6 in the Transnational playing rooms.
if you have picked it up by mistake please hand it in to the Hospitality Desk on the first floor.

BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

All matches from Bermuda Bowl,
Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy will be shown on BBO

VuGraph 11:00

Poland v England, BB



Transnational Round of 16

BURAS	ASKGAARD	Michael ASKGAARD, Kasper KONOW, Howard WEINSTEIN, Adam WILDAVSKY
ENGLAND SENIORS	AUSTRALIA	Aneurin GRIFFITHS, Liam MILNE, David THOMPSON captain, Griffith WARE, Michael WILKINSON
CHINA HENGYUANXIANG	BRASIL	Roberto BARBOSA, Diego BRENNER, Paulo Roberto BRUM, Gabriel CHAGAS captain, Gabriel CHAGAS, Jeovani SALOMAO, Miguel VILLAS-BOAS (Jr)
ASKGAARD	BULGARIA OPEN	Diyan DANAILOV, Rossen GUNEV, Vladislav Nikolov ISPORSKI captain, Vladimir MIHOV, Ivan NANEV, Jerry STAMATOV, Julian STEFANOV
BRASIL	BULGARIA SENIORS	Georgi GERGOV, Guergui GRAMATIKOV, Hristo HRISTOV, Rumen MANTCHEV, Tony RUSEV, Nikola TCHOLAKOV
BULGARIA SENIORS	BURAS	Krzysztof BURAS, Alexander DUBININ, Andrey GROMOV, Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ
INDONESIA SENIOR	CANADA	John CARRUTHERS, Nader HANNA, Martin KIRR, Michael ROCHE, Joseph SILVER, Catherine (Katie) THORPE
BULGARIA OPEN	CHINA HENGYUANXIANG	Jingsheng BIAN, Xueliang CAO, - LELIN, Yong LIAN, Jia Hong ZHOU, Shikan ZHOU, Shikan ZHOU captain
NETHERLANDS	CHINA RED	Yiting LI, Qi SHEN (I), Hongli WANG, Wen Fei WANG, Xiaojing WANG, Xiaojing WANG captain, Yu ZHANG
FORMIDABLES	ENGLAND SENIORS	Paul D HACKETT, Gunnar HALLBERG, John HOLLAND, David MOSSOP, David PRICE, Colin SIMPSON
CANADA	FORMIDABLES	Keyzad ANKLESARIA, Prabhakar BALAKRISHNAN, Kiran NADAR, Kiran NADAR captain, Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA, Choksi SUNIT, Rajeshwar TEWARI
YBM	GERMANY	Sabine AUKEN, Sabine AUKEN captain, Julius LINDE, Christian SCHWERDT, Roy WELLAND
AUSTRALIA	INDONESIA SENIOR	Michael Bambang HARTONO, Henky LASUT, Eddy M F MANOPPO, Santje PANELEWEN coach, Bert Toar POLII, Denny SACUL, Munawar SAWIRUDDIN, Handojo SUSANTO captain
GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	Ton BAKKEREN captain, Ton BAKKEREN coach, Berend van den BOS, Bob DRIJVER, Bart NAB, Joris VAN LANKVELD
ZIMMERMANN	YBM	Chi Hua CHEN captain, Ehud FRIEDLANDER, Inon LIRAN, Juei-Yu SHIH, Ping WANG, Chen YEH, Shu-Ping YEH TONG coach, Yalan ZHANG
CHINA RED	ZIMMERMANN	Thomas BESSIS, Geir HELGEMO, Tor HELNESS, Krzysztof MARTENS, Krzysztof MARTENS coach, Franck MULTON, Pierre ZIMMERMANN captain, Pierre ZIMMERMANN

Venice Cup SF I



England v France



By Brian Senior

Old rivals, England and France met once again in the semi-finals of the Venice Cup. France had a 6-IMP carryover advantage from the round robin match between the two teams and added a small swing on the first board of the match..

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A Q 8 7 6 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ Q J	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 4 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ A Q J 10 9 ♣ A 9 5	♠ J ♥ K 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
–	1♦	2♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brown	Cronier	Draper
–	1♦	3♥	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

For France, Vanessa Reess opened 1♦, four-plus cards unless specifically 4-4-3-2, and Nicola Smith made a weak jump overcall. Joanna Zochowska made a negative double and Reess jumped to 3NT. Holding good values including having dummy's implied spade suit sewn up, Sally Brock doubled, ending the auction.

Smith led the six of clubs, second from bad suits, to the jack and ace and Reess played ace then nine of diamonds. Brock won the king and returned the jack of hearts, ducked followed by the ten. Reess won her ace and cashed the diamonds, coming down to three spades and king-ten of clubs in the dummy. She led a spade to the jack and king and Brock ducked. She could see that if she simply won and played two more rounds of spades, declarer would have no option but to lay down the king of clubs, and now the fall of the queen would give the ninth trick. Of course, declarer could still have cashed the club at this point but she didn't

know that and instead exited with another spade, hoping for an endplay of some kind. But Brock had three spade winners to cash before being obliged to give dummy the last trick with a club, and that was down one for –100. Nicely defended.

Fiona Brown's 1♦ opening would deliver five diamonds in an unbalanced hand unless 4-4-4-(1). Benedicte Cronier made the more aggressive pre-empt of 3♥ and Catherine Draper competed with 4♦, Brown going on to game.

Cronier led the jack of spades and that was allowed to hold the trick – I would have thought declarer might have covered as that would have set up a later ruffing finesse against the queen. Cronier switched to the two of clubs and Sylvie Willard falsecarded with the queen as Brown won the ace. Brown played ace then queen of diamonds. Willard won the king and returned the jack of hearts to declarer's ace. Brown tried a club to the ten now, losing to the jack, and the trump return left her with nowhere to go for tricks. She was three down for –150 and 2 IMPs to France, who led by 8-0.

France picked up another IMP for an overtrick in a partscore to lead by 9-0 then Board 3 was flat. The next four boards saw a lot of IMPs change hand.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 6 5 ♥ 4 2 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ A 10 5 3 2 ♣ K 9 7 3	♠ 7 3 ♥ A K J 10 8 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A Q 6 4
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West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brown	Cronier	Draper
2♠	All Pass		

Willard opened a standard weak two bid and Cronier judged to pass. Brown led the three of hearts to dummy's ace. Willard led a spade to the ten, a heart to the ten, and a second spade to the queen. She continued with ace and a fourth spade. Draper won and played king and another diamond; ten tricks for +170.

Brock opened 2♠, 7-12 with six spades, and the higher maximum made it worthwhile for Smith to try for game where Cronier had not. Three No Trump showed two of the top three spade honours and Smith completed the auction by converting back to 4♠. Reess also led the three of hearts. Brock won the ace and led a diamond to the queen and ace. Reess returned a club so Brock put in the queen, getting some good news there, and led a spade to the ten, a club to the ace and second spade to the nine. Two more rounds of spades came next and Zochowska cashed the king of diamonds; ten tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to England, and the lead at 10-9.

That went to the jack and king and Willard played ace then a low spade. Draper won and returned the queen of diamonds. Willard won and returned the suit to Brown's ten and she tried a low heart. When Draper put in the ten, Willard won the jack and had an overtrick for +430.

Zochowska opened in third seat. Brock doubled and doubled again when the heart raise came back to her and, when Smith confirmed that she really did have four spades, raised the suit to game. Unfortunately for England, there were four unavoidable losers and the contract was down one for -50 and 10 IMPs straight back to France, back in the lead at 19-10.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 6 5		
	♥ K 6 4		
	♦ 10 5 4		
	♣ 9 8 7 5		
♠ AK43		♠ 9 8 7 2	
♥ J3		♥ Q 9 5	
♦ AK98		♦ 7 6 3	
♣ KQ6		♣ A 10 2	
	♠ QJ		
	♥ A 10 8 7 2		
	♦ QJ2		
	♣ J43		

West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brown	Cronier	Draper
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

After three passes, Willard opened 2NT and was raised to game. Brown led the four of diamonds – a diamond would be my third choice, but I wouldn't find the killing heart lead.



Nicola Smith, England

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 5 3 2		
	♥ K Q 10 8		
	♦ A 10 7 4		
	♣ 4		
♠ AQ4		♠ -	
♥ 5 4		♥ J 7 5 3	
♦ Q 9 5		♦ K J 6 3 2	
♣ AKJ93		♣ 10 8 7 6	
	♠ K 10 9 8 7 6		
	♥ A 9 2		
	♦ 8		
	♣ Q 5 2		

West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
-	-	Pass	2♦*
Dble	3♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♦ Multi			
3♠ Pass or correct			

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brown	Cronier	Draper
-	-	Pass	1♠
1NT	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

By somewhat different routes, both N/S pairs bid to the excellent spade game, though from different sides of the table.

Willard led the ace of clubs against Draper, then switched to a heart, dummy's eight holding the trick. Draper played a spade and Willard won and played two more rounds of the suit. Draper had only one club ruff but the other club went away on the fourth heart; +420.

Smith led a diamond to the queen and ace and Reess played a club to the queen and king. Back came the nine of diamonds to the ten, jack and ruff. Reess ruffed a club in hand then led a spade up and three rounds of those left her with a club loser at the end for down one and -50; 10 IMPs to England and once again the lead changed hands; 20-19.

That was careless of Reess, who should have come back

to dummy with a heart and ruffed the last club before touching trumps.

There followed, seven flat boards. Finally there was another swing and it was an interesting one.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ – ♥ A J 9 8 4 ♦ Q 8 6 4 3 ♣ A 10 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 10 3 2 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ A 10 7 5 ♣ 9 6	♠ 8 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ K 2 ♣ K Q 8 7 5 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
–	–	–	1♣
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	INT	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brown	Cronier	Draper
–	–	–	3♣
4♠	5♣	5♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brown	Cronier	Draper
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	3♦	Dble	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Draper opened the South hand with a pre-empt, which looks OK to me when vulnerable, but it worked out poorly for her side as Brown was happy to collect any plus after this start and didn't give too much thought to bidding the club slam. Willard overcalled 4♠ and Brown competed with 5♣ but then passed when Cronier's 5♠ came back to her. Brown led ace and another club, ruffed. Willard drew the missing trump then passed the nine of diamonds. Draper won the king and played a heart through to collect two of those for down two and –200.

Zochowska opened what could have been a three-card 1♣ and Brock overcalled 4♠. When Reess doubled that, Zochowska had so little defence and so much extra playing potential that she removed to 5♣, though the double was not negative at this high level. That was a big and winning decision by Zochowska, and it got better when Reess judged that if her partner was removing a penalty double slam must have decent play and raised to 6♣. Zochowska might not have been thrilled by the sight of dummy, but the slam proved to be quite cold as the card lay. Declarer ruffed the spade lead and played a diamond immediately, her king scoring. She cashed one round of trumps then led a second diamond to the jack, queen and ace, and back came a trump, won in dummy. A diamond ruff was followed by a heart to the jack, and a second diamond ruff established the fifth diamond so that the appearance of the heart king was not required; +1370 and 15 IMPs to France. For the fourth board in a row the lead changed hands, this time to France by 34-20.

Willard's 1♦ would usually be four cards. Brown asked for a diamond stopper as she hoped to have eight running tricks, and Cronier doubled to show values. When Draper showed the diamond stopper, Cronier was concerned that game could be on in one direction or the other so bid 4♣ for take-out – clubs was clearly North's suit – and the French pair scrambled their way into the four-three fit spade game.

Brown cashed the king of clubs then switched to the two of spades. Willard ran that to the ten and queen and played the heart king. Brown won the ace and led her remaining spade to declarer's jack. Willard drew a third round of trumps then led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace before passing the nine of hearts. Draper won the jack and exited with a heart. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the last spade and the hearts, but there was no winning play in diamonds so she had to concede the last trick and was down one for –50.

Reess overcalled INT over the two-plus card 1♣ opening and Smith doubled. Zochowska's pass apparently showed short clubs with no particular preference for any other suit, but Reess had a rather special club stopper and jumped to 3♣ anyway to make life difficult for her opponents. She could have been doubled for two down there but that was probably difficult to achieve and Smith bid 3♥, where she played.

Zochowska led her singleton club and Reess, rather than play a second round to attack declarer's trump holding, switched to a spade. Smith won in dummy and played the king of hearts, and now Reess played back a top club after winning the heart ace. Smith ruffed low and was over-ruffed and back came a spade. She won in dummy and led the nine of hearts to her queen then led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace before cashing the spades. Finally, she exited with a heart to South's bare jack and Zochowska had to lead a diamond to give the contract; nine tricks for a well-played +140 and 5 IMPs to England, closing to 25-34.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 6 ♥ A 8 7 6 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ J 10 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ A K 10 9 5 ♣ K Q 3 2	♠ K Q 9 7 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A 8 5 4
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>
Pass	1♦	2♠	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Draper</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

While it takes a little care, 4♥ is unbeatable. Three No Trump, however, can be defeated in a number of ways and that is where both N/S pairs ended up.

Both Wests led the eight of spades and all that was required was for East to put in the queen and, if it was ducked, continue with another spade, thereby knocking out the side entry to the long hearts. But both ducked, thinking that partner might get in early with a heart honour and lead a second spade, which of course would not be possible if East had put in the queen and declarer ducked the trick. This is a well-known defensive technique and can sometimes be very effective. But this was not the time for it. Both declarers won the jack and knocked out the ace of hearts then used the ace of spades as the entry to run the hearts for nine tricks and a flat board at +400.

The first set ended with France in the lead by 34-25, having gained 3 IMPs on the set. There was still a long way to go, with another five sets to be played.

Diamonds are Forever

By Herman De Wael

Someone came into the Bulletin office and told Mark Horton about a hand he had played in the Transnationals. Before he started, he obtained an irrevocable undertaking that he would not publish the hand. Mark promised, and as he is a man of his word, he does not write about it. I however, made no such promise and so here is the story (and I respectfully omit the names of the players).

The main protagonist of this story was looking at ♠AK32 ♥95 ♦9874 ♣876, vulnerable against not, in second seat on the eighth board of a 10-board match. His right-hand opponent opened 1♣, Polish. He wanted to muddy the waters and overcalled 1♠. Left hand doubled, and partner bid 2♦. Right hand also doubled, and he decided to raise partner to 3♦. Another double and partner upped the ante once again: 4♦. Right hand passed, and so did our man. Left hand doubled, and now partner bid 4♠, again doubled. What the *** was happening here? Some people might suggest running to 5♦, but not so our friend.

Minus 800 was still the final outcome, because this was the full deal

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ A Q 10 6 5 2 ♣ K 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 3 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ 8 7 6	♠ J 8 5 4 ♥ A Q 10 7 ♦ K 3 ♣ J 4 2
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♦
Dble	3♦	Dble	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Yes, you saw correctly, the opening bid was 1♦, not 1♣. North thought he had seen 1♣, and when the tray appeared in the second round, the double was obscuring the first bid, so he never recovered. East's first double was negative, and South showed a good three-card spade raise.

West's double showed extra diamonds, but of course North never realised that, and he raised diamonds that he thought were partner's. South interpreted this as a strong spade suit and showed another control, hoping to hear a heart control. He was very surprised to see it run around and relieved to get another chance. East had by chance taken the correct action, turning 700 into 800.

Which just goes to show that there's always an explanation for every auction.

Strong Finish (OT SFI)



USA 1 – USA 2



By Brent Manley

In the first set of the d’Orsi Trophy semifinals, USA 1 (Reese Milner, Hemant Lall, Bob Hamman, Mark Lair, Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood) started with a 4.5-IMP advantage, the carryover from their head-to-head match with USA 2 (Jeff Aker, Dennis and Jerry Clerkin, Doug Simson, Mark Tolliver and Marc Zwerling) in the round robin phase.

USA 2, the No. 6 qualifier from the round robin, struck first.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A Q 8 7 6 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ Q J	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J ♥ K 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♠ 4 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ A Q J 10 9 ♣ A 9 5 ♠ K 10 9 5 3 ♥ 8 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ K 10 7
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Rosenberg	Tolliver	Zia
	1♦	1♥	1♠
INT	Dbl	2♣	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Tolliver led the ♠J to the king and ace. On the low spade return, Rosenberg discarded the ♥3. Tolliver ruffed and played a low club to the 7, queen and A. Rosenberg cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart, then took a diamond finesse. He played a club to dummy’s 9, won by Zwerling with the jack. Rosenberg finessed again when Zwerling got out with a diamond, but when he ruffed the ♥Q in dummy, Zwerling could overruff with the king. Rosenberg was two down for minus 100.

At the other table, Lair ran into a bad trump split in 2♣ and was down three for minus 150 – a 6-IMP swing to USA 2.

The lead changed hands on the next board when Zia and Rosenberg got to 4♣, making, for plus 620 while Aker and Simson stopped in 2♣, making four for plus 170. The 10-IMP swing put USA 1 ahead 14-6.

On the next deal, USA 1 went plus at both tables, Zia scoring INT for plus 90 while Hamman managed eight

tricks in 2♥. The 6-IMP gain put USA 1 ahead 20-6. The margin grew on the next board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 4 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ K Q 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 6 5 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ 9 8 7 5 ♠ 9 8 7 2 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ A 10 2 ♠ Q J ♥ A 10 8 7 2 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ J 4 3	
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Rosenberg	Tolliver	Zia
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Zia led the ♠Q, taken in dummy. Tolliver cashed the ♠K and played a third round. Rosenberg won with the 10 and played the ♥K and a heart to Zia’s ace. The defenders still had a diamond trick coming, so they were plus 100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Marc Zwerling, USA2



Mark Tolliver, USA2

Aker led a low club, taken by Lair with the king. He played the ♠A and, noting that South followed with the queen, played a low spade from hand. Simson won with the jack and returned the ♦J. Lair won with the ace, cashed the ♠A and got to dummy with a spade to the 9. Lair played a diamond to the 9 and Aker's 10, but North-South could get only two hearts from there. Plus 400 meant 10 IMPs to USA 1, ahead 30-6 with another big swing coming right up.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 5 3 2		
	♥ K Q 10 8		
	♦ A 10 7 4		
	♣ 4		
♠ A Q 4	N	♠ -	
♥ 5 4	W	♥ J 7 5 3	
♦ Q 9 5	E	♦ K J 6 3 2	
♣ A K J 9 3	S	♣ 10 8 7 6	
		♠ K 10 9 8 7 6	
		♥ A 9 2	
		♦ 8	
		♣ Q 5 2	

West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Rosenberg	Tolliver	Zia
		Pass	2♠
2NT	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Zwerling started with the ♣K, switching to a diamond at trick two. Zia went up with the ace, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, played a heart to his ace and ruffed his last club. Zwerling was due to get two trump tricks, but that was all – plus 590 to USA 1. At the other table, Lair played in 3♣, making for plus 110. That was 12 more IMPs and the lead was 42-6.

USA 2 started a comeback with an overtrick IMP on board 10, followed on boards 11 and 12 with 2-IMP swings.

The team finally broke through with a double-digit swing on lucky board 13.

Board 13 Dealer North, All Vul.

	♠ Q 7 2		
	♥ 6		
	♦ K Q J 9 5		
	♣ K 6 4 2		
♠ A K 9 5	N	♠ 10 8 4 3	
♥ A Q 9 3	W	♥ K 7 4	
♦ A	E	♦ 10 8 7	
♣ A J 5 3	S	♣ Q 10 7	
		♠ J 6	
		♥ J 10 8 5 2	
		♦ 6 4 3 2	
		♣ 9 8	

West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Rosenberg	Tolliver	Zia
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	Dbl	2♦
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer won the opening diamond lead with the singleton ace and cashed the ♠A, Zia following with the jack. Tolliver played a low spade from dummy at trick three and Rosenberg was in with the queen. He continued with the ♦K, ruffed by Tolliver with the ♠K. He played a heart to his hand and ran the ♣Q. Rosenberg won and forced dummy to ruff another diamond, but Tolliver could play a club to his 10 and pull the last trump, claiming 11 tricks for plus 650.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Lair	Aker	Hamman	Simson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The strong 4-4-4-1 hands are difficult to bid because after 2♣ – 2♦, no bid tells the real story. Lair's solution – rebidding 2NT – is a common one, but it didn't work out this time. Aker led the ♦K to the ace, which was followed by the ♠A, ♥A and a heart to the king. Lair played the ♣Q, hoping for some luck, but it didn't materialize. Aker won and cashed his diamonds for plus 100 and a 13-IMP swing to USA 2.

From board 7 to number 16, USA 2 scored 23 IMPs to none for their opponents. The first of six sets ended with USA 1 on top 42.5-29.

Opening Shots (VC SFI)



USA2 v Netherlands



By Jan van Cleeff

USA2 started the match against the Netherlands - the current European champions - with a carry-over of nine IMPs.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A Q 8 7 6 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ Q J	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 4 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ A Q J 10 9 ♣ A 9 5	♠ J ♥ K 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											
		♠ K 10 9 5 3 ♥ 8 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ K 10 7										

Open room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Sokolow	Wortel	Seamon-Molson
Pass	1♦	2♥	Dble
	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♣6 to the jack and ace. Declarer continued with the ♦A and the queen. West won the king, East pitching the ♥2. Next came the ♥J, ducked, and the ♥10. Tobi Sokolow won the ace (♠3 from dummy), cashed another diamond and played a spade: jack, king and ace.



Jet Pasman, Netherlands

Marion Michielsen returned a middle spade to the nine, North and East pitching clubs. At this point, declarer cashed out in diamonds (another spade from dummy). Now declarer played a club and finessed the 10. West won and cashed ♠A and 2 – down two. If declarer had worked out the club position - E/W lead second best from bad suits - she would/should have made her contract.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Glason	Pasman	Chambers	Simons
Pass	1♦	2♥	2♠
Dble	3NT	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	4♦

Anneke Simons felt she was a little light for her bidding and therefore ran from the double. Jet Pasman had no trouble making ten tricks. NS +130 meant 6 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ 7 3 ♥ A Q 10 6 5 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A J 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q ♥ 9 8 ♦ A K 6 3 2 ♣ 10 7 4 2	♠ J 9 6 ♥ K 7 ♦ 10 8 7 4 ♣ Q 9 5 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											
		♠ K 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ Q J ♣ K 6										

Open room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Sokolow	Wortel	Seamon-Molson
2♥	Dble*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♦ Multi			
Dble	Pass or correct		

West led the ♦9 to the queen (East duly giving count). Janice Seamon-Molson played the contract accurately: spade to the queen, diamond to the jack. Spade to the ace, followed by the two top diamonds. Ten tricks, NS +620.

East may have considered redoubling, showing a top honor in hearts. Declarer wouldn't survive three rounds of hearts or a club switch by East.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Glasson</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Simons</i>
			Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Pasman-Simons decided to stay low in 2♠. As in the open room West led a diamond to the queen. Declarer played spade to the ace, overtook the ♠Q and exited with ♠10. East tabled ♥K and continued the suit. NS +110, where a timely club switch would even set 2♠ by one trick. Still 11 IMPs to USA2.

Later, Anneke Simmons explained her line: 'Due to the weak two, I was convinced that East had the ♣A.'



Tobi Sokolow and Janice Seamon-Molson, USA2

There was no way for declarer to avoid four losers, 4♠ -1. Ten IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 6 5		
	♥ K 6 4		
	♦ 10 5 4		
	♣ 9 8 7 5		
♠ A K 4 3		♠ 9 8 7 2	
♥ J 3		♥ Q 9 5	
♦ A K 9 8		♦ 7 6 3	
♣ K Q 6		♣ A 10 2	
	♠ Q J		
	♥ A 10 8 7 2		
	♦ Q J 2		
	♣ J 4 3		

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 5 3 2		
	♥ K Q 10 8		
	♦ A 10 7 4		
	♣ 4		
♠ A Q 4		♠ -	
♥ 5 4		♥ J 7 5 3	
♦ Q 9 5		♦ K J 6 3 2	
♣ A K J 9 3		♣ 10 8 7 6	
	♠ K 10 9 8 7 6		
	♥ A 9 2		
	♦ 8		
	♣ Q 5 2		

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Where a heart lead would be killing, South led ♦Q instead. Declarer went after the spades and eventually wound up with nine tricks.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Glasson</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Simons</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the open room South, Seamon-Molson had no problem making 4♠ on the lead of the ♣A. NS +620.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Glasson</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Simons</i>
		Pass	2♦*
2♥*	4♥	Pass	?
2♦	Multi		
2♥	Take-out		

Jet Pasman intended her 4♥ as pass-or-correct. Simons thought differently, however, and passed. The Moysian fit was unplayable: 4♥ -3 was good for 11 IMPs to USA2.

At the end of the session, the Netherlands had won some IMPs back, but USA2 was still on lead with 41.5 to 36.

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Hasta La Vista Baby (BB SFI)



Sweden v USA 2



By Micke Melander

Like in the Terminator movies with Arnold Schwarzenegger, where a lot of bullets are fired in all directions, the same was to be seen in the first set of the match between Sweden and USA 2 in the Bermuda Bowl semifinals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ A Q J 10 9 ♣ A 9 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J ♥ K 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♠ K 10 9 5 3 ♥ 8 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ K 10 7
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Warne	Demuy	Bergdahl
	1♣*	2♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Warne opened with his big club and Demuy decided to pre-empt in hearts. Why on earth Kranyak now believed that game in spades was on or would create a mess for the opponents to miss their contract is a mystery. It's clear that Four Spades made life very difficult to evaluate if they could play slam in diamonds or not, however it wasn't on so Four Spades would always be very bad.

North led a trump, which went to the jack, king and declarer's ace. Kranyak tried the ten of hearts, but North jumped up with the ace, cashed the ace of clubs to get an encouraging signal from partner and led a second round of the suit that went to South's king. Bergdahl returned a diamond and when North won and exited with his club, declarer was six down for -1400!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Wolpert	Wrang	Fireman
	1♦	3♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East pre-empted again in hearts, North eventually becoming declarer in 3NT doubled, which was a very interesting contract. Declarer had to read the cards right and be very careful to make it. The jack of spades was led and declarer correctly covered with the king and was now on track for even 10 tricks thanks to the lucky lie. West won and returned the jack of hearts, which won the trick. The ten followed, again ducked and declarer was now down to nine tricks.

West then played the queen of clubs, and declarer decided it was time to step in and win it with the ace. When Wolpert subsequently finessed in clubs it was game over, since that established a fourth trick for the defence and they also had the queen of spades to cash.

Moreover he had lost his second entry to dummy to finesse twice in diamonds when West held king-third in the suit.

West gave declarer some hope by returning a diamond, Wolpert finessed, entered dummy with a club to the king to repeat the finesse but still East had to get a trick with the king of hearts at the end for one down.

That was 17 IMPs to Sweden and I bet Kranyak was thinking, 'I'll be back', and what had just happened was a bit unlucky...

And for sure he was a few boards later:

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ 10 6 5 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ 9 8 7 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 7 2 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ A 10 2	♠ Q J ♥ A 10 8 7 2 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ J 4 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Warne	Demuy	Bergdahl
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The American big club system took them to 3NT, which was surely a decent spot.

However Warne found the lead of a directly killing six of hearts!

Kranyak realised that they were in great danger and found a brilliant solution when he was allowed to win with the

jack. He immediately played back his three of hearts. North rose with his king and returned a club, which went to the two, jack and declarer's king.

Kranyak then played three rounds of spades, North getting in on the third round. South did what he could by trying to signal for hearts when playing the queen and jack of spades and discarding a club on the third round (maybe the queen of diamonds would have worked better) but North switched to a diamond.

Hasta la vista, baby, was probably going through Kranyak's mind this time.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Fireman</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥*	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With four sure losers if the defence didn't do anything bad, Four Spades was an impossible mission to succeed in. Wrang had to concede one down.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ —		
♥ A J 9 8 4		
♦ Q 8 6 4 3		
♣ A 10 4		
♠ A K J 9 7 6 5 4	♠ Q 10 2	
♥ K 2	♥ 10 7 3	
♦ J 9	♦ A 10 7 5	
♣ J	♣ 9 6	
	♠ 8	
	♥ Q 6 5	
	♦ K 2	
	♣ K Q 8 7 5 3 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
			2♣
4♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

The Swedish defenders saved the perfect defence to collect 800. Two rounds of clubs were led and declarer ruffed and tried the diamond finesse. South won with the king and returned a heart through declarer and the defence cashed out.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Fireman</i>
			3♣
4♠	5♣	5♠	6♣
6♠	All Pass		

The Swedes escaped being doubled and when North decided to kick-off with the ace of hearts declarer was just two down.

Another Swedish swing was a fact.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A K 4		
♥ Q		
♦ A K 9 8 7 6 2		
♣ A Q		
♠ 9 7 2	♠ Q 10 3	
♥ K 6 3 2	♥ A 7 5 4	
♦ 10 4	♦ J 5	
♣ K 9 4 2	♣ 10 8 7 5	
	♠ J 8 6 5	
	♥ J 10 9 8	
	♦ Q 3	
	♣ J 6 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Demuy was under the gun. Kranyak led a diamond, which went to the nine, jack and declarer's queen. With not much to hope declarer tried the finesse in clubs, which worked. Six more rounds of trumps and the ace of clubs followed. As soon as Kranyak discarded his two of hearts Demuy pitched his ace to avoid being thrown in and having to lead away from queen-third of spades into declarer's tenace. Well done!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Fireman</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The defence cashed two hearts and when the diamonds were not 4-0 declarer could claim eleven quick tricks and the same number of IMPs for USA 2.

When the smoke had cleared after the first set of this semifinal the Americans had added 4 IMPs to their 16 IMP carry over and led 76-56. The spectators had witnessed one of the biggest scoring segments from this championship. The Swedes had a 17, 13, 12 and an 11 while the Americans got a 13, 11, 10, & 9.

Hasta la Vista, Baby!

Transnational Teams – Interesting Deals of Day One

By T.C. Pant

The World Transnational Open Teams started with 135 teams in the field. Five rounds of 10 boards each were played on day one. Some of the interesting deals of the day are covered here.

Round 1. Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 9 8 3		
	♥ Q		
	♦ K Q 4 3		
	♣ Q J 7 4 2		
♠ 10 5 2	N	♠ K Q 7 6 4	
♥ J 9 5 4	W	♥ A 8 3	
♦ J 9 7 6	E	♦ 8 2	
♣ A 5	S	♣ 10 6 3	
	♠ A J		
	♥ K 10 7 6 2		
	♦ A 10 5		
	♣ K 9 8		
West	North	East	South
3♠	All Pass	2♠*	3♥

Usually the East hand passed and South opened with 1NT which was raised to 3NT by North. On a diamond lead by West, it was an easy contract, declarer making 10 tricks.

At one table, East took the benefit of being non-vulnerable and opened a weak 2♠. This had its impact as North did not take any action, fearing partner might hearts. The contract went three down undoubled for only 150 to N/S.

Round 1. Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 7 4		
	♥ A 9 8		
	♦ A 7 3		
	♣ A J 6 4 2		
♠ AKQ 10 9 8 6 5	N	♠ 3 2	
♥ J 5 4 2	W	♥ Q 10	
♦ 10	E	♦ K J 8 5	
♣ —	S	♣ Q 10 8 7 3	
	♠ J		
	♥ K 7 6 3		
	♦ Q 9 6 4 2		
	♣ K 9 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♠7 and now there were only 9 top tricks for the declarer, as he could not ruff the losing heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥A and a heart to the king. Declarer was now able to ruff the heart loser to make his contract.

Round 1. Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 7		
	♥ J 8 6		
	♦ 8 4 3		
	♣ A J 9 6 3		
♠ 9 8 5 4 3	N	♠ Q 6	
♥ 10 7	W	♥ 5 4 2	
♦ Q J 9	E	♦ 10 7 6 5 2	
♣ 10 7 2	S	♣ K Q 5	
	♠ A K 10 2		
	♥ A K Q 9 3		
	♦ A K		
	♣ 8 4		

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

N/S bid the slam nicely. South opened with a Precision 1♣ (16+) and 1♦ was fewer than 9 HCP. 1♥ (forcing) was a puppet to 1♠. 3♥ showed 21+ HCPs and a good suit. Cuebids followed and the slam was reached. There was nothing to the play as declarer ruffed his low spade with ♥J and conceded a club trick.

Round 2. Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ K J 9 8 7 3		
	♥ Q 7 6		
	♦ A 7		
	♣ 8 2		
♠ A 4	N	♠ Q 5	
♥ A J 2	W	♥ 5	
♦ J 10	E	♦ K Q 9 8 5 2	
♣ A Q J 7 4 3	S	♣ 10 9 6 5	
	♠ 10 6 2		
	♥ K 10 9 8 4 3		
	♦ 6 4 3		
	♣ K		

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♠*	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On a spade lead, there are 12 tricks in 3NT played by West. But when East used the Lebensohl 2NT over the weak 2♠ to show his hand, the lead changed to South and there was no way the contract could be made. In fact, when declarer tried the diamond after winning with ♠A, he was two down. That was a swing of 11 IMPs.

Round 2. Board 18. Dealer East, N/S Vul.

	♠ A K J 7	
	♥ A 8 4 2	
	♦ Q 9 8 4	
	♣ 4	
♠ 9 4 3 2		♠ 6 5
♥ K 10 7 6		♥ J 9 5
♦ J 10 7 2		♦ 6 3
♣ 3		♣ A K Q J 8 6
	♠ Q 10 8	
	♥ Q 3	
	♦ A K 5	
	♣ 10 9 7 5 2	

This was an interesting deal, where if South plays in 3NT, and West leads ♣3, East cannot cash all four top clubs as that will give the ninth trick to the ♣10.

Similarly, a heart or diamond lead from West immediately gives away the contract. On a spade lead, declarer can take four tricks in the suit, discarding ♥3, and play ♣4. Now, East can only cash three clubs when West is left with four diamonds (he cannot throw a diamond, otherwise dummy's fourth diamond becomes the ninth trick) and two hearts. When East plays a heart and it is the jack, declarer can take the king with dummy's ace and hope to endplay West with the ♥10. He is now forced to lead a diamond, but as long as it is low one declarer is doomed.

Round 4. Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 7 6 2	
	♥ 10 9 8 4 2	
	♦ J 6	
	♣ J 9 6	
♠ A K 8 5 4		♠ Q 3
♥ Q 5		♥ A K J 7 6
♦ 10 9 7 5		♦ K Q 8 4 3
♣ A Q		♣ 5
	♠ J 10 9	
	♥ 3	
	♦ A 2	
	♣ K 10 8 7 4 3 2	

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Declarer got a club lead, played the ♣A and a diamond to king and ace. The ♣K was ruffed in hand and declarer went to dummy with ♥Q and played ♦10. When the ♦J came down, there were 12 tricks.

Round 4. Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ —	
	♥ A 6 4	
	♦ A K 8 7 6 3	
	♣ J 10 6 5	
♠ J 10 7 6 4		♠ A Q 9 8 5
♥ 10 2		♥ J 7 5
♦ 10 5 2		♦ J 9
♣ A Q 7		♣ K 9 2
	♠ K 3 2	
	♥ K Q 9 8 3	
	♦ Q 4	
	♣ 8 4 3	

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♦	All Pass	

The lead played an important role here. The only one to beat the contract is a club. When East led the ♠A, it was all over. Declarer got six diamonds, five hearts and the ♠K for 12 tricks. In 4♠ doubled, only eight tricks are there and E/W had to concede 300.

Round 5. Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ A 7 6 5 4 2	
	♥ K Q 3	
	♦ 9 4	
	♣ 7 6	
♠ Q J 3		♠ —
♥ J 4 2		♥ A 10 8 6 5
♦ Q 2		♦ A 10 6
♣ J 10 9 8 5		♣ A K Q 4 3
	♠ K 10 9 8	
	♥ 9 7	
	♦ K J 8 7 5 3	
	♣ 2	

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	4♣*	4♠
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

East's 4♣ was leaping Michaels (showing 5♥ + 5♣). With the ♥K and ♥Q in the North hand, declarer did not have a problem taking 12 tricks. Declarer ruffed the spade lead with a high club, went to dummy with club and played

a low heart. North made things easy by playing the ♠Q and it was all over. HAd he not done so, might declarer have put in the eight?

It is not clear whether E/W would have reached the slam if South had not bid 4♠. If he passes, West may have bid 4♥ and unless South again bids 4♠, in all probability 4♥ would have been passed out. But if South bids 4♠, West would have bid 5♣ and East would have again bid 6♣.

Round 5. Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A 9 3 ♥ J 9 7 6 5 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 10 7 5	♠ Q 8 5 2 ♥ A K Q ♦ K 9 2 ♣ A K Q <div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 6 4 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 8 6 5 4 ♣ J 8 6 4	♠ K 10 7 ♥ 10 4 3 2 ♦ A J 7 ♣ 9 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣*	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	3NT

North's 1♣ was Precision (17+ HCP) and though South was a passed hand, once he bid INT, North eventually bid 6NT (an invitational 4NT would have been better).

West led a passive ♣7, and declarer could see three hearts, three clubs, and two diamonds in top tricks. If the ♥J fell, declarer would have four heart tricks, bringing his total to nine, so he would need three spade tricks to get to 12.

Hence he correctly played a low spade to the 10, and when that worked and spades broke 3-3, suddenly he could see hope. He cleared all the suits and found that the hearts did not break favorably. With three cards left, he had to now correctly guess the ♦Q position. He calculated that East had more diamonds than West (five with East, two for West), so he played the ♦K and a low diamond to the jack. Alas, the finesse failed and the contract went two down, when West cashed the last heart as well.



Young and full of wonder

Baskar Subramanian is a man on a mission – to teach bridge to children. On Tuesday, he visited the Grand Chola Hotel, escorting 38 of the 40 students in his class at the Kottur Corporation School so they could see the 42nd World Bridge Teams Championships in progress.

Students in Subramanian's class range from the fifth grade to the 10th, and he brags that after only four weeks they are already "up to the notrump level," meaning they are studying INT openings and responses.



Baskar Subramanian is interviewed by a local television station about his young bridge students.

The young players are learning the game after regular school hours. Subramanian has made sure the players have something to eat during the lessons.

The well-behaved group, all in uniform, posed for photos on the big stairway at the hotel, met Bridge Federation of India President N.R.K. Moorthy and watched the play in the World Transnational Open Teams. A video team from a local television station was on hand to record the occasion.

Subramanian says the outing was the youngsters' first exposure to a tournament. So far they have played only Mini-Bridge. They are, he says, smitten with the game. "They are really enjoying it."

The Kottur school in Chennai is one of three venues where school children are learning bridge, all of them organized by Subramanian. He has recruited a cadre of teachers, many of them alumni of Anna University in Chennai and executives of the Tamil Nadu Bridge Association.

He says he did not expect the youngsters to fully understand the goings-on at the hotel, but he has plans for a tournament for them early next year. "I want to have 150 kids in classes before the end of the year," he says.

Subramanian has been playing bridge for 30 years, seriously for the past 15. He is certainly serious about his current efforts. "I do it for my passion," he says, adding, "This is for future insurance – for the game to continue."

Brent Manley

Under the Radar

By Mark Horton

With so many close matches taking place in the quarter finals it was quite easy to miss one of the most sensational finishes in the history of the Bermuda Bowl.

At the start of the last session China led USA II 198-195, and with two deals to play they had increased their lead to 11 IMPs.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ J 10 7 6 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ Q J 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ — ♥ A 10 9 7 6 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ 10 9 5 4	♠ Q 9 8 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ K 8
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W		E										
	S											
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Kang</i>
Pass	1♦*	1♥	1♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

West led the three of hearts and declarer had to lose two tricks, +650.

This appeared to be a huge position for China - if USA bid the slam the match would be over.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	4♥*	Dble	2NT
Pass	Pass	4NT*	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			Dble
4♥	Spades		

Commentating on BBO Kit Woolsey commented, 'USA can't pick up anything here, so will need a miracle on the last board.'

If East had known the score in the match he would have passed like a shot, but perhaps thinking his team was behind he came again, with disastrous consequences.

North led the five of diamonds and South won with the queen of diamonds and exited with a trump, North winning with the king and returning his remaining diamond. If South had taken the ace and returned a diamond declarer would

have been held to just four tricks, but he put in the ten and declarer won with dummy's jack. That dropped trick meant the penalty was reduced to a mere 1400, and for only the second time in the match the USA had taken the lead.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ J 10 8 6 4 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ 5 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 2 ♥ K 10 9 7 4 3 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A J 6	♠ A K Q ♥ A 6 5 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K 10 3 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Kang</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♥	Dble*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1♣	16+		

East led the four of hearts and declarer ducked twice, took the third round, cashed two top spade and played a club. East took his ace and cashed out for two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	1♣	2♥	Dble*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

There was some speculation amongst the commentators that East, mindful of the previous deal, might double 5♣, but at the very least that would depend on how he thought the match was going.

East led the two of spades and declarer won with the king and played a club to the queen and a club, East winning with the jack, cashing the ace of clubs and, when West discarded the six of spades, exiting with the king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace, cashed two top spades and played the eight of diamonds for the five, three and ten.

West exited with a spade and declarer won with the queen, played a diamond to the ace and a diamond, establishing the nine for a discard, two down, -100 and a flat board.

If West had played a heart when he was in with the ten of

diamonds declarer would have had no way to avoid three down, and the 2 IMPs that China would have gained would have meant the match was tied.

In Europe they have now adopted 'sudden death' one board at a time play offs, but here the players would have been required to contest another eight deals, which might be described as cruel and unnatural punishment. You might think that - I couldn't possibly comment.

Primus Inter Pares

By Mark Horton

There is a line from the bible that runs, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.'

In the world of bridge journalism, the equivalent is to spot a beautiful deal and rather than write it up yourself, offer it to a colleague.

So, a big thank you to our off-site reporter, Micke Melander, who suggested I take a look at this deal from the last session of the quarter finals.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 9 7 ♥ 10 ♦ A J 10 9 8 6 4 ♣ J 7 6</p>	<p>♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ K J 9 6 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ 5 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A K 8 2 ♥ A Q 8 7 5 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q 7 3 ♣ K 10 9 8 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Robson	Rodwell	Forrester
			Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

At several tables, E/W tried 3NT, but barring a defensive error there are only eight tricks and the contract usually failed.

Looking at all four hands 5♦ does not look promising and everyone attempting it failed - except one.

North led the queen of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the jack. His next move was a heart to the ace and a heart, South pitching the ten of clubs as declarer ruffed.

A spade to the king was followed by a spade ruff and with South now out of major suit cards declarer exited with the ten of diamonds. South could win, but was left with ♦K7 ♣K10982 and hopelessly placed. He exited with the seven of diamonds, but declarer won, drew the last trump and played a club to the queen and king for eleven tricks and 13 IMPs.

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The Rally that fizzled (BB QF6)



USA I – England



By Brent Manley

Going into the final round of the Bermuda Bowl quarter final, USA I trailed England by 48 IMPs. It did not look good for the Americans. Counting out the Nick Nickell team, however, can be a mistake. Indeed, the team rallied to make a match of it.

The comeback started quietly with a 3-IMP swing when Eric Rodwell went one down for minus 100 in 4♠ at one table compared to two down in the same contract by David Bakhshi at the other. The score was 201-156 for England. That result was followed by a push, then this:

Board 21 Dealer North, N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 2		
	♥ K 7		
	♦ K J 10 4		
	♣ K J 9 7 2		
♠ 9 8 5 4	N	♠ A Q	
♥ 9 8 3	W	♥ Q 10 6 5 4 2	
♦ 9 3	E	♦ Q 7 6 5	
♣ A 10 8 6	S	♣ 4	
		♠ K J 7 6 3	
		♥ A J	
		♦ A 8 2	
		♣ Q 5 3	

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Robson	Rodwell	Forrester
	1♣	1♥	1♠
	Pass	3♥	3NT
2♥			
All Pass			

Jeff Meckstroth led the ♥9 to the queen and ace. Tony Forrester played a club to the king, which held, then a club to his queen, Eric Rodwell showing out. Forrester won the heart return in dummy perforce, played a diamond to his ace, took the marked finesse in clubs and cashed the suit. Rodwell, feeling the pressure, bared his ♦Q rather than discard heart winners. He discarded the ♠Q on the last club. Forrester could have made his contract by playing the ♦K at that point, but he exited dummy with a spade. Rodwell won with the ace and cashed three heart tricks for plus 100.

At the other table, the auction was the same, putting David Gold on lead. The ♥9 went to Levin's jack, which turned out to be to Levin's benefit. He played a club to the king and a club to the queen. Gold took the ♣A and played another heart. Dummy's ♥K was overtaken by the ace perforce, and Levin took the club finesse. After cashing the

clubs, Levin took the right view in diamonds, playing the king, then following with the jack. Bakhshi covered with the queen and Levin was able to claim 10 tricks for plus 630 and a 12-IMP gain. The score was 201-168 for England. USA I crept closer on the next deal.

Board 22 Dealer South E/W Vul.

		♠ Q 10 7 6	
		♥ A 10 6 5 3	
		♦ K 2	
		♣ J 9	
♠ K 3	N	♠ J 9 2	
♥ K Q	W	♥ 8 7 2	
♦ J 8 7 6 5	E	♦ A Q 9 4 3	
♣ 8 7 6 4	S	♣ A 2	
		♠ A 8 5 4	
		♥ J 9 4	
		♦ 10	
		♣ K Q 10 5 3	

North played 4♥ in both rooms. In the open room, Andrew Robson was declarer. Rodwell led a trump, which went to the queen and declarer's ace. Rodwell took the ♣A at trick two when Robson played that suit, continuing with a heart to dummy's jack and Meckstroth's king. Meckstroth got out with the ♦J, overtaken by Rodwell when Robson played low. Rodwell played a third round of trumps, taken in dummy. Robson could take three discards on the clubs, but he still had to lose a spade. That was plus 50 to USA I.



Jeff Meckstroth, USA I

In the open room, where Weinstein was declarer, Bakhshi selected the ♠A for his opening lead. He switched to a spade at trick two. Weinstein played low from dummy and Gold won the ♠K to play a club, taken in dummy with the king. Weinstein played a low heart to the queen and his ace and he followed with a heart to the nine and Gold's king. A third round of clubs was ruffed by Weinstein with the 10. He picked up the last trump with the jack, cashed his clubs for diamond pitches, then claimed for plus 420. That was 10 more IMPs to USA I. The score was 201-178 for England, with more IMPs to come for the Americans.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 ♥ 10 ♦ A J 10 9 8 6 4 ♣ J 7 6	♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ K J 9 6 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ 5 3	N W E S	♠ A K 8 2 ♥ A Q 8 7 5 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q 4
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West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Robson	Rodwell	Forrester
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Robson started with the ♠Q, taken in dummy with the ace. Meckstroth played a diamond at trick two, inserting the jack when Tony Forrester played low. Meckstroth then played a heart to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the king and ruffed a spade, then got out of his hand with the ♦10. At that point, Forrester was down to nothing but minors. If he played a club, Meckstroth could win in dummy and further reduce his trump holding with another ruff of a major suit. In the three-card end position, Meckstroth could play a club to dummy and follow with a non-club, scoring his two diamonds and conceding a club at the end.

After some thought, Forrester got out with a diamond to Meckstroth's 9. He picked up the last trump with the ace and took the club finesse. It lost, but Meckstroth was home with plus 600.

West	North	East	South
Gold	Weinstein	Bakhshi	Levin
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Levin led his singleton heart to the 10, king and ace. Bakhshi played a low spade from hand at trick two, taken by Levin with the 10. A second spade would have kept the defenders one step ahead, but Levin got out with the ♣9,

which went to Bakhshi's queen. At that point, with a view of all four hands, Bakhshi could have succeeded by cashing his high spades and the ♥Q, following with a diamond from hand. No matter what Levin did at that point, the contract was cold. Even if Levin didn't split his diamond honors (doing so would make declarer's job easy), declarer could play any diamond but the ace. When the diamond held, he could play the ace and throw Levin in with a diamond to lead away from his ♣K.

As it was, Bakhshi cashed the top spades and the ♣A before playing a diamond to dummy's jack. That held, but the ♦A was his last trick and he was two down for minus 200.

The score was 201-191 for England with nine boards to play. The Americans wouldn't even need big swings if they could just chip away at the lead. As the match played out, however, England were the ones chipping away. They outscored USA I 14-4 the rest of the way with four small swings to end with a 215-195 victory.

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Venice Cup QF 6



England v USAI



By Brian Senior

England went into the final set of their Venice Cup quarter-final against USAI with a 23 IMP advantage. USAI started to eat away at that lead almost immediately.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ K Q J 3		
	♥ 8 4 3		
	♦ 5 4		
	♣ A J 10 3		
♠ 9 5 4		♠ A 8 6	
♥ J 2		♥ A K 10 9	
♦ Q 9 8 7 6 2		♦ A K J	
♣ 8 5		♣ Q 6 4	
	♠ 10 7 2		
	♥ Q 7 6 5		
	♦ 10 3		
	♣ K 9 7 2		

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Wolpert	Senior	Levin
-	-	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
-	-	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For England, Heather Dhondy used Puppet Stayman then passed the 3♦ response, expecting that to be a safe contract while 3NT would only have good chances to make if partner had a good diamond fit. Sadly for Dhondy, partner did have good diamonds and 3NT was making on any lead. Jill Levin led a low heart against 3♦. Nevena Senior put up dummy's jack and cashed her ten tricks for +130.

Migry Zur-Campanile, for USAI, simply raised to 3NT and crossed her fingers that it would make. When Nicola Smith also led a low heart, Jill Meyers had the same ten tricks as Senior, but for +430 and 7 IMPs to USAI, who closed to 175-191.

USAI picked up 2 IMPs more on a partscore deal followed by another swing on this next deal.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ K 2		
	♥ Q 9 6 4 3		
	♦ 9 8		
	♣ J 9 8 4		
♠ A Q J 6 5 4		♠ 3	
♥ 10 5 2		♥ J 8 7	
♦ A Q 5		♦ K J 10 6 2	
♣ A		♣ 10 6 3 2	
	♠ 10 9 8 7		
	♥ A K		
	♦ 7 4 3		
	♣ K Q 7 5		

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Wolpert	Senior	Levin
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Jenny Wolpert led a heart. Levin won the ace then king to show a doubleton, then switched to the king of clubs. Dhondy won the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond and took the spade finesse. That lost and Wolpert cashed the third heart winner. There was another spade loser to come so the contract was down one for -100.

Sally Brock led a diamond, which Zur-Campanile won in dummy to take the spade finesse. That lost and now Brock found the heart switch but it was too late. With no further entry to the North hand the defence could never get at the third heart trick and declarer got rid of it on the diamonds; nine tricks for +140 and 6 IMPs to USAI, who were getting uncomfortably close, from an English point of view, at 183-191.

Was there a case for declarer, after two rounds of hearts and a club switch, to play ace followed by a low spade, hoping for king-doubleton? She knew that a three-three split would not help on accurate defence if North held the



Migry Zur-Campanile, USAI

king as a fourth round of hearts would promote a second defensive trump trick, and North was favourite to hold the king after South had shown up with ♠AK and ♣KQ. Ace then low would cost the contract only when spades were three-three and South held the king, while taking the finesse would cost on the actual layout.

Board 21. Dealer 21. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 8 5 4 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A 10 8 6	♠ 10 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ K J 10 4 ♣ K J 9 7 2	N W E S	♠ A Q ♥ Q 10 6 5 4 2 ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ 4
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West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Wolpert	Senior	Levin
–	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
–	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Dble	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Jill Levin, USAI

Wolpert opened the North hand while Brock did not, but both became declarer in 3NT. Now, could they make it? because not everyone around the room found their way to nine tricks.

Senior led a heart. Wolpert won in dummy with the ace and led a club to the king followed by a second club to the queen and ace. Dhondy returned a heart, clearing the suit. Having seen the four-one club split, Wolpert judged Senior to be more likely to have the diamond length so ran the jack successfully, and continued with a diamond to the ace. A club to the nine picked up that suit and the run of the clubs squeezed Senior to give the overtrick; +630.

Meyers too led a heart. Brock won dummy's ace and led a club to the king then back to the queen but Zur-Campanile ducked. However, she won the third club and played back a heart to declarer's king. Brock cashed the clubs, at the end of which Meyers was down to queen-doubleton diamond as she held onto enough winners to beat the contract. But only if declarer got the diamonds wrong, and Brock was not going to do that. She cashed the king of diamonds then played the jack to the queen and ace and had four diamond tricks and ten in all for a flat board at +630.

The score had moved on to 196-183 to England with six boards remaining.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 5 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ 5 ♣ A K 8 3	♠ 10 9 8 4 ♥ Q ♦ A K J 3 2 ♣ Q 7 4	N W E S	♠ A 2 ♥ K 10 8 2 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ J 9 6 2
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West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Wolpert	Senior	Levin
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Once again, an American opened a borderline hand while an English player did not. This time it was Levin who

opened the South hand and it was inevitable that game be reached. Smith meanwhile passed as dealer and, though she followed the strongest auction she could from there, Brock was content to play a diamond partscore.

Meyers led a club, Zur-Campanile winning the king, cashing the ace then switching to her trump. Brock won in hand and threw a spade on the queen of clubs then led a spade up. Though Meyers played low smoothly, West was a passed hand and had already shown up with an ace-king, so Brock called for the king and from there had only to give up one spade; ten tricks for +130.

With boards running out, USA I really needed the thin no trump game to make in the other room. Senior led a club so Dhondy won the king and tried a low one back. Wolpert didn't really have a guess, as West would normally have returned the jack to pin dummy's ten had she held that card, so put up the queen. Now she had a chance, because she too knew that West was a passed hand which had already shown an ace-king. The winning line was to play East for the heart king then the spade ace. However, she cashed a couple of rounds of diamonds, seeing the three-one break, then ran the ten of spades. That lost to the queen and the contract was one down for -50 and 5 IMPs to England, stretching the lead to 201-183 with five boards to play.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 7 ♥ K 10 9 6 ♦ Q 10 8 2 ♣ A 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A J 10 9 8 6 3 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ 6 ♣ J 8	♠ 4 2 ♥ A 8 ♦ A J 9 3 ♣ Q 10 4 3 2
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W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Wolpert	Senior	Levin
1♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
INT	2♦	3NT	All Pass

Both Norths showed long spades and led the jack against 3NT. Dhondy won the first spade and took the diamond finesse. When it lost, she waited to lose a string of spades, only to find that Levin did not have a spade to return. Levin's actual heart return went to the jack and ace and Dhondy played a club to her nine, losing to the jack but knowing that Wolpert could not hurt her. Wolpert cashed the ace of spades then returned a heart, ducked by Levin, and Dhondy just cashed out for nine tricks and +400,

Zur-Campanile ducked the opening lead, playing for spades to be six-two and hoping to be able to find nine tricks if she could cut the defensive communications. Brock cashed the ace of spades at trick two then switched to a low heart to the queen and king. Declarer ran the queen of diamonds, losing to the king, and Smith returned a heart to dummy's bare king. There was nothing Zur-Campanile could do, as the defence had a heart to cash if they ever got in with a club. The contract was down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to England, up by 211-183.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 7 6 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ Q J 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ Q 9 8 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ K 8	♠ - ♥ A 10 9 7 6 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ 10 9 5 4
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E							
S							

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Wolpert	Senior	Levin
-	-	-	2NT
Pass	3♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
-	-	-	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

You know it just isn't your day when you bid such a good slam and find that it fails due to a four-nil trump split. Smith's 2NT opening showed 20-22 and 4♦ was long spades with slam interest. However, despite holding a decent hand, Smith signed off in game and the excellent slam was missed. I'm sure Smith had a twinge of worry when dummy went down but smiled to herself after playing a round of trumps and getting the good news; +650.

Levin's 2NT promised a point fewer at 19-21. Wolpert transferred then jumped to 4♠, a non-forcing slam try, and Levin went on with Key-card. On finding that Wolpert had no key cards, Levin checked for the queen of trumps and Wolpert jumped to slam to show that she had it. Down one for -100, unlucky.

That was another 13 IMPs to England, who closed out the match by a deceptively comfortable looking 225-184. As they would freely admit, it was a lot closer than that.

Bermuda Bowl QF3



England v USA I



and continued with the queen, claiming when East won with the ace, +620 and 12 IMPs to the USA.

By Mark Horton

At the start of the third session of their quarter final England led 85-47. However, rather like Manchester United, in their match against Arsenal on Sunday afternoon, they appeared to be still in the dressing room.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥*
2♥	Constructive weak 2 (8-11/9-12)		

West led the six of clubs and declarer won in hand with the jack and decided to play two more rounds of the suit, pitching a diamond from hand. When West ruffed and played the four of diamonds East could win and play another club and one way or another declarer had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦*	Dble	3♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3NT*

- 2NT Asks for feature with a reasonable hand
- 3♣ Good hand, good suit or bad hand, bad suit
- 3♦ Asking
- 3NT Good, good with no shortness

West led the four of diamonds and East won with the queen, cashed the king and switched to the jack of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the king

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A ♣ A Q J 9 6 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 5 3 ♥ A J 10 7 6 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ 10 5	♠ J 9 7 ♥ Q 9 5 2 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ K 7 4
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♠*	3♦
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass
1♣ RM Precision, 16+			
1♠ 5+ hearts, 8+			

Declarer won the diamond lead and played ace of clubs, queen of clubs, for a rapid +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Steve Weinstein, USA I

North found the excellent lead of the ten of diamonds and declarer won and cashed the ace of clubs, continuing with the queen when the Rabbi's rule failed to come to his aid. North won and played the nine of diamonds for a rapid two down, +100 and another 11 IMPs for the USA.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ K 9 6 3		
	♥ J 6 5 3		
	♦ J 10		
	♣ K 8 5		
♠ Q J 8		♠ A 4	
♥ 9 4		♥ 8 7 2	
♦ A Q 8 6 4 2		♦ K 9 7 3	
♣ A 6		♣ Q J 9 4	
	♠ 10 7 5 2		
	♥ A K Q 10		
	♦ 5		
	♣ 10 7 3 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the three of spades and when declarer was able to win in hand with the queen he had nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

South's overall was enough to eliminate notrumps as a possible denomination.

North led the five of hearts and South took two tricks in the suit and switched to the three of clubs. When the finesse lost declarer was one down, -50 and 10 IMPs to USA who won the set 52-16 to close the gap to just 2 IMPs.



Do as you are asked!

By Simon Cochemé

d'Orsi Trophy, RR 21 – USA1 v Austria – Board 16

This was the last board of the last match in the Round Robin.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

	♠ A K Q 4		
	♥ A J 7 6		
	♦ J 9		
	♣ 10 8 5		
♠ 2		♠ 9 8 6 5	
♥ K 5 4 3		♥ Q 10	
♦ 10 5 3 2		♦ Q 8 7 4	
♣ A 6 3 2		♣ Q J 4	
	♠ J 10 7 3		
	♥ 9 8 2		
	♦ A K 6		
	♣ K 9 7		

West	North	East	South
<i>Stalzer</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>	<i>Zia</i>
	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The opening lead was ♥Q. Systemically the lead of the queen asked for the unblock of the jack. Rosenberg thought the lead strongly rated to be from ♥KQ10 and, worried that he might get a club or diamond switch if he followed with a small heart, he decided to do as East had requested and played the ♥J.

Sure enough, East followed up with the ♥10. Rosenberg won and played back a third heart. He might have been put to the test if West played a diamond now, but as it was he won West's spade switch and took two club finesses to wrap up nine tricks.

In the other room, South was held to eight tricks in 3NT. The ♠9 lead was won in dummy and the ♥9 was run to the ♥10. Now East must switch to the ♣Q and West must duck when the ♣K is played from dummy. Not an easy defence to find, but Bob Hamman did indeed shift to the ♣Q and Mark Lair did indeed find the duck. Well done! Klukowski (East) and Gawrys also found this defence for Poland against USA1.

3NT was made eight times and went down five times. The remaining nine declarers went off in 4♠ or 5♠.

USA1's victory in the Seniors, by 80 IMPS to 30 (19.16 VPs), consolidated their position at the top of the table (earning them first choice for the quarter finals) and consigned Austria to ninth place, one position off qualification.



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Team	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
SWEDEN	0.0	56.0	56.0	36.0	92.0	50.0	142.0		142.0		142.0		142.0
USA2	16.0	60.0	76.0	20.0	96.0	33.0	129.0		129.0		129.0		129.0
POLAND	0.0	41.0	41.0	29.0	70.0	29.0	99.0		99.0		99.0		99.0
ENGLAND	4.3	21.0	25.3	23.0	48.3	40.0	88.3		88.3		88.3		88.3

Venice Cup SF

Team	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
FRANCE	6.0	28.0	34.0	43.0	77.0	37.0	114.0		114.0		114.0		114.0
ENGLAND	0.0	25.0	25.0	21.0	46.0	22.0	68.0		68.0		68.0		68.0
USA2	9.5	32.0	41.5	32.0	73.5	39.0	112.5		112.5		112.5		112.5
NETHERLANDS	0.0	36.0	36.0	27.0	63.0	18.0	81.0		81.0		81.0		81.0

d'Orsi Trophy SF

Team	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
USA1	4.5	35.0	39.5	20.0	59.5	71.0	130.5		130.5		130.5		130.5
USA2	0.0	29.0	29.0	21.0	50.0	27.0	77.0		77.0		77.0		77.0
SWEDEN	0.7	37.0	37.7	24.0	61.7	32.0	93.7		93.7		93.7		93.7
POLAND	0.0	16.0	16.0	30.0	46.0	32.0	78.0		78.0		78.0		78.0

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3 NETHERLANDS	199.17	46 INDIA OPEN	159.84
4 BULGARIA OPEN	193.09	47 MALANI	159.49
5 CHINA HENGYUANXIANG	192.78	48 ENFIELD	159.40
6 YBM	190.28	49 BANGALORE BLUE	159.33
7 BULGARIA SENIORS	182.89	50 KOSMOS	159.32
8 CANADA	182.31	51 TWEM	158.73
9 FORMIDABLES	182.19	52 NAVIN	157.76
10 ENGLAND SENIORS	180.79	53 BANGLADESH	157.64
11 GERMANY	179.91	54 PROTEA POPPIES	157.29
12 AUSTRALIA	179.88	55 SARTHAK BEHURIAS	156.98
13 INDONESIA SENIOR	179.83	56 K H POWER	156.39
14 ASKGAARD	179.78	57 CONSTILLATION	156.21
15 BRASIL	179.17	58 INDIAN CHAIN	155.54
16 CHINA RED	179.15	59 SINGAPORE	155.06
17 AJ DIAMENT	178.88	60 AUS WOMEN	154.95
18 P D TIMES	178.33	61 ORIENT XPRESS	154.94
19 CHINA SENIOR	176.87	62 PAKISTAN	154.86
20 SAMADHAN	175.21	63 CORNELL	154.48
21 NIPPON SENIOR	174.37	64 TRANSTASMAN	154.25
22 GORDON	173.85	65 KARTIKEYA	153.45
23 ABA	173.61	66 INDIAN OIL	153.31
24 EQUNAMITY	171.09	67 DECCAN SABARI EXP	152.90
25 POLAND LADIES	170.64	68 KDI	152.88
26 NORWAY	170.04	69 ABCD INDIA K	152.59
27 ARGENTINA	169.94	70 PCBA	152.29
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