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THE WORLD IS WATCHING



The dedicated Bridge Base Online team in Chennai.

Thanks to the wonders of the Internet – take a bow, BBO and OurGame – bridge lovers the world over can follow the drama of the HCL 42nd World Team Championships no matter where they are.

Interest in the game has been stimulated recently by some unwelcome publicity, but watching the game live has always had appeal.

It is still early in the qualifying rounds of the three main events, but there are some surprises through the first two days. Perhaps the biggest is the domination of the Venice Cup by the women from Denmark, starting today with a lead of more than 24 victory points over the Netherlands, in second. USA 1 and USA 2 are virtually tied for third.

France have the lead in the Bermuda Bowl, England in the d'Orsi Trophy. Bulgaria is in the top four in both of those competitions.

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BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

BBO 1 = VuGraph
BBO 6 is also OURGAME

11:00

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| USA1 v USA2 | BBO 1 |
| Poland v France | BBO 2 |
| England v Denmark | BBO 3 |
| USA1 v India (OT) | BBO 4 |
| Denmark v USA2 (VC) | BBO 5 |
| China v Sweden | BBO 6 |

14:30

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Bulgaria v England | BBO 1 |
| Japan v Sweden | BBO 2 |
| Australia v China | BBO 3 |
| Egypt v Austria (OT) | BBO 4 |
| France v USA1 (VC) | BBO 5 |
| China v Netherlands (VC) | BBO 6 |

17:20

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| India v Poland | BBO 1 |
| China v Brazil | BBO 2 |
| Australia v Japan | BBO 3 |
| Canada v USA1 (OT) | BBO 4 |
| Netherlands v Italy (VC) | BBO 5 |
| USA1 v Bulgaria | BBO 6 |



Bermuda Bowl

After Round 6

| TEAM | VP |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 FRANCE | 86.71 |
| 2 USA1 | 86.67 |
| 3 BULGARIA | 84.49 |
| 4 BRAZIL | 81.27 |
| 5 AUSTRALIA | 79.34 |
| 6 CHINA | 77.82 |
| 7 JAPAN | 72.93 |
| 8 SWEDEN | 72.75 |
| 9 POLAND | 68.91 |
| 10 INDIA | 68.17 |
| 11 SINGAPORE | 60.19 |
| 12 USA2 | 60.11 |
| 13 ENGLAND | 55.08 |
| 14 EGYPT | 52.49 |
| 15 CANADA | 46.34 |
| 16 DENMARK | 45.18 |
| 17 JORDAN | 43.66 |
| 18 NEW ZEALAND | 43.03 |
| 19 ARGENTINA | 35.08 |
| 20 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 34.92 |
| 21 SOUTH AFRICA | 34.26 |
| 22 GUADELOUPE | 26.60 |

Medical Help Desk

A team of paramedics will be on hand every day to deal with any medical problems you may have. Their desk is located on the first floor close to the escalators.



Venice Cup

After Round 6

| TEAM | VP |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1 DENMARK | 112.61 |
| 2 NETHERLANDS | 88.54 |
| 3 USA1 | 88.21 |
| 4 USA2 | 84.78 |
| 5 FRANCE | 84.09 |
| 6 POLAND | 78.19 |
| 7 JAPAN | 76.31 |
| 8 ITALY | 76.29 |
| 9 ENGLAND | 70.28 |
| 10 CHINA | 67.70 |
| 11 EGYPT | 65.03 |
| 12 BRAZIL | 57.79 |
| 13 CHINESE TAIPEI | 56.17 |
| 14 AUSTRALIA | 53.00 |
| 15 NEW ZEALAND | 45.78 |
| 16 CANADA | 45.04 |
| 17 VENEZUELA | 37.75 |
| 18 GUADELOUPE | 34.33 |
| 19 PAKISTAN | 34.22 |
| 20 JORDAN | 29.88 |
| 21 INDIA | 19.81 |
| 22 SOUTH AFRICA | 14.20 |

d'Orsi Trophy

After Round 6

| TEAM | VP |
|----------------|-------|
| 1 ENGLAND | 80.40 |
| 2 AUSTRIA | 80.24 |
| 3 BULGARIA | 78.63 |
| 4 USA1 | 77.60 |
| 5 NORWAY | 76.80 |
| 6 POLAND | 75.33 |
| 7 IRELAND | 72.79 |
| 8 INDIA | 72.24 |
| 9 USA2 | 68.46 |
| 10 AUSTRALIA | 68.03 |
| 11 JAPAN | 64.26 |
| 12 CANADA | 61.54 |
| 13 SWEDEN | 57.46 |
| 14 INDONESIA | 55.79 |
| 15 PAKISTAN | 55.40 |
| 16 CHINA | 52.13 |
| 17 EGYPT | 51.93 |
| 18 TUNISIA | 42.54 |
| 19 GUADELOUPE | 37.49 |
| 20 NEW ZEALAND | 35.27 |
| 21 CHILE | 28.73 |
| 22 BRAZIL | 22.94 |



Bermuda Bowl

Round 7 11:00 - 13:20

| | | |
|----|--------------|------------|
| 1 | CHINA | SWEDEN |
| 2 | UAE | AUSTRALIA |
| 3 | NEW ZEALAND | BRAZIL |
| 4 | SOUTH AFRICA | SINGAPORE |
| 5 | USA1 | USA2 |
| 6 | ENGLAND | DENMARK |
| 7 | JORDAN | BULGARIA |
| 8 | EGYPT | CANADA |
| 9 | INDIA | JAPAN |
| 10 | ARGENTINA | GUADELOUPE |
| 11 | POLAND | FRANCE |

Round 8 14:30 - 16:50

| | | |
|----|------------|--------------|
| 1 | AUSTRALIA | CHINA |
| 2 | BRAZIL | UAE |
| 3 | SINGAPORE | NEW ZEALAND |
| 4 | USA2 | SOUTH AFRICA |
| 5 | DENMARK | USA1 |
| 6 | BULGARIA | ENGLAND |
| 7 | CANADA | JORDAN |
| 8 | FRANCE | EGYPT |
| 9 | JAPAN | SWEDEN |
| 10 | GUADELOUPE | INDIA |
| 11 | POLAND | ARGENTINA |

Round 9 17:20 - 19:30

| | | |
|----|--------------|------------|
| 1 | CHINA | BRAZIL |
| 2 | UAE | SINGAPORE |
| 3 | NEW ZEALAND | USA2 |
| 4 | SOUTH AFRICA | DENMARK |
| 5 | USA1 | BULGARIA |
| 6 | ENGLAND | CANADA |
| 7 | JORDAN | EGYPT |
| 8 | AUSTRALIA | JAPAN |
| 9 | SWEDEN | GUADELOUPE |
| 10 | INDIA | POLAND |
| 11 | ARGENTINA | FRANCE |

Venice Cup

Round 7 11:00 - 13:20

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------------|
| 21 | DENMARK | USA2 |
| 22 | USA1 | POLAND |
| 23 | NETHERLANDS | FRANCE |
| 24 | PAKISTAN | CHINA |
| 25 | GUADELOUPE | ITALY |
| 26 | CHINESE TAIPEI | SOUTH AFRICA |
| 27 | AUSTRALIA | EGYPT |
| 28 | ENGLAND | NEW ZEALAND |
| 29 | VENEZUELA | JAPAN |
| 30 | CANADA | INDIA |
| 31 | JORDAN | BRAZIL |

Round 8 14:30 - 16:50

| | | |
|----|--------------|----------------|
| 21 | POLAND | DENMARK |
| 22 | FRANCE | USA1 |
| 23 | CHINA | NETHERLANDS |
| 24 | ITALY | PAKISTAN |
| 25 | SOUTH AFRICA | GUADELOUPE |
| 26 | EGYPT | CHINESE TAIPEI |
| 27 | NEW ZEALAND | AUSTRALIA |
| 28 | BRAZIL | ENGLAND |
| 29 | JAPAN | USA2 |
| 30 | INDIA | VENEZUELA |
| 31 | JORDAN | CANADA |

Round 9 17:20 - 19:30

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------------|
| 21 | DENMARK | FRANCE |
| 22 | USA1 | CHINA |
| 23 | NETHERLANDS | ITALY |
| 24 | PAKISTAN | SOUTH AFRICA |
| 25 | GUADELOUPE | EGYPT |
| 26 | CHINESE TAIPEI | NEW ZEALAND |
| 27 | AUSTRALIA | ENGLAND |
| 28 | POLAND | JAPAN |
| 29 | USA2 | INDIA |
| 30 | VENEZUELA | JORDAN |
| 31 | CANADA | BRAZIL |

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 7 11:00 - 13:20

| | | |
|----|------------|-------------|
| 41 | BULGARIA | AUSTRIA |
| 42 | POLAND | NORWAY |
| 43 | INDONESIA | IRELAND |
| 44 | GUADELOUPE | SWEDEN |
| 45 | AUSTRALIA | NEW ZEALAND |
| 46 | BRAZIL | USA2 |
| 47 | CANADA | CHINA |
| 48 | USA1 | INDIA |
| 49 | ENGLAND | EGYPT |
| 50 | TUNISIA | PAKISTAN |
| 51 | JAPAN | CHILE |

Round 8 14:30 - 16:50

| | | |
|----|-------------|------------|
| 41 | NORWAY | BULGARIA |
| 42 | IRELAND | POLAND |
| 43 | SWEDEN | INDONESIA |
| 44 | NEW ZEALAND | GUADELOUPE |
| 45 | USA2 | AUSTRALIA |
| 46 | CHINA | BRAZIL |
| 47 | INDIA | CANADA |
| 48 | CHILE | USA1 |
| 49 | EGYPT | AUSTRIA |
| 50 | PAKISTAN | ENGLAND |
| 51 | JAPAN | TUNISIA |

Round 9 17:20 - 19:30

| | | |
|----|------------|-------------|
| 41 | BULGARIA | IRELAND |
| 42 | POLAND | SWEDEN |
| 43 | INDONESIA | NEW ZEALAND |
| 44 | GUADELOUPE | USA2 |
| 45 | AUSTRALIA | CHINA |
| 46 | BRAZIL | INDIA |
| 47 | CANADA | USA1 |
| 48 | NORWAY | EGYPT |
| 49 | AUSTRIA | PAKISTAN |
| 50 | ENGLAND | JAPAN |
| 51 | TUNISIA | CHILE |

Psychoswami Returns



Psychoswami has just returned from two years at the base of Chomolungma (known in the West as Mount Everest), in the ashram of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Berra, purifying his soul. The process was completed by bathing in Mother Ganga (the Ganges River) at the holiest of Hindu cities and Psychoswami's home, Varanasi, just before coming to Chennai. Psychoswami was stupefied and horrified to learn of the goings-on in the world of bridge over the past three months. The Maharishi's ashram has not yet joined the nineteenth century, never mind the twenty-first, so high-speed Internet and wi-fi are thus far unknown at the ashram, thus making Psychoswami ignorant of the scandals.

Nevertheless, with a new crystal ball in hand, Psychoswami is prepared to make some predictions on the Bermuda Bowl. Psychoswami should explain that his new crystal ball, engineered at Crystal Ball Palace in Kathmandu, is more properly an aural crystal ball. It is of the finest quality yet seen – one might call it a Michelin three-star crystal ball. A soft caress elicits sounds as well as visions. When Psychoswami gently rubbed Scarlett's (for that is her name) smooth globe, he received conflicting aural data and inconclusive visual data. "God Save the Queen" came from the right hemisphere of the ball and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was heard deep in the recesses of the left side of Scarlett. It was most distressing for Psychoswami to hear Scarlett's battling anthems. But wait, after a few moments, "La Marseillaise" could also be heard faintly in the background. Red, white and blue colours swirled throughout Scarlett.

What did it all mean, Psychoswami wondered? His puzzlement was soon clarified. Eventually, "...the rockets' red glare" drowned out "...our gracious queen". The red, white and blue colours remained, becoming stronger and brighter. It seemed to Psychoswami that Scarlett was predicting a USA-gold, England-silver, France-bronze finish in the Bowl. Is it possible? We shall soon learn.

Venice Cup Round I



India v Netherlands



By T. C. Pant

The Indian ladies kicked off their Venice Cup campaign in the World Teams Bridge Championships against the Netherlands.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|-------|----------|
| Karmarkar | Arnolds | Deora | van Zwol |
| | Pass | 1♣* | Pass |
| 1♦* | Dbl | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

North's 1♣ was strong (17+ HCP) and West's 1♦ showed fewer than 8 HCPs. North tried to interrupt the proceedings by doubling (both majors or both minors) and South's 1♠ showed the spade preference if North had the majors. This created a few problems for West, who bid 2♣, asking for a spade stopper. Karmarkar became declar-



Hema Deora, India

er in 3NT after East bid 3♠, and the pair missed their 4-4 heart fit.

The lead was the ♠J and declarer did well to win the trick with the ace to take the heart finesse. The heart finesse lost, but declarer had four diamonds, three hearts and two aces for nine tricks and plus 400.

In the closed room, East-West reached 4♥, which could have gone down with a spade lead – declarer loses two spades, a heart and a club – but was allowed to make for a 1-IMP gain to the Dutch team.



Marianne Karmarkar, India

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Karmarkar | Arnolds | Deora | van Zwol |
| | | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |

Over South's 1NT, Arnolds transferred to hearts then bid 4NT (quantitative). Van Zwol bid 5♥ to play, but Carla Arnolds went on to 6♥, which was cold when the hearts split 2-2. In the closed room, the quantitative 4NT was passed for a 12-IMPs loss for India.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|---------|-------|----------|
| Karmarkar | Arnolds | Deora | van Zwol |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

The 2♦ bid could have been 3-10 high-card points with a long major, strong balanced or strong with diamonds. South bid 2♠ to play in case North held the weak hand. North's 3♣ showed a strong hand with diamonds and another suit. South bid 3♦ to ask about the other suit.

The final contract was 3NT and on the heart lead by West, East won the top hearts and returned the suit. When West discarded her clubs, there were 11 tricks for declarer. That was 2 IMPs for Netherlands when the other table scored only 9 tricks for 400.

Board 4 saw India scoring 1 IMP for an extra trick in 3NT, and board 5 was a flat board played in 4♥ in both rooms and scored with an extra trick.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|---------|-------|----------|
| Karmarkar | Arnolds | Deora | van Zwol |
| 1♦* | Pass | 1♥ | INT |
| Pass | 3♣ | 3♥ | All Pass |

1♦ was 11-15 (Precision style) and over 1♥ by East, South's INT showed clubs and spades. Though East-West stopped accurately at 3♥, the defense was killing. South led her singleton diamond and North, after winning with the ace, gave a ruff to her partner. South now led a club and when East inserted the queen, North won with the king and gave another ruff. The ♠A and the trump ace were taken for two down.

In the closed room, East-West were in 4♥, but friendly defense allowed them nine tricks, giving another 3 IMPs to the Netherlands team.

Board Nos. 7, 8 and 9 turned out to be flat boards with no swings. Then came board 10, which could have provided some swing, but both pairs played in 4♥, making 13 tricks.

On the next deal, another slam was in the offing and it was bid by both pairs for another push.

Board 12 saw India playing in 2♥, making nine tricks for plus 140, whereas Netherlands went overboard, reaching 4♣ and going one down for 6 IMPs to India. But Netherlands gained 2 IMPs on the next board when they scored 10 tricks in 2♥, whereas the Indian team could score only eight tricks. Board 14 was a flat 3NT with both sides taking their nine tricks.

The last board of the round turned out to be bad for the Indian team.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|-------|----------|
| Karmarkar | Arnolds | Deora | van Zwol |
| Pass | 1♥ | INT | 2♥ |
| 2NT | All Pass | | |

East bid INT over North's 1♥ and West's 2NT was lebensohl, asking partner to bid 3♣. With 18 HCPs and tolerance in both minors, East opted to pass out 2NT.

South came out with the dangerous lead of ♠10 and North won with the Ace and returned the ♠Q. Now declarer was not interested in taking any risks and was happy to take her six diamonds along with spade king and ♥A. In the closed room, East-West reached 3NT and were lucky enough to receive the ♥K lead, which allowed the contract to score. That was 10 important IMPs to the Netherlands, who won the match 36-7 (16.58 VPs).

Superior French slam bidding

By Jan van Cleeff

France v. China, Bermuda Bowl, Round 1

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



François Combescure, France

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>Sin</i> | <i>Bessis</i> | <i>Kang</i> | <i>Volcker</i> |
| Pass | 3♦* | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 3♠* | Pass | 3♥* |
| Pass | 4♠* | Pass | 4♦* |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | 5♦* |
| 3♦ | 6+♥, slamgoing | | |
| 3♥ | fit | | |
| 3♠ | control | | |
| 4♦ | control | | |
| 4♠ | ♠ + ♣ control | | |
| 5♦ | control | | |

West led a club, ducked in dummy. East won the club king, but when the trump queen dropped, the slam was made. Not a bad slam to be in after all, missed though at the other table. That was good for thirteen IMPs to France.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| <i>Combescure</i> | <i>Li</i> | <i>Rombaut</i> | <i>Hu</i> |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 2♦* | Dble | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♠* | Pass | 3♥* | Pass |
| 4♦* | Pass | 3NT* | Pass |
| 5♣* | Pass | 4NT* | Pass |
| 6♥* | All Pass | 5NT* | Pass |

- ♦ relay
- 3♥ 3♥, max
- 3♠ control
- 3NT 'waiting'
- 4♦ control
- 4NT RKC
- 5♣ 0-3 key cards
- 5NT Kings?
- 6♥ No

When hearts and clubs behaved, 13 tricks were for the taking. Still, again 13 IMPs to France, when the slam was not bid at the other table.



Frédéric Volcker, France

Video Corner



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Day 1 d'Orsi Cup



Day 1 Venice Cup



World Championship Book 2015

The official book of these championships will be available around April next year. It will cover all the best of the action from all the different championships, including a full listing of participants and results and many photographs, and will be in full colour throughout. The writers are Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and GeO Tislevoll.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35-00 or £22-00 (plus postage from some retailers). If you pre-order and pay in Chennai the special price is US\$30-00 or 2000 Rupees, post free, and the books will be sent out as soon as I have them. To order, see Jan Swaan in the Press Room, next to the vugraph theatre on the second floor.

Brian Senior

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The Annual subscription is \$42 or its equivalent in other currencies. New members in Chennai pay for 2016 and receive membership for November and December 2015 free.

IBPA's Annual General Meeting and Awards will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 3rd October (venue to be announced).

It will be followed by a Press Trip (leaving around 11 a.m.) including lunch, returning before the third match of the day. IBPA members must register for the trip in the Press Room where more details are given.



Journalists' Outing on Saturday 3rd October

Organized and offered by the IBF Indian Bridge Federation

- 11.00 a.m.** Departure by coach from ITC Grand Chola
- 12.00 a.m** Lunch at Novotel Chennai (with beer and soft drinks) **1 ½ hrs**
- 02.00 p.m.** Reach Dakshinchitra (<http://dakshinachitra.net/>) - Living cultural museum of art, architecture and performing arts of South India.
Traditional welcome (Jasmine bracelet, sandal paste and kumkum, panner spray) **5 min**
- 02.05 p.m.** Orientation film (Tender coconut water will be served) **15 min**
- 02.20 p.m.** Group will be divided into three and a guide will accompany each group and taken around the Museum.
Demonstration & hands on activities - pottery, palm leaf thoranum, basket weaving **1 hr**
- 3.20 p.m.** Traditional Tamilnadu Folk performance- Thappattam/ Oyillattam/ Devarattam (Kanali area) **15 min**
- 3.35 p.m.** Craftshop **25 min**
Each of the delegates will be given a complimentary palm leaf bird/fish.
- 4.00 p.m.** Departure from Dakshinchitra
- 5.15 p.m.** Reach ITC Grand Chola (*at the latest*)

BB R2 - Slip-sliding away



USA 2 v Bulgaria



By Brent Manley

In their opening-round match, USA 2 fell to Denmark by a score of 42-20. The team hoped to regroup in their second-round match against Bulgaria. About halfway through the set, it appeared that the Americans had righted the ship, surging to a 37-0 lead. Unfortunately for them, the momentum then changed dramatically.

The teams started with a push, but it could have been a gain for USA 2.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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| <p>♠ 10 6 ♥ A Q J 10 7 2 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ A 6</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 | | <p>♠ K 9 8 7 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 4 3 2</p> | <p>♠ J 5 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 8 7 6 3 ♣ K J 5</p> |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>West <i>Gunev</i></p> | <p>North <i>Demuy</i></p> | <p>East <i>Nanev</i></p> | <p>South <i>Kranyak</i></p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Dbl 2♥ 4♥</p> | <p>Pass 1♥* 2♠ All Pass</p> | <p>Pass Pass Pass 3♥</p> | <p>1♦ 1♠ Pass</p> | | | | | | | | | |

Vince Demuy's 1♥ bid showed spades. He led the diamond four when Rossen Gunev got to the heart game. Gunev had no chance when Kranyak shifted to the ♠A at trick two. The opponents collected their spade tricks and there was an unavoidable loser in trumps, so he was soon one down for minus 50. At the other table:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| West <i>Wooldridge</i> | North <i>Stefanov</i> | East <i>Hurd</i> | South <i>Mihov</i> |
| 4♥ | 2♠ All Pass | Pass | 3♠ |

The 2♠ bid showed spades and another suit. Julian Stefanov started with the ♦2 (low from doubletons), taken by Vladimir Mihov with the ace. When Mihov returned a diamond, Joel Wooldridge had a chance for a 10-IMP gain. He won with the ♦K, cashed the ♣A and played a club to dummy's jack. When that held, he cashed the ♣K for a

spade pitch, but then undid his good work by taking the heart finesse. Stefanov won and put his partner in with a spade to the ace. The diamond ruff was the setting trick and a push.

USA 2 scored first on the next board when John Kranyak opened a nine-count that got his side to a good 6♦ contract, scoring plus 1370 against 650 at the other table for 4♥ with an overtrick. It was 12-0 USA 2.

The margin grew to 25-0 on the next deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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| <p>♠ A 8 7 5 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ 8 2</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 | | <p>♠ K 6 ♥ Q 9 5 3 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K 6 5 3</p> | <p>♠ 9 3 ♥ A J 6 4 ♦ A 5 ♣ A Q J 10 7</p> |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>West <i>Gunev</i></p> | <p>North <i>Demuy</i></p> | <p>East <i>Nanev</i></p> | <p>South <i>Kranyak</i></p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Pass 2♥* 3♣ 3♠</p> | <p>1♥ Pass Pass Pass</p> | <p>INT 2♠ 3♦ 3NT</p> | <p>Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p> | | | | | | | | | |

Kranyak started with the ♠4, ducked to Demuy's king. The spade return was ducked, declaring winning the third round with dummy's ace. Declarer played a club to his queen, cashed the ♦A and played a diamond to the king to take another club finesse, but when the suit did not break, declarer was out of tricks, finishing two down for minus 200.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| West <i>Wooldridge</i> | North <i>Stefanov</i> | East <i>Hurd</i> | South <i>Mihov</i> |
| Pass 2♣ 2♠ | Pass Pass Pass | INT 2♥ 3NT | Pass Pass All Pass |

Mihov started with the ♦10, John Hurd playing dummy's jack. When that held, he played a diamond to his ace, followed by the ♣A and the ♣Q. When both opponents followed to two rounds of clubs, Hurd claimed for plus 600 with four clubs, three diamonds and the major-suit aces. That was 13 IMPs to USA 2.

Soon there were more IMPs for USA 2.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Gunev | Demuy | Nanev | Kranyak |
| | | 3♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Nanev led the ♠5, taken in dummy. Demuy led a low diamond to his king and when that held he claimed with six clubs, two spades and the diamond. Plus 400 to USA 2. At the other table, Hurd's 3♥ opening with the East hand was passed out. He went one down for minus 100, but USA 2 had gained 7 IMPs. They were now in the lead 32-0. The margin grew on the next deal.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Gunev | Demuy | Nanev | Kranyak |
| 1♠ | All Pass | | 1♣* |
| 1♣ | Strong, artificial and forcing. | | |

Demuy led the ♦9, taken in dummy with the queen. Gunev played a spade at trick two, won by Kranyak with the king. A second round of diamonds was won by declarer with the jack, and he exited with a low spade. Demuy's ♠8 won the trick, and he played the ♥J, ruffed by declarer. The ♠9 went to Kranyak's 10, and he took declarer's last trump by cashing the trump ace. The ♣J went to declarer's ace. Kranyak ruffed the ♦A and cashed two hearts for one down and plus 100.

The bidding was the same at the other table, Wooldridge having overcalled 1♠. The opening lead was the same, taken in dummy to play a spade. Mihov won with the ♠K and tried the ♥K, ruffed. Now the ♠Q went to Mihov's ace. Wooldridge took the club shift with the ace and played a spade to South's 10. Wooldridge managed seven tricks for plus 80 and another 5 IMPs. It was 37-0 at that point.

The Americans would score only one more IMP the rest of the way as Bulgaria amassed 40 IMPs. It started with a 6-IMP gain when Stephanov and Mihov stopped in 3♥, just making, while Demuy and Kranyak got to game, going down for minus 100. A push was followed by a 13-IMP swing to Bulgaria on this deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Gunev | Demuy | Nanev | Kranyak |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 1NT |
| All Pass | | Pass | 6NT |



Julian Stefanov, Bulgaria

Gunev started with a low heart to dummy's ace. Kranyak cashed dummy's top diamonds and continued with the $\diamond 10$, East showing out. Kranyak took the $\diamond A$ and tried a low spade: queen, king, ace. Gunev won the next spade with the jack and cashed the $\diamond J$ for two down, plus 200. At the other table, Stephanov and Mihov stopped in 4NT, making 10 tricks for plus 630 and 13 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Another 4 IMPs went to Bulgaria when Stefanov played in $1\spadesuit$ doubled, making two, for plus 260 against $2\spadesuit$, making, for plus 110. That closed the margin to 37-23, with more IMPs to come for Bulgaria.

Another 5 IMPs went to Bulgaria when Wooldridge and Hurd overbid to $4\heartsuit$, down one for minus 50, and Gunev and Nanev played $2\spadesuit$, making three, at the other table for plus 140. On the penultimate board, Bulgaria gained an overtrick IMP to closed to 38-29 (USA 2 had scored an overtrick IMP on board 29). This was the final deal:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| \spadesuit A K Q J 10 | | |
| \heartsuit K 9 6 | | |
| \diamond 10 7 5 | | |
| \clubsuit 6 4 | | |
| \spadesuit 9 6 5 | N | \spadesuit 8 7 3 |
| \heartsuit — | W | \heartsuit A 10 8 7 2 |
| \diamond K Q 9 6 4 3 | E | \diamond J |
| \clubsuit 10 7 3 2 | S | \clubsuit A Q J 9 |
| \spadesuit 4 2 | | |
| \heartsuit Q J 5 4 3 | | |
| \diamond A 8 2 | | |
| \clubsuit K 8 5 | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| Gunev | Demuy | Nanev | Kranyak |
| Pass | INT* | Pass | $2\diamond^*$ |
| Dbl | Redbl | Pass | $3\diamond^*$ |
| Pass | $3\heartsuit$ | Pass | $4\heartsuit$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

INT 3+ to 16.

This contract was doomed by the bad split in trumps. Nanev led his singleton diamond, taken by the ace. A heart from dummy revealed what Demuy must have suspected about the trump distribution. He managed to escape for one down and minus 100. He could only hope that North-South at the other table arrived at the same contract. It was not to be.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|------|-------|
| Wooldridge | Stefanov | Hurd | Mihov |
| $2\diamond^*$ | $2\spadesuit$ | 2NT | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |
| $2\diamond$ | weak two-bid | | |

Mihov took five spade tricks, two hearts, a club and a diamond for nine tricks and plus 400. That was good for 11 IMPs and a 40-38 victory.

Championship Diary

One of the innovations at these championships is the introduction of a second Bulletin that is 'live' which enables us to present breaking news and spectacular deals long before the publication of the Daily Bulletin.

To access it, visit: www.wbchampbulletin.org

If you would like to make a comment, ask a question or submit an article to the Bulletin email it to: markhorton007@hotmail.com

The Hospitality Desk (located on the first floor) will be happy to recommend restaurants you might like to visit. The Madras Pavilion in the hotel offers a terrific dinner buffet.

Yesterday, one of the Editors wore the traditional Dhoti Kurta. When it was explained that the studs at the top are interchangeable and that it is quite common for them to be made out of gold or diamonds he commented - 'I'll take the diamonds.'

Naturally a number of pictures were taken (no doubt you will be able to find one on the Internet) and as a result a volunteer was requested to pose in the Loin Dhoti favoured by Mahatma Gandhi. Jan van Cleeff stepped forward - now all we need to do is find a photographer.

As you may be aware bridgewinners.com is conducting a poll to see who is favoured to win the Championships.

At the end of round 4, Brian Senior posed the question - 'has any team currently received more votes than it has won victory points'.

On Sunday evening we went in search of the Australian Women's team to obtain a photograph for a report on their second-round Venice Cup match. Having located them we asked who had played, to which they replied 'None of us.'

Yesterday an attack was made against the WBF server, which meant the site was unavailable for some time. It is not clear from where the attack originated.

Venice Cup Round 3



China v England



By Brian Senior

Two of the favourites for the Venice Cup, 2013 beaten finalists England, and China, met in the third round of this year's event. England had been given a tough draw for the first day, having already met Poland and France, and were hoping for a solid win to get back to average, while China's big win over New Zealand in Round 2 had put them into a handy position already, and they just wanted to complete a good day.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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| ♠ 10 9 8 7 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A Q J 7 5 ♣ 9 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ Q J 6 ♥ Q 10 9 6 2 ♦ 4 ♣ A J 8 2 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♠ K 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ Q 10 7 5 4 | | ♠ A 4 2 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ K 6 3 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| – | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | Pass |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | 3♥ | All Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| – | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1♦ | 1♠ | 2♥ | 2♠ |
| 3♥ | 3♠ | 4♥ | All Pass |

For China, Yu Zhang opened the shapely ten-count as dealer – of course, it is safer to do so when playing limited openings as in the Chinese Precision Club, where 1♠ goes up to only 15 HCP, than in standard methods, where it could go as high as 21 or so – and the English E/W pair were only in a balancing auction so stopped at the three level. Hongli Wang led the ten of diamonds, which held the trick, and continued with a second diamond to the jack and ruff. Fiona Brown ran the queen of hearts, thinking the king was likely to be in the South hand, now that North was marked with ♦AQJ, but that lost to the king, and Zhang returned her singleton club. Brown rose with the ace and ran the ten of hearts. Next she led a spade to the king and

a second spade for the queen and ace. She ruffed the diamond return and, down to only one trump in each hand, had to play on clubs before drawing the missing trump. The jack of clubs held so she cashed the spade jack, pitching a club from dummy, before playing another club. Hongli won the king but had to concede the last two tricks; +140.

Nevena Senior, playing two-over-one, did not open the North hand – she might have been more inclined to do so had her suits been switched around, but the lack of any lead-directing benefit would always swing any borderline decision. Qi Shen opened in fourth seat, a Precision 1♦, and the N/S intervention added just a little momentum to the auction so that the poor heart game was reached. Heather Dhondy cashed the ace of spades and, not seeing any future in the suit, switched to the ten of diamonds, continuing the suit when it held the trick. Wenfei Wang ruffed the second diamond and led a spade to the king then ran the queen of clubs. Dhondy won the king and played a club back for Senior to ruff and there was still a trump to be lost; down two for –100 and 6 IMPs to England.

There were two flat boards, but then China struck back.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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| ♠ 9 2 ♥ A K 7 6 5 4 ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ 5 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ K Q 6 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A K Q 9 8 2 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♠ A 8 4 3 ♥ 9 ♦ K J 10 8 6 4 ♣ J 3 | | ♠ J 10 7 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 10 7 6 4 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| Pass | 1♥ | 3♣ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 3♥ |
| 4♣ | All Pass | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| Pass | 1♥ | 2♣ | 2♥ |
| Dble | 3♥ | 4♠ | All Pass |

Wenfei overcalled 2♣ and, when Shen could make a take-out double of the simple heart raise (isn't that South hand a pre-emptive 3♥ raise, even when vulnerable?), jumped to 4♣. Senior, meanwhile, had raised only to 3♥ as she thought a 4♥ bid would ensure 4♠ from her opponents (which she expected to be making) while they might stop in 3♠ over

3♥. No, that didn't work out, and with 5♥ going down only one to defend 4♠ was a little soft. Of course, E/W might have gone on to 5♠, but they were not put to the test. After two rounds of hearts from Dhondy there were 11 tricks for +650.

Fiona Brown judged to treat the East hand as an intermediate jump overcall and the spades were lost. Catherine Draper competed to 4♣ over 3♥ but that was that. It could have been worse, of course – N/S might have bid 4♥ and been allowed to play there. Anyway, Hongli led the nine of diamonds to the ten and queen. Zhang switched to her club so Brown won the jack and led the king of diamonds, ruffing out Zhang's ace. She drew trumps now and had the rest for +170 but 10 IMPs to China, leading by 10-6.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| Draper | Zhang | Brown | Hongli W |
| – | Pass | Pass | 1♣ |
| Dble | 1♦ | 2♥ | Dble |
| 3♥ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Shen | Senior | Wenfei W | Dhondy |
| – | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| 1♥ | Dble | 3♥ | Dble |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Hongli opened a strong club and Draper doubled to show both majors. However, particularly at this vulnerability, that could have been only four-four, and the auction followed rather predictable lines to 3NT, against which Brown's heart lead saw the suit cleared immediately to put the defence in control. The contract was down one for –100.

Dhondy's 1♦ opening was always unbalanced, and Shen overcalled. Senior made a negative double and Dhondy a responsive double of the pre-emptive raise. Shen now went on to 4♥, an odd choice in my view, and Dhondy doubled again, ending the auction. Senior led a diamond to the ten and ace and there were five losers; down two for –300 and 9 IMPs to England, who were back in the lead at 15-10.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|-------|----------|
| Draper | Zhang | Brown | Hongli W |
| – | – | – | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ |
| 3♣ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|--------|----------|----------|
| Shen | Senior | Wenfei W | Dhondy |
| – | – | – | 1♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

On a passive lead, 6♣ is an interesting contract on the E/W cards, but slam was never in the picture in our match.

Zhang responded with the North hand while Senior did not after both Wests had passed over the 1♥ opening due to their huge heart holding. Hongli raised the 1♠ response and now Draper came in with a club overcall, raised to game by Brown. At the other table, Wenfei made a balancing double of 1♥ and Shen left it in, as who would not?

Zhang led the jack of hearts against 5♣, after which twelve tricks were straightforward for +620.

The play in 1♥ doubled was rather more challenging. Shen led the king of clubs so Dhondy won the ace and ruffed her



Yu Zhang, China



Nevena Senior, England

remaining club then led the queen of spades to the king, ace and ruff. Imagining that declarer might have another club to be ruffed in dummy, Shen cashed the ace of hearts before attempting to cash the club queen. Dhondy ruffed and led a spade and Shen ruffed. She played another club, allowing Dhondy another cheap ruff. Now Dhondy exited with another spade, but that allowed Shen to ruff, shortening her trump holding to the same length as declarer, and now ace and another diamond put Wenfei in to cash the jack of spades then lead through declarer at trick twelve to hold her to one more trump trick, down two for -500 but 3 IMPs to England; 18-10.

Had Dhondy exited with a diamond instead of a spade at the end, East would have had only one entry and could not have both allowed West to shorten her trumps and still be on lead at trick twelve. Declarer would therefore have got out for down only one and that would have given England an extra 6 IMPs.

China gained 2 overtrick IMPs on Board 8, then something more substantial on this next deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| - | 1♦ | 1♠ | Dble |
| INT | All Pass | | |

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| - | 1♣ | 1♠ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | All Pass | |

Senior opened 1♣ (1♦ would always be unbalanced in her methods) and Dhondy showed a constructive club raise, Senior describing her hand-type by bidding 2NT, which ended the auction. Wenfei led a low spade, Senior rising with dummy's jack to run the ten of diamonds. that lost to the bare queen and Wenfei exited passively with a heart. Senior won in dummy and led a second diamond and Shen took the ace to play a spade through; down one for -50.

Zhang opened a Precision 1♦ and Hongli made a negative double of the 1♠ overcall. Draper now bid 1NT to show her scattered values and was left to play there - interesting that Hongli did not feel the need to double with 11 HCP facing an opening bid. Zhang led a low diamond to dummy's bare queen. Draper played a heart to the queen and ace and Zhang tried a low club switch. Hongli won the king and returned the ten of diamonds, ducked, followed by her remaining diamond to declarer's ace. Draper played a heart to Hongli's king and back came a low club. Had Draper risen with the queen, she would have had her contract by way of the marked spade finesse, but she played low and now the roof caved in. there were two more diamonds to be lost, plus the clubs, and the contract was three down for -300 and 8 IMPs to China; who had the lead at 20-18.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| | | | |
|--|-------------|--|--|
| | ♠ A Q 5 4 3 | | |
| | ♥ A K 10 | | |
| | ♦ J 8 6 3 | | |
| | ♣ J | | |

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| - | - | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♣ | 2♠ | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| - | - | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♣ | 2♠ | Dble | Rdbl |
| 3♣ | Pass | Pass | 3♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Whatever the relative merits of Brown's 3♥ and Wenfei's competitive double in theory, the double worked out much better in practice on this deal. The more committal 3♥ bid saw Draper raise to game and Hongli double, while the double saw Shen repeat her excellent club suit then settle for defending 3♠.

Hongli led the jack of clubs against 3♠. Brown won and led a heart to her nine, losing to the ten. Hongli returned a diamond and Brown had little option but to discard from dummy and hope to find the ace on her left. Zhang won the ace returned a club, not appreciating that her partner had no interest in receiving a ruff. Hongli took the ruff and cashed out for down two and -500.

Against 3♠, Shen led the ace then queen of clubs, Dhondy ruffing. Declarer led a diamond to the ace followed by the eight of spades for the king and ace. Next came three rounds of hearts, ruffing with the nine, and a second club ruff in hand ensured nine tricks for +140, but 8 IMPs to China, who now led by 28-18.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------|----------|
| Draper | Zhang | Brown | Hongli W |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ | 2♦ |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| 5♠ | All Pass | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|----------|--------|
| Shen | Senior | Wenfei W | Dhondy |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♦ | 2♦ |
| Dble | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Shen opened a strong club and, when Wenfei first made the 1♦ negative response then could bid only 2♠ at her next turn, had no temptation to go past game. Dhondy led the seven of hearts. Wenfei rose with dummy's ace and led a diamond to the eight and ten. She won the heart return with the king and played three top clubs for a heart discard followed by a heart ruff with the jack, over-ruffed by South. Dhondy returned a spade, ducked to the king, and Senior

returned a spade. Wenfei had the rest; ten tricks for +420.

Draper opened 1♣, natural or 11-14 balanced, and Brown responded with the East four-count, 1♥ being a transfer to spades. Draper splintered but was then unwilling to settle for game when Brown signed off. She asked for key cards then signed off in 5♠ on discovering that her partner had none. Five Spades was dangerously high on the combined hands and it proved to be fatally so on the actual layout. Hongli too led the seven of hearts. Brown won the ace and played three top clubs for a heart discard then a diamond. Zhang put up the queen so Brown covered with the king, losing to the ace. A second heart was won with the king and Brown cashed the ace of trumps before ruffing a heart. Hongli over-ruffed and returned the jack of diamonds. Brown could ruff and cash the ten of clubs then ruff the last heart so was one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to China; 38-18.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| Draper | Zhang | Brown | Hongli W |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Dble |
| Rdbl | 1♠ | 2♦ | 2♠ |
| 3♦ | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| 5♦ | Dble | All Pass | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|----------|--------|
| Shen | Senior | Wenfei W | Dhondy |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| 2♦ | All Pass | | |

Brown opened 1♣, natural or 11-14 balanced, and Hongli doubled. Draper's redouble showed diamonds, so Brown could compete over Zhang's 1♠. Unfortunately, though the N/S auction hardly sounded confident, that was sufficient to convince Draper to save in 5♦ over 4♠. That would have been a much better idea facing four-card support, of course - was this a support double situation for them, or would those only apply facing a major-suit response?

With 4♠ due to fail on accurate defence, 5♦ was a bit of a disaster for E/W. Hongli led her club to the queen and ace and Brown tried a diamond to the ten, losing to the queen. The defence played two rounds of hearts now so Brown led a club to the seven and king and next came two

rounds of spades. She ruffed but there was still the ace of trumps to be lost; down three for -500.

In the other room, Wenfei opened 1♦, Precision, and Dhondy overcalled 1♥. When Shen's 2♦ came back to her, Dhondy decided that she had the wrong short suit for a take-out double so passed it out. I don't think South can afford to overcall then pass with a hand of such potential, and it did not work out well on this occasion.

Dhondy led her singleton club to the queen and ace and Wenfei returned the suit, losing to the king. Senior returned a heart and Dhondy won and returned the suit. Wenfei tried to sneak the eight of clubs through for a spade pitch but Dhondy knew it was a winner so ruffed and was over-ruffed. Declarer played a heart now, but Senior ruffed in with the bare queen and returned a spade. Dhondy had the two aces to take but that was all; eight tricks for +90 and 11 IMPs to China, whose lead was up to 49-18.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| - | Pass | Pass | INT |
| 2♣ | 3♣ | 4♣ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 5♦ |
| Pass | Pass | 5♠ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| - | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| 1♠ | 3♠ | 4♦ | 4♥ |
| 4♣ | 5♦ | 5♠ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Hongli opened INT, 14-16, and Draper's overcall showed spades and a minor. Zhang now transferred to diamonds and Brown raised to 4♣. When that came back to Zhang she doubled to show her extras and, with a big diamond fit, Hongli duly bid 5♦. That would have been just one down so it was necessary that E/W bid on to 5♠ and Brown duly did so, hoping that one or other contract was due to succeed. It sounded to Zhang as though her opponents were saving, and perhaps Hongli's pass was forcing(?), so she doubled, and found that there were 12 easy tricks in a spade

contract and she had just turned -680 into -1050.

At the other table, Dhondy opened 1♦, always unbalanced, and Senior splintered over the 1♠ overcall. Wenfei in turn showed her diamond shortage on the way to 4♣ and Dhondy cuebid, just in case her partner was strong. Senior's 5♦ was her weakest action at this point as the partnership was forced to game, but Dhondy appears to have thought that she was in a forcing situation so doubled because she didn't want to hear her partner bid on. Well, she was right that 6♦ was not making but, as we have seen, there were 12 tricks in 5♠ doubled and the board was flat at +1050 for E/W

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| - | - | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| - | - | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

While 4♣ can be defeated easily enough, I guess we should congratulate Draper/Brown for outbidding Shen/Wenfei by getting there rather than to the horrible heart game. The key was East's third bid. It may seem obvious to bid no trump with that club holding, but I like stressing the spades - 3NT will often have communication problems. Draper did well to raise Brown's 3♣ to game, while Shen felt that she had to bid out her shape facing the 3NT call.

Senior led the seven of clubs to the jack and queen and Dhondy switched to a heart to the king and ace. Senior continued with a second heart and Shen in turn won and played a third round. rather than set up a club winner in the dummy, Senior accurately switched to a spade. Shen had to win the ace and cash the queen and jack but was left with two diamond losers for down two and -100.

Hongli led the three of hearts against 4♠ and the king lost to the ace, Brown falsecarding with the six. A club through lost to the queen and back came a second heart to the king. Brown could read the hearts as likely being three-three so cashed the king of spades then ruffed a heart, drew trumps and had ten tricks for +420 and 11 IMPs to England; 29-49. The defence needed to take the late diamond entry off the table to beat the contract, as they would then have come to two more club tricks.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 9 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 4 ♣ 10 8 6 3 | <table border="1" style="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 | | ♠ 5 ♥ K 9 7 4 2 ♦ K J 7 ♣ A K J 7 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ A Q 6 2 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ 9 5 2 | | ♠ K J 10 8 7 4 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ 5 3 ♣ Q 4 | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| – | – | – | 2♦ |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |
| | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| – | – | – | 3♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

What would be your opening bid with the South cards? I am not one to be too critical of anyone who pre-empt to the limit (or sometimes even beyond the limit), but you can certainly make a powerful case against opening 3♠ vulnerable with a 7-2-2-2 shape and only moderate spades. On another day 3♠ could have been a big winner, but today it went two passes to East and the take-out double was left in for an easy down three and –800.



Hongli Wang, China

Hongli opened a level lower, via a multi 2♦, and Draper doubled to show a weakish no trump type or any big hand, and was happy to then pass Brown's double of 2♠. That was the same six tricks for declarer but only –500 and 7 IMPs to China. They led by 56-29 going into the final deal.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ A 9 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 9 8 7 6 ♣ A K 4 | <table border="1" style="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 | | ♠ Q 10 7 5 4 2 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ Q ♣ 10 8 2 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ K J 8 6 ♥ 9 7 5 2 ♦ K ♣ J 9 7 6 | | ♠ – ♥ Q J 8 6 ♦ J 10 5 4 3 2 ♣ Q 5 3 | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Draper</i> | <i>Zhang</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hongli W</i> |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | All Pass | |
| | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Shen</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Wenfei W</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | All Pass | | |

Six Diamonds is on the missing trumps dividing one-one, and on the actual deal they do so. One of our pairs got all the way to 2♦ while the other defended a spade partscore the other way.

Senior opened 1♣, clubs or balanced stronger or weaker than a 15-17 no trump, and Wenfei overcalled. I think South should double now – even if partner has 11-14 balanced, how bad can it get? Dhondy passed and Shen's jump raise to 3♠ shut her opponents out.

Dhondy led the queen of hearts. Wenfei won the ace and played a trump, Senior winning the ace, cashing the heart king and exiting with a trump. Wenfei won in hand and led a third trump and Dhondy threw the five of clubs, upside down carding. That seems unnecessary, and when Wenfei next played a heart and Dhondy won and returned the three of clubs the suit had been blocked. Senior in practice cashed the king and ace and that crashed the queen; down two for –200.

Zhang opened a strong club then rebid INT, 17-19. I do not understand Hongli's decision to use Stayman then pass the response. Limited as she was by her initial 0-7 response, how could it hurt to continue with 3♦? They would not have bid the borderline slam, but Zhang would surely have gone on to game. Two Diamonds made 12 tricks for +170 but 1 IMP to England.

China ran out winners by 56-30 IMPs, converting to 16.09-3.91 VPs. They would be very happy with their first day's work, England rather less so.

RESULTS

Venice Cup

Round 4

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|--------------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 21 | JORDAN DENMARK | 10 | 56 | 1.23 | 18.77 |
| 22 | CANADA USAI | 3 | 49 | 1.23 | 18.77 |
| 23 | VENEZUELA NETHERLANDS | 17 | 48 | 3.12 | 16.88 |
| 24 | USA2 PAKISTAN | 70 | 19 | 19.25 | 0.75 |
| 25 | POLAND GUADELOUPE | 23 | 19 | 11.20 | 8.80 |
| 26 | FRANCE CHINESE TAIPEI | 54 | 24 | 16.73 | 3.27 |
| 27 | CHINA AUSTRALIA | 10 | 61 | 0.75 | 19.25 |
| 28 | ITALY ENGLAND | 25 | 30 | 8.52 | 11.48 |
| 29 | SOUTH AFRICA NEW ZEALAND | 22 | 35 | 6.48 | 13.52 |
| 30 | BRAZIL EGYPT | 31 | 30 | 10.31 | 9.69 |
| 31 | JAPAN INDIA | 55 | 18 | 17.72 | 2.28 |

Round 5

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|----------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 21 | DENMARK CANADA | 62 | 5 | 19.77 | 0.23 |
| 22 | USAI VENEZUELA | 57 | 28 | 16.58 | 3.42 |
| 23 | NETHERLANDS USA2 | 14 | 33 | 5.20 | 14.80 |
| 24 | PAKISTAN POLAND | 19 | 66 | 1.13 | 18.87 |
| 25 | GUADELOUPE FRANCE | 20 | 55 | 2.55 | 17.45 |
| 26 | CHINESE TAIPEI CHINA | 27 | 32 | 8.52 | 11.48 |
| 27 | AUSTRALIA ITALY | 24 | 33 | 7.45 | 12.55 |
| 28 | ENGLAND SOUTH AFRICA | 85 | 26 | 19.93 | 0.07 |
| 29 | NEW ZEALAND EGYPT | 28 | 39 | 6.96 | 13.04 |
| 30 | JORDAN JAPAN | 24 | 60 | 2.41 | 17.59 |
| 31 | INDIA BRAZIL | 44 | 58 | 6.25 | 13.75 |

Round 6

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|------------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 21 | VENEZUELA DENMARK | 9 | 51 | 1.67 | 18.33 |
| 22 | USA2 USAI | 35 | 20 | 13.97 | 6.03 |
| 23 | POLAND NETHERLANDS | 27 | 30 | 9.09 | 10.91 |
| 24 | FRANCE PAKISTAN | 46 | 28 | 14.60 | 5.40 |
| 25 | CHINA GUADELOUPE | 22 | 17 | 11.48 | 8.52 |
| 26 | ITALY CHINESE TAIPEI | 18 | 19 | 9.69 | 10.31 |
| 27 | SOUTH AFRICA AUSTRALIA | 9 | 26 | 5.61 | 14.39 |
| 28 | EGYPT ENGLAND | 16 | 67 | 0.75 | 19.25 |
| 29 | BRAZIL NEW ZEALAND | 41 | 37 | 11.20 | 8.80 |
| 30 | JAPAN CANADA | 44 | 16 | 16.42 | 3.58 |
| 31 | INDIA JORDAN | 19 | 56 | 2.28 | 17.72 |

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 4

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|--------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 41 | JAPAN BULGARIA | 15 | 35 | 5.00 | 15.00 |
| 42 | TUNISIA POLAND | 22 | 20 | 10.61 | 9.39 |
| 43 | ENGLAND INDONESIA | 29 | 24 | 11.48 | 8.52 |
| 44 | AUSTRIA GUADELOUPE | 31 | 27 | 11.20 | 8.80 |
| 45 | NORWAY AUSTRALIA | 33 | 39 | 8.24 | 11.76 |
| 46 | IRELAND BRAZIL | 76 | 14 | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| 47 | SWEDEN CANADA | 5 | 15 | 7.20 | 12.80 |
| 48 | NEW ZEALAND USAI | 27 | 44 | 5.61 | 14.39 |
| 49 | USA2 INDIA | 20 | 23 | 9.09 | 10.91 |
| 50 | CHILE CHINA | 25 | 55 | 3.27 | 16.73 |
| 51 | EGYPT PAKISTAN | 19 | 55 | 2.41 | 17.59 |

Round 5

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|---------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 41 | BULGARIA TUNISIA | 61 | 25 | 17.59 | 2.41 |
| 42 | POLAND ENGLAND | 50 | 41 | 12.55 | 7.45 |
| 43 | INDONESIA AUSTRALIA | 37 | 31 | 11.76 | 8.24 |
| 44 | GUADELOUPE NORWAY | 20 | 76 | 0.31 | 19.69 |
| 45 | AUSTRALIA IRELAND | 43 | 14 | 16.58 | 3.42 |
| 46 | BRAZIL SWEDEN | 33 | 54 | 4.81 | 15.19 |
| 47 | CANADA NEW ZEALAND | 55 | 10 | 18.66 | 1.34 |
| 48 | USAI USA2 | 26 | 17 | 12.55 | 7.45 |
| 49 | INDIA CHINA | 36 | 45 | 7.45 | 12.55 |
| 50 | JAPAN EGYPT | 55 | 47 | 12.29 | 7.71 |
| 51 | PAKISTAN CHILE | 28 | 29 | 9.69 | 10.31 |

Round 6

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|--------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 41 | ENGLAND BULGARIA | 32 | 19 | 13.52 | 6.48 |
| 42 | AUSTRIA POLAND | 22 | 26 | 8.80 | 11.20 |
| 43 | NORWAY INDONESIA | 26 | 23 | 10.91 | 9.09 |
| 44 | IRELAND GUADELOUPE | 57 | 21 | 17.59 | 2.41 |
| 45 | SWEDEN AUSTRALIA | 20 | 40 | 5.00 | 15.00 |
| 46 | NEW ZEALAND BRAZIL | 28 | 59 | 3.12 | 16.88 |
| 47 | USA2 CANADA | 23 | 41 | 5.40 | 14.60 |
| 48 | CHINA USAI | 9 | 45 | 2.41 | 17.59 |
| 49 | CHILE INDIA | 28 | 51 | 4.44 | 15.56 |
| 50 | EGYPT TUNISIA | 23 | 23 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 51 | PAKISTAN JAPAN | 26 | 38 | 6.72 | 13.28 |

Bermuda Bowl

Round 4

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|---------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | POLAND CHINA | 23 | 27 | 8.80 | 11.20 |
| 2 | ARGENTINA UAE | 38 | 25 | 13.52 | 6.48 |
| 3 | INDIA NEW ZEALAND | 42 | 13 | 16.58 | 3.42 |
| 4 | SWEDEN SOUTH AFRICA | 38 | 28 | 12.80 | 7.20 |
| 5 | AUSTRALIA USAI | 26 | 32 | 8.24 | 11.76 |
| 6 | BRAZIL ENGLAND | 45 | 20 | 15.92 | 4.08 |
| 7 | SINGAPORE JORDAN | 66 | 19 | 18.37 | 0.63 |
| 8 | USA2 EGYPT | 20 | 39 | 5.20 | 14.80 |
| 9 | DENMARK CANADA | 15 | 56 | 1.29 | 17.71 |
| 10 | FRANCE BULGARIA | 26 | 19 | 11.53 | 7.47 |
| 11 | JAPAN GUADELOUPE | 24 | 15 | 12.55 | 7.45 |

Round 6

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|-----------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | INDIA CHINA | 13 | 36 | 4.44 | 15.56 |
| 2 | SWEDEN UAE | 55 | 15 | 18.09 | 1.91 |
| 3 | AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND | 65 | 17 | 18.97 | 1.03 |
| 4 | BRAZIL SOUTH AFRICA | 87 | 6 | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | SINGAPORE USAI | 5 | 31 | 3.91 | 16.09 |
| 6 | USA2 ENGLAND | 25 | 15 | 12.80 | 7.20 |
| 7 | DENMARK JORDAN | 23 | 47 | 4.26 | 15.74 |
| 8 | BULGARIA EGYPT | 49 | 24 | 15.92 | 4.08 |
| 9 | FRANCE CANADA | 24 | 31 | 7.97 | 12.03 |
| 10 | JAPAN ARGENTINA | 45 | 5 | 18.09 | 1.91 |
| 11 | GUADELOUPE POLAND | 19 | 34 | 6.03 | 13.97 |

Round 5

| Match | | IMPs | | VPs | |
|-------|------------------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | CHINA ARGENTINA | 51 | 20 | 16.88 | 3.12 |
| 2 | UAE INDIA | 19 | 66 | 1.13 | 18.87 |
| 3 | NEW ZEALAND SWEDEN | 29 | 40 | 6.96 | 13.04 |
| 4 | SOUTH AFRICA AUSTRALIA | 38 | 64 | 3.91 | 16.09 |
| 5 | USAI BRAZIL | 47 | 25 | 15.38 | 4.62 |
| 6 | ENGLAND SINGAPORE | 21 | 45 | 4.26 | 15.74 |
| 7 | JORDAN USA2 | 17 | 72 | 0.39 | 19.61 |
| 8 | EGYPT DENMARK | 34 | 46 | 6.72 | 13.28 |
| 9 | CANADA BULGARIA | 19 | 63 | 1.45 | 18.55 |
| 10 | POLAND JAPAN | 19 | 47 | 3.58 | 16.42 |
| 11 | GUADELOUPE FRANCE | 13 | 65 | 0.66 | 19.34 |

Electronic Surveillance Equipment



In order to access the playing rooms you will have to pass through an electronic screening device.

Unnecessary delays can be avoided by ensuring that you are not carrying anything that will activate the equipment.



No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking are prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.



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