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TWO FOR THE ROAD

As competitors in the 42nd World Bridge Championships were contemplating their trips back home, the final two champions in the tournament were determined on Saturday.

In an exciting Bermuda Bowl final, Sweden charged into the lead with a huge seventh set, outscoring Poland 70-6 to take a 16.5-IMP lead. In the final set, momentum swung the other way and Poland earned another title with a 307.5 - 293 victory.

In the World Transnational Open Teams final, the Pierre Zimmermann squad was dominant against Bulgaria Open, winning all but the last set for a 125-91 victory.



Poland wins the Bermuda Bowl.



Team Zimmermann, the winners of the World Transnational Open Teams.

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RESULTS

Transnational Final and Play-Off

Team	1	2	3	Tot
BULGARIA OPEN	39.0	13.0	39.0	91.0
ZIMMERMANN	47.0	55.0	23.0	125.0
ASKGAARD	18.0	30.0	48.0	
YBM	33.0	32.0	65.0	

Thank You

The USA2 Venice Cup team would like to thank Sylvia Moss, who was on the team which won the trials for Chennai, so helped them to be here, but fell ill so was unable to come to the championships.

Also, thank you to Juanita Chambers, who filled in at the last minute. Juanita and partner Joann Glasson had never played a board together prior to the start of the championships.

Bermuda Bowl

Finals

Team	c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6t	7	8	Tot
SWEDEN	0.0	37.0	57.0	60.0	10.0	7.0	19.0	70.0	33.0	293.0
POLAND	10.5	39.0	36.0	18.0	61.0	45.0	27.0	6.0	65.0	307.5



WBF PRESIDENT FAREWELL

Dear Friends,

And so we come to the end of the Championship that, this evening, we are celebrating all together with our Indian Hosts and, may I say and remark, with our Indian Friends.

The Bridge Federation of India and the Local Organising Committee, under the leadership of NRK Moorthy, to whom we owe a huge debt of thanks, welcomed us with open arms and hosted us in a superb way, with the tradition and culture of this marvellous land.

I would like, in addition, to thank my colleagues of the Executive Council and all the members of the Championships Committee for the very good job done.

A great part of the success of this championship has to be credited to our marvellous staff, who did an excellent exemplary job. I will now call on the various departments of these Championships to please stand to receive from all of us the more than deserved applause.



All the Indian staff and volunteers have done a sterling job in organizing this event, which has gone very smoothly from all points of view, and I would like you all to know just how much we appreciate your efficiency, enthusiasm, dedication and friendship.

I think that you will all agree that the playing conditions have been splendid and you will all have taken advantage in addition to the accommodation, of the services and the facilities (including the much appreciated services of free coffee, tea and biscuits) provided by the ITC Grand Chola. To the ITC Grand Chola Management and to its very kind and dedicated personnel, led by Anil Chadha, goes our appreciation and thanks, which all of them truly deserved.

During the Opening Ceremony we had the opportunity to meet the main sponsor of this marvellous event, Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder and Chairman of HCL, without whose support this championship would not have materialized. We are pleased and honoured to award him with the WBF Plaque. Today he is represented by Mrs. Nadar, Vice President of the HCL and I am pleased to invite her to the podium to receive the award.

Our thanks go to the Reviewers Ata Aydin, PO Sundelin and Herman De Wael;

the Tournament Directors who have worked unstintingly headed by Max Bavin ably assisted by Matt Smith and Antonio Riccardi with Jeanne van den Meiracker, Bertrand Gignoux, Laurie Kelso, Bernardo Biondo, Slawek Latala, Mihaela Balint, Antony Ching, Waleed El Menyawi, Ihsan Qadir, Yunjian Tang, MBV Subrahmanyam, Pranab Bhattacharya, VK Sharma;

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the Daily Bulletin coordinated by Jean-Paul Meyer, edited by Mark Horton and Brent Manley, ably assisted by Saila Ranjan Das, Micke Melander, TC Pant, Brian Senior and Jan van Cleeff "dressed" by Francesca Canali for the online version and by Monika Kümmel for the printed version;

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the Duplication Team duplicated thousands of boards chaired by Monica Gorreri, ably assisted by SR Chandrasekaran, Franco Crosta, Chetan Raval and Paolo Vecchio;

the Main Office overseen by Gianni Bertotto assisted by Alex Van Dongen with Sanjay Chakraborty and Sumathi Iyer and with Buddy Sha as coordinator of the caddies.

last but not least the Operation Director Maurizio Di Sacco, the On Site Organizer Nirmal Rajagopalan, the Services Coordinator Simon Fellus and the Championship Secretary Armand Trippaers.

Of course the greatest contribution to the success of the championship has to be recognised as you, the players, the protagonists in celebrating it. On behalf of the WBF and the Staff and also personally I want to express to you our gratitude and to say to all of you, thank you. And I believe that the best sign of the appreciation from the WBF Officers and Staff is to stand and to applaud you.

We tried to do our best in managing and running the championship and we hope, dear friends, to have been able to satisfy your expectations and to had been able to give you the opportunity to enjoy your play and your stay in Chennai.

Have a safe journey back home.

Un abbraccio to you all
Gianarrigo Rona



Thanks to the Daily Bulletin team

The 42nd World Bridge Teams Championships in Chennai has been one of the most enjoyable tournaments for me since I worked at a World Championship for the first time in 2000.

I owe thanks to the WBF, especially President Gianarrigo Rona, for having the confidence to invite me to another tournament. I also want to thank Jean-Paul Meyer, our coordinator, for offering the usual support for all of us.

Members of the Daily Bulletin team have worked very hard to produce interesting, lively material for the printed edition of the publication as well as the online version. Special thanks are due to Mark Horton and Francesca Canali, who managed the Internet version of the Daily Bulletin.

Mark combined that duty with his usual sparkling prose. Brian Senior did yeoman's work again in his incisive match reporting. Francesca combined the Internet layout work with her duties as a photographer. With her camera, she worked tirelessly to provide everything we needed for match reports, the front page and more.

Monika Kümmel was even better as our layout editor than she was last year in Sanya, and she has acquired the extra skill of, shall I say, monitoring our activities to make sure we met our deadlines.

Other key contributors were Jan van Cleeff, T.C. Pant, our energetic Indian reporter and new friend, Micke Melander, who reported from faraway Sweden, plus the unofficial roofreading duo of Herman De Wael and Barry Rigal, both of whom also had other tournament responsibilities.

— Brent Manley

Roll Of Honour

Bermuda Bowl

Gold : POLAND :

Piotr Gawryś, Krzysztof Jassem, Jacek Kalita, Michał Klukowski, Marcin Mazurkiewicz,
Michał Nowosadzki, Stanisław Gołębiowski (coach)

Silver : SWEDEN :

Tommy Bergdahl, Fredrik Nyström, Johan Sylvan, Johan Upmark, Niklas Warne, Frederic Wrang,
Jan Lagerman (npc)

Bronze : USA2 :

Vincent Demuy, Paul Fireman, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge,
Shane Blanchard (npc)

This is the sixth World Championship for Piotr Gawryś, after the 1984 Olympiad, the 1992 Individual, the 2000 Transnational Mixed, the 2005 Transnational Open and the 2014 Rosenblum. He is the first to win all four open team world titles.

Krzysztof Jassem and Marcin Mazurkiewicz were also on the Sanya Rosenblum team, as was Michał Klukowski. Klukowski became the youngest-ever world open champion last year, and aged 19 and 4 months, he is now the youngest-ever winner in a Bermuda Bowl. Bobby Levin (23 and 10 months) was previously the youngest winner.

Michał Nowosadzki adds a senior World Title to his under-20 one of 2004. He and Michał Klukowski, who was under-20 world champion in 2012, become the first persons to achieve that particular double.

Bronze medallists John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge, Vincent Demuy and Gavin Wolpert once sat at the same table in a semi-final of a World Championship, at the 2005 Juniors. Demuy and Wolpert were playing for Canada at the time. Hurd and Wooldridge, and John Kranyak won the match and went on to win the title for the USA.

Bermuda Bowl

Gold : Poland :
*Piotr Walczak (npc),
Piotr Gawrys,
Michał Klukowski,
Stanisław Gołębiowski (coach)
Krzysztof Jassem,
Jacek Kalita,
Michał Nowosadzki,
Marcin Mazurkiewicz*



Silver : Sweden :
*Fredrik Nyström,
Tommy Bergdahl,
Frederic Wrang,
Johan Upmark,
Niklas Warne,
Johan Sylvan,
Jan Lagerman (npc)*



Bronze : USA2 :
Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Joel Wooldridge, Shane Blanchard (npc), Gavin Wolpert



Roll Of Honour

Venice Cup

Gold : FRANCE :

Deborah Campagnano, Bénédicte Cronier, Elisabeth Hugon, Vanessa Réess, Sylvie Willard,
Joanna Zochowska, Laurent Thuillez (npc)

Silver : USA2 :

Juanita Chambers, Lynn Deas, Joann Glasson, Beth Palmer, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow,
David Sokolow (npc)

Bronze : ENGLAND :

Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith,
Derek Patterson (npc), David Burn (coach)

This is the third Venice Cup win for Bénédicte Cronier and Sylvie Willard, after 2005 and 2011. Cronier has one other World title, the Individual of 2000. Vanessa Reess was also on the 2005 winning team, Joanna Zochowska on the 2011 one.

Nicola Smith has won her 16th medal in world championships, making her the most-medalled woman in history. Sabine Auken is second on that list with 15. Bénédicte Cronier (13) now equals Kerri Sanborn's total.

Véronique Bessis and Cathérine d'Ovidio do not add to their total, but Lynn Deas joins them on 12. Sylvie Willard and Sally Brock have both won their 11th medals here. Tobi Sokolow (10 medals now) is the only other woman with ten medals or more.

Venice Cup



Gold : France :
Deborah Campagnano, Elisabeth Hugon, Laurent Thuillez (npc), Sylvie Willard, Jean-Daniel Chalet, Bénédicte Cronier, Vanessa Réess, Joanna Zochowska, Yves Aubry



Silver : USA2:
*Lynn Deas,
Juanita Chambers,
Joann Glasson,
Janice Seamon-Molson,
David Sokolow (npc)
Tobi Sokolow,
Beth Palmer,*



Bronze : England :
Heather Dhondy, David Burn (coach), Catherine Draper, Sally Brock, Derek Patterson (npc), Nicola Smith, Nevena Senior, Fiona Brown,

Roll Of Honour

d'Orsi Trophy

Gold : USAI :

Bob Hamman, Mark Lair, Hemant Lall, Zia Mahmood, Reese Milner, Michael Rosenberg,
Petra Hamman (npc), Jacek Pszczoła (coach)

Silver : SWEDEN :

Sven-Åke Bjerregård, Per Gunnar Eliasson, Anders Morath, Johnny Östberg, Göran Selldén,
Björn Wenneberg, Tommy Gullberg (npc), Carina Wademark (coach)

Bronze : POLAND :

Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romański,
Jerzy Russyan, Włodzimierz Wala (npc), Andrzej Biernacki (coach)

Bob Hamman has won his 13th World title, still two fewer than Giorgio Belladonna. Pietro Forquet had 14, Massimo d'Alelio 13, Walter Avarelli and Benito Garozzo 12, while Bobby Wolff is the only other player in double figures, with 10 World Championships. It is Bob Hamman's 28th medal in a World Championship, he holds that particular record since 1994, when he won his 20th to overtake Belladonna's 19 medals. Only Bobby Wolff has also surpassed Belladonna (exactly 20 medals).

Zia Mahmood won his fourth title and tenth medal.
Reese Milner has won two Rand Cups (the Senior title during the World Bridge Series), but it is his first d'Orsi trophy.

Anders Morath adds a silver medal to the two bronzes he won in the Bermuda Bowl (1977 and '91), Sven-Åke Bjerregård too has a bronze from 1991.

Julian Klukowski won his tenth medal. He has two bronzes in Bermuda Bowls (1981, 89) and is the record holder in seniors events with eight medals since 1998.

d'Orsi Trophy

Gold : USA 1 :

**Hemant Lall,
Bob Hamman,
Michael Rosenberg,
Zia Mahmood,
Reese Milner,
Jacek Pszczoła (coach)
Petra Hamman (npc),
Mark Lair,**

**and
Mazhar Jafri,
vice president of the WBF**



**Silver : Sweden:
(in alphabetical order)**

**Sven-Åke Bjerregård,
Per Gunnar Eliasson,
Anders Morath,
Johnny Östberg,
Göran Sellén,
Björn Wenneberg,
Tommy Gullberg (npc),
Carina Wademark (coach)**



**Bronze : Poland :
(in alphabetical order)**

**Krzysztof Lasocki, Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romański,
Jerzy Russyan, Włodzimierz Wala (npc), Andrzej Biernacki (coach)**

Roll Of Honour

Transnational Open Teams

Gold : ZIMMERMANN :

Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann (pc) (MON), Krzysztof Martens (player & coach) (POL)

Silver : BULGARIA OPEN :

Diyen Danailov, Rossen Gunev, Vladimir Mihov, Ivan Naney, Jerry Stamatov, Julian Stefanov (BUL), Vladislav Nikolov Isporski (npc)

Bronze : YBM :

Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran (ISR), Shih Juei-Yu, Yeh Chen (TPE), Wang Ping, Zhang Yalan (CHN), Chen Chi Hua (npc), Yeh Tong Shu-Ping (coach)

All five members on the Zimmermann team have won the Transnational Open teams before. Franck Multon and Pierre Zimmermann twice, in 2007 and 2009. Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness were on the same winning team in 2009, while Krzysztof Martens won it in 1997.

Helgemo now has six titles and 16 medals, Helness five titles and 14 medals (they both won an Individual world title – not in the same year, of course - while Helgemo has one junior title). Multon has five titles and 12 medals, Zimmermann three titles and seven medals. Martens also has three titles and seven medals, not counting all his medals as coach.

World Transnational Open Teams



Gold : Zimmermann :
Franck Multon, Geir Helgemo, Krzysztof Martens, Tor Helness, Christine Zimmermann, Pierre Zimmermann (pc)

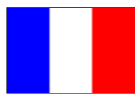


Silver : Bulgaria Open:
*Rossen Gunev,
 Diyan Danailov,
 Julian Stefanov
 Jerry Stamatov,
 Vladimir Mihov,
 Ivan Nanev,*



Bronze : YBM :
(in alphabetical order)
*Ehud Friedlander, Inon Liran (ISR), Shih Juei-Yu, Yeh Chen (TPE), Wang Ping, Zhang Yalan (CHN),
 Chen Chi Hua (npc), Yeh Tong Shu-Ping (coach)*

Venice Cup Final



France v USA2



By Brian Senior

Segment 4

Virtually tied overnight at France 96.67 USA2 96, two tired teams embarked on their final day of these championships full of hope and eager for a fast start to the new day.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ – ♦ Q 10 8 7 5 ♣ A Q J 9</p>	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A J ♥ A K 7 3 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ 10 7 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 9 8 5 ♦ A 6 ♣ 8 4</p>
<p>♠ K 5 2 ♥ 10 6 4 2 ♦ J 9 3 ♣ K 6 3</p>			

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
–	INT	All Pass	

Both Norths opened INT and were left to play there. If that seems surprising given that West has a three-suiter containing decent values, Sokolow/Molson had no way to show this combination – Sokolow would have been able to show a hand with five spades and four cards in a minor, but not based on a four-card major. Elisabeth Hugon/Debra Campagnano play different defences according to the strength of the INT opening. I would have thought that Palmer/Deas's 14-16 would qualify as strong for most pairs, which would have allowed Hugon to double to show a five-card or longer minor and four-card major.

Anyway, Molson led the eight of hearts and Cronier, not reading this as fourth-best, played low from dummy. Sokolow pitched the five of diamonds, standard count and attitude, and Cronier won the king and led a low club to the king and ace. Sokolow returned the nine of spades, Cronier winning with the jack and leading a low club. Sokolow won the nine, cashed the jack then queen and led a second spade to declarer's ace. Cronier tried a low heart from hand, Molson winning the jack and playing ace and another diamond to declarer's king. Cronier cashed the

king of hearts then misguessed by exiting with a diamond to Sokolow's two winners rather than a heart to Molson, who had only one heart and a losing spade. That meant down two for –100.

Campagnano led the queen of hearts. Palmer won the ace and returned a low heart, Campagnano winning the jack and switching to ace and another diamond in response to her partner's discards of an encouraging five of diamonds (odd to encourage) and spade eight. Palmer won the king of diamonds, cashed the ten and king of hearts, and tried a club to the king and ace. Hugon, who had pitched a club and a diamond on the hearts, now cashed the queen of diamonds then played a spade. Palmer won the jack, cashed the ace, and exited with a club, and Hugon had to give the last trick to dummy's king of spades; seven tricks for +90 and 5 IMPs to USA2, who had the lead at 101-96.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 4 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ K J 9 4 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 10 6 3 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ A 10 7</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 5 ♥ K J 10 9 8 4 ♦ – ♣ Q 8 5 2</p>
<p>♠ A 9 7 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A K Q J 7 3 2 ♣ 6</p>			

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
–	–	3♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
–	–	2♦	3NT
All Pass			

Campagnano opened a multi and Deas made the practical overcall of 3NT, leaving West to guess which major her partner held. That ended the auction and Hugon guessed to lead the two of spades rather than the killing ace and another heart. That went to the queen and ace, and Deas cashed the diamonds then the spades as Campagnano threw her remaining cards in the suit, so that there was no danger, and had 12 tricks for +690.

Molson opened a level higher – I like three-level openings on six-four hands so she earns my approval (not that that

will be of any great interest to her, I'm sure) – and Willard could not risk 3NT with only queen-doubleton heart and judged to double rather than bid any number of diamonds. She followed up with 4♦ over the 3♠ response and Cronier bid 4♥ to show a good raise to 5♦, just in case her partner might be interested in slam. Not this time, and Willard signed off in 5♦, against which Sokolow led ace and another heart and Molson won and played a third round.

Willard ruffed high and rattled off a few rounds of trumps then led a club to the ace and ruffed a club. She cashed the remaining trumps next and threw two spades from dummy, and both defenders also pitched a spade. The nine of spades won the last trick and Willard had made an 'impossible' game for 600 but still 3 IMPs to USA2; 104-96.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
–	–	–	1♠
2♦	4♠	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
–	–	–	1♠
2♦	4♠	5♦	Dble
All Pass			



Deborah Campagnano, France

Both Wests overcalled 2♦ and both Norths made a preemptive raise to 4♠, bullying East into bidding 5♦. Deas doubled that while Willard did not.

Both Norths led a spade. Declarer ruffed then crossruffed in the black suits, drew trumps and gave up a heart, making 12 tricks. That was +620 for Sokolow but +950 for Hugon and 8 IMPs to France, up by a fraction of an IMP at 104.67-104.

A series of flat boards followed, then USA2 went back into the lead on this next deal.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
–	–	–	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Both Souths settled for a simple 3♠ response to the take-out double and were happy not to have been more optimistic when they saw the dummy.

Sokolow led the nine of hearts to the jack and king and Molson returned the two of hearts for her to ruff. Sokolow returned the king of clubs to pin dummy's queen so Willard won the ace and played king of spades and a spade to the ace then ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, Molson discarding a diamond, and ruffed another heart. Molson over-ruffed the next club and cashed the heart ace, leaving everyone with three diamonds. When she now led a low diamond and declarer put in the ten, Sokolow correctly played low and the defence had a diamond to come as the setting trick; down one for –100.

Hugon too led her singleton heart but Campagnano switched to her club at trick two. Deas won the ace and cashed the king and ace of spades then led a low heart off the dummy, Campagnano going in with the ten and returning a low diamond to the ten, king and ace. Deas led the jack of hearts to the ace and ruff, ruffed a club and, when Campagnano discarded a diamond, cashed the heart eight then led a diamond to the nine and cashed the queen. Another club was ruffed and over-ruffed, and there was still a trump to come; ten tricks for +170 and 7 IMPs to USA2, ahead by 111-104.

France struck back on the next board when Palmer/Deas

were down one in 3♥ for -50 while Sokolow/Molson were down four in 3NT for -200; 6 IMPs and down by only 110-111, and a couple of overtrick IMPs gave them the lead. Then that lead changed hands yet again.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
1♥	2NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

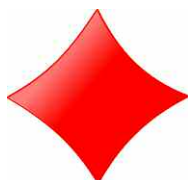
West	North	East	South
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
1♥	2NT	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Both Norths showed a minor two-suiter then showed great restraint in not committing to the minors at their next turn, Cronier doubling to show extras while Palmer went quietly.

Palmer led ace then nine of diamonds – a great start for declarer. Hugon won the king and played the king of clubs, Palmer winning the ace and exiting with the king of spades to dummy's ace. Hugon led the six of hearts and ran it, then continued with a second heart, again ducked. With the lead still in dummy, Hugon could lead a third round through the ace-queen. This time Deas won her ace and returned the queen. Hugon won and had the rest for +420.

Cronier led the ace of clubs then switched to ace and another diamond to Sokolow's king. Sokolow ruffed a winning club to get to dummy to run the seven of hearts and, when that held, continued with a second round. Willard won the ace and returned a club. Sokolow won that and led a low spade to the king and ace then took the heart finesse and claimed for +590 and 5 IMPs to USA2.

The set ended with USA2 in a narrow lead at 119-114.67. There were two sets to go.



Segment 5

USA2 had eked out a narrow lead during the first session of day two of the Venice Cup final. They led France by 119-114.7 with 32 deals to play. The match was still far too close to call.

The first five boards featured just a single IMP in favour of France; 115-119. The next board also saw only a small swing but it was anything but dull.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
-	-	2♦	2♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
-	-	3♥	3♠
4♥	6♣	All Pass	

Molson opened with a multi, not liking to open at the three level with this hand when vulnerable, while Campagnano did open 3♥. Both Souths overcalled and their partners just leaped to 6♣, the practical action with the expectation that partner would have opening values for the overcall. Of course, at this vulnerability, South would strain to show spades as it might be necessary to save over an opposing 4♥.

Molson led the eight of diamonds, which made it all very easy for Sokolow, as it marked declarer with diamond length. Her ten forced the ace and Cronier rattled off all but one of the club winners before playing a diamond. Sokolow took two of those plus the ace of hearts and the contract was two down for -100.

Campagnano led the queen of hearts and Hugon won the ace and returned a club. Palmer cashed a lot of clubs, throwing two diamonds from dummy then four spades. Hugon discarded one diamond so now ace and another set up the third diamond and the contract was down one for -50 but 2 IMPs to USA2; 121-115.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
–	–	–	1♦
1♥	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Sokolow overcalled 1♥ and Cronier doubled to show four spades but that did not dissuade Molson from introducing her own rather better spade suit. When Sokolow showed a sound overcall by bidding a second time without a fit, Molson was happy to compete with 2♠ over 2♦ and was allowed to play there.

Willard cashed the ace of diamonds, collecting a count-showing nine from Cronier. She switched to a heart to her partner's king and Cronier reverted to diamonds. Willard won the king and she in turn switched back to hearts. Cronier won and returned a club so Willard won and continued the suit. Molson won in dummy and led a spade to the jack, just losing one trump trick for down one and -100.

In the other room, Hugon did not overcall, probably not liking the weakness of the suit, and Palmer responded 1♠. Here, that 1♠ bid could have been more than four cards, of course, and that dissuaded Campagnano from getting involved facing a passed partner. That proved to be well-judged, as the Americans got to the wrong minor after a slightly mysterious Precision auction (I see nothing on their convention card to explain the 2♥ rebid).

Hugon led a low heart which Deas won with the ace. She led a low club and ducked it to Hugon's ten, won the heart return with the king and led a diamond to the eight, losing to the queen. Hugon cashed the queen of hearts, Campagnano throwing her remaining diamond, then switched to her spade. Campagnano won the jack and continued with the ace, ruffed and over-ruffed, and back came a diamond for a ruff with the jack of clubs. There was

still one more trump to come for the defence so the contract was down three for -300 and 9 IMPs to France, who were back in the lead at 124-121.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Cronier	Molson	Willard
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Hugon	Palmer	Campagnano	Deas
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	2♠	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Deas opened with a strong club, 16+, then showed her diamonds and then the clubs. Palmer, who had initially promised only semi-positive values but then bid 3NT over 3♦, felt that she was worth only a simple raise to 5♣ when perhaps a 4♠ cuebid was an option. That ended the auction.

Deas won the spade lead and played on trumps and on regaining the lead could set up diamonds to get rid of dummy's heart losers so had 12 tricks for +420.

Willard opened with a natural 1♦ then bid 3♣ facing a passed partner so was known to have good playing strength and Cronier, having passed twice, was well worth her spade cuebid on the way to game. Willard checked on key cards then bid the small slam.

A heart lead would have beaten 6♣ but Sokolow led a spade and Willard too could win and play trumps then diamonds to make 12 tricks for +920 and 11 IMPs to France. The lead moved up to 136-121.



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Molson</i>	<i>Willard</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Campagnano Deas</i>	
–	–	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Deas opened with a Precision 1♦ and Palmer made a negative double then competed to 3♥ when Hugon rebid her spades. Looking at a weak no trump, Deas had no reason to go on to 4♥ on what could have been an eight-card fit and duly passed.

Willard opened 1♣ and Cronier bid 2♥ over 1♠. Willard only raised to 3♥ but, when Sokolow competed with 3♠, took the push to game – who knows, it might make and, if not, perhaps 3♠ would be making the other way.

With a spade and a diamond to be lost, 4♥ is of course a dreadful contract, but has one priceless merit – it makes! The doubleton king-queen of clubs meant that there was only one club loser so Deas made +170 but Cronier +620 and that was another 10 IMPs to France, and the lead grew to 146-121.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Molson</i>	<i>Willard</i>
<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Campagnano Deas</i>	1♥
–	–	–	
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Two identical and very simple auctions saw both Wests declare 5♠ doubled.

Cronier led the two of hearts, showing an odd number in the suit, so Willard knew to cash the second heart and then switched to her spade for the queen and ace. Willard had no reason to lead low from jack-doubleton, so Cronier should have given the ruff now but instead attempted to cash the ace of clubs. That was ruffed and Sokolow had the rest for down one; –100.

Palmer too led the two of hearts. Deas won the ace then cashed the king and switched to the spade. Palmer won and gave the ruff so that was two down for –300 and 5 IMPs to USA2; 126-146.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Molson</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Hugon</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Campagnano Deas</i>	
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Sokolow opened 1♠ then raised Molson's invitational raise to game. She won the club lead in hand to take the spade finesse and had 11 tricks for +450.

In the other room, something went badly wrong with the French auction. Campagnano's 2NT response was a limit raise or better with four-card spade support. There is no further information on their card so we are guessing. All I can say with certainty is that 6♠ required a miracle and one was not forthcoming. Hugon was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to USA2, who were getting close again at 137-146.

Both teams picked up further swings over the last few boards to leave the score at 156.67-142 in favour of France with one set to play.

Segment 6

And so, after almost two weeks of tough competition, we were down to the last 16-board set of the 2015 Venice Cup. Unlike some of the other final and play-off matches at the championships, this one was still very much alive, with France leading USA2 by 156.67-142. We'll drop the fraction as we go through the set, but bear in mind that France have the tie-break should the match end up otherwise level.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 8 7 3 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ Q 5 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J 4 2 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 6 ♦ K ♣ J 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ K ♦ A 10 8 5 4 3 ♣ K 9 8 6 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
–	1♥	2NT	Dble
4♣	4♥	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
–	1♥	2NT	3♣
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Both Norths opened 1♥, treating the bare king as worth its full value, and both Easts overcalled to show a minor two-suiter. Now Molson cuebid to show an invitational heart raise and Sokolow signed-off in 3♥, while Willard preferred to double 2NT to show general values rather than show heart support on three low in a 4-3-3-3 hand. With her opponents having not yet confirmed a fit, Deas saw some mileage in taking some spade away from them and, with two fitting queens and an outside ace, 4♣ should not suffer too much trouble. However, that bullied Cronier into bidding 4♥ to show her sixth card and now Palmer saved in 5♣, quickly doubled by Willard.

Cronier led a spade against 5♣ doubled, Deas winning the ace and leading her low diamond to the king and ace. When she next lead a low club off the table, Willard shot up with the ace to give her partner a diamond ruff. Cronier played ace of hearts followed by a low spade, Deas ruffing in

dummy and leading a diamond, ruffed low and over-ruffed. Back came another spade, ruffed. Deas ruffed a diamond, crossed back to dummy with a heart ruff and drew the last trump then cashed the diamonds for down two and –300.

Zochowska led her singleton spade against 3♥ and Reess won and returned the three. Zochowska ruffed and returned a club, as requested by the suit-preference three. Sokolow won the club, cashed the spades for a diamond discard and gave up a club. She could ruff the third club in dummy and finesse against the jack of hearts to make ten tricks for +170 but 4 IMPs to France; 142-160.

USA2 picked up 2 overtrick IMPs to move the score on to 144-160, then picked up something more substantial.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 4 ♥ K Q 6 3 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ A 10 4</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A J 7 5 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ Q 8 7 2 ♣ 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K 10 ♥ 9 4 ♦ J 5 4 3 ♣ K Q 9 7 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Deas opened INT, 14-16, and was raised to game. Cronier led the two of diamonds to Willard's ace and Willard switched to the jack of hearts, which did not, as they say, exactly paralyse declarer. Deas won the king and led the ten of clubs to the king then a second heart up. Willard rose with the ace and returned the ten of diamonds. Deas won and played a spade, putting up the king when Cronier played low. She had 11 tricks now for +460.

Reess opened 1♥ and rebid 2♣ over the INT response. There is nothing on their card to explain why it was necessary to bid 2♣ – there is no mention of 2-over-1 GF, for example. Zochowska raised to 3♣ and that ended the auction. There was a trick to be lost in each side suit but that was all; +130 but 8 IMPs to USA2, halving the deficit at 152-160.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
–	–	1♦	1♥
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
–	–	1♦	1♥
2♥	3♥	3NT	All Pass

Zochowska had promised diamonds with her opening bid where Palmer had not, and this made some difference to the auction but nothing major, and both Easts soon alighted in 3NT.

Willard led ace then queen of hearts, Cronier dropping the ten on the second round. Palmer cashed four rounds of spades, seeing a low club on her left and a heart on her right as she pitched one of dummy's low clubs. She cashed the ace of diamonds next and was down one for -100.

Molson led the nine of spades, hoping to see her partner gain the lead for a heart through the king. It was a matter of basic technique now to play diamonds by cashing the king then finessing through North, the dangerous hand, and that ensured the success of the contract. Zochowska was permitted to make no fewer than 12 tricks for +690 and 13 IMPs to France, so the lead was back up to 173-152.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	2♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Molson responded with a forcing INT to avoid making a sound heart raise and Sokolow had to rebid in her three-card club suit as she was not strong enough to reverse into spades. Now Molson gave preference to hearts, but there was no temptation to look for game with the North cards.

Zochowska led the six of clubs, which Sokolow ducked. Reess won the king and switched to hearts, Sokolow winning the king and playing the queen of diamonds. Reess won the king and led a second trump, Sokolow winning with dummy's ten and ruffing a diamond high, crossing to the ace of clubs and ruffing another diamond high, establishing the remainder of the suit. She cashed the queen of clubs for a spade discard then led the three of hearts to the jack and cashed three diamond winners, making ten tricks in all for +170.

Willard did not have a forcing no trump response at her disposal so raised hearts directly and Cronier made a slightly pushy game try, which Willard swiftly declined.

Palmer led a trump against 3♥. Cronier won in dummy with the jack and led a spade to the queen, king and ace. Back came a second heart. Cronier won and played a spade but Deas won and put Palmer in with a diamond to lead a third heart. The repeated trump leads had prevented even one ruff in the dummy and the best Cronier could do was to make all her trumps plus two club tricks for down two and -100; 7 IMPs to USA2, 159-173.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dble	Rdbl
2NT	Dble	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dble	Rdbl
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dble
All Pass			


Both Souths opened 1♥ and collected a single raise from partner. When East doubled, they redoubled, and West bid a scrambling 2NT. Cronier doubled that to show her maximum while Sokolow did not. Both Easts bid their five-card club suit. Now Willard jumped to 4♥ while Molson preferred to double, both ending the auction.

Deas led the ten of spades to the queen, king and ace. Willard led a low heart to the queen, a club to hand and a second low heart. Deas went in with the king and continued with the nine of spades, resolving one of declarer's problems. Willard won, cashed the jack of hearts and came back to the king of clubs to draw the last trump. She had just one diamond loser so 11 tricks for +450.

That looked a solid-enough result for the French pair, until you consider how the play might go in 3♣ doubled, which has the potential to be very bloody indeed. Molson cashed the king and ace of trumps then underled the ace of hearts. Zochowska went up with the king and ran the ten of diamonds to Molson's queen. A low heart forced declarer to ruff and she drew the last trump then led the king of diamonds, ducked, followed by the jack to Sokolow's ace. Sokolow needed to play a spade now but in fact played another heart. Zochowska ruffed, crossed to the nine of diamonds and exited with dummy's last heart to South's ace. Molson, who had pitched a heart earlier was endplayed and forced to give a trick to declarer's king so Zochowska had got out for only two down and -500. That was still 2 IMPs to USA2, closing to 161-173, but it could have been worse for the French.

Two flat boards followed but then the match closed right up.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 2			
♥ A J 7 2			
♦ A 6 5			
♣ A 6 5 3			
♠ Q 10 8 6 4		♠ A J 7	
♥ Q 6 4		♥ 10 5 3	
♦ J		♦ K 10 9 2	
♣ Q J 10 2		♣ 9 8 7	
		♠ K 5 3	
		♥ K 9 8	
		♦ Q 8 7 4 3	
		♣ K 4	
West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
Pass	1♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			


West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Norths opened 1♣. The French auction is perfectly comprehensible, Willard choosing to respond 2NT, natural and invitational, because she thought her hand should be led up to. Cronier judged her hand to be a minimum, as feels right with such a lack of intermediate cards. The American auction is not so easy to understand. As far as I can tell from their supplementary notes, they play weak jump shifts in the majors opposite a 1♣ opening. Obviously, we can add them to the long list of pairs whose convention cards are either faulty or totally inadequate. I won't try to guess what was going on, only say that they clearly were on the same wavelength and that they bid to the thin game.

Deas led the four of spades against 2NT. Palmer won the ace and returned the jack but Willard held up until the third round. A diamond to the ace then back towards the king saw Palmer go up with the king and return a club to the ten and ace. Willard played two more rounds of diamonds and with the heart queen onside had nine tricks for +150.

Reess too led a low spade and Zochowska also went up with the ace and returned the jack. Molson ducked, won the next spade and played on diamonds and she too played for the heart to be onside, but here it was for the contract rather than a mere overtrick. Plus 600 gave USA2 10 IMPs and they trailed by just 2.67 IMPs at 171-173 with four boards to play.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

		♠ K 7	
		♥ K Q J	
		♦ J 10 6 5 3	
		♣ Q J 3	
♠ J 10 8 3		♠ 9 6	
♥ 6		♥ A 10 5 4	
♦ A 8 4		♦ K 9 7	
♣ K 9 6 4 2		♣ A 10 8 5	
		♠ A Q 5 4 2	
		♥ 9 8 7 3 2	
		♦ Q 2	
		♣ 7	
West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Identical auctions saw the two Souths playing a spade partscore.

Reess led the three of spades, a brave choice from that trump holding, and Molson went up with dummy's king and

played the king of hearts, ducked. Not wishing to risk a ruff, Molson now switched her attention back to trumps, cashing the ace. Now, however, she judged spades not to be dividing evenly and played a second heart to the queen and ace. Zochowska gave her partner a heart ruff and regained the lead with a club to her ace. Now she could cash the ten of hearts and Reess discarded a diamond. Three rounds of diamonds would now have promoted the jack of spades for down two, but Zochowska actually played a club so Molson could ruff, draw the missing trump and cash the fifth heart. She was down one for -100.

Deas led the two of clubs to Palmer's ace and Palmer switched to a low diamond for the queen and ace. Deas tried to cash the king of clubs now but that was ruffed and Willard led a heart to the jack. Palmer won that and played king and another diamond and that proved to be fatal to the defence. Willard won the diamond in dummy and cashed three rounds of spades then played a heart and Deas could make only the jack of spades; eight tricks for +110 and 5 IMPs to France. They led by 178-171 and there were three boards to play.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ 2 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ Q J 8 7 4		
♠ 10 ♥ Q 10 9 7 4 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ A 9 6 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 4 3 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ A Q 10 8 4 2 ♣ K	
	♠ J 9 6 5 2 ♥ K J 6 5 ♦ K ♣ 10 5 2		

West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Palmer	Willard
-	-	1♥	1♠
2♥	2NT	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Reess	Sokolow	Zochowska	Molson
-	-	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Four Hearts would have been an interesting contract but declarer would have had a good chance of success despite the four-one trump split, so maybe the save in 4♠ doubled was the winning action. Deas led a spade, ducked to Palmer who continued with a second round, while Reess preferred to lead a diamond, but it all came to the same thing in the end, with both declarers losing two clubs and one trick in

each of the other suits for down two and -300.

France gained 1 IMP on Board 31 for 4♠+1 against 4♥ making exactly, so the match was still alive going into the final deal, with France ahead by 179-171.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ A J 10 9 2 ♥ A J 9 4 ♦ K ♣ 6 5 4		
♠ K 7 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ J 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ 9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ Q J 10 8 7 2	
	♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ 10 6 5 3 ♦ A Q ♣ A K 3		

Both N/S pairs bid to 4♠ with no great difficulty. For USA2 to win the match they needed to make the spade game while defeating it in the other room.

Both Easts led the queen of clubs. Cronier won the ace and took a trump finesse. That lost and a second club saw the king ruffed out. Back came a heart and declarer was powerless. If she took the double finesse in hearts she could hold herself to only one heart loser, but East would get in to cash the club for down one. But if declarer took the ace of hearts and cashed the diamonds for a club discard she would then lose two heart tricks. There was no escape and the contract was one down for -50.

USA2 had a chance now, but alas the play followed the same line in the other room and with the same result. Sokolow too was down one for a flat board and France were the 2015 Venice Cup champions, winning the final by 179.67-171 IMPs. Congratulations to Benedicte Cronier, Sylvie Willard, Vanessa Reess, Joanna Zochowska, Elisabeth Hugon, Deborah Campagnano, and npc Laurent Thuillez.

You are perhaps thinking that 4♠ was completely cold – declarer could have just played ace and another spade and come to 11 tricks. Or, she could have cashed the diamonds to get rid of her third club, and could now have finessed a spade but survived the club ruff as she could have afforded to finesse on the heart return. However, the line chosen at both tables failed only because clubs were six-one. On any other club layout the minor-suit dummy entries could be used to take further major-suit finesses, also with some prospect of an elimination and endplay.

Perhaps a different line is superior, but one declarer in the Bermuda Bowl play-off and both declarers in the d'Orsi Trophy final also went down, so it was certainly not clearcut to a number of high-class players.

The Jewel in the Crown (BB F5)



Poland v Sweden



By Mark Horton

Segment 5

The Jewel in the Crown is a British television serial about the final days of the British Raj in India during World War II, based upon the Raj Quartet novels by British author Paul Scott.

The phrase has become an idiom for the best or most valuable thing in a group and the Bermuda Bowl is regarded as the jewel in the WBF's crown.

After the emphatic Polish comeback in the previous session, the Swedish team would be hoping to turn things around.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	6♣	3♥	4♦*
4♦	5+♦ and 4+♠	All Pass	

Rather than resorting to the appliance of science North adopted an eminently reasonable practical approach and made what in England is known as a 'Landy Slam Try' - you bid a slam and then try to make it.

When East led the eight of spades, declarer could have put in the queen, which would have allowed him to pitch two diamonds and then lead towards the king of hearts.

There is also an inferior - but beautiful - route to twelve tricks - declarer discards a heart and a diamond on the spades.

Then declarer plays eight rounds of clubs. On the last of these West will down to ♠10 ♥A ♦KJ and forced to part with a spade. Declarer exits with a heart and West will have

to lead into the split diamond tenace.

When declarer put up dummy's ace the chance was gone. He could lead towards the king of hearts, but had to lose a diamond at the end, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠*
2♠	5+♠ and 5(4)+♣/♦	All Pass	
2NT	Relay		

The convention card is silent as to the meaning of 3♠ (one treatment is for it to be used to show a maximum with diamonds) but when North resisted all temptation he ensured that the Polish charge would continue.

East led the queen of hearts and when declarer was allowed to win with the king he rattled off his clubs. West pitched two diamonds so that was twelve tricks, +490 and 12 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♥*	2♠	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
1♣	16+ All hands except 16 BAL or 16 (4441)		
2♥	Transfer to clubs		
4♦	Cue bid		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 key card		

It is possible that 2♥ was game forcing. West looked no further than the king of spades and

declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond high and played a trump the king, claiming +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Kalita	Wrang	Nowosadzki
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	2♥*	2♠	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 2♥ Transfer to clubs
- 4♦ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ One key card

My interpretation of the auction is partly guesswork, but the overall effect was to once again wrong side 6♣. Could West find the killing heart lead?

Unsurprisingly out came the king of spades, no swing.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Upmark	Gawrys	Nystrom
		Pass	1♦*
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
3♠	All Pass		
1♦	0+ ♦ Balanced V:(11+) 2-14 NV:11-13 or (10)11-15 4M and 5+m or 12-16 any 4441		

Once your five card suit has been supported your hand increases in value, but as you can see 4♥ is somewhat fortunate to make.

North led the king of hearts and South overtook it and played two rounds of diamonds, making it easy for North to win the first round of spades and give partner a ruff, when the ace of clubs was the setting trick, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Kalita	Wrang	Nowosadzki
		Pass	1♣*
1♠	2♦*	Pass	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	
1♣	11- GF 3+♣, can be 2 cards and longer diamonds only with 18-19 bal		
2♦	Transfer to hearts		

Declarer won the spade lead in dummy, drew trumps and ducked a spade. He won the diamond return, ruffed a spade and ducked a diamond. He ruffed the diamond exit and played the four of clubs, West winning with the queen and forcing out the last trump with a spade. When the king of clubs fell under the ace, declarer was home, +620 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Upmark	Gawrys	Nystrom
			1♥
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

North led the two of hearts and South won with the king and cashed the ace, North following with the three. When South continued with a club declarer escaped for one down, -100.

I'll leave you to debate North's choice of card on the second round of hearts. The five would be a clear signal for spades, but is it the message North wants to give?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Kalita	Wrang	Nowosadzki
			1♥
4♦	4♥	All Pass	

For the third time in this set the opening lead was critical. Would you have found a low diamond when East can win, give West a club ruff, ruff the diamond return and then give West another ruff.

I thought not.

West led the queen of spades and declarer won with the ace and sensing no danger played a diamond. East won with the king and West followed with the three.

That was a clear message, giving East the chance to play a club, transposing into the winning defence, but it was lost in translation. When East returned a spade, declarer was home free.

He ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, ruffed a diamond and played the two of clubs, ducking when East followed with the nine, a neat endplay for an eleventh trick and 8 IMPs.

It seemed to me that the Swedish players were tired - and in the remaining deals of the set they surrendered another 22 IMPs, losing the set 7-45 and trailing 171-210.5.

Far from hopeless, but it was clear which way the wind was blowing.

Segment 6

Sweden were hoping to make inroads into their deficit of 39.5, but the Poles were looking very solid.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ A Q 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ K 10 7 6 ♣ A 8 5 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ K 7 6 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ Q 7 3
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	♠ 9 8 2 ♥ A Q J 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ K J 9 6										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
1♠*	INT	1♣*	1♥
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣	Polish ♣ 12-14, balanced or 4-4-1-4 distribution or 15+ PC, natural; or 18+ PC, any		
1♠	Denies four spades		
3♥	Stopper ask		

South found the most challenging lead of the queen of hearts and declarer won with the king and tested the spades, playing a fourth round when the suit divided, pitching a club from dummy. Rather than attempting to divine the location of the queen of diamonds declarer exited with his remaining heart. North won with the ten and returned the two of clubs for the seven, nine and ace. It was make your mind up time and when declarer cashed the king of diamonds and ran the ten he had an overtrick,

+630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
1♠	3♥	1♦*	1♥
Dble*	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	3NT	3NT	All Pass
	BAL Vul:(11+)12-14 NV:11-13 or (10)11-15 4M and 5+m or 12-16 any 4441		

South cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the queen. After cashing four spades, declarer played the ace of diamonds followed by the eight. When South discarded declarer had to settle for eight tricks and a loss of 12 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A 7 6 5 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A K Q 8 6 ♣ 9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		♠ J 6 ♥ Q J 10 7 4 ♦ 10 7 5 4 ♣ J 2
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	♠ K 9 4 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 9 2 ♣ A K 10 6 5 4										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
1♠	Dble*	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	INT
		All Pass	

The convention card says 'Cue bid - with highest from unbid suits; 2NT - two lowest unbid suits; after 1♣/♦ - 2♦ = both majors' which is not clear (well, not clear to me) but if West had a way of showing both suits he elected not to use it.

- 1♣ 2+♣, 1-13(12-14 vul) balanced or 17-19(18-19 vul) balanced or 4+♣ 11-22Hcp

One BBO commentator expressed the view that 'West was luring with his diamonds', adding that he was not sure if luring was the right word but that everyone would know what he meant. He was only one keystroke short - the word he was searching for was 'lurking'.

West led the ace of diamonds and cashed five tricks in the suit, East unblocking the ten, followed by the ace of spades, two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Upmark	Kalita	Nystrom	Nowosadzki
		Pass	1♣*
2♦	Dble*	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

1♣ 11- GF 3+♣, can be 2 cards and longer diamond only with 18-19 bal

The EW card says, '2-Suiter: 2NT = 5-5 in 2 lowest unbid suits, 3♣ over M is oM+♦' so make what you can of 2♦.

The defenders could only score two diamonds and a club, -130 and Poland added 8 IMPs, leading 237.5-190 at the end of the set.

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Explosion of IMPs (BB F7)



Sweden v Poland



By Brent Manley

Going into the penultimate set of the Bermuda Bowl, Sweden faced the daunting task of overcoming a 46.5-IMP deficit.

The beginning of the set – Sweden gaining 5 IMPs on the first two boards – gave no indication of what was to come. What transpired was a startling reversal of fortune that left Sweden in good position to claim the championship.

The score was 7-0 Sweden in the set: 236.5 -197 overall. The momentum started to swing on this deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 10 8 ♥ K Q 6 5 4 3 ♦ Q 10 9 6 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white;"> <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	♠ A 3 2 ♥ A J 9 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ K Q J 5	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 8 7 4 3 2
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
2♦*	Dbf	2♥*	Dbf

- All pass
- 2♦ Weak two in a major
 - 2♥ Pass or correct, weak hand

Fredrik Nystrom led his singleton heart, ducked by Piotr Gawrys. Johan Upmark won with the ♥J and played a high club. Rather than ruff in dummy, Gawrys discarded a spade from dummy, doing the same on the next two club tricks. When Nystrom won the third round of clubs, he played the ♠K. Gawrys ruffed and played the ♦Q, running it to Nystrom's king. Another spade was ruffed in dummy and Gawrys took a second finesse in diamonds. Nystrom won and played the ♣A, ruffed. Upmark took the ♥K with his ace and cleared the suit with a low trump to dummy's now-bare queen. The upshot was four down for minus 1100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
2♦*	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Frederic Wrang led the ♥10 to the queen and ace. It was not long before declarer, Jacek Kalita, was claiming 10 tricks for plus 630. It was a 10-IMP loss. On the next board, Sweden had a chance for another big gain, but they missed their chance.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ J 10 6 ♥ — ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ J 10 8 6 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white;"> <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	♠ 8 7 5 2 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ 10 9 ♣ A K Q 2	♠ — ♥ A K Q 10 4 3 2 ♦ A K 8 3 ♣ 9 7
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♠ A K Q 9 4 3	♥ J 9 5	♦ 7 6 5	♣ 5
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In one room, Kalita and Wrang bid to 4♥, making with an overtrick for plus 450. Upmark and Nystrom put themselves in position for another double-digit swing, but it didn't work out.

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♠
Pass	4♠	5♥	Pass
	Dbf	All Pass	

Had Nystrom led his singleton club, Upmark could have taken the first two tricks then continued the suit, promoting his partner's ♥J to the setting trick. Nystrom, however, started with a high spade, ruffed by declarer, who was quick to claim 11 tricks for plus 650, a 5-IMP swing to Poland.

The big swing came two boards later.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A Q ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ Q 9 6 5 ♣ A 10 9	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white;"> <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 J 7 5 2 ♥ — ♦ A 7 ♣ K 8 7 6 4 3	♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 6 4 3 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ 2
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♠ 10 9	♥ 10 8 7 2	♦ J 10 4 2	♣ Q J 5
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West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Upmark	Gawrys	Nystrom
INT	2♦*	DbI	Redbl
Pass	2♠	DbI	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
DbI	All Pass		

2♦ Nominally weak or "very strong" with a major suit.

Gawrys started with the ♥K, ruffed by Upmark, who played a club to the queen and Michal Klukowski's ace. The ♥A was ruffed and, rather than use a trump to lead a spade from dummy, Upmark played a low spade from hand to dummy's 9. Klukowski won with the queen and exited with the ♣10 to dummy's jack. Upmark played a spade to Klukowski's ace and was able to claim his contract, losing two spades, one club and one diamonds. That was plus 670 for Sweden. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Kalita	Wrang	Nowosadzki
INT	2♠	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

3♦ Transfer to hearts.

Johan Sylvan had no trouble taking 11 tricks after Kalita started with a low club. Sylvan lost a spade and a diamond for plus 650. Sweden had gained 16 IMPs. The gap had closed to 18.5 IMPs.

The Swedes gained more ground on the next board as the Polish collapse continued.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Upmark	Gawrys	Nystrom
Pass	3♠	4♦	4♠
5♦	All Pass		

Nystrom hit on the diabolical opening lead of the ♠9, putting his partner in. Upmark made no mistake, switching to the ♣9. Gawrys went up with the ace, played the ♦A, picking up the opponents' trumps, then played the ♥A and another heart. Nystrom could win with the ♥K and cash his club winner for one down, minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Kalita	Wrang	Nowosadzki
4♦	2♦*	3♦	4♣
All Pass	4♠	5♦	DbI

Michal Nowosadzki led his singleton trump, and Wrang was soon claiming plus 550. He won with the ♦A, cashed the ♥A and played a second heart. South won the ♥K but Wrang could use a low trump to get to dummy to cash the ♥Q, pitching a club, followed by a heart ruff high and return to dummy to get rid of his other club.

The 12-IMP gain reduced the Swedish deficit to 6.5 IMPs. The Swedes took the lead on the next deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Upmark	Gawrys	Nystrom
DbI	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
	Pass	3♣	All Pass

After Gawrys passed in second seat, it was difficult for his partner to envision game.

Neither Klukowski nor Gawrys was confident enough about the diamond suit to try notrump, so they languished in the club partial. Ten tricks were available for plus 130, but it was more bad news for Poland.

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Kalita	Wrang	Nowosadzki
1♦	Pass	1♣	DbI
3NT	All Pass	2♣	Pass

Kalita's heart lead went to the king, ducked by Sylvan. He played low on the ♥J and again on the low heart. The club switch by North went to declarer's jack. He cashed his clubs then took the spade finesse. When it worked, Sylvan claimed plus 600 for a 10-IMP gain. Sweden was in the lead.

They tacked on another 4 IMPs when Gawrys and Klukowski got too high in a heart partial, going one down, while Sylvan and Wrang stopped at the right level for plus 110.

Sweden's final gain of the set occurred on this deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

The 4-1 split in trumps makes this a difficult contract, and Nystrom did not find the double-dummy solution after West led a high heart, then the ♠K and a spade to East's ace. Nystrom ruffed and played a club to the ace. He could no longer make the contract, and in fact finished two down. Looking at all the cards, he would play the ♣Q after ruffing the spade and follow with the 9, running it if West played low. He would end up making 11 tricks. Two down was a disappointing result, but it was good enough for a 10-IMP gain.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbf	3♠	4♦
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This was an easy contract for Sylvan, who lost one trick in each minor for plus 650.

Sweden lost an overtrick IMP on the final board of the set, but had outsourced Poland 70-6 to enter the final set with a 260-242.5 lead.

Championship Diary

There is always a full house in the Bulletin Room on the last day of a Championship and today was no exception.

One member of staff was busily typing when he exclaimed, 'Oh, s..t, I just hit the wrong key on my computer.'

'Did you delete everything you wrote in Chennai?'

'No, I just posted it.'

Herman reports:

During these championships, a total of 79,020 deals have been played. Compared to Bali four years ago, this is 31% more. That is mostly due to the success of the Transnational teams (21,168 deals) and the pairs side-events (13,980) with just 26,720 deals played in the three main events.

In ACBL terms, this tournament had 2,660 tables (2,300 in Bali).

You can always tell when the tournament is ending - the breakfast room is deserted, as the players catch up on some badly needed sleep.

When Sweden moved into the lead by 0.5 of an IMP on Board 26 Jean Paul declared, 'Well, the match is over.'

When Monika asked, 'Why is the code for the Polish flag PL?'

'Because Portugal is PT' answered our resident vexillologist.

'Oh, yes - and of course PO is Swedish,' she said.

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In search of a title (TWOT - FI)

By T.C. Pant

ZIMMERMANN v. BULGARIAN OPEN

Team captain Pierre Zimmermann played with Franck Multon, Tor Helness, Geir Helgemo and Krzysztof Martens. They were not challenged in their quarterfinal and semifinal matches, easily making the final of the World Transnational Open Teams. Their opponents in the final were the Bulgarian Open Team, represented by Diyan Danailov, Rosen Gunev, Vladimir Mihov, Ivan Nanev, Jerry Stamatov and Julian Stefanov. This report covers the first session of the match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
1♣ Strong			
1♦ Weak (0-7)			

With two losers each in red suit, the contract was always doomed. Declarer had to give the trump queen as well and the contract went two down for +100 to Zimmermann.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦(*)
Pass	INT	All Pass	
1♦ Hearts			

In the closed room, N/S played in INT, making eight tricks for +120 and 6 IMPs to Zimmermann.

On board 2, South in both rooms played in 4♥, going down one.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

♠ 9 8 6 3 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ J 6 5
♣ J 10

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
Pass	1♣*	3♣	Pass
4♣	Dbl	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
1♣ Strong			

There was no way to make the contract. With no entry in hand, declarer had to lose a trump trick, two hearts and one each in minor suit to go down two - +100 to E/W.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
2♥	Dbl	3♣	All Pass



Franck Multon, team Zimmermann

In the closed room, though E/W can legitimately make only nine tricks in 3♣, they were allowed to make 11 tricks for 150. That was 2 IMPs to Bulgaria.

On board 4, N/S in both rooms played in 3NT. Bulgaria gained 1 IMP for an overtrick.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♠	6♥	All Pass

East opened his hand with a strong 2♣ and when N/S tried to pre-empt them, he directly jumped to 6♥. South led the ♠K and declarer ruffed and took out the trumps. He had to give up two club losers and that was down one.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
	Pass	1♣*	2♠
Pass	4♠	5♥	All Pass

In the closed room, East stopped at 5♥, but South led his singleton club and North, after taking the ♣A and ♣K, played a third club, promoting South's ♥J to the setting trick. The contract was one down – no swing.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
		2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

E/W bid well to reach the slam in spades. The lead was ♥7 and North won with ♥A and returned a heart. Declarer won the ♥K, ruffed one of his heart losers in dummy and discarded a club loser on ♦A to make the contract.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
		1♣*	INT*
DbI	2♦	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣(*)	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the closed room, South tried to disrupt the bidding with INT (minors), which did not have much impact. But East took a dim view of his hand, when after hearing partner's 4♦ cue bid, he bid 4♠, which was passed out. Perhaps if he had cue bid 4♥, West would have gone further. That was 13 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Board 7 was a simple 4♥ for E/W. In the open room, 4♥ was bid and on a friendly lead, declarer making 12 tricks for 680. In the closed room, N/S had other ideas. With his 5-0-2-6 hand, North bid clubs and spades. When 4♠ was doubled, South made the mistake of not converting it to 5♣. That contract goes only one down and Zimmermann would have gained IMPs on the board. In 4♠ doubled, he went five down for a juicy 1400 to Bulgarian team and an important gain of 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
		4♦	4♠
Pass	3♥(*)		
5♦	All Pass		

North opened with 3♥ (transfer to spades) pre-emptive bid. East bid 4♦ and West did well to bid 5♦, as 4♠ was cold. South led the ♠A but then switched to a low club, ending any chance for the defense to prevail. After taking out trumps, declarer played ♥A and heart to score the contract for +400.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
Pass	3♠	4♦	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

In the closed room, N/S found a good save at 5♠, which was doubled and went one down for 100 to E/W. That was 7 Imps to Zimmermann.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦(*)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the open room, East did not open the hand and E/W played in 3♣ making 10 tricks for 130. In the closed room, once East opened the hand with 2♣, Precision style, they reached 3NT, which was always there on the spade finesse. That was 11 IMPs to Bulgaria.

On board 10, the open room N/S played in INT making nine tricks, whereas in the closed room E/W were in INT, which went three down for 5 IMPs to Zimmermann. Bulgaria again lost 5 IMPs on board 11 when in the open room E/W played in 2NT making, whereas in the closed room the Bulgarian E/W played in 4♥ going one down.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
	1♦	Pass	3♦
3♠	Dbl	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Multon</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠(*)
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♠	4♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the open room, N/S did well to sacrifice in 5♦. With one loser in spades and two in hearts, the contract went one down for 200 to Zimmermann. In the closed room, E/W were allowed to play in 4♠, which made with an overtrick for 10 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Bulgaria gained an overtrick IMP on board 14. Bulgaria led by 39-36 at this stage, but on board 15, where the contract was 3NT in both rooms, the Bulgarian E/W went two down for 100 to Zimmermann. Helness – Helgemo made the contract and that was 11 IMPs to the Zimmermann team. Board 16 was flat. Zimmermann had won the first set 47-39.

The Mysterious Multi

By Jan van Cleeff

Here is the board that produced the biggest amount of IMPs in the championships so far:

Semi-Finals. Round 5. Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 9 2 ♥ K 9 8 6 5 2 ♦ – ♣ 10 8 7 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A J 10 7 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ A K J 9 8 6 ♣ –</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ Q 10 3 2 ♣ A Q J 4 2</p>
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Seven spades is quite reasonable, though on a heart lead even 6♣ will fail: "Diamonds break bad in Chennai." But what did exactly happen in South-East India? I made some research. (*u.a. stands for uncontested auction*)

d'Orsi Trophy

Sweden v. Poland

Sweden	7♠ -2 -100	lead ♥9	u.a.
Poland	6♣ -1 -50	lead ♥Q	u.a.

USA1 v. USA2

USA1	6♣ -1 -50	lead ♥9	u.a.
USA2	6♣ -1 -50	lead ♥9	

West	North	East	South
Zia	J. Clerkin	Rosenberg	D. Clerkin
2♦*	Dble	2♠*	3♥*
Dble	5NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♦ Multi
2♠ interest in ♥ game
3♥ Transfer to ♠

Venice Cup

England v. France

England	7♠ -2 -100	lead ♥9	u.a.
France	6♣ -1 -50	lead ♥9	

West	North	East	South
Brock	Reess	Smith	Zochowska
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	4♦*	4♥	4♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♦ Multi (bad suit)
4♦ strong 2-suiter ♦/♠

USA2 v. Netherlands

USA2 6♠X+1210 lead ♦2

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Sokolow	Arnolds	Seamon-Molson
2♦*	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
Dble*	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
4♦ ♦ + a major
4♥ Pass or correct
Dble Lightner

Netherlands 4♠ +1 +450 lead ♥8

West	North	East	South
Deas	Wortel	Palmer	Michielsen
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♦*	4♦*	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

2♦ Multi
2♠ interest in ♥ game
3♦ weak two ♥
4♦ strong 2-suiter ♦/♠

Bermuda Bowl

Sweden v. USA2

USA2 6♠ -1 -50 lead ♥8 u.a.
Sweden 6♠ -1 -50 lead ♥9

West	North	East	South
DeMuy	Warne	Kranyak	Bergdahl
2♥	4♦*	4♥	4♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

4♦ strong 2-suiter ♦/♠

Poland v. England

England 6♠ -1 -50 lead ♥6 u.a.
Poland 6♠X+1210 lead ♦2

West	North	East	South
Forrester	Kalita	Robson	Nowosadzki
2♦*	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
Dble*	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
4♦ ♦ + a major
4♥ Pass or correct
5♣ cuebid
Dble Lightner

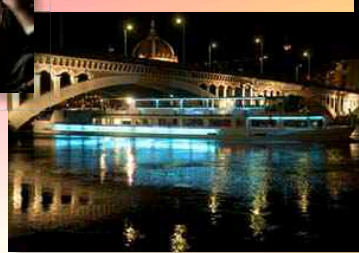
It is interesting to note that some players didn't value the West hand as a Multi or weak two; and that some North players decided to wait for one round of bidding but still were able to show a strong two-suiter. All this has been described extensively in *The Mysterious Multi*, a book published by MasterPoint Press, Toronto, Canada.

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3. Senior Teams	US\$600	9. Senior Pairs	RMB600
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