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Who has the fastest finish?



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Many teams are still in contention in the three team events – Open, Women's and Seniors – at the 14th World Bridge Games. Some of the current also-rans can make it to the proverbial Promised Land by mustering some winning streaks – starting today.

They will have to go some to catch the leaders in the events so far. Some of them are moving like juggernauts toward the qualification finish line. In the Open Teams, for example, Russia outscored their three opponents on Sunday

by a total IMP score of 225-48. Monaco has been so strong they can still be leading the field even after losing to Japan on Sunday.

The leaders so far: Open – Monaco, USA, Russia, Germany; Women's – Russia, Netherlands, Sweden; Seniors – England and Hungary.

The round-robin for the Open and Women's events ends tomorrow. The Seniors continue through midday on Wednesday.



OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 10

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Switzerland	Netherlands	11	Estonia	USA	21	Bermuda	Italy	31	Reunion	Monaco
2	Bosnia & Hrzna	Chile	12	Bangladesh	Portugal	22	Trinidad & Tbgo	Thailand	32	Finland	Venezuela
3	Mexico	Jordan	13	Ukraine	China Hong Kong	23	Argentina	Romania	33	Greece	Iceland
4	Bye	Guadeloupe	14	San Marino	Pakistan	24	Kenya	Morocco	34	Costa Rica	Japan
5	Korea	Egypt	15	Brazil	Ireland	25	Singapore	South Africa	35	Botswana	Australia
6	England	India	16	Poland	New Zealand	26	Sweden	Scotland	36	China	Turkey
7	Germany	Belgium	17	France	Austria	27	Russia	Canada	37	Israel	Norway
8	Denmark	Spain	18	Chinese Taipei	Bye	28	Slovakia	Bye	38	Latvia	Bye

ROUND 11

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Netherlands	Belgium	11	USA	Austria	21	Italy	Canada	31	Monaco	Norway
2	India	Spain	12	New Zealand	Ireland	22	Scotland	Romania	32	Turkey	Iceland
3	Egypt	Denmark	13	Chinese Taipei	Brazil	23	South Africa	Argentina	33	Australia	Greece
4	Guadeloupe	Germany	14	Pakistan	France	24	Morocco	Russia	34	Japan	Israel
5	Jordan	England	15	China Hong Kong	Poland	25	Trinidad & Tbgo	Slovakia	35	Latvia	China
6	Chile	Korea	16	Bangladesh	Ukraine	26	Thailand	Singapore	36	Venezuela	Botswana
7	Switzerland	Bye	17	Estonia	San Marino	27	Bermuda	Kenya	37	Reunion	Costa Rica
8	Bosnia & Hrzna	Mexico	18	Portugal	Bye	28	Sweden	Bye	38	Finland	Bye

ROUND 12

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Netherlands	Egypt	11	USA	Chinese Taipei	21	Italy	South Africa	31	Monaco	Australia
2	Guadeloupe	India	12	Pakistan	New Zealand	22	Morocco	Scotland	32	Japan	Turkey
3	Jordan	Belgium	13	China Hong Kong	Austria	23	Kenya	Singapore	33	Latvia	Norway
4	Chile	Spain	14	Portugal	Ireland	24	Thailand	Romania	34	Venezuela	Iceland
5	Switzerland	Denmark	15	Estonia	Brazil	25	Bermuda	Argentina	35	Reunion	Greece
6	Bosnia & Hrzna	Germany	16	Bangladesh	France	26	Trinidad & Tbgo	Russia	36	Finland	Israel
7	Mexico	England	17	Ukraine	Poland	27	Slovakia	Sweden	37	Costa Rica	Botswana
8	Bye	Korea	18	San Marino	Bye	28	Canada	Bye	38	China	Bye

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 10

GROUP H		GROUP I			
71	England	France	81	Italy	USA
72	Israel	Germany	82	Sweden	Netherlands
73	Turkey	Scotland	83	Hungary	Denmark
74	Belgium	Indonesia	84	Spain	Poland
75	China Hong Kong	Singapore	85	Chinese Taipei	New Zealand
76	Brazil	South Africa	86	Japan	Ireland
77	Australia	Morocco	87	Pakistan	Reunion
78	India	Egypt	88	Guadeloupe	Kenya
79	Canada	Bye	89	Argentina	Bye

ROUND 11

GROUP H		GROUP I			
71	France	India	81	USA	Guadeloupe
72	China Hong Kong	Australia	82	Chinese Taipei	Pakistan
73	Singapore	Brazil	83	New Zealand	Japan
74	Egypt	Canada	84	Kenya	Argentina
75	Morocco	Belgium	85	Reunion	Spain
76	South Africa	Turkey	86	Ireland	Hungary
77	Scotland	Germany	87	Denmark	Netherlands
78	Indonesia	England	88	Poland	Italy
79	Israel	Bye	89	Sweden	Bye

ROUND 12

GROUP H		GROUP I			
71	South Africa	France	81	Ireland	USA
72	Belgium	Canada	82	Spain	Argentina
73	Indonesia	Egypt	83	Poland	Kenya
74	Scotland	Singapore	84	Denmark	New Zealand
75	Germany	China Hong Kong	85	Netherlands	Chinese Taipei
76	England	India	86	Italy	Guadeloupe
77	Israel	Australia	87	Sweden	Pakistan
78	Turkey	Brazil	88	Hungary	Japan
79	Morocco	Bye	89	Reunion	Bye

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WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 10

GROUP E

41	England	Turkey
42	Australia	Egypt
43	Russia	Jordan
44	Canada	Chinese Taipei
45	Spain	Guadeloupe
46	Scotland	Argentina
47	Poland	Kenya

GROUP F

51	USA	New Zealand
52	China Hong Kong	Mexico
53	Reunion	Chile
54	San Marino	India
55	Denmark	Indonesia
56	Netherlands	Ireland
57	Israel	Austria
58	Japan	Bye

GROUP G

61	China	France
62	Sweden	Philippines
63	Germany	Palestine
64	Italy	Pakistan
65	Norway	Morocco
66	Brazil	Venezuela
67	South Africa	Lebanon

ROUND 11

GROUP E

41	England	Russia
42	Canada	Poland
43	Spain	Turkey
44	Argentina	Guadeloupe
45	Australia	Jordan
46	Egypt	Chinese Taipei
47	Scotland	Kenya

GROUP F

51	USA	Austria
52	Ireland	Indonesia
53	Japan	Denmark
54	India	Israel
55	Chile	Netherlands
56	China Hong Kong	Reunion
57	New Zealand	San Marino
58	Mexico	Bye

GROUP G

61	China	Germany
62	Italy	Sweden
63	Norway	France
64	Brazil	Philippines
65	South Africa	Palestine
66	Lebanon	Pakistan
67	Venezuela	Morocco

ROUND 12

GROUP E

41	England	Chinese Taipei
42	Jordan	Guadeloupe
43	Canada	Spain
44	Turkey	Egypt
45	Poland	Australia
46	Russia	Scotland
47	Argentina	Kenya

GROUP F

51	USA	Reunion
52	San Marino	China Hong Kong
53	Austria	Ireland
54	Netherlands	Mexico
55	Israel	Chile
56	Denmark	India
57	Indonesia	Japan
58	New Zealand	Bye

GROUP G

61	China	Pakistan
62	Palestine	Morocco
63	Philippines	Venezuela
64	France	Lebanon
65	Sweden	South Africa
66	Germany	Brazil
67	Italy	Norway

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

Round 10 (10.30)		
Match	Teams	Series
VG	Switzerland – Netherlands	Open A
BBO 2	France – Austria	Open B
BBO 3	Bermuda – Italy	Open C
BBO 4	Estonia – USA	Open B
BBO 5	Poland – New Zealand	Open B
Our-Game	China – Turkey	Open D

Round 11 (14.00)		
Match	Teams	Series
VG	Monaco – Norway	Open D
BBO 2	Pakistan – France	Open B
BBO 3	Italy – Canada	Open C
BBO 4	USA – Austria	Open B
BBO 5	Turkey – Iceland	Open D
Our-Game	Latvia – China	Open D

Round 12 (17.00)		
Match	Teams	Series
VG	USA – Chinese Taipei	Open B
BBO 2	South Africa – France	Seniors H
BBO 3	Italy – South Africa	Open C
BBO 4	Finland – Israel	Open D
BBO 5	Monaco – Australia	Open D
Our-Game	China – Pakistan	Women G

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
1	Korea	Mexico	24 - 34	11 - 17
2	England	Bosnia Herzeg.	31 - 37	14 - 16
3	Germany	Switzerland	18 - 12	16 - 14
4	Denmark	Chile	90 - 4	25 - 0
5	Spain	Jordan	39 - 34	16 - 14
6	Belgium	Guadeloupe	74 - 23	25 - 4
7	India	Egypt	16 - 5	17 - 13
8	Netherlands	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
21	Kenya	Italy	0 - 87	0 - 25
22	Singapore	Slovakia	30 - 63	7 - 23
23	Sweden	Trinidad Tobago	37 - 0	24 - 6
24	Russia	Bermuda	83 - 27	25 - 3
25	Argentina	Thailand	71 - 3	25 - 1
26	Scotland	South Africa	17 - 46	8 - 22
27	Canada	Morocco	65 - 17	25 - 4
28	Romania	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP A				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
1	Netherlands	Korea	49 - 31	19 - 11
2	Germany	Mexico	50 - 14	23 - 7
3	Denmark	Bosnia Herzeg.	47 - 18	22 - 8
4	Spain	Switzerland	38 - 22	19 - 11
5	Belgium	Chile	40 - 23	19 - 11
6	India	Jordan	37 - 32	16 - 14
7	Egypt	Guadeloupe	31 - 44	12 - 18
8	England	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
21	Italy	Singapore	43 - 18	21 - 9
22	Sweden	Kenya	79 - 15	25 - 2
23	Russia	Slovakia	48 - 21	21 - 9
24	Argentina	Trinidad Tobago	38 - 32	16 - 14
25	Romania	Bermuda	39 - 32	16 - 14
26	Canada	Thailand	55 - 53	15 - 15
27	South Africa	Morocco	20 - 52	7 - 23
28	Scotland	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP A				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
1	Guadeloupe	Netherlands	53 - 4	25 - 4
2	Jordan	Egypt	23 - 27	14 - 16
3	Chile	India	20 - 46	9 - 21
4	Switzerland	Belgium	29 - 40	13 - 17
5	Bosnia Herzeg.	Spain	34 - 45	13 - 17
6	Mexico	Denmark	29 - 17	18 - 12
7	Korea	England	18 - 48	8 - 22
8	Germany	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP C				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
21	Morocco	Italy	21 - 29	13 - 17
22	Singapore	Sweden	28 - 34	14 - 16
23	Thailand	Scotland	60 - 42	19 - 11
24	Bermuda	Canada	27 - 52	9 - 21
25	Trinidad Tobago	Romania	11 - 62	4 - 25
26	Slovakia	Argentina	34 - 58	9 - 21
27	Kenya	Russia	0 - 94	0 - 25
28	South Africa	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 7

ROUND 8

ROUND 9

GROUP B				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
11	USA	China Hong Kong	31 - 31	15 - 15
12	Portugal	Pakistan	18 - 41	10 - 20
13	Estonia	Chinese Taipei	43 - 28	18 - 12
14	Bangladesh	New Zealand	14 - 65	4 - 25
15	Ukraine	Austria	25 - 24	15 - 15
16	San Marino	Ireland	7 - 53	5 - 25
17	Poland	France	39 - 20	19 - 11
18	Brazil	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
31	Costa Rica	Monaco	21 - 66	5 - 25
32	Turkey	Australia	35 - 22	18 - 12
33	China	Finland	55 - 35	20 - 10
34	Israel	Reunion	54 - 9	25 - 5
35	Greece	Venezuela	74 - 5	25 - 1
36	Iceland	Latvia	37 - 18	19 - 11
37	Norway	Japan	29 - 10	19 - 11
38	Botswana	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP B				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
11	Chinese Taipei	Pakistan	31 - 27	16 - 14
12	Poland	San Marino	72 - 28	25 - 5
13	France	Ukraine	31 - 31	15 - 15
14	Brazil	Bangladesh	47 - 36	17 - 13
15	Ireland	Estonia	43 - 41	15 - 15
16	Austria	Portugal	35 - 19	19 - 11
17	New Zealand	China Hong Kong	55 - 14	24 - 6
18	USA	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
31	Monaco	Botswana	77 - 18	25 - 2
32	China	Costa Rica	93 - 0	25 - 0
33	Australia	Japan	20 - 58	6 - 24
34	Greece	Finland	29 - 72	5 - 25
35	Iceland	Reunion	73 - 12	25 - 2
36	Norway	Venezuela	58 - 33	21 - 9
37	Turkey	Latvia	34 - 8	21 - 9
38	Israel	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP B				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
11	Pakistan	USA	4 - 24	10 - 20
12	China Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei	17 - 48	8 - 22
13	Portugal	New Zealand	20 - 33	12 - 18
14	Estonia	Austria	19 - 14	16 - 14
15	Bangladesh	Ireland	24 - 56	7 - 23
16	Ukraine	Brazil	17 - 35	11 - 19
17	San Marino	France	21 - 40	11 - 19
18	Poland	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP D				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
31	Japan	Monaco	34 - 25	17 - 13
32	Latvia	Australia	15 - 38	9.5 - 19.5
33	Venezuela	Turkey	8 - 50	5 - 25
34	Reunion	Norway	10 - 67	3 - 25
35	Finland	Iceland	23 - 40	11 - 19
36	Botswana	China	24 - 60	7 - 23
37	Costa Rica	Israel	33 - 76	5 - 25
38	Greece	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	England	Argentina	74 - 22	25 - 4
42	Guadeloupe	Egypt	13 - 33	10 - 20
43	Chinese Taipei	Australia	33 - 35	15 - 15
44	Jordan	Scotland	11 - 59	4 - 25
45	Poland	Russia	16 - 39	10 - 20
46	Turkey	Canada	7 - 35	8 - 22
47	Spain	Kenya	59 - 7	25 - 4

GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	San Marino	USA	10 - 66	3 - 25
52	Ireland	Japan	19 - 24	14 - 16
53	Netherlands	China Hong Kong	27 - 36	13 - 17
54	Israel	New Zealand	17 - 40	10 - 20
55	Denmark	Mexico	56 - 16	24 - 6
56	Indonesia	Chile	51 - 33	19 - 11
57	Austria	India	21 - 25	14 - 16
58	Reunion	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	China	Venezuela	81 - 30	25 - 4
62	Morocco	Lebanon	32 - 28	16 - 14
63	Pakistan	South Africa	33 - 47	12 - 18
64	Palestine	Brazil	21 - 47	9 - 21
65	Philippines	Norway	19 - 35	11 - 19
66	France	Italy	40 - 20	20 - 10
67	Sweden	Germany	76 - 26	25 - 4

ROUND 7

ROUND 9

GROUP E				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
41	Egypt	England	27 - 64	6 - 24
42	Argentina	Australia	14 - 31	11 - 19
43	Guadeloupe	Scotland	17 - 51	7 - 23
44	Chinese Taipei	Spain	27 - 29	15 - 15
45	Jordan	Canada	16 - 40	9 - 21
46	Turkey	Poland	29 - 17	18 - 12
47	Russia	Kenya	72 - 16	25 - 3

GROUP F				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
51	Japan	India	58 - 23	23 - 7
52	Netherlands	San Marino	43 - 28	18 - 12
53	Israel	Reunion	49 - 16	23 - 7
54	Denmark	China Hong Kong	65 - 40	21 - 9
55	Indonesia	New Zealand	31 - 13	19 - 11
56	Austria	Mexico	60 - 18	25 - 5
57	Ireland	Chile	51 - 51	15 - 15
58	USA	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP G				
Match		IMP's	VP's	
61	Brazil	Morocco	48 - 35	18 - 12
62	South Africa	Venezuela	10 - 48	6 - 24
63	Italy	Palestine	41 - 27	18 - 12
64	Lebanon	China	32 - 62	8 - 22
65	Norway	Pakistan	54 - 21	23 - 7
66	Germany	Philippines	38 - 12	21 - 9
67	France	Sweden	22 - 28	14 - 16

ROUND 8

Olympic Update

by Herman De Wael

The Olympic Games have ended in London, but I have not yet worked through the last day's results. There were some memorable results on Saturday evening though:

Artur Taymazov, of Uzbekistan, won the heaviest category of the freestyle wrestling. He had done the same in Athens and Beijing, so he becomes the 168th person to have won the same title three times. He also won silver in Sydney and is the 92nd person in history to have won medals in one event in four Olympiads. This is an individual event, so winning three golds and a silver is a special achievement, worthy of joint sixteenth position on Herman's all-time performance listing of Olympic competitors.

Among the US women's basketball team, that won their competition for the seventh time in ten Olympic competitions (and the fifth in a row), there were three players who had also played in Athens and Beijing, and are now triple champions, Sue Bird, Tamika Catchings, Diana Taurasi. This brings the number of triple Olympic champions to 171.

Antony Obame of Gabon won a silver medal in the heavyweight Taekwondo. Gabon is the third country, after Grenada and Guatemala to have won their first Olympic medal ever, this year in London.

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	Scotland France	31 - 44	12 - 18
72	Germany Indonesia	30 - 40	13 - 17
73	Australia India	38 - 16	20 - 10
74	Israel South Africa	49 - 31	19 - 11
75	Turkey Morocco	36 - 19	19 - 11
76	Belgium Egypt	18 - 63	5 - 25
77	Canada Singapore	29 - 23	16 - 14
78	Brazil China Hong Kong	15 - 76	2 - 25
79	England Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 7

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	Denmark USA	2 - 21	11 - 19
82	Netherlands Poland	38 - 30	17 - 13
83	Pakistan Guadeloupe	30 - 11	19 - 11
84	Sweden Ireland	30 - 26	16 - 14
85	Hungary Reunion	70 - 6	25 - 2
86	Spain Kenya	72 - 6	25 - 1
87	Argentina New Zealand	32 - 43	13 - 17
88	Japan Chinese Taipei	40 - 21	19 - 11
89	Italy Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	Egypt France	27 - 48	10 - 20
72	Morocco Singapore	22 - 58	7 - 23
73	South Africa China Hong Kong	40 - 35	16 - 14
74	Israel Turkey	41 - 17	21 - 9
75	Indonesia Australia	30 - 23	16 - 14
76	Scotland Brazil	29 - 58	8 - 22
77	Germany Canada	39 - 58	11 - 19
78	England Belgium	75 - 10	25 - 1
79	India Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 8

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	Kenya USA	12 - 87	0 - 25
82	Reunion New Zealand	24 - 62	6 - 24
83	Ireland Chinese Taipei	30 - 38	13 - 17
84	Sweden Hungary	33 - 31	15 - 15
85	Poland Pakistan	40 - 4	23 - 7
86	Denmark Japan	42 - 11	22 - 8
87	Netherlands Argentina	34 - 32	15 - 15
88	Italy Spain	70 - 28	25 - 5
89	Guadeloupe Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP H

Match		IMP's	VP's
71	France Singapore	21 - 34	12 - 18
72	Egypt China Hong Kong	23 - 40	11 - 19
73	Morocco India	8 - 21	12 - 18
74	South Africa Australia	56 - 16	24 - 6
75	England Israel	20 - 18	15 - 15
76	Indonesia Canada	46 - 21	21 - 9
77	Scotland Belgium	21 - 29	13 - 17
78	Germany Turkey	50 - 16	23 - 7
79	Brazil Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 9

GROUP I

Match		IMP's	VP's
81	USA New Zealand	31 - 12	19 - 11
82	Kenya Chinese Taipei	28 - 40	12 - 18
83	Reunion Guadeloupe	34 - 45	13 - 17
84	Ireland Pakistan	31 - 38	14 - 16
85	Italy Sweden	19 - 42	10 - 20
86	Poland Argentina	53 - 2	25 - 4
87	Denmark Spain	62 - 12	25 - 4
88	Netherlands Hungary	14 - 75	2 - 25
89	Japan Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

ONLINE PLAY

Round 10 (10.30)			Round 11 (14.00)			Round 12 (17.00)		
Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series
CRS 7	Netherlands – Italy	Women F	CRS 7	China – Germany	Women G	CRS 7	Russia – Scotland	Women E
CRS 8	England – France	Seniors H	CRS 8	India – Spain	Open A	CRS 8	Estonia – Brazil	Open B
CRS 9	Brazil – Ireland	Open B	CRS 9	South Africa – Argentina	Open C	CRS 9	Denmark – India	Women F
CRS 10	Russia – Canada	Open C	CRS 10	New Zealand – Japan	Seniors I	CRS 10	Israel – Australia	Seniors H
CRS 11	England – Turkey	Women E	CRS 11	England – Russia	Women E	CRS 11	Netherlands – Chinese Taipei	Seniors I
CRS 12	Germany – Belgium	Open A	CRS 12	Italy – Sweden	Women G	CRS 12	Switzerland – Denmark	Open A

You should be able to follow live play of different matches during each round at www.bridgecardreader.com

OPEN TEAMS – Ranking after 9 rounds

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Germany	173	1 USA	175	1 Russia	190	1 Monaco	196
2 India	172	2 France	161	2 Italy	183	2 Israel	189
3 Netherlands	166	3 Ireland	157	3 South Africa	174	3 Norway	178
4 Denmark	165	4 Brazil	156	4 Argentina	160	4 Turkey	169
5 Spain	161	New Zealand	156	5 Romania	155	5 Iceland	165
6 Belgium	158	6 Austria	152	6 Sweden	154	6 China	155
7 Switzerland	156	Poland	152	7 Canada	153	7 Japan	146
8 England	133	8 Estonia	143	8 Thailand	128	8 Finland	144
9 Guadeloupe	127.5	9 Chinese Taipei	141	9 Singapore	127	9 Greece	139
10 Mexico	126	10 Pakistan	121	10 Morocco	122	10 Australia	131.5
11 Egypt	124	11 Ukraine	118	11 Bermuda	103	11 Latvia	109.5
12 Bosnia Herzeg.	121.5	12 Portugal	107	12 Trinidad Tobago	102	12 Botswana	86
13 Jordan	108	13 Bangladesh	106	13 Scotland	98	13 Costa Rica	77
14 Chile	80	14 China Hong Kong	103	14 Slovakia	96	14 Venezuela	72
15 Korea	57	15 San Marino	94	15 Kenya	71	15 Reunion	64

WOMEN'S TEAMS – Ranking after 9 rounds

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 Russia	196	1 Netherlands	175	1 Sweden	191
2 Scotland	170	2 Denmark	166.5	2 China	166
3 Turkey	160	3 Israel	160.5	3 France	164
4 Australia	158	4 Indonesia	160	4 Brazil	157
5 England	157	5 Austria	151	5 Norway	152
6 Poland	150	Japan	151	6 Italy	149.6
7 Canada	143	7 USA	146	7 Germany	130
8 Egypt	125	8 India	144	8 South Africa	124
9 Chinese Taipei	123	9 Ireland	138.5	9 Philippines	116
10 Spain	120	10 China Hong Kong	134	10 Morocco	110.4
11 Kenya	111	11 New Zealand	125	11 Venezuela	109
12 Jordan	104	12 Chile	115	12 Palestine	108
13 Argentina	92	13 San Marino	106.5	13 Pakistan	104
14 Guadeloupe	50	14 Reunion	84	14 Lebanon	94
		15 Mexico	81		

SENIOR TEAMS – Ranking after 9 rounds

GROUP H		GROUP I					
1 England	181	10 Germany	134	1 Hungary	171	10 Netherlands	136
2 Israel	168	11 Singapore	132	2 New Zealand	168	Pakistan	136
3 France	155	12 Egypt	129	3 Japan	161	12 Ireland	131
4 Indonesia	149	13 South Africa	123	4 USA	159	13 Spain	114
5 Turkey	146	14 Scotland	114	5 Denmark	157	14 Argentina	108
6 China Hong Kong	143	15 Brazil	111.5	6 Poland	153	15 Guadeloupe	106
7 Canada	142	16 Morocco	103	7 Italy	152	16 Reunion	75
8 Australia	140	17 Belgium	102	8 Sweden	151	17 Kenya	68
9 India	139.5			9 Chinese Taipei	148.5		

OPEN **Brazil v USA** **ROUND 3**

Big Bang Theory

by Brent Manley

Some matches are quiet, some are loud – that is to say, with lots of IMPs flying around. The third-round USA-Brazil match in the Open series fit that latter description to a tee.

The action started right away.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
Pass	INT	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Roberto Barbosa started with a low heart against Eric Rodwell's INT. The ♥Q held the trick, and it was a simple matter for Rodwell to knock out the ♣A and take his eight tricks for plus 120.



Zia Mahmood, USA

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♦	INT	Pass	Pass
	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Miguel Villas-Boas led the ♥K, taken by Bob Hamman with the ace. He played quickly: club to the ace, club ruff, diamond to the ace, club ruff, ♦K, ♦Q (spade pitch), then the ♦6. When Joao-Paulo Campos ruffed in with the ♥10, Hamman pitched another spade. The ♥J went to the queen. Hamman lost only a spade and a club from there for plus 140 and a 6-IMP lead.

The lead changed on the next board thanks to a nifty end-play by Villas-Boas.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
Pass	4♥	1♣	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The bad trump split doomed this normal contract. Rodwell could do no better than eight tricks for minus 200.

In the closed room, a better contract was found.

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
1♠	Dbl	1♣	Pass
All Pass		2♠	3NT

Zia Mahmood led a low club to Hamman's king. Had Hamman led a low club from hand at trick two, there would be no story to tell, but he switched to a spade, influenced no doubt by Zia's response to the 1♣ opening.

Villas-Boas won the ♠A and played a heart to dummy's king. Hamman won the ace and persisted in spades. Now declarer played the ♦J, covered by the queen and ace, fol-

lowed by a low club from dummy, Hamman ducking. It might seem that winning and exiting with a club would have helped, but Villas-Boas had his contract in hand at that point.

After winning the ♣J, Villas-Boas played a diamond to dummy's king, a diamond back to his hand, leaving this end position:

♠ — ♥ Q 9 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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	♠ 9 6 ♥ 10 8 ♦ — ♣ A
N					
W E					
S					
♠ J ♥ — ♦ Q 9 ♣ 10 9	♠ Q 4 ♥ 7 6 ♦ — ♣ Q				

Villas-Boas cashed the ♠Q and followed with the ♣Q. Hamman won and cashed the ♠9, but at trick 12 he had to lead from the ♥10 8 into dummy's ♥Q 9. Plus 600 was good for 13 IMPs to Brazil. Had Hamman taken his ♣A on the second round of the suit and continued with a club or a spade, he would have been squeezed out of his club exit card on the play of the diamonds, suffering the same end play with a spade to the 9 at trick 11.

It is double-dummy defense to be sure, but a low club by Hamman at trick two would have done the trick, so long as he also ducked declarer's heart to the king (winning and cashing clubs rectifies the count for the inevitable squeeze).

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A ♥ A Q 8 7 5 4 ♦ K Q 10 5 4 ♣ 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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	♠ K 9 7 6 5 ♥ J 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ A 9 6 2
N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ Q 7 4 3	♠ J 10 8 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ K J 10 5				
West <i>Branco</i> Pass 2♠ Pass All Pass	North <i>Rodwell</i> 1♣* 3♥ 4♦	East <i>Barbosa</i> 1♠ Pass Pass	South <i>Meckstroth</i> Pass 3♠ 4♥		

A low spade went to the 2, 3 and ace, and Rodwell cashed the ♥A, following with his singleton club. Barbosa ducked, and Rodwell rose with ♣K and now had the entry to

dummy he needed to play a heart up: 9, 10, queen, jack. He ended up losing one heart and two diamonds to score plus 620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Hamman also led a spade, ducked by Zia to declarer's singleton ace. Campos cashed the ♥A and played a club from hand. Hamman did not err, winning the ♣A and exiting with a spade, ruffed by declarer. Campos played a low heart, hoping for a doubleton king, but it was not to be and he was one down after losing two hearts, the club and one diamond (Zia led away from the jack).

Board number 6 provided 3 IMPs to the Americans, but it could have been more – or less, had declarer at one table played the same way as at the other.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
4♥	Dbl	1♣	Pass
		All Pass	

As you can see, North-South can take the first five tricks against 4♥ doubled: two top diamonds, two top spades and a spade ruff by North. That's easy looking at all the cards. At the table, Rodwell cashed two high diamonds and got out with his singleton club to dummy's ace. Marcelo Castello Branco discarded a spade on the high club and discarded a second spade on the ♣K. When Rodwell ruffed, Branco was down in a contract he could have made on the defense against him by simply cashing a heart in dummy. He could then have ruffed a club to hand and ruffed his third diamond for trick number 10.

At the other table, Zia did take 10 tricks. Unfortunately for his side, he was in 5♥.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
4♦	Dbl	INT	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Campos cashed two high diamonds and played a third, ruffed by Zia with the ace. He took the precaution of cashing the ♠10 before playing on clubs, allowing him to discard two spades from hand to go down only one.

The American were leading 26-23 when board 10 came along. It was not pretty for the USA.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 9 7 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ A 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ —		♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ 9 ♣ A Q 10 8 4	♠ 10 6 5 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ K Q J 6 2 ♣ J 2 ♠ A 8 4 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ 8 ♣ K 9 7 6 5 3
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In the closed room, Zia played 2♠ on the 4-3 fit, finishing with nine tricks for plus 140. In the open room, Meckstroth made an aggressive overcall that was costly.

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
		1♣	2♣
Dbl	All Pass		

In the five-card major systems, it is not unusual to see a 1♣ opener on three low cards. Meckstroth was obviously betting on that situation when he introduced his less-than-robust suit. Barbosa did not have a difficult decision after his partner's negative double, and the result was four down for 1100 to Brazil, a 14-IMP gain. With six deals to go in the set, Brazil had surged ahead 37-26.

The Americans got to within 5 IMPs on this interesting board, where 4♦ was down three at one table while 3♦ made at the other.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 9 8 4 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 8 6 4 3 ♣ J 10 6		♠ A ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ K J 9 7 2 ♣ 8 5 4	♠ 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 ♦ A 5 ♣ Q 9 3 ♠ K Q 10 7 6 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A K 7 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Dbl	3♦	All Pass

Villas-Boas led the ♠K to declarer's ace. Hamman cashed his two high hearts and played a third. Villas-Boas ruffed in with his ♦10, Hamman discarding a club. The ♣K and ♣A were followed by a third round of the suit, ruffed in dummy. Hamman then played a trump to his king, dropping South's queen. He lost only two clubs and two diamonds for plus 110.

In the open room, Meckstroth and Rodwell pushed their opponents one level higher, then took the maximum on defense.

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Redbl
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Rodwell led the ♥Q to dummy's ace. Branco cashed the ♥K and ruffed a heart, Meckstroth declining to ruff in. A spade went to dummy's ace and a fourth round of hearts was ruffed in the West hand. Branco played a diamond to dummy's jack, and the roof fell in. Meckstroth won the ♦Q, cashed two high clubs and put Rodwell in with a third round of clubs. Rodwell then played the ♥J and declarer misguessed in trumps again, ruffing with the 9. Meckstroth scored the ♦10 and the defense still had the trump ace to go. Plus 150 and plus 110 was good for 6 IMPs.

USA gave 4 IMPs back on the next board thanks to another aggressive action on a ragged suit.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 9 7 5 3 2 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ 9 3		♠ 8 ♥ J 8 ♦ J 7 6 5 3 ♣ A 8 7 6 4	♠ A J 10 4 ♥ 9 6 4 3 ♦ Q ♣ K Q J 5 ♠ K 6 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ K 10 9 4 2 ♣ 10 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>V-Boas</i>
			Dbl
2♠	Pass	Pass	
All Pass			

Campos and Villas-Boas were not troubled to exact a penalty of 800 against Zia's weak two-bid. It went ♣K,

duck, ♠Q to the ace, a club ruffed by South with the 6 and overruffed with the 7. Zia cashed the ♦A and played a heart to the jack and queen. South cashed ♠K and the ♦K, then two more hearts. Zia was down to all trumps, ruffing with the 3 on South's diamond continuation. North overruffed and still had two trump tricks to come. Meckstroth and Rodwell bid to their vulnerable heart game despite the equally aggressive 2♠ opening at their table, so the damage was 4 IMPs. Brazil was leading 41-32 at that point.

With two boards to go, USA was trailing 41-40 thanks to an 8-IMP pickup on board 13.

This deal put the Americans in the lead.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
			2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Rodwell led the ♠A and continued with a spade to Meckstroth's queen. Meckstroth exited with the ♣Q, taken in dummy with the ace. Branco played a heart to his king, but Rodwell won the ace and gave his partner a club ruff. That was plus 50 to USA.

At the other table, Campos started with a low club, apparently playing his partner for a singleton or void in the suit. Zia took full advantage, winning the ♣A in dummy and playing three top diamonds, discarding a spade. Zia then played a sneaky ♦6, planning another spade discard. Zia held to his plan, pitching his second spade, when South ruffed in. It would have not helped for North to overruff and give his partner a club ruff. South would have been ruffing a loser. Zia lost two trump tricks and a club for plus 420. The 10 IMPs put USA ahead 50-41.

The match ended with USA winning 50-47 when the Americans were minus in partscores at both tables for a 6-IMP loss.

Interactive play

You can play deal Number 2 from this report with interactive comments at www.vubridge.com/London2012



Championship Diary



You may have noticed that yesterday's front cover featured a photograph from the WBF Congress Meeting that included an empty chair. For a modest fee we can we can put your picture into the empty space.

We were trying to ascertain Usain Bolt's time for the last leg of the 4x100 meters relay. Our guess was 9.5 seconds, which is (according to the Guinness Book of Records) the fastest time ever recorded for skinning a Possum. When I suggested we should try to beat that time Tacchi said 'Yes, but who's going to play Possum?'

We have another game for you to play: Can you think of ways of adapting film titles so they would be suitable for bridge players? For example, *The Bridgeurs of Madison County*, *Diamonds are for one*, *Bury my Hearts at Wounded Knee*.

Answers to markhorton007@hotmail.com

There is a rumour that the IOC have had observers at the first few days of the bridge at the World Mind Sport Games. Their report has yet to be published but we believe they will call on the WBF to ban relay bidding systems, reverse attitude signals and weak jump overcalls and at future events. Such conventions are, they say, contrary to the Olympic motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius', 'Faster, Higher, Stronger'.

Nick Nickell's squad suffered a blow when it was announced that Manchester City's bid for Rodwell has been accepted.

Congratulations to Tony Friday, European Champion in 1961, who celebrates his 90th birthday today.

Calling all non-qualifiers



If your team failed to qualify for the knock out matches and you intend to take part in the Transnational event please make sure you visit the Registration Desk as soon as possible.

Don't Forget

If you leave something at hospitality - a phone, a bag, etc don't forget to collect it after play!
The desk closes at 19.30.



WOMEN **Netherlands v Israel** **ROUND 4**
by Mark Horton

Two undefeated teams met in this Group F Round 4 Women's match. There was not a lot of action, and the match turned on these three significant deals:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tal	Michielsen	Tal	Dekkers
1♥	3♥*	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

3♥ Asking for a heart stopper

North's double was extremely optimistic to say the least. (Do you think South should run?) She led a top club and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the king and ace. North won and switched to a spade but South's ace of



Laura Dekkers, The Netherlands

spades was the last trick for the defence, +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Saada	Pasman	Nosatzki
1♥	3♥*	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

North's bidding here looks much sounder and although she had to go one down Israel had 13 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tal	Michielsen	Tal	Dekkers
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	INT

East led the ace of clubs and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer put up dummy's ace and ran the jack of spades. East took the queen and returned the ten of hearts. When that held she played the king of clubs and declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade and drew trumps, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Saada	Pasman	Nosatzki
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	INT
Pass	3♣	Dbl	2NT
All Pass			3NT

For the moment I have no idea why North bid 3♣. West led the two of clubs and East won with the king and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer won with the ace

and ran the jack of spades. East won and played the ten of hearts for the queen, king and seven. West cashed the nine of hearts and then went back to clubs, +300 and 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tal	Michielsen	Tal	Dekkers
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♠

- 2♦ Weak with a major or strong balanced or strong diamonds
- 2♥ Relay
- 3♥ Feature

East led the king of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of spades. East won and switched to the nine of clubs, so declarer claimed twelve tricks, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Saada	Pasman	Nosatzki
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♦

When South redoubled and then bid 4♥ it was clear she had a first round heart control, but N/S were overboard when North bid 5♣. Perhaps South should have bid 3NT - after all a void in the suit where partner had shown values was hardly a plus.

This misadventure cost Israel 11 IMPs.

Netherlands had won their fourth match in a row 38-19 IMPs, 19-11 VP.

Three problems from day one

by Micke Melander

In the first round North-South were tested to see if they could land on their feet by bidding the grand slam in diamonds.

Round 1

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the match Scotland vs Canada the Scottish pair had a straightforward auction.



West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass		Pass	7♣!

2♣ was either strong or a preempt in diamonds, and to cover the latter case North just raised the preempt when he thought he had a suitable hand to up the ante. South probably should have thought about that before jumping to the grand slam in clubs. With clubs as trumps declarer only had twelve tricks and that was a loss of 11 IMPs when the Canadians "only" managed to reach 3NT at the other table.

In another match Norway battled Turkey and the bidding in the Open Room went 2♣-2♦; 3♣-3♠; 4♣-5♣ while the Norwegians in the closed room were close to succeeding, but eventually came to stop in 6♦ after:

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

In the Open Series only seven countries managed to bid 7♦ and at eleven tables they came to a stop in 3NT! A very difficult hand in other words...

Let's move on and have a look at a playing problem from the next round.

Round 2

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

You play 6♥ and get a low spade lead from North. What's your plan?

By the way Spain was the only team who managed to reach 6♣, which on the predictable spade lead was a slightly better contract than playing in hearts. Many declarers in 6♥ went down, while those who played in 4♥ scored twelve tricks.

Once you look at the cards you have a feeling that you would like to combine your chances by trying both the diamond and the club suits to see if that would give you the extra tricks (provided trumps behave). The slam is at worst about 50% on a club finesse.

Line 1

Finesse North for the queen of clubs, since that is the only 4-1 distribution you are able to handle.

Line 2

Duck a diamond, win the spade return with dummy's ace and throw away the jack of clubs from hand. You can now try ace and king of clubs to see if the queen falls; if not you have to rely on diamonds being 3-3.

Line 3

Ruff the spade lead. Duck a diamond, ruff the next spade, cash the king of hearts, then play the ace of diamonds and lead a third diamond. If they split you are home, if North has two diamonds you may now be able to pull trumps and play on clubs.

When the full lay-out of the hand was as below, many actually went down.

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

Speaking with the Polish Women after the match I asked the declarer how she played in 4♥. She said 'I simply won

the spade lead and played a club to the jack. Twelve easy tricks.' 'But why... you could only handle 4-1 with North, if clubs were like that.' 'Ehhh, call it women's intuition,' she said and laughed and last but not least added, 'by the way it was a push, same contract and line of play at the other table'. Don't argue with success!

A third very interesting and difficult hand was played in Round 3. Here Helgemo and Helness showed why they are to be considered as one of the best pairs in the world!

Round 3

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helness		Helgemo	
4♦*	Pass	2♥*	3♦
7♥	All Pass	5♦!*	Pass

2♥ was 5-5 with hearts and a minor in the range of 3-9 HCPs. South overcalled with 3♦ giving the Monegasques some help at solving their bidding problem. 5♦ told the story for partner who then had heard enough and just bid the grand slam. Playing the contract wasn't any problem. It was easy to ruff a couple of diamonds in hand playing on a reverse dummy and claim. Very well done and a nice solution for a real problem.

A couple of gold stars should also be given to Mexico who managed to reach 7♥ and Romania who ended up in 7♣.

Smoking forbidden in Grand Palais

Please be reminded that the Grand Palais is a non-smoking facility. Players who smoke in the Grand Palais are subject to penalty for doing so.

Here are the rules and regulations regarding smoking at this tournament:

"Any player smoking in the building will cause his team to be fined 2 victory points (6 IMPs in a knockout match), plus a fine of 100 euros. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing."

Eight winning Slams

by Herman De Wael

'I wonder if anyone made that slam', said Mark, so I went and looked it up.

This was the deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

There are 132 tables in these championships (58 open, 42 women's and 32 seniors) and on 36 of them (16 open, 14 women's and 6 seniors) the contract was 6♥, almost exclusively played by West. Only 9 declarers made the contract, and I went and found out how.

At four tables, the lead was the ♦2. The contract is easily made from there. No prizes for Andres Knap (Spain), Geir Helgemo (Monaco), Véronique Bessis (France) and Marina Breytenbach (South Africa).

At the other five tables, the lead was the ♥10. All the declarers took this on the table and played a spade. One defender, Steven De Donder from Belgium, thought it was a good idea to duck this. Samir Dolarevic of Bosnia & Herzegovina had no trouble making it from there.

Faten Farhat (Lebanon) now received a club return, which she was forced to take in hand. She made the contract from there, in the same manner as described below.

James Hay (Scotland Open), Mehmet Copur (Turkey Seniors), and Mary de Guzman (Philippines Women) all received a diamond return, and they (and many others around the room) were faced with a choice: either to let this run to the queen (and go down if the ♦K was to the left, as it actually was) or to fly up with the ace. These three declarers did that, and they proceeded carefully as follows: one more round of trumps, and then the spades, discarding diamonds. Now they ruffed a diamond, came back to hand in clubs, and ruffed another diamond. A club ruff, the last trump and the thirteenth spade made 12 tricks.

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OPEN

England v The Netherlands

ROUND 3

Speed of Lightning

by Mark Horton

Light travels at 186,000 miles per second in a vacuum. So the light from a flash of lightning travels at the speed of light in air, which is slightly less than the speed of light in a vacuum (e.g., space).

But lightning itself travels nowhere near as fast as the speed of light. Lightning is an electrical discharge and is bound by the laws of physics. Its speed depends on many factors, including the conductivity of the medium it is travelling through. Careful scientific measurements of many lightning flashes have revealed that the electricity moves at different speeds at different stages of its journey in the lightning flash. Also, its returning upstroke is much faster than its downstroke.

Usain Bolt is the fastest man on earth and I can't help but wonder how he would react to the speed of play in a bridge match?

When England met the Netherlands in Round 6 of Open Group A, both sides fielded their speed merchants, Bauke Muller for the Netherlands and Andrew Robson for England.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♠	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

INT Balanced or ♥+♣
Relay

South led the four of diamonds and declarer won in hand and played the queen of clubs. When South covered with the king declarer ducked and was disappointed to see North discard the five of spades. South switched to the ten

of spades and dummy's queen lost to the king. Declarer won the diamond return and ran the nine of spades to North's jack. When North switched to the two of hearts South took the ace and cashed the queen for one down, +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
1♠*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♥*	Pass
1♥	11-15, 5+♥, maybe 5+♠		
1♠	Game forcing relay		
2♥	minimum, 5332		

After the game force West relayed for shape, controls and location of honours settled for 3NT.

North led the five of spades and declarer won with the queen and played a club to the queen and king, North discarding the six of diamonds. When South returned a spade declarer won with the ace and played a club to the jack, North pitching what proved to be a fatal two of hearts. A club to the nine and ace was followed by another club. South could win, but had no good move. He tried a low heart, but that saw declarer win and claim, +400 and 10 IMPs for the Netherlands.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♥*	All Pass
2♣	Natural or 16+		
2♦	GF opposite 16+		
2♥	16+, three or more hearts		
2♠	Relay		
3♥	4 hearts		
5♣	1/4 key cards		
6♥	♥Q		

I confess I'm guessing a little about the exact meaning of the E/W bids, but convention cards are not a big help when relays are involved.

North led the ten of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played the four of spades. South took the ace (ducking does not work) and switched to the nine of diamonds.

As you might expect declarer took some time over his next play.

The alternative to finessing is to take the ace of diamonds. Then, as the cards lie declarer has to draw another round of trumps then cash spades, discarding diamonds from dummy. A diamond ruff is followed by a club to the ace, then a diamond ruff and a club ruff allow declarer to take the last two tricks with the master trump and the five of spades.

There is little to go on, just a few very minor inferences (no double of 5♣, the trump lead from North) but they were not enough to persuade declarer to do anything other than finesse. That was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
1♣*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
1♣	16+		
2♠	GF, 9+, 2+ controls, 4441/5440, short ♥ or ♠		
2NT	Relay		
3♣	0/1 spade		
3♥	1444		
3NT	Minimum		
4♦	End signal		

Another attempt to interpret a relay auction - can't these boys ever go INT-3NT?

Had E/W bid the slam at this table a diamond lead would have been a killer, but against 4♥ South led a club. Declarer won and played the king of spades and when South won

and switched to the four of diamonds he played low, +650 and another 13 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♠	All Pass

This was not a good time to miss game. North led the three of hearts and South won and switched to the king of diamonds. Declarer won, drew trumps and played a diamond. He lost a club as well, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	2NT*	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

2NT Good raise with four spades

After the same opening lead South won with the ace and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer played low and won with dummy's nine. Ace of clubs and a club set up a club ruff and declarer was soon claiming +620 and 10 IMPs.



Bauke 'lightning' Muller

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ J 10 8 5 ♣ A 8 6 5 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 5 2 ♥ A 10 9 6 5 3 ♦ Q ♣ 7 4 2
N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ A K 7 6 3 2 ♣ Q 10 9		♠ K J 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ K ♦ 9 4 ♣ K J			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
4♥	All Pass	2♥*	3♠
2♥	9-12, 6+♥		

South led the nine of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the queen, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. North overruffed, cashed the ace of clubs and continued with the eight of clubs. South won and played a spade and declarer could not avoid the loss of a trump trick, -100.

Jeff Meckstroth followed the same line (at his table South had overcalled only 2♠) so I leave it to you to decide how unlucky you think declarer was.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
4♥	All Pass	1♥	3♠

3♠ looks the down the middle choice - but 4♠ is certainly a possibility.

South led the three of spades and declarer won with dummy's queen, crossed to the ace of hearts, unblocked the queen of diamonds, ruffed a spade high and parked two clubs on top diamonds, +650 and yet another 13 IMPs for the Netherlands.

They had won 55-10 IMPs, 25-5 VP to stay on top of the table while England plummeted to twelfth.



First timeless tournament proves too much for South

How To Handle a 6-0 Trump Split

by Marek Wójcicki

In the fifth match of Open Group B Poland played Estonia. Polish superstar Cezary Balicki demonstrated one more time his dummy play perfection.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ J 10 9 4 3 2 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ K 7 5 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ K Q 10 9 6 3 ♥ Q ♦ 4 ♣ A Q 10 3 2
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ A J 7 5 4 2 ♥ K ♦ K 10 6 2 ♣ J 6			
		♠ 8 ♥ A 8 7 6 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 3 ♣ 9 8			

On this deal the Estonian N/S stopped in 2♠, making. The Poles were more ambitious:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Laanemae</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Karpov</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

East doubled, but was not clever enough to find the trump lead which would probably beat the contract. (Specifically East must lead the ace of spades and then switch to a red suit. Editor) He led the ♥K. Balicki played as if with open cards. He took the first trick with the ace, finessed the queen of clubs and cashed the ace. Now he finessed in diamonds, discarded a club on the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, and played a club. This was the position:

♠ — ♥ J 10 9 4 3 ♦ — ♣ K 7	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ K Q 10 9 6 3 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 10 3
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ A J 7 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ K ♣ —			
		♠ 8 ♥ 8 7 6 5 ♦ 9 7 ♣ —			

East did the best he could – he discarded the diamond, but declarer ruffed in dummy and could lose only three trump tricks, making the contract.