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IN THE HOME STRETCH



Without these very friendly volunteers this World Championship could not have been organized.

Contenders for the quarterfinal stages of the three main events – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D’Orsi Senior Bowl – have 48 boards to make their cases, and there are many with legitimate shots to still be playing on Sunday.

The teams on the cusp in their respective events will be looking to make strong runs in the final three matches of the round robin. Some have easier courses than others, but there are no excuses now. The strong – and the lucky – will be the survivors.

Italy has led the Bermuda Bowl round robin from the beginning, and the host team from the Netherlands continue to make a strong case for themselves.

On Friday in the Venice Cup, USA1 jumped over England and USA2 into the lead, and Denmark held their lead in the Senior Bowl.

Transnational registration

Notice to team captains: You must register for the World Transnational Open Teams by the end of round robin play in the three main events. Even if you believe your team might qualify for the quarter-final stage, you are advised to register. You may do so online at www.worldbridge1.org or at the Registration Desk in the Bridge Plaza.

Maurizio Di Sacco, Championship Manager

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Brazil	Australia	29 - 44	12 - 18
2	New Zealand	South Africa	27 - 20	16 - 14
3	India	Singapore	43 - 22	20 - 10
4	Poland	Pakistan	44 - 37	16 - 14
5	Iceland	Netherlands	12 - 40	8 - 22
6	Egypt	Italy	22 - 43	10 - 20
7	Bulgaria	Chile	8 - 44	7 - 23
8	China	USA 2	16 - 26	13 - 17
9	Japan	Canada	55 - 14	24 - 6
10	Israel	Guadeloupe	31 - 26	16 - 14
11	Sweden	USA 1	24 - 35	13 - 17

ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	USA 2	India	23 - 27	14 - 16
22	Brazil	Japan	33 - 26	16 - 14
23	Canada	France	41 - 12	22 - 8
24	Italy	Morocco	30 - 15	18 - 12
25	Australia	England	31 - 22	17 - 13
26	Jordan	New Zealand	16 - 51	7 - 23
27	Egypt	China	16 - 12	16 - 14
28	Netherlands	Sweden	32 - 16	19 - 11
29	Trinidad & Tobago	USA 1	36 - 54	11 - 19
30	Indonesia	Poland	42 - 22	20 - 10
31	Venezuela	Germany	5 - 53	4 - 25

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Netherlands	Israel	33 - 16	19 - 11
2	Guadeloupe	Japan	17 - 53	7 - 23
3	Canada	China	14 - 46	7 - 23
4	USA 2	Bulgaria	29 - 28	15 - 15
5	Chile	Egypt	38 - 35	16 - 14
6	Australia	Iceland	54 - 6	25 - 4
7	USA 1	Poland	20 - 45	9 - 21
8	Pakistan	India	28 - 41	12 - 18
9	Singapore	New Zealand	24 - 24	15 - 15
10	South Africa	Brazil	49 - 11	24 - 6
11	Italy	Sweden	43 - 37	16 - 14

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	England	Indonesia	43 - 22	20 - 10
22	Poland	Trinidad & Tobago	33 - 20	18 - 12
23	USA 1	Netherlands	67 - 11	25 - 3
24	Sweden	Egypt	67 - 10	25 - 3
25	China	Jordan	71 - 21	25 - 4
26	India	Australia	42 - 57	12 - 18
27	Germany	Italy	45 - 10	23 - 7
28	Morocco	Canada	21 - 57	7 - 23
29	France	Brazil	29 - 43	12 - 18
30	Japan	USA 2	40 - 23	19 - 11
31	New Zealand	Venezuela	40 - 11	22 - 8

ROUND 18

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Australia	South Africa	22 - 19	16 - 14
2	Brazil	Singapore	38 - 57	11 - 19
3	New Zealand	Pakistan	52 - 17	23 - 7
4	India	USA 1	25 - 17	17 - 13
5	Poland	Italy	18 - 45	9 - 21
6	Sweden	Chile	42 - 35	16 - 14
7	Iceland	Israel	33 - 30	16 - 14
8	Bulgaria	Canada	7 - 41	7 - 23
9	China	Guadeloupe	22 - 12	17 - 13
10	Japan	Netherlands	40 - 54	12 - 18
11	Egypt	USA 2	11 - 46	7 - 23

ROUND 18

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	India	Japan	55 - 16	24 - 6
22	USA 2	France	50 - 22	22 - 8
23	Brazil	Morocco	27 - 22	16 - 14
24	Canada	Germany	21 - 48	9 - 21
25	Italy	New Zealand	39 - 34	16 - 14
26	Venezuela	China	10 - 45	7 - 23
27	Australia	Indonesia	34 - 81	4 - 25
28	Egypt	USA 1	29 - 33	14 - 16
29	Netherlands	Poland	52 - 10	25 - 5
30	Trinidad & Tobago	England	39 - 24	18 - 12
31	Jordan	Sweden	35 - 40	14 - 16



RESULTS

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Ranking after 18 rounds



ROUND 16

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 India	France	18 - 33	12 - 18
42 Netherlands	Italy	17 - 49	7 - 23
43 Indonesia	Germany	46 - 25	20 - 10
44 Australia	Reunion	34 - 13	20 - 10
45 USA 2	Egypt	35 - 30	16 - 14
46 New Zealand	Denmark	21 - 47	9 - 21
47 Argentina	China Hong Kong	28 - 22	16 - 14
48 Canada	Brazil	37 - 15	20 - 10
49 Poland	Bulgaria	27 - 19	17 - 13
50 USA 1	Guadeloupe	47 - 17	22 - 8
51 Pakistan	Japan	32 - 42	13 - 17

Bermuda Bowl

1 Italy	344	12 Poland	265
2 Netherlands	326	13 Egypt	261.67
USA 2	326	14 Brazil	261
4 Israel	302.34	15 South Africa	256
5 USA 1	298.5	16 Bulgaria	252.5
6 Iceland	292.5	17 India	252
7 Australia	286	18 Chile	220
8 China	281.5	19 Canada	217
9 Sweden	280	20 Guadeloupe	208
10 New Zealand	279	21 Pakistan	204
11 Japan	277	22 Singapore	197

ROUND 17

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 France	Italy	25 - 13	18 - 12
42 India	Germany	31 - 60	8 - 22
43 Netherlands	Japan	23 - 36	12 - 18
44 Indonesia	Egypt	41 - 15	21 - 9
45 Pakistan	Denmark	39 - 32	16 - 14
46 USA 1	Reunion	78 - 9	25 - 1
47 New Zealand	Brazil	27 - 40	12 - 18
48 Argentina	Bulgaria	52 - 31	20 - 10
49 Canada	Guadeloupe	43 - 10	23 - 7
50 Poland	Australia	51 - 0	25 - 4
51 USA 2	China Hong Kong	17 - 51	7 - 23

Venice Cup

1 USA 1	325	12 Poland	275
2 England	323	13 New Zealand	273
3 USA 2	321	14 Japan	262
4 China	314	15 Brazil	261
5 Germany	313	16 India	252
Indonesia	313	17 Australia	211
7 Sweden	309	18 Jordan	201
8 Netherlands	304	19 Egypt	199
9 Canada	297	20 Morocco	188
10 France	292	21 Venezuela	179.5
11 Italy	289	22 Trinidad & Tobago	169

ROUND 18

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 USA 1	Poland	17 - 37	10 - 20
42 Australia	Canada	22 - 37	12 - 18
43 Guadeloupe	Argentina	40 - 18	20 - 10
44 Bulgaria	New Zealand	41 - 22	19 - 11
45 Brazil	USA 2	30 - 28	15 - 15
46 China Hong Kong	Pakistan	39 - 8	22 - 8
47 Reunion	Italy	12 - 67	3 - 25
48 Egypt	Netherlands	26 - 26	15 - 15
49 Japan	India	38 - 20	19 - 11
50 Germany	France	21 - 15	16 - 14
51 Denmark	Indonesia	21 - 33	12 - 18

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

1 Denmark	325.5	12 Argentina	271
2 USA 1	320	13 Canada	270
3 Poland	318	14 Japan	260
4 France	316	15 Netherlands	256
5 USA 2	313	16 Egypt	250
6 Indonesia	303	17 Bulgaria	244
7 China Hong Kong	302.5	18 Guadeloupe	231
8 Germany	299	19 Pakistan	212
9 Australia	289	20 New Zealand	195
10 India	285	21 Brazil	191.5
11 Italy	277	22 Reunion	165

Just the Facts

A new feature designed to tell you more about some of the best known players here in Eindhoven.

Name

Jón Baldursson.

Date of Birth

23 December 1954.

Place of Birth

Reykjavik.

Place of Residence

Iceland.

What kind of food makes you happy?

Barbecued Icelandic Lamb Cutlets.

And what drink?

Long Island Ice Tea (Hawaii 2006).

Who is your favourite author?

Halldór Laxness.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Paul Newman.

Actress?

Goldie Hawn.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

ABBA and The Beatles.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Jóhannes Sveinsson Kjarval.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Bermuda Bowl win in 1991.

Do you have a favourite hand?

♠ A Q xxx ♥ – ♦ – ♣ A K Q J xxxx

Partner held ♠ K J xx and ♣ 10 xxx. We bid up to 7♠ without ever mentioning clubs and the guy on lead led his singleton club!!

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?

Case for the Defence (Victor Mollo).

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Italy.

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?

Self belief.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Dishonesty.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

If I happen to follow a Saab car on my way to a bridge tournament then I have to pass it; fortunately Saab cars are becoming very rare.

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?

Rory McIlroy.



VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Round 19 (10.30)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Netherlands – China	BB/2
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	USA 2 – Sweden	BB/5
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Italy – India	BB/7
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	USA 1 – New Zealand	BB/11
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	New Zealand – Canada	VC/27
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	Indonesia – China Hong Kong	SB/45
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – Italy	VC/26
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	England – Netherlands	VC/22

Round 20 (13.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Australia – China	BB/7
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Poland – Iceland	BB/9
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	India – Sweden	BB/10
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	France – Indonesia	VC/25
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Germany – Poland	VC/23
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	Poland – Germany	SB/46
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – Sweden	VC/21
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	India – Netherlands	VC/27

Round 21 (16.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Iceland – USA 2	BB/10
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Sweden – New Zealand	BB/2
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Egypt – Brazil	BB/3
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Italy – Canada	VC/21
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	USA 1 – China	VC/31
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	Denmark – Australia	SB/43
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – South Africa	BB/5
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – USA 1	BB/8

One man's meat

by Chris Dixon

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

On this deal from the Bermuda Bowl, round 15, the final contract of 3♠ was played 14 times, generally on the opening lead of the singleton diamond. Some declarers played the ♠A and another spade, and some ran the ♠Q and after the diamond ruff the contract rolled home comfortably when the ♥A was well placed.

On VuGraph, we saw a variation when Grzegorz Narkiewicz, from Poland, won the second round of trumps and returned the ♥J to dummy's King. Unable to return to hand to draw trumps declarer now had to lose two hearts and the diamond ruff to go one down. This defence was replicated by Sweden against Japan.

So, how else can declarer succeed? How about playing a club at trick two to create a quick re-entry to hand? No good – the defence can counter this by just playing a second club. But now, declarer can lead up to the ♥K. If West wins and leads a trump, we can duck in dummy and after West gets a diamond ruff dummy will be high. But wait – East returns a second heart, and now if we draw the ♠A we'll lose another heart trick and if we don't, we'll have to let both defenders get diamond ruffs!

The clue to the hand is that the defence succeeded by not taking their diamond ruff early. What is one man's meat is another man's poison, so one winning play (♠Q at trick two is the other) is for declarer to play a second diamond at trick two, forcing the defence to take their ruff early. Now, no defence prevails.



Grzegorz Narkiewicz

It's a heart eight, nothing but a heart eight

by Barry Rigal

As Bonny Tyler might have sung, Norberto Bocchi told me what a bad card holder his partner was on this deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Quite a few of the field had opened the East hand to get to 4♥ by East. After a Texas transfer or the like. On a club lead North won the ace and cashed ♠A then played another spade. After North had produced two aces declarer was not hard pressed to get hearts right.



Norberto Bocchi

In the open series 16 of 22 declarers made ten tricks in their heart contracts. Bocchi sat North and on an informative auction (1♣ – 1♥; INT – 3♥; 4♥) led the spade ace and shifted to a diamond. Believing the opponents' count cards declarer played four rounds of diamonds, discarding his club, in the hope that whichever defender ruffed would weaken his trump holding. Bocchi now knew his partner must have the ace of hearts, and seeing the trump nine in dummy he thoughtfully ruffed with the ♥Q. his expectation was that declarer would win the spade return on the board and pass the heart nine.

Alas for him, when declarer led the ♥9 from dummy South's cursed heart eight got in the way; declarer now knew to go up with the king (on the assumption that Madala would have covered from 10-8 – by no means a sure thing, incidentally) and hold his trump losers to one.

Slammed around

by John Carruthers

There is nothing more exciting in bridge than a touch-and-go slam at the crucial point in a tense match. Here are three from the first two days' play.

Psychology

In the first, old rivals Sweden faced Iceland. Both teams have high hopes of reaching the knockout rounds. Iceland is putting its perfect Bermuda Bowl record (one appearance, one win) on the line and Sweden is hoping to improve on its handful of bronze-medal finishes.

Iceland got off to a racing start, opening a 45-0 lead after eight boards – they'd had three consecutive double-digit swings in their favour on boards 2 through 4 and a 6 IMP gain on Board 6. It was time for Sweden to stanch the bleeding.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Einarsson</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
	2♣	Pass	2♦ ¹
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT ²	Pass	4♣ ³
Pass	4♥ ³	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣ ³	Pass	5♦ ³
Pass	5NT ⁴	Pass	6♠ ⁵
All Pass			

1. Neutral
2. Denies shortness
3. Cue bids
4. Anything more to say?
5. Nope

The auction was very revealing: North had denied a singleton or void, choosing not to declare that he had a club singleton, albeit the ace, and even more key, denying a diamond control. It looked like South had the diamond king.

At his teammates' table, Jorgensen's Swedish counterpart, Fredrik Nyström, had led a trump against the Icelanders' slam and Jon Baldursson had guessed diamonds to make his contract. Peter Fredin had to duplicate that feat to avoid an ignominious blitz to start the tournament.

Jorgensen was one of the stars of Iceland's 1991 Bermuda Bowl win in Yokohama. Fredin knew him to be capable of anything. Thus when the two of diamonds was led, Fredin knew that the auction called for a diamond lead whatever East had. Assuming the contract was makeable, he had to guess whether Jorgensen had led from the queen or the ace. There was no way Fredin was going to pay off to the underlead of an ace against a slam, especially from a long-time rival.

"King," Fredin called confidently. Plus 980 and a push. Everyone put their cards away.

A good recovery

Holland and Canada have a great relationship. During World War II, Canadian troops were instrumental in liberating Holland. Ottawa was home to Queen Juliana during the war and Princess Margriet was born there in 1943, the Canadian government declaring her hospital room to belong to Holland so that she could be born on Dutch soil. Every year since then, the Dutch Royal Family sends 20,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa, helping create and maintain Ottawa's annual Tulip Festival.

The Dutch Bermuda Bowl team showed no reciprocal hospitality to the Canadians in Round 5 of the qualifying matches, slaughtering us like lambs. This was one example:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

♠ 9 5 3 2	♥ Q 10 8 6	♦ Q 6 3 2	♣ 10
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Bjorn Fallenius, Sweden

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Hargreaves	van Prooijen	McAvoy
	Pass	1♦ ¹	Pass
2♣ ²	Pass	2♥ ³	Pass
2♠ ⁴	Pass	3♦ ⁵	Pass
3♠ ⁶	Pass	3NT ⁷	Pass
4♦ ⁸	Pass	5♥ ⁹	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Hans	de Wijs	Nunn	Muller
	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Lesser players had opened one spade or three spades, but true to the aggressive style of this Dutch team, de Wijs opened at the four level. For Muller, slam seemed certain. The other table had played game, so a swing was certain.

Nunn led the club ace and had a look at the dummy. As I watched on BBO, he seemed to take about four seconds before shifting to the diamond king! A Merrimac coup, named after the American ship sunk in Santiago de Cuba during the Spanish-American War to bottle up the Spanish fleet. What should de Wijs do?

De Wijs won the diamond ace and had a number of plays available to him. He could (i.) try to ruff a club in dummy, (ii.) finesse the diamond ten, or (iii.) split out hearts and spades. He decided to ruff a club in dummy.

The best percentage play seemed to be to cash the spade queen, discard a diamond on the top hearts, come to the diamond queen and ruff the losing club. Then, depending on the cards that had fallen in the other suits, ruff a red card to hand (maybe high), draw the trumps and claim.

Accordingly, de Wijs won the diamond ace, cashed the spade queen, the heart ace and king, then led a diamond. Sartaj Hans was grateful to ruff and lead his remaining trump. Down two, 13 IMPs to Australia.

1. Could be canapé
2. Game-forcing relay
3. 6+ spades
4. Relay
5. Good hand
6. Puppet
7. Forced
8. Strongest spade slam try
9. Good hand in context plus two key cards and the trump queen

Hargreaves knew everything about the East hand. Unfortunately, that was the dummy. He led the club nine – maybe his partner would ruff it, or failing that, have the ace or queen.

Verhees won the club queen and played... the jack of spades! This was a clear technical error and created a trump trick for South. Verhees drew one more round of trumps and looked a little sheepish; he continued with a heart to the king and cashed the club ace, except that McAvoy, not wanting to be stuck on lead later, ruffed and led another heart. Verhees won that and ruffed a heart – maybe they were 3-3. No luck there.

You'll notice, however, that on the run of the spades, South must keep a heart and thus come down to a doubleton diamond. When declarer's then useless heart is discarded, North must also come to two diamonds to protect the club. Three diamond tricks make 12 in all.

Verhees said, "I played the hand like a moron." No one disagreed.

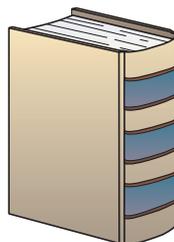
Nunn other

Tony Nunn is on everyone's shortlist for the best player in Australia. There is no doubt that he is a very talented guy. Watch him in action here in the sixth round robin match versus the Netherlands...

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

2011 World Championship Book



The official book of these championships will be available in late March/early April next year. As usual, it will consist of 336 large pages. There will be coverage of every deal in both the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, plus substantial coverage of the earlier stages of those two events, the Seniors Bowl, and the Transnational Championship. The book will include a full results service, including Butler rankings, and many photographs.

Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. Justin Lall will be this year's guest contributor.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35.00. For the duration of these championships, you can pre-order and pay at the special price of US\$25.00 or Euros 18.00. Your copy will then be sent direct from the printers.

To order please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room – Room 82 in the Green section.

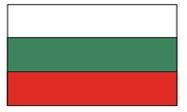
BERMUDA BOWL Round 13



China

v

Bulgaria



Score draw

by Mark Horton

A football pool, often collectively referred to as “the pools,” is a betting pool based on predicting the outcome of top-level association football matches. The pools are typically cheap to enter, with the potential to win huge money. Entries were traditionally made through the post or via collector agents. The traditional and most famous game entered was the ‘Treble Chance’ game, now branded the ‘Classic Pools’ game. Players pick eight football games from the weekend’s fixtures which finish as a score draw of 2-2 or higher to win, or win a share of the £3 million jackpot. This has been won on a number of occasions; in 2010 there was a single winner, who received a life-changing payout of £3,001,511.

When Bulgaria faced China in Round 13 of the Bermuda Bowl both teams were hoping to avoid a damaging loss that would jeopardise their qualification chances. The match never caught fire as both teams got most things right and few IMPs changed hands. There were only three swings of any substance:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Li	Trendafilov	Liu
1♠	Dbl*	2♥*	3♣
Pass	3♦	4♥*	Dbl*
4♠	All Pass		
2♥	♠ support		
4♦	Splinter		

North led his club and South won and returned the two for North to ruff. A diamond allowed south to win and he played another club. Declarer discarded a heart and North ruffed. That was the last trick for the defence, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lian	Aronov	Shi	Nanev
Pass	1♥	2♣	1♦*
2♠	4♦	4♠	2♦
Pass	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

A trump lead (West winning the first spade and playing a second trump) would hold declarer to nine tricks, but when West led the jack of clubs declarer could win, ruff a club, play a heart to the king and give up a spade, setting up a cross ruff for ten tricks. Still that was -100 and 5 IMPs for China.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Li	Trendafilov	Liu
		1♠	All Pass

South led the nine of hearts for the queen and ace and declarer cashed two more hearts, discarding a club from



dummy. On the next heart South accurately discarded a diamond, so declarer was held to eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Nanev</i>
Pass	Dbl	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
		Dbl	All Pass

I leave you to decide if North was wise to protect on such a flat hand. Whatever the theoretical arguments might be it turned out very badly. Declarer could take only two clubs, two diamonds and a spade, -500, giving China 9 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Liu</i>
2♦*	Pass	1♥	Dbl
4♥	3♦	3♠	Pass
Dbl	5♣	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

East led the ace of spades and declarer ruffed and played a heart. East took the ace and switched to the ten of diamonds, West winning with the ace and returning the queen. East's ruff was the setting trick, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Nanev</i>
2♥	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	2NT*	4♥	5♣
	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

West led the two of hearts and East took the ace and switched to the ten of diamonds. When West ducked declarer won with dummy's king, discarded a diamond on the queen of hearts and gave up a diamond. he was not hard pressed to take the rest, +550 and 12 IMPs to Bulgaria.

China won by a couple of overtrick IMPs, but that was a 15-15VP score draw.

Loser On Loser Play

by Brian Senior

USAI had a big win over Indonesia in Round 15 of the Seniors Bowl, 49-9 IMPs, 24-6 VPs. This board helped.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Fred Hamilton

South played in 6♦ at both tables on the lead of the king of hearts. At one table the contract went quietly one down for -50. In the other room Fred Hamilton made his contract. Can you see what happened?

Hamilton won the ace of hearts and drew trumps. On the third round, West pitched a spade, knowing that he did not need to guard the suit. Hamilton continued by cashing the king and queen of clubs, crossing to the ace of spades and pitching a heart on the club ace. Next he cashed the spade king and led the seven of spades. East played the queen and Hamilton discarded a heart! Down to nothing but black cards, East had to give a ruff and discard and declarer's last heart went away as he ruffed in dummy; +920 and 14 IMPs to USAI. Had West been able to win the spade trick, there would have been no end-play and the slam would have failed.

BERMUDA BOWL

Round 13



USA 2

v

Brazil



by Jos Jacobs

When this match started on Thursday morning, USA 2 were doing well in their chase for a qualifying spot. They were lying third with 218 V.P., 15 behind Italy but 31 ahead of Sweden who were in 8th position at the start of the day with 187 V.P. Behind the latter, we would find Bulgaria on 186.5 V.P. and Brazil on 186, these two teams presently leading the hunt to catch up on the Swedes.

The USA 2 v. Brazil match looked a good one to pick and watch and so it proved. The standard of play was high, so any small mistake could easily be expensive. As the boards were not of a very swingy nature, the match was effectively decided on the small mistakes. Here is the evidence.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Joao-Paulo Campos, Brazil

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Hurd	Villas Boas	Wooldridge
Pass	1♥	2♣	1♦
Pass	2♦	Dbl	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Redbl
All Pass			3♦

When Campos refrained from bidding 3♠ at any time, the Americans were left to play in a contract that could not possibly go down. On the actual lead of the ♠K and a trump shift, declarer managed 11 tricks when East rose with the ♥A at trick 3 to play another spade. USA 2 + 150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Brenner	Lall	Branco
Pass	1♥	Dbl	1♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	5♦	Dbl	4♣
			All Pass

At the other table, Grue bid 2♠ voluntarily and thus changed the tempo of the bidding. On the surface of it, 5♦ is quite a playable contract but on this layout, the Americans were determined to prove the opposite. Grue intelligently led a trump, won cheaply in dummy and declarer went on to cash the ♣A and ruff a club. A low heart from dummy went to the queen and East won the heart continuation when declarer ducked the second round of the suit to him. Lall now put his partner in again by underleading the ♠A. When Grue led a second trump, the hand fell to pieces for declarer who was left with two more losing clubs for down two: a fine +300 and 10 IMPs for USA 2.

Brazil won the next five boards 2-0 to trail 12-2 when board 9 arrived:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

BERMUDA BOWL Round 13



Israel

v

Sweden



If they don't cover - they don't have it!

by Micke Melander

In round 13 of the Bermuda Bowl Israel beat up Sweden by 20-10 (43-20). The match sometimes looked like it was Israel vs. Fredin. Fredin made a lot of decisions that distributed the IMPs in various ways. Let's have a look at some of them.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 8 2						
	♥ K 7 3						
	♦ 4						
	♣ A K Q J 10 3						
♠ K 10 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ A J 7 6	
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W							
S							
E							
♥ 10 9 6 5 4		♥ Q J 8 2					
♦ J 9		♦ 3 2					
♣ 2		♣ 8 5 4					
	♠ 9						
	♥ A						
	♦ A K Q 10 8 7 6 5						
	♣ 9 7 6						

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>I.Herbst</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠*
Dbl	3♣	3♠	4NT*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
6♠	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
	1♣*	1♥*	1♠*
4♠	6♣	All Pass	

In the closed room Zack's 1♥ promised both majors, but that didn't keep Nyström out of the slam with his running suit, knowing that partner had values in his hand. Fredin thought that it would be -800 or -1100 in 6♠ and believed the Israelis had control of their bidding. And right he was, 7 IMPs to Sweden when the slam was lay down, 6♠ went for "only" -1100.

Then came board 7. You see the following bidding taking place:

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>I.Herbst</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

What do you lead from:

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

Fredin kicked off with the jack of diamonds! Declarer fell for the trap, believing that lead came from jack-ten-fourth and not third.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ A K						
	♥ Q						
	♦ K 9 7 6 4 2						
	♣ 10 8 6 3						
♠ 9 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ 7 6 4 2	
N							
W							
S							
E							
♥ 9 8 6 4 3 2		♥ J 7					
♦ J 5 3		♦ Q 10					
♣ K 4		♣ A J 9 7 5					
	♠ Q J 10 5 3						
	♥ A K 10 5						
	♦ A 8						
	♣ Q 2						

With both major suits blocked and only one entry to hand he had to win the trick in dummy, Fallenius smoothly following with the queen. Declarer unblocked the ace-king of spades, queen of hearts before entering his hand in diamonds, noticing the ten of diamonds arriving from Fallenius to the right. Fredin chuckling to himself...



Barel in the Closed Room started with a heart against 3NT and Bertheau also cashed out his 11 winners for no swing. An inspiring lead by Fredin, that didn't cost anything this time.

Fallenius started with the king of spades, ruffed by declarer who continued with a heart towards dummy. Fallenius moved in with the ace and switched to the ten of diamonds. Any danger?

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>I.Herbst</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Barel and Zack in the closed room sniffed at slam but decided not to go there. Fredin who was on the offensive in the open room, knew that they were missing an ace and the queen of hearts. Fredin had shown 14-16 with 5 hearts and knew that partner must have good values in the black suits when making a slam try. With all that information in the bag he moved into 6NT instead of 6♥. Fredin was probably hoping that a no-trump contract could give him some extra chances if the hearts wouldn't provide the needed tricks. When North led the queen of diamonds, Fredin won the trick in hand played a heart to dummy's king, and when the queen appeared on the next that was played he claimed the last 10 tricks. 11 IMPs to Fredin – sorry, Sweden.

On board 9 our hero had to defend against 5♣ doubled.

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>I.Herbst</i>
	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2♥	3♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

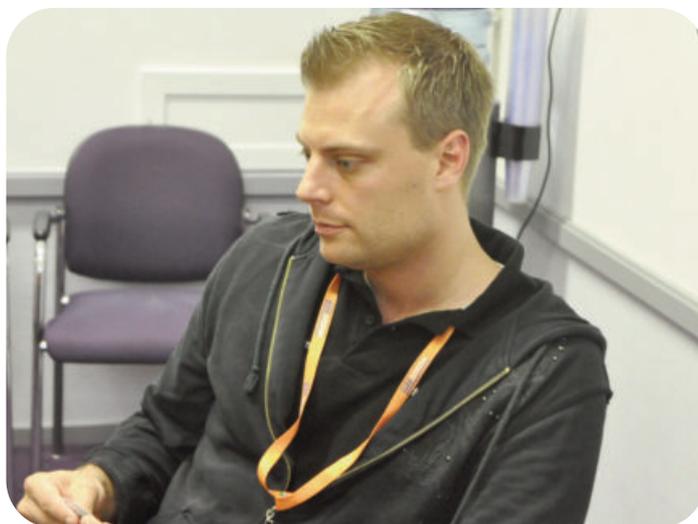
♠ J 8 5 4 3	
♥ 9 4 2	
♦ A Q 9 4	
♣ 9	
	W
	S
♠ Q 9 6 2	
♥ K	
♦ J 8 5	
♣ A Q 8 6 5	

The full deal:

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

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2♥	3♥*	4♥	Pass
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass



Fredrik Nyström, Sweden

Fredin solved the problem and went in with the ace to give partner his ruff to beat the contract. The way the bidding went North most surely had five diamonds, which was probably the clue he needed to make the right defense. If West plays low, declarer wins the trick, pulls trumps, pitches a diamond on the queen of hearts and cross-ruffs the remaining tricks to make it.

In the closed room, South was declarer. West led a heart, won by East, who now shifted to the ten of diamonds on which Barel went in with the ace to give partner his ruff. No IMPs on that hand either. 5♣ was allowed to make in several of the other matches where South was declarer.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 10 ♥ J ♦ J 7 6 3 ♣ A K J 5 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004a00; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 8 3 2 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ Q	♠ K 9 4 ♥ Q 8 6 4 3 ♦ A K ♣ 7 6 4
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ A 7 6 5 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ 10 9 8					

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>I.Herbst</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In both rooms the five of spades was led, going to the ten, jack and declarer's king. Zack kept it simple in the closed room, a club to the ace and the queen of spades, establishing the nine for the tenth trick when the defense didn't manage to cash their hearts.

Fallenius showed that he also has a fox or two behind his ears. He went for a straight finesse in clubs, losing to the queen. North now didn't understand that the defense could cash out and defeat the contract. He therefore played a spade to partner's ace and another spade gave Fallenius his ninth trick. If clubs had been 3-1 with the queen behind, he would have to reveal the diamond entries to his hand giving the defense an easier task to defeat the contract. 1 IMP to Israel though.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 6 3 2 ♥ K 9 3 2 ♦ K 7 4 3 2 ♣ -	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004a00; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q 5 4 ♥ A 10 8 7 ♦ J ♣ A K 9 7	♠ 8 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 6 5 4 3 2
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ J 10 9 7 ♥ Q ♦ A 10 8 5 ♣ Q J 10 8					

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>I.Herbst</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♣*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Pass	1♣*	Dbl*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	Pass	Dbl*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the closed room Zack led the four of hearts, which went to the queen, king and ace. Nyström, declarer from the North hand continued with the ten of hearts, covered with the jack and ruffed in dummy. The jack of spades followed, which held the trick. Next came the ten of trumps on which he saw the bad break. But since he still had control of the minor suits it was a walk in the park to pull the trumps and give up a trick in hearts for +680.

Fredin in the open room had to defend against slam. First of all he had to lead, and finally led a low spade, which went to declarer's jack. The ten followed again revealing the bad break, Fallenius discarding the six of clubs. I.Herbst now realized that the contract certainly wasn't lay-down and had to get some heart ruffs in his hand to be able to make it. When the queen of hearts was played Fredin thought for a long time before playing the king, which was all declarer needed when as in the open room he played the ten from dummy, pinning East's jack and setting up the last needed trick in dummy. If West just follows low when the queen of hearts is played it's impossible for declarer to make his contract. "it's not the best I have done, but I didn't see the problem at that time". And if they don't cover, they don't have it, right? 13 IMPs to Israel for the manoeuvre.

BERMUDA BOWL Round 13



USA 1

v

Italy



Heavyweights meet

by Brent Manley

Italy and USA are old foes in world championships. In fact they met in the final of the last Bermuda Bowl (2009 in Sao Paulo). Italy and a different American team met in round 14 on Thursday, the Americans striving to secure a spot in the top eight and Italy sitting in first place.

Italy jumped out to the early lead.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Steve Weinstein, USA

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Madala</i>
2♦*	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	2♥	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3♣

East-West had five top tricks coming, but they had to take them right away. Lew Stansby's lead of the ♥J was normal, but it allowed Agustin Madala to run three rounds of hearts to get rid of a diamond loser. He lost two spades, a diamond and a club for plus 110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
		2♠	All Pass

Giorgio Duboin had no difficulty taking 10 tricks for plus 170. That swing put Italy ahead 8-0.

The next board was interesting because of the contrast between the auctions at the two tables – and the small swing that resulted.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			6♦

Norberto Bocchi and Madala had all sorts of controls between the two hands. What they didn't have were trumps good enough to avoid two losers. The contract went quietly one off for minus 50.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Levin</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
All Pass			2♥

Bobby Levin decided to quit while he was ahead with the apparent misfit. It's true that 5♦ makes easily – and is in fact the only making game for North-South – but on the auction, it might be said that “you can't get there from here.” The first big swing came on the following board.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Madala thought for a long time about whether to bid over 2♥, but he finally made the game try, accepted by Bocchi. Eleven tricks were trivial, so it was plus 650 for Italy.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Levin</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Weinstein</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	



Chip Martel, USA



Bobby Levin, USA

Levin also took 11 tricks, but 10 IMPs went to Italy. Aggressive bidding by Madala paid a nice dividend on the next deal as Italy's lead grew.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	5♣
5♥	All Pass		

Madala ignored the unfavorable vulnerability and simply launched into 5♣. That contract was booked for two down on normal defense, but bidding on is not unreasonable with the West hand. It did not work out this time, however, as Madala led the ♣A and gave his partner a club ruff. The ♦A was the setting trick.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Levin</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Weinstein</i>
	Pass	1♥	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

Steve Weinstein's 4♣ didn't do the trick as the final contract was unbeatable. Plus 420 for Italy meant 10 more IMPs to his team, now leading 28-5.

USA1 won a couple of partscore battles to get the score to 29-13 for Italy, but the Italians picked up 6 IMPs on the following deal to move ahead by 22.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
1♥	Db1*	4♥	1♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	4♠
Pass	Db1	All Pass	Pass

Bocchi's double showed four or five spades.

Perhaps Stansby should have doubled 4♠ to try to keep Martel from bidding on. Madala would have had to play carefully to hold the damage to minus 300. Instead, his side got plus 300 from 5♥ doubled. At the other table, Duboin played in 4♥, one down for minus 50, a gain of 6 IMPs. The margin was 35-13 for Italy.

The Americans pulled closer when the Italians had a bidding disaster on this deal.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



Agustin Madala, Italy

West <i>Stansby</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Martel</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Perhaps fearful that his partner had extreme shortage in spades, Bocchi didn't mention his long suit again over 3NT, a decision that was very costly.

Stansby started with the ♥A, switching to the ♣J and trick two. Madala had no choice but to play on spades, and when Martel got in he pushed the ♥10 through the South hand. The final result was three down for minus 300.

At the other table, Levin and Weinstein did not miss the mark.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Levin</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Weinstein</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Sementa led a tricky ♣5, taken by Levin with the ace. He played a spade to the 10, king and ace, ruffed the heart return, pulled trumps and played a club. Sementa won the ♣K and eventually collected a diamond trick, but Levin had 10 tricks for plus 620 and a sorely needed 14-IMP gain.

USA1 picked up 2 IMPs on the final deal to make the score 35-29 for Italy, 16-14 in victory points.

D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 14



USA 1

v

India



by Brian Senior

Coming up to the two-thirds point in the qualifying stage, India sat in third place and looked to be in decent shape for the knock-outs. USAI was in joint seventh place so had quite a bit more work to do.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Gupta	Finkel	Roy
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ruia	Morse	Sequeira	Wolff
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♦
Dbf	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Kamal Kumar Roy, India

The first significant swing came on this deal where, after essentially identical auctions, the respective Norths had to judge whether they held sufficient extras to justify a raise to game. I would have thought that, while the king of spades is of unknown value, the hand is strong enough to accept the game try. Dan Morse agreed with me, Subhash Gupta did not.

Lew Finkel led a diamond, Archie Sequeira a trump. Both declarers wrapped up eleven tricks and that was 10 IMPs to USAI for +650 against +200.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Gupta	Finkel	Roy
2♦	2♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
Ruia	Morse	Sequeira	Wolff
2♦	2♠	3♦	Pass
			All Pass

Both Wests opened with a weak 2♦ and both Norths made the obvious overcall. Now Sequeira was content to simply compete with 3♦, ending the auction, while Finkel liked his spade and diamond holdings sufficiently to try 2NT, raised to 3NT by Ritchie Schwartz.

Morse led the six of spades against 3♦. Ruia called for the queen then took the diamond finesse, drew trumps and led a heart in case the ace and king were onside. The queen lost to the king and eventually he had to guess the clubs for his overtrick. Ruia led low to the king then back to the ten so had ten tricks for +130.

Kamal Roy led the ten of spades against 3NT. Gupta played low so Finkel won the queen and led the jack of diamonds, running it. Finkel ran all six diamonds, coming

down to queen-to-three hearts, king-other club and the ace of spades. Gupta could have defeated the contract by keeping all his hearts or throwing only the jack, but he actually threw the low heart and bared the ace of clubs. When Finkel next led a club off the table Gupta won the ace and played a spade so Finkel could win and cash the king of clubs for +600 and 10 IMPs to USAI.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Gupta	Finkel	Roy
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♣	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	2♥	3♣

West	North	East	South
Ruia	Morse	Sequeira	Wolff
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
	2♣	All Pass	

Bridge is a bidders' game. On this one the two auctions were identical up to West's decision in pass-out seat over 2♣. Ruia went quietly and saw his opponents make eight tricks for +90. Schwartz, appreciating that he had support

for all suits other than clubs and decent defence should his partner hold a club stack, balanced with a double and that pushed his opponents to 3♣. Again, declarer lost the obvious five tricks but this time it was for one down; -50 and 4 IMPs to USAI.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Gupta	Finkel	Roy
Dbl	3♥	INT	2♥
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ruia	Morse	Sequeira	Wolff
2♠	All Pass	INT	2♥

Both Easts opened INT and both Souths overcalled 2♥. Schwartz doubled for take-out and Gupta raised to 3♥ as North, which looks normal enough. Ruia preferred to compete with 2♠ over 2♥ and now Morse, who had the playing strength to compete with 3♥ of course, felt that he had such good defence to spades that it was better to pass and hope to go plus that way.

Morse led the ten of hearts against 2♠ and that held the trick, Wolff following with the nine. A second heart went to the eight and a ruff and Ruia took a winning diamond finesse, cashed the ace of diamonds and attempted to cash the ace and king of clubs. Morse ruffed the second club and led a heart, ruffed by Ruia, who now cashed the ace of spades and led the nine of diamonds, running it when Morse played low. A diamond ruff was now the eighth trick. That was nicely played at the end for +110.

Morse had not got his plus score on defence against spades, but the decision not to compete still proved to be a winner. Schwartz led the two of diamonds against 3♥. Finkel won the jack and switched to a low trump. Roy won the ace and led a low club round to Finkel's jack. Back came a second trump. Roy put in the eight and took a club ruff then led a spade to the king and ace. Schwartz returned the queen of diamonds, covered by king and ace, and Finkel cashed the top clubs then exited with a spade. He had to come to a heart trick in the ending so the contract was three down for -300; 5 IMPs to USAI.



Lew Finkel, USA

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A K 7 5 ♣ 10 5 2	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ A ♥ K Q J 9 6 ♦ Q 10 9 3 2 ♣ 9 4	♠ K J 5 3 ♥ A 10 5 4 3 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Finkel</i>	<i>Roy</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	3NT	4♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dbf	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Ruia</i>	<i>Morse</i>	<i>Sequeira</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
			1♣
1♥	Dbf	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	

Roy passed the South hand. Schwartz opened the West hand – I can live with that but one could hardly criticize a pass either, as the two main suits are the wrong way round to show comfortably and having to rebid those hearts is no great joy. The Schwartz/Finkel card doesn't specify the meaning of the 3NT response but it didn't deter Roy from bidding 4♠ over 4♥ – 3NT as a spade splinter is a strong possibility but... Schwartz doubled 4♠, ending the auction.

Schwartz led the jack of diamonds to dummy's ace and Roy played a spade up. Finkel won the bare ace and continued the diamond attack, leading the queen to dummy's ace. Roy did well now, cashing the ace-king of clubs and dropping the queen. Schwartz ruffed the next club and played two rounds of hearts. There were still two trumps to be lost so Roy was two down for -300.

Wolff opened the South hand and Ruia overcalled. Morse's negative double suggested four spades so Wolff bid



Archie Sequeira, India

4♠ over Sequeira's jump to 4♥. Sequeira now saw a lot of potential in his hand, given that his partner was marked with spade length so that he would provide a number of ruffs. He took the push to 5♥ but Morse doubled that and cashed the top diamonds before switching to a club. The defence had the first four tricks for down two and another 300 to USAI; +12 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 10 ♥ A K J 9 6 3 ♦ 4 ♣ J 10 9 3	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ K Q 9 8 5 3 ♥ – ♦ K J 10 9 3 ♣ 8 6	♠ A 7 4 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ Q 7 6 5 2 ♣ K 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Finkel</i>	<i>Roy</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ruia</i>	<i>Morse</i>	<i>Sequeira</i>	<i>Wolff</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

Having opened the North hand, Gupta took the opportunity to limit his hand by passing at his next turn. Roy's 2♣ response was not game-forcing and, when Gupta next competed with 3♠ over 3♥, he downgraded his hand due to the poor spade support and wasted heart card so passed.

In the other room, 2♣ was game-forcing. Morse freely rebid 2♠ over 2♥ to show his extra length and Wolff raised to game.

Finkel led a heart against 3♠. Gupta ruffed and led a diamond to the ace and a second diamond, which Schwartz ruffed. He returned the king of hearts which Gupta ruffed. Gupta took the club finesse then led a spade to the queen and ace. Back came a heart so he ruffed again and took the ruffing diamond finesse, making the rest for +200.

The play in 4♠ began the same way but Ruia did not ruff the second diamond so Morse won the king, led a club to the queen and a spade to the king and ace. He ruffed the heart return, cashed the queen then nine of spades and gave up a diamond; +650 and 10 IMPs to USAI.

USAI won by 52-8 IMPs, 25-5 VPs, leaving India in fourth and the Americans just 1 VP behind them in fifth.

BERMUDA BOWL**Round 15****Poland****v****Israel***by Jos Jacobs*

When the last round on Thursday got underway, Israel were in a comfortable enough 4th position. Their Polish opponents, however, were lying at the back of a group of about 10 teams all fighting to clinch one of the last two available QF berths. So Poland desperately needed a good result whereas Israel could afford a wait and see policy. I was therefore not at all surprised to see some very aggressive Polish bidding on board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I Herbst</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>O Herbst</i>	<i>Buras</i>
Pass	3NT	3♥	Pass
		All Pass	

In balancing position against a three-level pre-empt, 3NT can be bid on almost every suitable hand between 15 and 20 HCP, so North's 3NT reopening bid looks normal enough. The crux of this sort of hands is, of course, whether or not declarer is able to exploit the often exceptional layout.

This board proved a good example. The defenders can make five tricks before declarer has nine but it would require double-dummy defence to achieve it. On the lead of the ♦A, followed by a low heart, the defence can prevail as declarer would need the ♠Q as the entry to the established clubs – west ducking his ace twice, of course. This would allow West to cash two more diamonds before leading a spade to set the contract.

On the actual immediate heart lead, declarer could have exploited his luck, had he believed in it. Dummy's ♥Q won the first trick and West took the third round of clubs with his ace. A diamond came next and East returned another heart on which dummy threw a spade rather than a diamond...

Now, declarer could lead a spade up to dummy's queen but East would then win the king and return the suit, leaving declarer stranded in dummy to hand the last two diamond tricks to West.

At the table, declarer played a diamond, losing to West's queen. A spade came back to East's king but communications were blocked. One down.

Had dummy kept his spade holding fully intact and thrown a diamond, West would never again have entered the scene... declarer would have made four clubs, three hearts and at least two spades.

So an imaginative chance missed by Poland: down two and Israel +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Barel</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Zack</i>
Pass	Dbl	2♦	Pass
		2♥	All Pass

Note the effect of the lower-level pre-empt. When East had to rebid his suit, everybody nodded in consent. Down two at this table too and another +100, 7 IMPs to Israel.

A few boards later, the Poles showed less aggression than their Israeli counterparts but again, the swing went to Israel:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I Herbst</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>O Herbst</i>	<i>Buras</i>
3♠	Pass	1♠	2♦
All Pass	Dbl	4♠	Dbl

4♥ by North would make easily enough but the Poles were not even given the chance to bid it. They had to be

content with two doubled undertricks in what thus proved to be a good save. Poland +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Barel	Kalita	Zack
	Pass	1♠	2♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Rather than bidding 4♠ at his second turn, Kalita elected to pass and then defend 4♥, which proved unbeatable with North as declarer. Israel +620 and another 8 IMPs.

On the next board, it was the aggression again that did not pay off:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Herbst	Narkiewicz	O Herbst	Buras
		Pass	INT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Buras showed some well-controlled aggression when he jumped to slam in his five-card suit in response to his partner's quantitative raise. The slam would have been OK had the heart intermediates been better or the layout been better. When West held on to all his three spades, East's job was not to go up with the ♠Q in the 3rd round of the suit. If East does, declarer might throw a heart and force you to give a ruff and discard next for his contract. This way, the contract was made at a few tables.

As one would expect, the Herbsts' defence did not err. Another +50 to Israel but well done by declarer who gave his opponents the chance to err.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Barel	Kalita	Zack
		Pass	INT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Zack did not consider his five-card suit worth a slam try/jump so he quietly passed the quantitative raise. He made 12 tricks after all for another +490 and 11 more IMPs to Israel who led 27-6 by now.

One reason for the difference in valuation might have been that Buras had shown 14/17- by opening INT while Zack had shown 15/18.

Near the end of the match, the Poles also showed their ability in defence:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Herbst	Narkiewicz	O Herbst	Buras
		2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

After a simple auction, East had to declare 3♠ and South led his singleton diamond. Ophir won this in hand and went on to play ♠A and another. North won and, rather than giving partner a ruff, shifted to the ♥J, ducked by South. As declarer could not get back to hand to draw the last trump, he had to exit from dummy with a club. North won the ace (South giving reverse count) and gave his partner a diamond ruff. What should South do now? He solved his problem as to which of the hearts and clubs would stand up by underleading his hearts. North won the ♥10 and knew to return another heart so declarer had to lose two hearts, a club and the diamond ruff for down one, Poland +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Barel	Kalita	Zack
		2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

On the same auction, Kalita too was in 3♠ against the lead of the ♦9. He too won in hand but, rather than play ♦A and another, he ran the ♠J. Of course, North won his king and could now give partner a diamond ruff but the ♠A was still in dummy to take care of any heart plays.

Nicely done, just made and +140, 5 IMPs back to Poland. The final result: 34-17 to Israel or 19-11 V.P.

D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 16



Indonesia

v

Germany



by Brian Senior

With six rounds to play, Germany lay eighth, Indonesia ninth. With eight to qualify for the KO stages, this was therefore a crucial match for both teams.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Klumpp	Djajanegara	Kaiser
	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

For Germany, Herbert Klumpp opened 2♥, weak with 5-5 in hearts and any other suit, and Karl Kaiser enquired. 3NT showed a maximum with either minor. I'm not sure about 4♣ but when Kaiser passed Klumpp's next bid of 4♥ the cold slam had been missed. Klumpp won the spade lead and cashed two top hearts, leaving insufficient trumps for ruffing once the diamonds misbehaved, so made only twelve tricks for +480.

Henky Lasut opened a level lower and Eddy Manoppo made a forcing raise and Lasut showed his club shortage. At his next turn he showed the diamond length and now Manoppo just jumped to the small slam. Ulrich Kratz led a club. Now Lasut played to ruff four clubs in his own hand and that provided thirteen tricks for +1010 and 11 IMPs to Indonesia – a nice start to the day for them.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Tuerah	Klumpp	Djajanegara	Kaiser
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Lasut's 1♦ opening was Precision so did not promise a genuine diamond suit. Manoppo responded 1♠ then chose to play 2♠ rather than leave his partner in INT. That proved to be a good decision. Bernhard Strater led the ten of diamonds. Kratz won the queen and cashed the ace of clubs before continuing with the ace of diamonds; not the most challenging of defences. Manoppo ruffed and played on trumps and just had to lose the spade ace and a heart; +140.



Arianto Karna Djajanegara, Indonesia

Klumpp's 1♦ opening was better minor and Kaiser chose to let him play in INT. Arianto Djajanegara led the jack of hearts, which Klumpp chose to win immediately. He played a spade to the jack then back to the queen, Donald Tuerah ducking twice, then switched his attention to clubs, leading the queen. Djajanegara led a low heart to his partner's queen. Perfect defence from this point, starting with a switch to the four of diamonds, nets five diamond tricks, three hearts and two black aces for four down. Maybe that is asking too much of the defence? In practice, Tuerah now cashed the king of hearts and Djajanegara unblocked the ten. Now Tuerah found the switch to the low diamond, ducked to the queen. A heart back to the eight allowed Tuerah to cash the ace of spades then lead a second diamond through. Klumpp covered that and the diamonds were blocked, but that was still down two for -200 and 8 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuerah</i>	<i>Klumpp</i>	<i>Djajanegara</i>	<i>Kaiser</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At clubs up and down the land West's second call would be a jump to 3NT – and who is to say that those players would be wrong. 3NT was Tuerah's choice and Djajanegara put down the dummy. Klumpp led the queen of spades and, on collecting an encouraging seven from Kaiser, continued with his low spade. Kaiser won the ten and returned his last spade to declarer's ace. Tuerah took a heart finesse, led a club back to the queen and king, and repeated the heart finesse. He played ace and a fourth heart to the king now and Klumpp could cash a spade but declarer had the rest for +600.

Strater liked his controls so used fourth-suit-forcing at his second turn and, when Kratz repeated the clubs, asked for key cards then jumped to the small slam. Manoppo led a diamond. Kratz won the ace and took a heart finesse, cashed ace and king of clubs then repeated the heart finesse. There was just a trump to lose so +1370 and 12 IMPs to Germany.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Dbl	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			



Ulrich Kratz, Germany

West <i>Tuerah</i>	North <i>Klumpp</i>	East <i>Djajanegara</i>	South <i>Kaiser</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass All Pass

Would you take action with the South hand when partner's 1♥ opening is overcalled by 1♠? Kaiser did not, perhaps disliking the singleton heart, and Klumpp, facing a passed hand, did not make a reopening double with his short spade holding. One Spade was a comfortable spot for Djajanegara after Kaiser led the ace of hearts and switched to a trump. Declarer could just draw trumps and knock out the diamond ace for nine quick and painless tricks; +140.

Manoppo doubled the spade overcall and this led to a competitive auction which stopped in 4♣, played by Lasut. It required a diamond lead to ensure beating this, setting up the fourth defensive trick before declarer's communications were opened up to permit him to pitch one on the king of hearts. In practice, Kratz cashed the ace of spades and switched to ace and another club. Lasut won, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a spade. He could now play king of hearts for a diamond pitch then the heart nine, again throwing a diamond but establishing his tenth trick, the heart jack, in the process; +130 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 5	♠ K 9 5
♥ K 9 6	♥ K 9 6
♦ A K J 10 8	♦ A K J 10 8
♣ K 4	♣ K 4

West <i>Strater</i>	North <i>Lasut</i>	East <i>Kratz</i>	South <i>Manoppo</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass		Pass	6♠

West <i>Tuerah</i>	North <i>Klumpp</i>	East <i>Djajanegara</i>	South <i>Kaiser</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
		All Pass	

Kaiser opened 1♦, essentially natural, and after the overcall Klumpp's 1♠ promised five cards. Kaiser raised to 3♠ and Klumpp made a slightly lazy raise to game – doesn't he

have enough potential to owe his partner a cuebid on the way?

Manoppo opened with a strong club and 1♠ showed 8+ HCP and five or more spades. When Lasut repeated his spades, Manoppo agreed trumps and Lasut jumped to 4NT, asking for key cards. Manoppo did not answer the question, simply jumping to the small slam.

The cards fit well and there were twelve easy tricks at both tables; +680 for Klumpp but +1430 to Lasut and 13 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West <i>Strater</i>	North <i>Lasut</i>	East <i>Kratz</i>	South <i>Manoppo</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

West <i>Tuerah</i>	North <i>Klumpp</i>	East <i>Djajanegara</i>	South <i>Kaiser</i>
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Strater opened 1♣ and 2♣ was an inverted raise and the 3♦ rebid set up a game force. Facing genuine clubs and holding a two-suiter, Kratz was never going to accept partner's suggestion to play in 3NT and, now that slam seemed to be out of the picture, ended the auction with a jump to 5♣. There were two top losers but the rest was straightforward; +400.

Tuerah opened a 12-14 no trump and 2♠ was a minor-suit enquiry. Three Spades showed shortage and when Tuerah bid only 4♣ Djajanegara left him there, perhaps imagining trump losers. Plus 150 meant 6 IMPs to Germany.

Despite this deal, Indonesia won the match by 46-25 IMPs, 20-10 VPs. This meant that the two teams had switched places in the overall rankings, Indonesia now being eighth and Germany ninth.



IBPA meeting on Monday



The IBPA EGM, AGM and awards will be on Monday 24th October, at 9:30 a.m. in WBF Meeting Room I.

Register in the Press Room for the IBPA bridge contest tomorrow at 14:00, for the IBPA dinner tomorrow (meet in the lobby at 19:30) or for the outing with lunch on Tuesday, 25th October. Further details in the Press Room (Room 82 in the Green Corridor).

Patrick Jourdain, President



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Dinner: 18:30 – 22:00

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*Panos Gerontopoulos
Communications Manager*

Room cancellation policy

Teams not qualifying for the quarter-finals or semi-finals and want to leave the hotel have the right to cancel their rooms without cost at the NH Koningshof. Cancellation without cost is possible only on October 22, 23, 25 and 27 and you must inform the hotel reception about your plans as soon as possible but **no later than** Sunday morning October 23.

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Championships Manager Maurizio Di Sacco has asked players to please take care in returning the cards to the boards when play is completed. When cards are not re-inserted face down, the duplicating team must spend extra time making sure the cards go into the duplicating machine properly so that new deals can be produced for the tournament. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Maurizio Di Sacco, Championships Manager

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For the teams who did not qualify for the quarter-finals and return home, buses will drive to Schiphol Airport on October 23rd.

Tickets for your trip from Veldhoven to Schiphol Airport are available at € 20 at the NBB-Info/Transport desk in the lobby of NH Koningshof. Buy your ticket in time to make sure you will have a seat in the bus. It takes almost two hours to travel by bus to Schiphol Airport.

Departure times October 23rd at 05:00, 08:00, 11:00 and 14:00 hrs.

On other days we will take you to Eindhoven trainstation. Every hour, two trains go directly, without changing trains, to Schiphol Airport. Travel time is 1 1/2 hours+.

Nice Brazilian technique

by Micke Melander

In Round 16 of the Bermuda Bowl, Brazil played against Australia, both teams very close being to qualifying position to advance to the second week. On board 30 Villas-Boas showed proof of his good playing technique when playing in 6♣.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

ten of clubs won by the king in dummy. Declarer then played a spade to the ace and ran all his clubs leaving the following position:

♠ 10 ♥ A 8 ♦ A ♣ -	N W E S	♠ K 7 ♥ J ♦ 9 ♣ -
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When Villas-Boas now continued with a diamond to dummy's ace, South was terribly squeezed in the majors and finally discarded the nine of hearts. Declarer who had read the situation correctly from the beginning had no problem cashing out his two hearts and claiming the contract. That was 14 IMPs to Brazil in a game that ended 44-29 to Australia, 18-12 in VPs.

This meant that Australia just merged to overtake Brazil and moved into eight place in the standings, only 1VP in front of Brazil in ninth. The race will be on – probably to the last board of the round-robin.

Open room

West	North	East	South
Hans	Chagas	Nunn	Amaral
		1♣	2♦*
DbI	2♥	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Gosney	Villas-Boas	Edgtton
		1♣	2♣*
2♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

At both tables South made overcalls promising both majors. They also copied each other on picking the opening lead – the king of hearts. Then the plans diverged. Nunn in the open room won the opening lead with the ace, cashed the king of clubs, ace of diamonds and continued with a spade to the ace. Six rounds of clubs followed leaving declarer with king-seven of spades and the jack of hearts. When South didn't have any problems discarding the contract went one off.

Villas-Boas was more careful and ducked the opening lead, setting up the right tempo for a squeeze against South. (In fact declarer may win the opening lead, and cash out his winners as long as he has the ace of diamonds as communication to dummy for the same result). When Villas-Boas ducked the king of hearts, Edgtton shifted to the



Marcelo Amaral, Brazil