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Competitors in the World Computer Bridge Championships monitor their robot players. A winner will emerge on Friday or Saturday.

For the first time in the history of the Venice Cup, there will be no USA team in the final stages of the championship. Both USA squads were bounced from the quarter-final round, USA1 going down to the Netherlands, 200-172, and USA2 falling to Indonesia, 238-208.

In the 17 times that the Venice Cup has been played previously, the USA has earned 10 gold medals, five silver medals and one bronze. They were shut out only in Estoril, Portugal, in 2005, USA2 losing a playoff to the Dutch team.

Venice Cup semi-final matchups are Indonesia – England (winners over Sweden) and Netherlands – France (winners over China).

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
1	Italy	0	75	28	19	18	31	34	205
	China	0.3	20	34	31	67	13	13	178.3
2	USA 2	0	12	36	48	25	46	46	213
	Sweden	3.3	31	28	16	31	18	44	171.3
3	Iceland	0	26	8	10	22	36	40	142
	Netherlands	14	59	47	34	7	14	58	233
4	USA I	0	35	51	48	38	47	-	221
	Israel	2	31	11	32	4	20	-	98

Venice Cup

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	USA 2	16	26	46	30	20	25	42	205
	Indonesia	0	26	31	37	62	29	53	238
22	Sweden	0	18	34	43	36	26	11	168
	England	4	41	20	31	44	17	69	226
23	Netherlands	0	31	40	21	23	29	56	200
	USA I	16	24	22	51	42	10	7	172
24	France	4.7	42	38	20	71	10	20	205.7
	China	0	27	21	57	21	44	27	197

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Quarter-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
41	Germany	2	33	16	40	29	16	31	167
	France	0	34	48	14	36	49	49	230
42	USA I	0	37	44	28	53	25	55	242
	Denmark	14.5	24	30	25	27	39	61	220.5
43	Australia	0	22	18	30	36	16	20	142
	Poland	16	50	47	55	27	48	26	269
44	USA 2	5.5	39	35	29	37	43	41	229.5
	Indonesia	0	35	24	22	44	12	44	181



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Semi-finals

Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team
Italy	Netherlands
USA 1	USA 2

Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team
Indonesia	England
Netherlands	France

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team
France	Poland
USA 1	USA 2

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In the other main events, Italy held off a serious rally by China to move into the semi-final round with a 205-178.3 victory. Italy will meet the Netherlands, easy winners over Iceland, in the semi-final. The two American teams will meet in the other match. USA1 defeated Israel; USA2 knocked out Sweden.

In the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, the two American teams will play each other, USA1 defeating Denmark, and USA2 beating Indonesia. France, winners over Germany, will play Poland, who defeated Australia.



VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Semi-final Session 1 (10.30)

VuGraph: USA 1 – USA 2 (Bermuda Bowl)
All other matches on BBO

Semi-final Session 2 (13.45) and Session 3 (16.45)

VuGraph matches to be decided.

All matches on BBO.

Just the Facts

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

Name

Barbara Hackett.

Date of Birth

29 April.

Place of Birth

Mettmann, Germany.

Place of Residence

Manchester, UK.



What kind of food makes you happy?

Chinese / Indian.

And what drink?

Champagne.

Who is your favourite author?

Henning Mankell, Jo Nesbo, any Scandinavian crime writer really.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Sean Penn.

Actress?

Cate Blanchett.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Anything from classical to Indie to football chants in the Theatre of Dreams at old Trafford.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Pablo Picasso.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Meeting my husband Justin at the 2000 Bermuda Bowl.

Do you have a favourite hand?

I'm not great at remembering hands, good or bad.

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

Bridge My Way by Zia.

What is the best bridge country in the world?

I've found most I've played in very hospitable.

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

Socialising, (over)eating & drinking.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Dishonesty, insincerity.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

No, but I think I could do with a lucky pen in this tournament!

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

No idea – a better bridge player.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

My husband Justin of course, Eric Cantona to keep him company & my best friend.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Playing the saxophone.

Bermuda Bowl **Quarter-final**
Italy – China and Iceland – Netherlands **I**

by Jos Jacobs

At the start of the quarterfinals on Sunday morning, good bridge could be expected in every match, as only the world's strongest eight teams were still involved in these championships. I decided to first turn my attention to the Italy-China encounter. One might see the Italian machinery at full gear from the very first board but from the carry-over, 0.3 IMPs to China, it looked not at all unlikely that a much more close and tense encounter was in the air.

The first board was a quiet partscore for a push but on the next board, the Italians lit the fireworks:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hou	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
		1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	INT
2♥	3♥	4♠	All Pass



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

After the strong 1♣ and the 1♦ negative response, the normal contract of 4♠ was reached against which Madala led the ♣A. After a long, long huddle, he finally produced the only defence to give his side a chance: a trump. Dummy's ten held the trick but what should declarer do next? Double-dummy, a club would have been the winning line as the king appears and the trumps are 2-2 but in real life, this line seemed too unlikely. When declarer called for a low heart, Bocchi played the eight which was allowed to hold the trick. When a trump came back, declarer's last hope was to find the ♦K onside so he played ♦A and another. As Madala had unblocked the ♦J under the ace, the Italians could easily cash their remaining red suit tricks next. Down two, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Li	Lauria	Liu
		1♠	Pass
2♠	3♥	Dbl	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

In the other room, Liu too led the ♣A but he then elected to cash the ♥A followed by a low club, felling his partner's king. From there, declarer had no further problems. Italy +420 and 11 IMPs.

In the Iceland v. Netherlands quarterfinal match, this hand produced a swing of much better quality. Both Brink for the hosts and Einarsson for Iceland, defending 4♠ after their side bid hearts, led the ♣A and continued the suit, declarer ruffing. Jonsson, for Iceland, then continued the ♥2 which Brink could win with the six to continue yet another club, ruffed by North with the ♠Q and overruffed by declarer with the ace. Please note that this manoeuvre would have been impossible, had declarer bothered to lead the ♥7 from hand...

Jonsson's next move was to cash one more top trump, followed by a heart ruff, the ♣Q which held the trick (declarer shedding a diamond), and a diamond to the ace. The last heart was ruffed with dummy's ♠10 but as dummy now had only diamonds left, North could win the diamond continuation with his king and play another diamond to promote partner's precious ♠8. One down.

At the other table, the Professor (Bauke Muller) showed the right way to play this hand. The first four tricks were the same but when North ruffed a club with his ♠Q, Muller simply shed a diamond. North returned a trump but now Muller won, ruffed a heart, cashed a club throwing his last diamond, crossed to the ♦A and ruffed his last heart. His ♠KJ were still there to control any trump promotion dangers so ten tricks came home easily enough. 11 IMPs to The Netherlands.

On the next board, the Italians dealt their opponents another big blow:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 5 4 3 2										
	♥ -										
	♦ Q J 9 4 3										
	♣ A J 3										
♠ 10 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #006400; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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 Q
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		S									
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♦ 5 2	♦ A 10 8 6										
♣ Q 8 7	♣ 2										
	♠ J 9 8 6										
	♥ A										
	♦ K 7										
	♣ K 10 9 6 5 4										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hou	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
			1♣
1♥	2♥	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dbl
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

2♥ showed either 5+ spades GF or 6 spades limit. The double of 5♥ invited partner to bid on.

The Italians showed considerable discipline in the auction and were rewarded when 11 tricks proved the maximum. Italy +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Li	Lauria	Liu
			2♣
Pass	2♦	2♥	2♠
4♥	6♠	Dbl	All Pass

After the Precision 2♣, one feels sympathy for N/S in reaching the slam. Had the superfluous ♥A been a top spade, all might have been well for them...Italy another +100 and 11 IMPs more.



Bas Drijver, Netherlands

In the Iceland v. Netherlands match, the Icelanders recouped the IMPs just lost because they too showed more discipline:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Jorgensen	Muller	Einarsson
			1♣
Pass	1♥	2♥	2♠
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

1♥ showed spades, of course. Just made, +450 to Iceland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Drijver	Jonsson	Brink
			1♣
1♥	Dbl	4♣	4♠
Pass	6♠	Dbl	All Pass

An understandable auction at the wrong moment, comparable to what happened to the Chinese. One down and +100 or 11 IMPs back to Iceland.

On the next board, the Chinese missed a great opportunity:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hou	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
1♦	1♥	Dbl	4♥
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

One might say Madala made life easy for the Chinese with his raise to 4♥ which would have been down three but in practice, he put maximum pressure on his opponents who did not come to rest below the slam zone after a bidding "accident." 6♦ mainly depends on a good guess in either minor but in 6♠, declarer first of all had solve the problem of staying in control of the hand on a heart lead.

Hou ruffed the lead in dummy, cashed the ♠A, crossed to the ♣A and successfully ran the ♦J. Next came the ♠10, covered by Bocchi with the queen after some consideration, the ♠K and...the ♦A. After seeing three trumps in North, Hou apparently played for the ♦K being doubleton but if that were so, why did Bocchi put up the ♠Q from what at the table was clearly ♠Qxx? When the king did not appear, his last hope was something nice in clubs but when a low club to the jack lost to the queen, Bocchi returned his last trump to put the contract down three. Italy +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Li	Lauria	Liu
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	2NT	Dbf	Pass
Pass	3♥	Dbf	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, the heart intervention was less fierce and the Italians were left alone in a more quiet 4♠. Italy +620 and 14 IMPs to them rather than 14 away...

At this point, the score stood at 36-0.3 IMPs to Italy...their machinery had not even taken its time to warm up.

The Italians should have gained 12 IMPs more on the next deal, I think:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hou	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dbf	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

When dummy came down, Madala was not very happy with what he saw. ♦QJ10 and an outside ace would have been enough to bid game even against the strong club, in his opinion, it became clear when the hand was over. What should I say more? Italy +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Li	Lauria	Liu
	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Lauria's 2♦ showed 18-19 balanced and sounded impressive enough to silence the opposition. 2NT was a transfer to clubs. When North, in with the ♣A, failed to shift to the ♦Q, Lauria even made his contract...Italy +110 here so a possible double-figure loss changed into a 7-IMP gain.

As one of their BBO commentator said: "As long as you win 7 IMPs on your obvious mistakes, all is well..."

The strong club also scared the Icelanders in our other featured match::

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Jorgensen	Muller	Einarsson
	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	2♥	All Pass	

When North could not produce anything more forward-going than a simple raise, South called it a day. Iceland +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Drijver	Jonsson	Brink
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
3♣	2♥	Dbf	Redbl
All Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥

When Drijver had a little more room to manoeuvre, Brink was immediately ready to seize the chance to bid 2♦. The raise of his second suit was all he needed to boldly venture a game which rolled home easily enough. Netherlands +620 and 10 IMPs to them.

After 8 boards, Italy led 46-0 when Liu chose the right moment for an unorthodox action.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hou	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♥	Dbl
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In spite of North's 1♠ response, East's 2♥ still showed spades and a minor, at a safe level.

Left to themselves, the Italians reached 4♥ against which West led the ♦Q. It looks best to win this in dummy to immediately lead trumps. The appearance of the nine would then see the contract home easily.

Madala, however, won the ♦A in hand and went on to cash dummy's two top diamonds, discarding a spade. West ruffed this and continued spades, declarer ruffing. Though a successful club finesse came next, declarer still had to lose two more trumps and a club in the end for down one, China +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Li	Lauria	Liu
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	Pass



Bjarmi Holmar Einarsson, Iceland

This misplay did not cost the Italians dearly as this was what happened in the Closed Room. Lauria's 4♥ showed spades and a minor but Versace had nowhere to go. Down three, +800 to China to open their account with a swing of 13 IMPs. It would still have been 9 IMPs had Madala made his 4♥ in the Open Room.

More trouble for declarer on board 11:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hou	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
1♥	Pass	1♠	1♣
2♠	3♣	3♠	2♣
4♠	All Pass		Pass

Madala led the ♣A and accurately continued with the ♥J. Declarer won the ace and ducked a trump overtaken by South' queen. Madala now continued his excellent defence by continuing a second club and declarer, fearing a heart ruff, first cashed the ♠A before playing on diamonds, hoping to discard his last club on the fourth round of the suit. This plan would have worked if South holds at least three diamonds, not at all unlikely in view of his heart shortness.

Double-dummy, declarer had to cash ♥A, cross to ♦A, ruff a club and then run the diamonds. This Dentist's Coup avoids the trump promotion.

One down, Italy +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Li	Lauria	Liu
2♥	Pass	2♠	2♣
4♠	All Pass		3♣

For Lauria, the hand was a matter of routine when Liu led the ♣A and continued the suit. He ruffed, cashed the ♠A, ruffed his last club with dummy's last trump, crossed to the ♦A and played a spade. When both defenders followed suit, he was home. Italy +420 and 10 more IMPs.

On the next board, another nail went into the Chinese coffin:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hou</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Even though declarer misguessed when Hou, after cashing a top diamond, led a low spade at trick 2, ten tricks were still easy enough. Italy +620. The problem was: how to bid game?

2♥ by South showed a major and a minor and 2NT enquired.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Liu</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	2♦
Dbl	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	



Iceland – Netherlands: a view from the Closed Room

Two Diamonds just showed one major and North's pass over the double denied any preference. When Lauria then could support partner's suit, NS could not find a way to their game any more...

My guess would be North's double of 3♦ was "interpreted" as penalty, and maybe it should have been.

One down, China +100 but another 11 IMPs to Italy.

China recouped a few IMPs to trail 70-20 after the first segment but in the other match, the Dutch struck again on the last board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Einarsson</i>
1♦	2♦	3♣	4♠
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

When Simon de Wijs, vulnerable against not, bid 5♦ on his own over South's 4♠, everyone believed him, apparently. To add insult to injury, he even doubled 5♠, leaving declarer completely in the dark as to the actual layout. As you can see, 11 tricks are there even if the defence starts off with their club ruff but declarer still found a way to go down: he ruffed the opening lead of the ♦A, noting the fall of the jack, and next ran the ♠Q...to suffer the club ruff two tricks after that. Netherlands +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	2♦	3♣	3♦
4♦	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♦ by North showed majors as it did at the other table but here, Brink found the fine tactical approach of just bidding 3♦, showing general game interest. When Drijver quietly bid 4♥ which Brink had to correct to 4♠, the Dutchies were left in peace and could not be defeated. Eventually, they made an overtrick for +450 and 11 more IMPs to them, to win the set 70-25. Including the 14-IMP carryover, their lead thus amounted to 59 after 16 boards.

The difference between...

by Ana Roth and Fernando Lema

October 21, 2011 Match 17; Bermuda Bowl: USA2 vs Bulgaria

Hand 4: Dealer: West, All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Stefanov	Hurd	Aronov
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Lead: ♣7			

Hurd played the ♣A, won the second trick with his ♥J, and continued with the ♥7. Aronov took his ♥A and led a low spade, declarer getting it right, playing the ♠J and North won the trick with his ♠A. Stefanov played the ♦10, declarer won the trick, played a trump and claimed.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Karavanov	Grue	Trendafilov	Lall
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Lead: ♣5			

Declarer played the ♣Q and couldn't win the contract any more... Justin Lall played his ♣K and switched to the ♦2, the only card to defeat the contract, if partner is on the same wavelength. Declarer won the trick with dummy's ♦Q and played the ♥J, Lall played a low heart, but won the next trick with his ♥A to switch to a low spade, declarer, didn't get it right, playing his ♠K. Joe Grue won with his ♠A, and returned a diamond for a ruff and the ♠Q was two down. The way Grue and Lall defended this hand made us remember something we read on the Internet: "A difficult defense superbly played in cooperation by both partners is one of the most fulfilling aspects of the game... and one of the best places to pick up huge wins. Defense sets a great partnership apart from a good one. (Principles of Bridge and Life, By Dr. Bradley Lehman). The board produced 13 IMPs for USAII.

Note: The same contract was played at every table, only nine players found the club lead and only three (Australia, Chile and USAII), defeated the contract.

Computer championships rolling

by Al Levy

The 15th World Computer-Bridge Championship is underway. The seven robot 'teams' start with a round robin with the top four finishers advancing to the semi-finals KO round.

After three rounds, Jack leads the field with 68 VPs. Followed by Wbridge5 (57), Bridge Baron (47), Shark Bridge (45), Micro Bridge (41), Q-Plus Bridge (33) and RoboBridge (17).

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bridge Baron	Shark Bridge	Bridge Baron	Shark Bridge
1♣	Pass	3 NT	All Pass
Lead ?			
Micro Bridge	RoboBridge	Micro Bridge	RoboBridge
1 NT (12-14)	Pass	3 NT	All Pass
Lead ?			

Who made 3NT and who went down?

In the first 32-board round robin session, 3NT was bid at two of the six tables. In the Bridge Baron versus Shark Bridge match Shark Bridge (South) led the ♦6 and Bridge Baron (East) made 12 tricks when South was endplayed at trick eleven (South held ♠Q 10 ♦A and East led a diamond from ♠K J ♦4). At the other table Bridge Baron went down one in 5♣, 11 IMPs to Shark Bridge.

In the Micro Bridge versus RoboBridge match, Micro Bridge (West) opened a weak NT and partner raised to 3NT. RoboBridge (North) found the killing lead of the ♦7 and unblocked the Jack at trick two for down two. RoboBridge was +130 in 4♣ at the other table and picked up 6 IMPs.

In the Jack versus Q-Plus match Jack was +130 in 4♣ and picked up 5 IMPs when Q-Plus Bridge was -50 in 5♣ at the other table. Wbridge5 had a bye.

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Venice Cup **Netherlands – USA 1** **Quarter-final I**
USA 2 – Indonesia

by Jos Jacobs

In the first segment of their respective matches, both matches were looking quite nicely poised to produce some interesting bridge. Indonesia had tied with USA 2 to still trail by the initial 16-IMP carryover whereas the Netherlands had won their first segment by 9 IMPs to reduce their deficit from the 16-IMP carryover to a mere 7 IMPs.

Below, I will show you three boards on which there were swings in both our featured matches. The first of them was about a slam that proved too difficult for two of the four pairs involved.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Simons</i>
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Two Clubs showed a strong two-suiter with clubs. Once Simons raised clubs freely and cuebid hearts at her next turn, the slam was reached without any difficulty. Netherlands +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Deas</i>
2♥	1♣	1♥	Pass
	3NT	All Pass	

On this auction, the Americans were no longer in a position to accurately judge the trick-taking potential of the combined hands. 3NT showed the good club suit satisfactorily but that was it. Ten tricks, USA 1 + 430 but 10 IMPs to the Netherlands to go into the lead.

In the other featured match, the other American pair showed the way to deal with this particular problem:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewi</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Murniati</i>	<i>Molson</i>
2♥	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
	6♣	All Pass	

Very well done and +920 to USA 2, of course.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Joel</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
2♥	1♣	1♥	Pass
	3NT	All Pass	

As we saw before, rebidding 3NT was not enough...10 IMPs to USA 2.

And then:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Simons</i>
1♦	1♥	Dbf	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Ten tricks, +130 to USA 1.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Deas</i>
1♦	1♥	Dbf	1♠
2♦	2♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠K, but when she next shifted to the wrong rounded jack, declarer was home. A switch to the ♣J would

beat the contract as the ♠A is still with North to lead a spade through.

So a fine +600 to the Netherlands and 10 more IMPs to them.

In the USA 2-Indonesia match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Rosenberg	Murniati	Molson
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Not much action by the Indonesians, who thus contented themselves with +130 only.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Joel	Bojoh	Sokolow	Tueje
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Maybe, South should have doubled the final contract to require a spade lead and thus give the defence a chance. When North, with nothing to guide her, led a heart, declarer's problems were quickly over. USA 2 thus got +600 and 10 IMPs to them as well. They had scored 33-0 on the first four boards.

Halfway the segment, both USA 1 and Indonesia hit back a bit:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pasman	Zur-Campanile	Simons
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	INT	Dbl	2♣
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

East's double showed both red suits so Stansby was happy to introduce her second suit. Migry gave her a polite raise but in 3♥ it rested. The defenders took their three club tricks, after which South played ♦A and another, declarer

ruffing. When Stansby then went on along cross-ruff lines, drawing just one round of trumps in the process, nine tricks rolled home: USA 1 thus scored +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Palmer	Michielsen	Deas
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	INT	All Pass	

At the other table, Dekkers sold out to INT. The defence started off with their five heart tricks but after that, the ♠A was the only other trick for them. So the Americans scored another +90 to earn them a partscore swing of 6 IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Rosenberg	Murniati	Molson
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♦	All Pass	

A similar thing happened at this table in the other match, when Dewi also refrained from introducing her second suit. 2♦ made with an overtrick, USA 2 +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Joel	Bojoh	Sokolow	Tueje
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Much more action in the Closed Room here. Joel showed her major two-suiter over INT and Sokolow jumped all the way to game. North thought she had more than enough high cards to defeat this so she threw the axe at this. Tueje found the best lead of a trump, won in dummy. A diamond went to the jack and ace and now, Tueje played ♣A and another to partner's king. Another trump was won by declarer in hand. Sokolow's next move was to present the ♠10, which was covered by the queen and ace. A spade was ruffed and a diamond was ruffed, after which the moment of truth had come. Had declarer now played the ♠J to smother the nine, she would have made her contract but when she led a low spade from dummy, no doubt hoping for the king to appear from somewhere, she had to concede two down for a juicy +500 and 9 IMPs back to Indonesia.

The scores after this segment: USA 1- Netherlands 62-71 and USA 2 - Indonesia 88-57.



D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Quarter-final 4



France

v

Germany



by Brian Senior

The closest of the Seniors Bowl quarter-finals saw France lead Germany by 96-91 at the halfway point.

Germany picked up 4 IMPs on the first board of the day by playing a better partscore; 95-96. We didn't have to wait long for the first major swing:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ J 8 ♦ A K J 10 5 4 ♣ 9</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 9 3 ♥ Q 10 4 ♦ 6 2 ♣ Q J 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 6 5 2 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A 8 6 3</p>
<p>♠ 10 4 ♥ K 7 6 5 2 ♦ Q 9 3 ♣ K 10 2</p>			
<p>West <i>Piganeau</i></p>	<p>North <i>Marsal</i></p>	<p>East <i>Leenhardt</i></p>	<p>South <i>Wenning</i></p>
<p>1♦ Pass 4♦ Pass 4NT Pass 6♠ All Pass</p>	<p>Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>Pass 1♠ 4♥ 5♥</p>	<p>Pass Pass Pass Pass</p>

<p>West <i>Strater</i></p>	<p>North <i>Grenthe</i></p>	<p>East <i>Kratz</i></p>	<p>South <i>Vanhoutte</i></p>
<p>1♦ Pass 4♠ All Pass</p>	<p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>Pass 1♠</p>	<p>Pass Pass Pass</p>

For Germany, Bernhardt Strater opened 1♦ and simply raised the 1♠ response to game. Philippe Vanhoutte led a low heart to the ten, ducked by Ulrich Kratz, and Patrick Grenthe switched to the queen of clubs. Kratz won the ace and led a spade to the queen and king. Back came a club. Kratz ruffed then played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing as Grenthe threw a heart. Kratz led to the ace of spades then played a winning diamond. Grethe ruffed so Kratz over-ruffed and ruffed a club to dummy to cash the remaining diamond winners for +450.

Patrice Piganeau rebid 4♦, showing six good diamonds and four spades. When that collected a heart cuebid, Piganeau checked on key cards then bid the small slam. The same heart lead as in the other room would leave declarer with no way home, but Ulrich Wenning led the two of clubs.

Francois Leenhardt won the ace and led a spade to the queen. Reiner Marsal took the king and returned a club, forcing dummy to ruff.

With dummy down to the same trump length as one defender, there was no secure way home from here, even given the required even trump split. However, while declarer had plenty to worry about, in practice either ruffing out the diamonds before drawing trumps or relying on the direct diamond finesse was fated to succeed. Leenhardt chose to lead a spade to his jack followed by a diamond to the jack. When that held he cashed the ace of spades then ran the diamonds and had twelve tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to France; 107-95.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 7 4 3 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ A 4 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J 3 2 ♥ K J 8 ♦ 9 6 ♣ Q J 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 9 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ K 10 2</p>
<p>♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ A J 10 7 ♣ 8 7</p>			
<p>West <i>Piganeau</i></p>	<p>North <i>Marsal</i></p>	<p>East <i>Leenhardt</i></p>	<p>South <i>Wenning</i></p>
<p>INT 2♦ 3NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>1♠ 2♣ 2NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass Pass</p>

<p>West <i>Strater</i></p>	<p>North <i>Grenthe</i></p>	<p>East <i>Kratz</i></p>	<p>South <i>Vanhoutte</i></p>
<p>2♦ 2NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass</p>	<p>INT 2♥ 3NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>

Leenhardt opened 1♠ and 2♣ was better minor over the forcing INT response. Their card doesn't explain West's 2♦ rebid but it would appear to be a constructive action as East felt able to continue with 2NT, raised to game by Piganeau. In the other room, Kratz simply opened a strong no trump and accepted the invitation when Strater transferred then bid 2NT.

3NT is a pretty poor contract at single dummy but the defence will have its own problems which may come to de-

clarer's aid. Sure enough, Marsal led his fourth-best club and Piganeau called for the ten. When that held he played ace and another heart, the queen losing to the king. Marsal continued with the club queen. Piganeau switched to Plan B, winning with the ace and leading the eight of spades to the ten. Wenning ducked but won the continuation of the king of spades and exited passively with a third spade. Piganeau won the spade, led a diamond to the queen, then crossed to the king of clubs to cash the spades; nine tricks for +600.

Spades had not been bid in the other room so it was natural for Vanhoutte to lead the suit from the South hand. The low spade went to the jack and king and Kratz returned the queen of spades, ducked, then the ten, Vanhoutte winning. Meanwhile, dummy had released a heart and a diamond. Perhaps declarer can always find a way home from here, but a passive return would have made him work for his contract. Vanhoutte led a heart and the jack forced the ace. Kratz returned the heart nine and Grenthe won the king. With two winning hearts in the dummy and two spades in hand, Kratz had an overtrick now for +630 and 1 IMP to Germany; 96-107.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 3 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ A Q 7 6 2	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004a99; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 4 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8	♠ J 9 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ Q J 7 6 5 4 ♣ K 4
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W E						
S						
	♠ 5 ♥ 9 8 5 4 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ J 10 9 5 3					

West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
Pass	1♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
Pass	2NT	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	Dble

Marsal opened a with a strong club and Leenhardt took all his bidding space away with a 4♠ pre-empt. Marsal had little option but to double when that came back around and Vanhoutte did not have any strong reason to move. Wenning led the jack of clubs to the king and ace. Marsal switched to the king of hearts, asking for count, then cashed the ace before reverting to clubs. Leenhardt ruffed and cashed the ace of spades; down three for -800.

At the other table, Grenthe opened 2NT and Kratz overcalled a level lower. Vanhoutte made a take-out double and Grenthe ended the auction by bidding 4♥. Kratz led his singleton club and Strater did not cover dummy's jack. Grenthe played hearts from the top, drawing three rounds, and just had to lose one spade trick; +680 but 3 IMPs to Germany, 99-107.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 10 6 ♥ 4 ♦ K 10 8 7 ♣ K Q 8 5 3	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004a99; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K 4 ♥ A Q 10 8 7 5 ♦ A ♣ A 6 4	♠ Q 8 5 2 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ 9 4 3 2 ♣ 9 2
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W E						
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	♠ 9 7 3 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ Q J 6 5 ♣ J 10 7					

West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Marsal started with a strong club again and the 1♦ response was a negative. Holding a maximum for his initial response, Wenning eventually took control and bid the very poor heart slam. Leenhardt led the two of hearts and Marsal won the five (a round of drinks for a first trick like that in some quarters). He cashed the ace of diamonds and crossed to the king of hearts but, with no second dummy entry, didn't try the ruffing diamond finesse, instead playing all the trumps then ducking a club. Exactly what Marsal's cunning plan was hoping for did not materialize. Piganeau cashed the king of diamonds and exited with a spade and the defence still had a third trick to come; down two for -100.

Grenthe opened 2♦, artificial game-force, and 2♥ denied an ace or 8 HCP. Vanhoutte's next effort, a jump to 5♥, showed heart support and maximum values for his initial response but no better descriptive way forward. Grenthe guessed to go on to slam, hoping to find partner's values where he needed them. Played from the South hand, there was an extra chance for success. Sure enough, Strater was

attracted to his club honour-combination and led the king. That was all that Grenthe needed. He won the club, cashed the ace and queen of hearts, then the ace of diamonds. A heart to the king was followed by the queen of diamonds, covered and ruffed. Now the jack-ten of clubs provided an entry to the established diamond winner for a spade discard; +980 and 14 IMPs to France, stretching the lead again to 121-99.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K 4 3 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ K 5 4		♠ 7 ♥ A K 9 6 ♦ K 9 8 6 ♣ Q 8 3 2	♠ Q 10 9 8 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ A J 10 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
1♣	1♥	1♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	2♥
Pass	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Both tables saw E/W declare 4♠ after N/S had bid and supported hearts. However, the Germans' four-card major style meant that Strater could open 1♠ and declare from the West seat while the French played it from East.

Wenning led the jack of hearts from the South side, covered by queen and king. Marsal cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a low diamond, ducked to the jack, and a diamond back to the king and ace. Leenhardt played the spade queen then the spade ten to the ace and could not recover. He was two down for -100.

The winning defence was much tougher to find in the other room. Here, Grenthe cashed a top heart but then so no attractive continuation. His actual choice of switching to his singleton trump proved to be fatal. Dummy was allowed to win the trump cheaply and gave up a heart and ruffed the heart return. The club position was virtually marked on the auction and defence to date so Strater drew trumps, led a club to the jack, back to the king and a club to the ten; ten tricks for +420 and 11 IMPs to Germany, who were closer at 113-124.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ K J 6 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ A Q 5 4 2		♠ A J 10 6 ♥ A 5 ♦ K 10 9 4 ♣ J 10 8	♠ K 8 ♥ Q 10 8 7 3 2 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ 9 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Both Souths overcalled 1♠, not fancying a weak jump with that suit and at this vulnerability, and both Wests doubled to show three-card heart support. Now Marsal cuebid to show a constructive spade raise. When his opponents now bid to the heart game, Marsal doubled but Wenning had so little defence that he preferred to take his chances in 4♠. Fortunately, nobody could find a double.

Piganeau led his low heart. Wenning won the ace and led a diamond to the queen and ace. Piganeau now continued with the jack of hearts – his partner was marked with the queen when declarer went up with the ace at trick one – and Leenhardt overtook with the queen to lead a club through. The defence took two clubs and a ruff but declarer then dropped the king of spades; two down for -200.

In the other room, Grenthe jumped to 4♠ over the support double and that put a lot of pressure on his opponents. The fact that it was the three-card heart holding which saved in 5♥ rather than the six-card holding is somewhat surprising but that is what the record tells us. Again, no one found a double.

Vanhoutte led a spade to Grenthe's ace. Grenthe switched to the ten of diamonds, which ran to Strater's ace. Strater played the king of hearts and Grenthe grabbed his ace and played two rounds of diamonds for Vanhoutte to get a ruff for the second undertrick; -100 and 7 IMPs to France.

France won the set by 36-29 and extended the lead to 12; 132-120.

BERMUDA BOWL Quarter-final I



USA 1

v

Israel



Tight match

by Brent Manley

In their quarter-final Bermuda Bowl match against Israel, USA1 started with a carryover deficit of 2 IMPs.

After a push on the first deal, the lead for Israel grew to 14-0.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barel	Levin	Zack	Weinstein
2♠	3♥	4♣	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

This is the kind of auction where it's difficult to tell who is saving (if anyone). With good trump support and the long club suit, Weinstein no doubt thought 5♥ had good chances. The damage would have been mitigated had 4♣ been a maker, but it was not.

Zack took the top two spades before exiting with a heart, which Bobby Levin rode around to his hand. The ♥8 held at trick three, and Levin cashed the ♣K and played a club to the ace, Zack discarding a low spade. With no chance of setting up clubs, Levin cashed the ♥A and played the ♦J: queen, king, ace. Down two meant minus 500. Could Chip Martel at the other table minimize the damage?

West	North	East	South
Stansby	O. Herbst	Martel	I. Herbst
2♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Ilan Herbst started with a low trump. Martel won and cashed a second high trump. He then played his singleton club to the queen and Ophir Herbst's king. Martel ruffed the club return then tried the ♦A (on which Ilan Herbst played the jack) and a second diamond to the queen and

North's king. The ♥Q was next, covered by the king and ace, and another heart forced dummy to ruff. Declarer could set up the diamonds with one more lead, but there was no way to get to them, so he lost two hearts, two diamonds and a club for minus 100 – 12 IMPs to Israel.

The Americans struck back on the next board, gaining 11 IMPs when Israel bid a hopeless 6♠, down one, while Levin and Weinstein put on the brakes just in time at 5♣. Plus 450 and plus 50 netted USA1 11 IMPs.

Two pushes were followed by another gain for USA1, enough for them to take the lead.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K 4 ♥ J 6 ♦ J 10 8 6 2 ♣ Q J 8 7	<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 9 6 2 ♥ A 9 8 5 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A 10 3	♠ A 7 3 ♥ K 10 4 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ K 5 2
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West	North	East	South
Barel	Levin	Zack	Weinstein
1♦	Dbl	INT	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Weinstein started with a spade to dummy's king, and he won trick two with the ♦Q when Zack ran the jack from dummy. A spade was returned to declarer's ace, and a club went to the queen and ace. The ♠Q was ruffed in dummy and declarer played a heart to his king. Declarer cashed the ♦A and ♣K and played a club to the jack, then a heart to Weinstein's queen. He cashed the ♦K and forced dummy with a fourth round of spades, collecting the ♦9 at the end for one down and plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Stansby	O. Herbst	Martel	I. Herbst
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

Lew Stansby led the ♣Q to dummy's ace, and Martel ducked when declarer called for a low diamond from

dummy. Ilan Herbst got out of his hand with a spade, taken by Stansby with the ace to play a second spade to Martel's ace. A third round of spades left declarer with a severe shortage of tricks. The final result was two down for minus 100 and 5 IMPs to USA1, leading 16-14 at that point.

Israel went back in front on this deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 5 ♥ A Q 7 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ Q 10 9 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 10 9 3 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K J 7 ♣ K J 5	♠ A K J 7 4 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 8 6 5 3 2 ♣ 2
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West	North	East	South
Barel	Levin	Zack	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Zack started with the ♠A, switching to the ♦8 at trick two. Levin took the ♦Q with the king and played a heart to the jack, ducked by Barel. He took the ♥K with the ace, cashed the ♥Q and pushed a spade through Levin's hand to

collect the fourth and fifth tricks for the defense – down one, minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Stansby	O. Herbst	Martel	I. Herbst
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♦	1♠	2♦	2♥
4♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Martel had to be relieved that neither Herbst had pulled out the red card. Martel won the opening spade lead in hand and took a heart finesse at trick two. When the ♥Q held, he cashed the ♥A and discarded his club. When he played a spade to his king, Ilan Herbst ruffed, cashed the ♦A and exited with a club, ruffed by Martel. He ruffed a spade with dummy's ♦Q, and ruffed a club, but eight tricks was the limit for him, leaving him two down for minus 200 and 6 IMPs to Israel, back in the lead at 20-16.

The seesaw continued rocking on the next deal, which put the Americans back in front.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ Q 10 6 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 7 6 5 ♥ Q J 7 5 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 5 2	♠ K J 10 9 ♥ A 10 9 4 ♦ Q 5 ♣ K J 7
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West	North	East	South
Barel	Levin	Zack	Weinstein
2♣	Dbl	1♣	1♦
All Pass		Pass	2♦

The ♥8 went to Weinstein's king, and he played the suit right back, Zack taking the ace to switch to a trump. Weinstein inserted the 9, taken by Barel with the 10 for a spade switch. Weinstein went up with dummy's ♠A and played the ♥J, discarding his low spade. Barel ruffed, but the defenders could take only five tricks – plus 90 to USA1.

West	North	East	South
Stansby	O. Herbst	Martel	I. Herbst
Pass	2♣*	INT	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	2NT

2♣ showed majors.

Stansby led a low club to the king and declarer's ace, and the ♥K from declarer was ducked by East at trick two. A



Chip Martel, USA

second heart went to dummy's queen and Martel's ace. The defenders cashed clubs, and although Martel discarded his diamonds and Stansby led into declarer's $\diamond A J 9$, he still finished with only six tricks. Minus 200 meant 7 IMPs to USAI, leading at that point 23-20.

The Americans extended their lead on this deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K 10 3 \heartsuit 7 5 3 \diamond 9 7 \clubsuit A Q 10 5 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>\spadesuit Q 9 5 4 \heartsuit 9 6 \diamond Q 10 6 5 2 \clubsuit 8 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 8 6 \heartsuit A K Q 10 8 \diamond 3 \clubsuit K 9 7 6</p>
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W E						
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West	North	East	South
Stansby	O. Herbst	Martel	I. Herbst
INT	Pass	Pass	2 \heartsuit
Pass	3 \heartsuit	All Pass	

Stansby led the $\diamond K$ and switched to a low spade. Ilan Herbst went up with dummy's king and was soon claiming 11 tricks for plus 200.



Ophir Herbst, Israel

Levin and Weinstein got to game at the other table, but they were not allowed to play there.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Levin	Zack	Weinstein
1 \diamond	Pass	2NT*	3 \heartsuit
Pass	4 \heartsuit	5 \diamond	Dbl
All Pass			

2NT showed diamond support with 0-5 high-card points. Barel won the diamond lead in hand and played another round, then played a heart to dummy's 9 and Weinstein's 10. A second heart was cashed, followed by a club to the queen and the $\clubsuit A$. A third round of hearts was ruffed in dummy, and Barel played a trump to hand to lead a low spade toward the queen. Levin took some time before playing low, and Barel apparently inferred that Levin was considering playing the jack or 10 to force the queen. When Levin followed low, Barel went for the endplay by inserting dummy's $\spadesuit 9$. Weinstein won the jack and returned a spade to Levin's king for four down and minus 800, a 12-IMP swing to USAI.

The score was 35-28 for USAI when board 14 came along.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K Q 9 6 5 \heartsuit 2 \diamond 8 7 4 3 \clubsuit A 9 5</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>\spadesuit J 7 3 \heartsuit K J 9 8 \diamond J 2 \clubsuit K Q 10 7</p>	<p>\spadesuit 10 8 \heartsuit A 5 3 \diamond A Q 10 9 5 \clubsuit J 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Barel	Levin	Zack	Weinstein
1 \diamond	1 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2 \spadesuit
3 \diamond	All Pass	Dbl	Redbl

Barel had no trouble taking 10 tricks for plus 130.

West	North	East	South
Stansby	O. Herbst	Martel	I. Herbst
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 \diamond	Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass
		2NT	All Pass

The weak INT did not serve Stansby and Martel well, as the defenders took five spades and the $\clubsuit A$ for one down, good for 5 IMPs to Israel.

The 16-board set ended with USAI in the lead 35-33.

IBPA Awards



The IBPA Personality of the Year

Pierre Zimmermann



The annual awards of the International Bridge Press Association were handed out on Monday, including the announcement of the IBPA's Personality of the Year, which went to Pierre Zimmermann. This report covers four IBPA awards. The rest will be acknowledged in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin.

IBPA's Personality of the Year

This year's award goes to the man who many bridge players are talking about and one who journalists have been writing about. As a bridge player, he has recorded two wins in the World Transnational Open Teams (Shanghai and São Paulo), the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams in Reno last year and the Spingold Knockout Teams in Toronto this year, plus the European Mixed Teams in Poznan.

You will know to whom I refer when I mention the more controversial matter of his formation of a team made up of four different nationalities which is seeking to represent Monaco in future world and/or European championships.

This year our personality has launched the Prince Albert Cup in Monaco with eight invited teams (his team lost on the final deal to a Russian team). He is planning a European equivalent of the Cavendish in Monaco and the equivalent of American majors such as the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams in France. He is in discussions with the WBF that might be of assistance to that organisation.

Pierre Zimmermann is 56. He has five children aged from 10 to 21; his second marriage, to Christine, was 15 years ago. Pierre learned bridge at the École in Lausanne and founded the bridge club there; he persuaded the company Philip Morris to sponsor the students with bridge tuition. Zimmermann's father was a lawyer, but not wealthy, so he needed to find a job to finance his studies – thus he became assistant to the Professors at the University. Upon leaving university, he worked for IBM in Zurich before moving to the PR company Hill & Knowlton (now part of WPP).

In 1990, Zimmermann founded his own real estate company, Régie Zimmermann, which buys property, mostly near Geneva or Lausanne, refurbishes it, and sells it, then often remains as manager of the property for the new owner.

Zimmermann enjoys golf (at which he professes to be avid, but terrible), opera, classical music and musicals such as *Les Misérables*.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President, 24th October 2011.

The Master Point Press Book of the Year Award

Winner: The Rodwell Files

Authors: Eric Rodwell and Mark Horton

This year's candidates were of unusually high quality in terms of originality of material. Nevertheless, one book was judged by the jury of Patrick Huang (Taiwan), Fernando Lema (Argentina), David Morgan (Australia), PO Sundelin (Sweden), Ron Tacchi (France) and Paul Thurston (Canada) to be superior to the others.

From the publisher's blurb:

Eric Rodwell's contributions to bidding theory are well known, but in this ground-breaking book he reveals for the first time his unique approach to the play of the cards.



John Carruthers, Mark Horton and Eric Rodwell.

First, he describes and explains the process for deciding on a line of play — using concepts such as +L positions, tighropes, trick packages and control units as well as exploring more standard themes such as counting winners, losers and distribution. Included here, too, is a checklist of 'defogging questions' to get you back on track when your analysis gets bogged down. Then he moves on to a host of innovative ideas in card play, strategies and tactics that can be used by declarer or defenders, each one illustrated with real-life examples from top-level play. Many of these ideas will be new to anyone below the bridge stratosphere. Finally, under the heading 'DOs and DON'Ts', Rodwell talks about the mental side of the game: areas where players often go wrong in their approach to the problem at hand, areas that mark the key differences between an average player and a successful one.

The original 'Rodwell File', the collection of notes on which this book is based, has been in existence for more than twenty years, but it is only now that the author is prepared to allow his 'secrets' to become public knowledge.

The 2011 shortlist:

Wladyslaw Izdebski, Roman Krzemien and Ron Klinger, *Deadly Defence*
 Krzysztof Martens, *Guide Dog, Part I & II*
 Victor Moillo, *The Hog Takes to Precision*
 Barry Rival, *Breaking the Bridge Rules, First Hand Play*
 Eric Rodwell and Mark Horton, *The Rodwell Files*
 Peter Winkler, *Bridge at the Enigma Club*

The Alan Truscott Award

The Alan Truscott Memorial Award is presented periodically to that person whose contribution to bridge, in the opinion of the IBPA Executive, would be most appreciated by Alan.

This year the award goes to Roland Wald from London (ex-Copenhagen) who, in his spare time from teaching and playing, arranges for and organizes the commentators for Fred Gitelman's BBO transmissions.

The Keri Klinger Award for Pressure Play

This is a new IBPA award in 2011 sponsored by Ron and Suzy Klinger in memory of their daughter Keri. It is awarded to an individual, pair or team who performs in admirable fashion under pressure. This past year, no one did that better than Michelle Brunner and John Holland from England. Despite being diagnosed with terminal cancer, Michelle, with John as a partner, continued to play bridge at the highest level, winning a cap to represent England in the Camrose home internationals and reaching the final of the Gold Coast Teams in Australia against an elite Australian and international field. Additionally, in the past 24 months, John won two World Championships, the 2009 and 2010 Senior Teams for the D'Orsi Cup, in São Paulo and Philadelphia respectively.

Michelle won a Venice Cup and was twice a winner of the Gidwani Family Trust Defence of the Year Award. Any bridge player would be happy to claim either defence as the best deal of his/her career. Michelle had both of them.

Restaurant information



Restaurant Binnenhof

In the restaurant Binnenhof, we serve an extended daily changing three-course dinner buffet. Our chef created dishes from several different countries with enough choice for everybody. Vouchers can be bought at the WK

Bridge plaza and the reception.

During the championships, restaurant Binnenhof is opened for:

Breakfast: 07:00 – 10:30 (11:30 on Sundays)

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00

Dinner: 18:30 – 22:00

Reservations can be made at the restaurant itself.

Vouchers can be bought at the WK Bridge plaza and the reception.

Brasserie Porticato

This brasserie offers real authentic Italian dishes. A lunch or dinner in Porticato is enjoyed on a cozy terrace in a relaxing environment. The dishes are prepared with fresh ingredients. Fine wines are especially selected for these championships.

Brasserie Porticato is opened every day from 11:00 – 22:00

Restaurant Uithof

This restaurant provides a wide choice of excellent dishes. In a warm comfortable environment our chef prepares dinners of a high standard. Everyday he and his team present a delicious menu of the day. Our service staff will serve you the best wines of the hotel. Reservations are required, either at the restaurant or call +31 (0)40 2581988

This restaurant is open for dinner between 18:00 and 22:00.



Bert Wouters, the artist who created the playing cards on display at this tournament.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 3 ♥ Q 5 4 3 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ Q 7	♠ 4 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 ♣ 6 4 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 10 8 5 ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ K J 10 ♠ A J 2 ♥ A K 10 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A 9 8 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Hou</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♠	2♦	2♠	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl

There is an old saying, 'he who sows the wind reaps the whirlwind' and when East overcalled he set the wind in motion.

South led his diamond and North played three rounds of the suit, South ruffing. He cashed his winners and waited for the ace of spades, +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♣*
	2♦	All Pass	

1♠ 4+ diamonds
 2♣ Natural, maximum of 17 points

East-West's silence was golden. East led the king of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the five of diamonds, putting in the ten when West did not split his honours. That led to eleven tricks, +150, but 8 more IMPs for China.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 7 4 3 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ A 4 3	♠ J 3 2 ♥ K J 8 ♦ 9 6 ♣ Q J 9 6 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 10 9 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ K 10 2 ♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ A J 10 7 ♣ 8 7
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Hou</i>
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♥	Pass
2♣	Asking		
2♦	8+		
2NT	Strong		
3♥	5-6 spades		

North led the six of clubs and declarer put in the ten, pleased to see it hold (although strangely enough being forced to win in hand might have seen declarer play a heart towards the nine, which in isolation gives the best chance of four tricks in the suit, around 33.9%. If you are interested, playing a spade to the nine produces four tricks only 14.04% of the time). In dummy declarer cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to the queen. North took the king and switched to the nine of diamonds. That ran to declarer's queen and a spade to the ten held. South took the next spade and played a heart. North won and played a diamond – two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	All Pass	2♣	Pass

2♥ was a comfortable spot but a little care was needed. The diamond lead ran to the queen and a spade went to the king and ace. Declarer took the club switch in hand,



Agustin Madala, Italy

crossed to dummy with a club, discarded a club on the queen of spades and ruffed a club as South discarded a spade. A diamond went to the king and ace and South tried a trump. That was that, +110 and 7 IMPs to China, almost level now.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Shi	Lauria	Hou
Pass	1♣*	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

East's full blooded overcall was harshly treated. South led the ten of clubs and North won and cashed the king of hearts before playing the ace of clubs. Declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of spades, conceding three down when the king did not appear, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lian	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
Pass	1♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

East cashed the ace of spades and continued the suit, declarer discarding a heart from dummy as he won with the king of spades. A diamond to the king was followed by the winning club finesse. Declarer cashed the ace, then a top heart and set about discovering East's distribution. He unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed to a trump and ruffed a diamond. He then returned to dummy with a trump and played the last one to reach a two card ending. He must have been confident that East was 8-2-2-1. So he took the heart finesse and was two down.

The BBO operator (perhaps being mischievous had West throwing a heart on the last trump – as Tacchi put it, a pseudo show up squeeze – but we don't believe that this particular declarer would have failed to spot that.)

It was 14 IMPs to China, giving them the lead.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Shi	Lauria	Hou
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

This was easy, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lian	Bocchi	Shi	Madala
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dbl	Rdbl	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

3NT Forcing
 6♥ All four aces

This was impossible, (actually if you go through the play record on BBO declarer was given a chance, but I suspect some operator error). East is supposed to have led the queen of spades at trick one! Declarer won, unblocked the ace of diamonds, took two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and played the queen of diamonds, covered and ruffed. He cashed the ten of hearts to reach this position:



Xu Hu, China

♠ K 4 ♥ 5 ♦ – ♣ A 6 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 5 ♥ – ♦ 9 4 ♣ 9 2
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When declarer played the last trump, discarding a spade West is shown as throwing the eight of clubs. Now declarer can simply duck a club and has twelve tricks. However, it says declarer first cashed the king of spades and only then ducks a club, allowing West to cash the ten of spades for one down). Declarer managed eleven tricks, but that was another 10 IMPs to China.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Hou</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♠*
2NT	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♠ 3-10 weak with spades

North led the four of spades and South took the ace and switched to the three of diamonds, North winning with the queen and going back to spades. Declarer won with the jack, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to the king, claiming ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♥*	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Madala could have opened 2♦ to show a weak hand, so perhaps Bocchi was inclined to play him for more in the way of high cards.

South led a diamond and North won and switch to a spade, South winning and retuning the suit. Declarer put up dummy's king, crossed to the king of hearts, played a club to the king, cashed the ace of hearts and played a club to the ace, claiming when South followed. +790 gave China another 5 IMPs.

This remarkable run of 67 IMPs was finally halted when Italy picked up 3 IMPs, and then they collected something more substantial:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Hou</i>
1♣	1♠	Dbl*	3♠*
Dbl	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the four of spades and North took the ace and pondered. We could see that a Rodwellian pusher – the ten of diamonds – would put the defenders in charge, but North eventually played another spade. Declarer won, took the club finesse and played two more rounds of the suit, ruffing. He then forced out the ace of hearts and claimed +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lian</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl*	Rdbl	2♥	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

South led the four of spades and North took the ace and switched to a diamond – he played the four, South's queen forcing the ace. Declarer played the six of hearts but North went up with the ace, cashed the king of diamonds and gave South a ruff, one down, +50 and 11 IMPs to Italy. At 139-152 they would have to retire to lick their wounds.



Swinglish fourth segment

by Micke Melander

The first three segments of the match between Sweden and England proved to be a close battle, England leading by 96-95. Scoring up after the fourth segment, England had increased their lead with another couple of IMPs, leaving the standing at 140-131. Let's give you some of the problems the women faced:

Problem 1: Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ J 8 7 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
	INT	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
?			

Do you run or plan to defend?

Problem 2: Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 8 5
♥ J 7
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K J 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	?	

Do you overcall?

Problem 3: Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 3 2
♥ K J 8
♦ 9 6
♣ Q J 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ was Haxan (either any good hand or clubs), and 2♦ was an acceptance of an invitational bid if partner had a good hand.

You have to lead!

Problem 4: Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 7
♥ K 9 7 3 2
♦ J
♣ A 10 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
	INT*	?	

2♣ showed hearts and any another suit. Do you dare to come in when INT is 9-12?

Problem 5: Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
1♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

One Diamond was Precision style, and 2♥ a weak jump response. Your partner leads the five of spades, fourth best, three from dummy, ace from you, while declarer follows with the eight. Plan your defense!

On Board 17, Johansson in the Closed Room thought that it would be better to defend than play. That wasn't the best decision when the full layout was:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
	INT	Dble	2♦*
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
	INT	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Johansson led the ten of trumps. Stockdale asked for the jack from dummy and that held the trick. Declarer then continued with the king of spades, won by East with the ace. Andersson then cashed the queen of spades and exited with her last trump. Declarer had no problem in solving the heart combination to score her eight tricks. Plus 470 was 8 IMPs when things got completely out of hand at the other table. It didn't matter much that the English women went three off in 3NT. Three Clubs would have been the winner instead of passing out the second double.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠*	Dble	Rdbl
2♠	3♦	3♠	Dble
All Pass			

One Spade showed either no major with 5+HCP, 8-11 with diamonds, or a game force with clubs.

Nevena Senior in the Closed Room didn't find any opening bid on the East hand, neither did she compete over INT. The Swedish girls did quite well to bid a reasonable game in 4♥, but there weren't tricks enough to be able to make the game.

Meanwhile, in the Open Room, there was a lot more action. One might ask oneself if it's 2♠ or the 3♠ that is the

worst bid in the auction. Stockdale brought down the big axe on 3♠, which went three down after accurate defence for 12 IMPs to England. Staying out of the auction was correct.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
		INT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Another 12 IMPs were given on this hand when Brown in the Closed Room decided to start with the six of clubs. Johansson went in with the ten from dummy, which held the trick. Ace of hearts and a heart to the queen and king followed. Again Brown could have defeated the contract by returning a diamond while she still had an entry left to play the suit through dummy a second time. But, when she continued playing clubs, declarer won in hand and played a spade to dummy's nine, ducked by South. The king of spades went to South's ace and she then continued with a heart to partner's jack, but there was now no hope for the defense.

In the Open Room, Sandra Rimstedt led the ten of diamonds, Senior winning in hand with the ace. Declarer then cashed the ace of hearts and ran the nine of hearts, losing to North jack. Ironically, Sjöberg now made the same mistake that was made in the other room and led a low club, won by Senior with the ten. Again, as in the other room, the queen of spades was played, ducked! With four tricks in the bag for declarer the situation is:

<p>♠ – ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ A 4</p>	<p>♠ J 2 ♥ K ♦ 9 ♣ Q J 9 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 5px auto;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ A 7 5 ♥ 2 ♦ A J 7 ♣ 8</p>	<p>♠ K 10 9 6 ♥ – ♦ 3 2 ♣ K 2</p>
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A club to dummy's ace to establish dummy's hearts would have solved the problem as declarer still has an entry in diamonds. But, when for some reason (probably believing that the jack was led from jack-ten-nine), declarer decided to play a diamond to dummy's eight and Sjöberg's nine, the Swedish defenders cashed out their high tricks to take the contract down; 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
4♥	INT*	2♣*	2♠
	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠
	3♠	All Pass	

It's certainly not completely clear that you want to enter the auction at this vulnerability against a weak NT opening. Nevena Senior overcalled, to find South competing with 2♣ and partner jumping to game in 4♥. Heather Dhondy got a low spade lead, which went to South's ace. A second round of the suit followed, won by the king. Dhondy then played ace of hearts and a low one to the king, revealing that trumps were 3-1. A club to the ace followed, noting the jack from South. Another club was played to dummy's king and, when the queen dropped, she had an easy claim for 10 tricks.

In the other room the Swedish pair never got into the auction, but it would probably have been priceless to see what the players looked like after the board was played. Three spades went the remarkable number of six down! To achieve that result, the following happened:

To the first trick Johansson led the nine of diamonds and declarer played low from dummy. The play then went heart to the ace, king of clubs, club to the ace. A low club was ruffed and over-ruffed (with the two and five), and a low diamond led, declarer going in with the ace and ruffed by East. Another club was then played through declarer, who this time tried to ruff with the queen, losing to West's king. The king of diamonds was then cashed before exiting with the last diamond, this time ruffed in dummy with the eight and over-ruffed by East's nine. The defence had now started by winning the first nine tricks and when East was in she could play her last club through declarer so they even had to score a trick 'en passant' for the jack of spades.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
1♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
1♦	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Brown, in the Closed Room won the ♠A lead and correctly went on the attack by leading diamonds. The ♦4 went to declarer's jack, South's queen and dummy's ace. Andersson now tried to sneak a trump through but Brown, who probably had realized her mistake in not returning the ten or nine of diamonds, went in with the ace, cashed the king of diamonds and gave partner a diamond ruff. Down one.

In the Open Room, Senior got the queen of diamonds lead, rose with the ace from dummy and played a trump to the ten. Declarer then finessed in clubs, cashed the A♣ and ruffed a third round. She exited with a trump to North's ace and, when the defence didn't cash out their winners, Senior discarded her two diamonds in hand for 11 tricks and 11 IMPs to England.

WBF NOTICES

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An executive decision has been made to add the following supplementary regulation to the Conditions of Contest for the 2011 World Bridge Championships:

With reference to Law 79C2, an error in computing or tabulating an agreed-upon score in tricks may be corrected after the end of the correction period provided that

- a) the Head Tournament Director and the Championship Manager are both satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the record is wrong and
- b) such a change can still be accommodated within the organisation and structure of the tournament.

Photographer



During the event a photographer is available to take photos, for free.

Upon request he provides the journalists with the photos they need for their articles. The photographer is also available to take team or individual photos.

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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 players and officials, buses will drive to Schiphol Airport on Oct. 30.

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.

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SportAccord World Mind Games



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北京首届世界智力精英运动会 SportAccord World Mind Games Beijing

- An agreement has been signed with International Mind Sports Association and the International Federations for the 1st SportAccord World Mind Games which will be hosted in Beijing, China, from 8-17 December 2011.
- The event will be composed of the four mind sports - Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts which are all members of IMSA and SportAccord. Xiang Qi has also been invited to participate.
- Winners, medalists and players will receive attractive prize money from a prize fund of US\$1 million depending on their ranking.

1st SportAccord World Mind Games

Beijing, China, 8-17 December 2011.
Beijing International Convention Center

The competition will take place in the Beijing International Convention Centre while the Beijing Continental Grand Hotel will be the official hotel. The event will feature the best players worldwide and will be accompanied by a cultural program.

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Open: 4 teams; China, Italy, Norway, USA

Women: 4 teams; China, England, France, USA

Schedule of play

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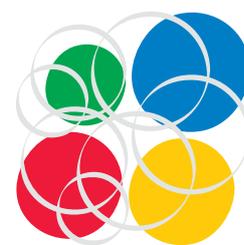
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