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# DREAMS OF GOLD



The World Transnational Open Teams is now in full swing.

Twelve teams will become six today as the semi-finals in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl come to a close. Most of the matches are close, but no team is so far ahead that they can relax.

In the Bermuda Bowl, Italy has a razor-thin edge over the Netherlands, and the young USA2 squad enters play today with a 51-IMP lead over USA1.

The Venice Cup team from Indonesia outscored England by 3 IMPs on Tuesday but trails by 7.5 thanks to the latter's carryover of 10.5 IMPs. In the other match, France is 33.5 IMPs ahead of the Netherlands.

Poland and France are not far apart in the Senior Bowl, Poland leading 103.7 to 99, but USA2 has a 52.5-IMP lead over USA1.

The World Transnational Open Teams with a record 152 teams is in full swing in the Swiss qualifying phase. A Russian team, Parimatch, is just ahead of the star-studded Angelini squad, with Iceland close behind.

## VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



### Semi-final Session 4 (10.30)

VuGraph: England – Indonesia  
All other matches on BBO

(Venice Cup)

### Semi-final Session 5 (13.45) and Session 6 (16.45)

VuGraph matches to be decided.  
All matches on BBO.

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# RESULTS



## Bermuda Bowl

### Semi-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	36	35	8	–	–	–	79
	Netherlands	2.3	43	21	12	–	–	–	78.3
2	USA 2	10	23	30	49	–	–	–	112
	USA 1	0	50	7	4	–	–	–	61

## Venice Cup

### Semi-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	Indonesia	0	61	5	18	–	–	–	84
	England	10.5	39	32	10	–	–	–	91.5
22	Netherlands	0.5	26	9	16	–	–	–	51.5
	France	0	46	9	30	–	–	–	85

## d'Orsi Senior Bowl

### Semi-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
41	Poland	2.7	41	25	35	–	–	–	103.7
	France	0	41	43	15	–	–	–	99
42	USA 2	8.5	31	50	17	–	–	–	106.5
	USA 1	0	23	0	31	–	–	–	54

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# RESULTS



## Transnational Open Teams

### Ranking after 7 sessions

1	Parimatch	144	39	Jantien	114	Fandouraboul	105	Hrg Nederland	93
2	Angelini	139		Mahaffey	114	Titow	105	Totojack	93
3	Iceland	137.2		Pie	114	79 Germany Green	104	117 Mpe	92.5
4	Oz Open	137		Bulgaria Seniors	114	Rayner	104	118 Towers	92
5	Israel Juniors	134		Fergani	114	Bamruhe	104	De Ruiter	92
	Het Witte 1	134		Indonesia	114	Italia Vinci	104	120 Munster	91.5
7	Consus Red	130.3	45	Leidschenhage	113.5	Aarts	104	121 Frencken	91
8	Piedra	125	46	Dhondy	113	84 Onstein 2	103.5	Rio	91
	Smirnov	125		Payen	113	85 Hok	103	123 Wijman	90
	Texan Aces	125		A J Diamant	113	Monaco Z	103	124 Argentina	89.5
	Damianova	125		Siwik Mragowo	113	87 Rossard	102	125 De Meer	89
	T Onstein	125	50	Dutch Seniors	112	Italy Women	102	Swinkels	89
	Gordon	125		Gehaktmolen Rood	112	89 Cornell Nz Norway	101	127 2 Klaveren	88.5
14	Hok 2	124	52	Frank	111.5	China Ladies	101	128 Pan China	87
15	Begijntje	123		Kasper Konow	111.5	Bc70	101	Singapore	87
	Blund	123	54	Harding	111	Sportief	101	130 Respond	86.5
17	Italy Fioretti	122	55	China Trinergy	110.5	Van Den Hoek	101	131 Beter Zicht	86
	Latvia	122	56	Dobbels	110	Vm 1	101	132 Coppens	85
19	Hanlon	121.5		Indonesia Senior	110	95 Stepbridge	99	133 Opal	84
	Lantaron	121.5		Star 1	110	96 Wanzac	98	Pegasus 2	84
21	Zeerob Rood	121	59	Gillis	109	Bites	98	Ruiten 7	84
22	Bilal	120		Mossop	109	Schuttersveld	98	136 Tango Argentino	83
	Teramoto	120		Brazil Open	109	99 Gayet	96	137 Aloc	82
	Azs Poland	120		Denmark	109	The Honbel Shock	96	138 Ndc Den Hommel	81
	Poland	120		Italy Senior	109	Dsm India	96	Philharmonie	81
26	Het Witte 2	119.5		Delft Brew	109	Commercion	96	140 Winksys	80
27	De Botton	119		Swedenplus	109	De Mijnstreek	96	Alma	80
	Zeerob Wit	119	66	Bc Gorkum	108.5	Pakistan Seniors	96	142 Van Den Boom	79
29	Leroumain Boys	118		Consus Oil	108.5	105 Buenos Aires	95.5	Gold Coast Australia	79
	China Open	118	68	Australia Seniors	108	Bowles	95.5	Harris	79
	Shanghai Hyx Ltd	118		Pigot	108	Zeerob Blauw	95.5	145 Heksentoer Oudewater	78
32	Bulgaria	117		Vallon	108	108 Lara	95	146 D N Kelkar	76
33	Ferlema	116	71	Joel	106	Italy Cbc Gentili	95	Indian Ladies	76
	Oni	116		Nep	106	Villa Fabbriche	95	Bco Z	76
35	Gargoyle Oranje	115.5		Wrang	106	111 Chateau Rossenovo	94.5	149 Pune Blues India	68
	Belgium Cooreman	115.5		Wuhan	106	112 Jolly Lombard	94	150 Honest 1	67
37	China Hong Kong	115		Egypt	106	Prio 112	94	151 Leusden	65
	Rom Coldea	115	76	Amoils	105	114 Geel	93		

# An ending for the ages

by Barry Rigal

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 8 4 2					
	♥ 10 9 7 2					
	♦ J 2					
	♣ J 10 6					
♠ K Q J 5	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ 10 9 6 3	
N						
W     E						
S						
♥ K J		♥ A 3				
♦ 7		♦ K Q 10 8 5 4				
♣ A 9 8 5 4 3		♣ Q				
	♠ 7					
	♥ Q 8 6 5 4					
	♦ A 9 6 3					
	♣ K 7 2					

## Closed Room

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

This deal was played in the sixth quarter-final set – China versus Italy.

In the Closed Room, a heart was led. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to king and ace, after which Madala ingeniously tried the ♣K – making it look as though he had short clubs and thus spade length. Declarer won and played two top trumps from hand, Bocchi winning the second and continuing a top club ruffed in dummy, thus taking out an entry to the diamonds in the process. Declarer now was stranded in the middle of a cross-ruff, as neither minor could be set up any more. Down one in the end.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Shi	Sementa	Hou
	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Another heart lead, taken in dummy, followed by a diamond to the jack (!), king and ace and heart back, the standard defence. Duboin went on to play ♣A, club ruff with the ♠6, a luxury he could scarcely afford. Then came the ♦Q which held the trick to his relief, a diamond ruffed with

the jack, declarer pitching a club, as he needed to. A club ruff with dummy's ♠3, a diamond ruffed with the queen and overruffed with the ace. North returned a trump but all declarer could lose was one more trump to North. It does not help North to over-ruff at this point as declarer will continue along his high cross-ruff line. But let's revisit the ending:

	♠ A 8 4 2					
	♥ 9 2					
	♦ –					
	♣ –					
♠ K Q 5	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ 10 9 3	
N						
W     E						
S						
♥ –		♥ –				
♦ –		♦ 10 8 5				
♣ 9 8 5		♣ –				
	♠ 7					
	♥ Q 8 6					
	♦ 9					
	♣ K					

At this point, with declarer having six tricks in the bag he leads a club, and if he is allowed to ruff with the spade three the deal is over. Instead, North ruffs in with the four, and declarer over-ruffs and leads yet another diamond, ruffed high. Time for another ending.

	♠ A 8 2					
	♥ 9					
	♦ –					
	♣ –					
♠ K 5	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ 10 3	
N						
W     E						
S						
♥ –		♥ –				
♦ –		♦ 10 8				
♣ 9 8		♣ –				
	♠ 7					
	♥ Q 8 6					
	♦ –					
	♣ –					

Now declarer leads a club and has to be extremely careful. If North pitches his heart declarer can neither ruff high nor low. If he ruffs low, South over-ruffs and plays a heart ruffed and overruffed, with North taking the last two tricks. If he ruffs high and leads a diamond from dummy South ruffs in with the seven, and if West discards North under-ruffs, leaving a trump coup in defence at trick 12!

But in the ending when North discards on the club, so does dummy. South ruffs in and now when he leads a heart declarer has a sort of smother-coup to take two of the last three tricks. He ruffs low, is over-ruffed by the eight, and wins the trump ten. When he ruffs the last diamond in hand with the trump king North overruffs with the ace... and his trump two loses to the three.



## A three pipe problem

by Barry Rigal

When this board appeared in the Transnationals round two, Micke Melander witnessed Four Spades by West on the ♥J lead to the ace – thereafter the defence was impossible as declarer can take two trumps and arrange to ruff two diamonds in hand, then give up a club, and the defence are helpless. But what is best defence? And will it suffice? Ladies and Gentlemen, faites vos jeux.

### Transnationals: Round 2

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

For the record, with the ♠Q falling, declarer threatens to take six trump tricks, two hearts, a diamond and a club. With West declarer, the most threatening defence is for North to lead the heart jack and have South duck it.

Now to avoid a defensive cross-ruff declarer must draw two rounds of trumps and lead a second heart to the nine to prepare a second entry to dummy to facilitate a possible second diamond ruff. If he leaves the heart 10 in hand and heart nine in dummy a diamond return leaves declarer with too much to do.

So South wins the heart ace at trick four. If he returns a spade declarer wins in dummy and plays the heart himself, or if South plays a heart declarer wins and draws the trump to transpose the position. North is squeezed down to seven cards – either three clubs and four diamonds or vice versa. If he keeps three clubs only, declarer ducks two clubs and establishes the suit. If four clubs and three diamonds declarer plays the diamond ace and ducks a diamond! South wins and plays a heart, but declarer can arrange to ruff, then ruff a diamond. In the three-card ending North is reduced to three clubs and can be endplayed with a low club to lead into West's tenace.

Quite a few Wests played spade part-scores, but 21 declarers made four spades here – a few doubled, of course, and 39 declarers went down in spade contracts.

Incidentally, if South ducks the second heart also, declarer plays ♦A and ruffs a diamond, then ducks a club to endplay North to allow the second diamond ruff in hand.

## What would you lead?

by Phillip Alder

With only your side vulnerable, you deal yourself this hand:

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

The auction proceeds:

West	North	East	South
You	Dummy	Partner	Declarer
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

What would you lead? The answer is on page 17.

## The Laws of Duplicate Bridge - An open invitation

by Grattan Endicott

The WBF Laws Committee is now giving some preliminary thought to the next review of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Its first decision is to issue a worldwide invitation to players, tournament directors, and NBOs (and as it may be, other members of bridge discussion groups), to send to me any thoughts they may have as to desirable changes in the Laws.

I intend to divide suggestions received into two categories:

- (a) those which propose a change in the effect of the law; and
- (b) those which retain the current effect of the law but target an improvement in the wording and/or layout of a Law.

The broad inclination of the committee as it commences the task is to institute very few category (a) changes but to concentrate mainly on proposals in category (b). All suggestions will receive consideration and we will see what responses this invitation brings.

For ease of identification and sorting, I request:

1. That nothing reaches me before 1st December 2011, and
2. That the subject line of every email shall contain the words "Duplicate Bridge Law," which may be followed, if desired by a Law number.

Given the likely number of suggestions that will be sent, please do not anticipate an acknowledgement of receipt unless there is something not fully understood. Do not assume that anything received hitherto will be on record – send it afresh if you wish it to have attention.

Invitation issued Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Responses must be received no later than 31st December 2012.

Send to [grandaeval@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grandaeval@tiscali.co.uk)

# VENICE CUP

# Quarter-final 2



**Netherlands**

v

**USA 1**



by Phillip Alder

Before we get to the report, try this defensive problem:

Dummy  
 ♠ 5  
 ♥ K 10 2  
 ♦ A K J 10 3 2  
 ♣ Q 9 8



You  
 ♠ A K J 7 2  
 ♥ J 8  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ J 10 5 4

West	North	East	South
Dummy	Partner	Declarer	You
1♦	1♥	Dbl (1)	1♠
2♦	2♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Four spades

You lead the spade king; five, eight (reverse signals), four. How would you continue?

After the first 16 boards, USA1 was 9 IMPs ahead. The Dutch regained the lead immediately.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

  

	♠ Q J 3	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 10 7 5 3 2	
	♣ 10 7 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pasman	Migry	Simons
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦ (1)	Pass	4♥ (1)
Pass	4NT (2)	Pass	5♦ (3)
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- (1) Control bid
- (2) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (3) No key card

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Palmer	Michielsen	Deas
2♥	1♣ (1)	1♥	Pass
	3NT	All Pass	

(1) 16-plus points

In answer to 4NT Roman Key Card Blackwood when a minor suit has been agreed, surely it is right to use 03/14, not 14/30. (Although it isn't relevant here, I like to play that if the replier has shown at least opening values that player is assumed to have at least one key card, so the replies are 14/25/3 without/3 with.)

Here, though, 6♣ was perfect. Jet Pasman drew trumps, ruffed two hearts in the dummy, and discarded her last heart on the spade queen.

In the Closed Room, Beth Palmer bid what she thought she could make. She took three spades, one heart and six clubs, but the Netherlands gained 10 IMPs to lead by 1.

This was nearly increased on the next deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

  

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pasman	Migry	Simons
Pass	2♦ (2)	INT	2♣ (1)
All Pass		Pass	2♥

- (1) Majors
- (2) Pick the major

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Palmer	Michielsen	Deas
Pass	Pass	INT	2♥
		2NT	All Pass

Marion Michielsen intended her unusual 2NT to ask her partner to pick a minor. And note that 3♣ can be made if declarer uses her two club entries to take diamond finess-





Laura Dekkers, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pasman	Migry	Simons
Pass	1♥	2♦	Dbl
Redble	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Palmer	Michielsen	Deas
Pass	1♦ (1)	2♦ (2)	Dbl
Pass	3♦ (3)	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

- (1) 10-15 points, zero-plus diamonds
- (2) Natural
- (3) 4-4 in the majors

Pasman and Simons defended carefully to defeat 3♦. The bad spade break condemned 3♠, which went down two when declarer drew two rounds of trumps early in the play. That gave the Dutch another 6 IMPs.

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		

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pasman	Migry	Simons
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♥	INT	Dbl (1)	2♣
	Pass	3♥	All Pass

- (1) The red suits

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

(1) You know by now!

Migry had the perfect gadget. Both 3♥ and INT were unbeatable, giving 6 IMPs to USA1.

The Dutch gained an overtrick IMP on each of the next two deals. Then:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pasman	Migry	Simons
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dbl
4♠	Dbl (1)	All Pass	

(1) Extra values

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Palmer	Michielsen	Deas
Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass	1♦ (2)
INT (3)	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

- (1) 16-plus
- (2) 0-7
- (3) Minors

In the Closed Room, 3♥ lost the obvious two spades, one heart and one diamond.

Migry's four-card overcall did not work so well when her passed partner had a hand worth 4♠.

The defense was accurate. South led a trump. Declarer won with her ace and conceded a club to North's jack. She returned a trump. East gave up a club to North's queen, ruffed the heart ace in the dummy, and ruffed a club. Now declarer would have done best to cash the diamond ace and play another diamond, testing South's nerves. If South rises or East guesses correctly, the contract goes down one. When, though, East overtook her spade queen with dummy's king, cashed the two club winners, and played a diamond to her ace, she had to concede down two.

That gave the Netherlands 4 IMPs and the lead by 13.

On the next deal, the Dutch had another chance for a swing.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Simons</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠ (1)	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(1) Fourth suit forcing

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Deas</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠ (1)	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

(1) Transfer to clubs

Simons had a chance to land 5♣ when West led a low spade. If South had guessed correctly, she surely would have got home. But she called for dummy's queen. When East produced the king, declarer won with her ace and tried to cash her heart honors. However, West ruffed the second and cashed the spade jack. With the club ace to come, that was down one.

Deas received a heart lead. She misguessed clubs to lose one spade and two trumps. But that gave 6 IMPs to USA1.

The Americans judged better on the next deal.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Simons</i>
INT (1)	2♦ (2)	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	3♣ (3)	3♥ (4)
		4♦	All Pass

- (1) 14-16 points
- (2) One long major
- (3) Diamonds
- (4) Pass or correct

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Deas</i>
INT (1)	2♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♣ (2)	3♦ (3)
		5♦	All Pass

- (1) 15-17
- (2) Diamonds, game-invitational or stronger
- (3) Good spade raise

Both declarers took ten tricks to give 5 IMPs to USA1, now trailing by 2.

On Board 31 the Dutch gained another overtrick IMP. And they did even better on the final deal of the session.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Simons</i>
INT (1)	DbI (2)	Redble	2♣ (3)
All Pass			

- (1) 14-16
- (2) Four-card major, five-plus in a minor
- (3) Pass or correct

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Deas</i>
1♣ (1)	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

(2) Two or more clubs

Migry showed some values, then decided to sell out to 2♣, which cruised home with two overtricks, Simons losing one spade, one diamond (she played West for the jack) and one club. Dekkers' 1♣ opening picked off her opponents' suit.

Against 2♠, South led her heart seven. North, after winning with her king, continued the suit to give her partner a ruff. It was tough to see that she had to switch to a club to get that trick established first.

South shifted to a club at trick three, but West won, drew trumps, and pitched her club loser on dummy's heart winner.

Plus 150 and plus 110 gave the Netherlands 6 IMPs and the lead by 71-62.



West	North	East	South
Barel	Fleisher	Zack	Kamil
Pass	3♦	3NT	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pas

Zack started with the ♣K, switching to the ♠Q at trick two. The ♠J also held, Martin Fleisher ruffing the third round of spades to play a low heart from hand. Zack too his ♥A. He played a fourth round of spades, ruffed by Barel and overruffed by Fleisher, who ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and played another heart. Zack ruffed in with the ♦Q, cashed the ♦A and exited with his third diamond. Fleisher ended with only six tricks for minus 800 and a 14-IMP swing to Israel.

The next board returned 13 IMPs to the USA1 ledger.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Pachtman	Levin	Ginossar
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Ginossar led his singleton club, taken in dummy with the king. Levin cashed dummy's ♥A, claiming when North showed out. He could play another round of hearts, then the ♣A. If South ruffed, there would be a trump in dummy to handle one of Levin's losers, and the other would go on the ♦A. The ♠A was his only other loser.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Fleisher	Zack	Kamil
1♦	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Kamil led his club to dummy's king. Zack discarded a club on the ♦A and ruffed a diamond to hand. He played the ♥K and a heart to the 10, followed by another diamond ruff, but there was no luck in that suit. He could not pick up trumps and ruff club losers. The limit was 11 tricks, so USA1 picked up 13 IMPs.

Israel got 11 back on the next board.



Martin Fleisher, USA

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Pachtman	Levin	Ginossar
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Pachtman and Ginossar had four winners in the red suits, and they took them in shorter order. Plus 50 to Israel.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Fleisher	Zack	Kamil
Pass	1♠	Pass	
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Fleisher led a diamond to the king and won the diamond return with the ace. The contract could have been put down two had he switched to a heart, but he continued with a diamond, and the 3-3 split in spades meant 11 tricks to Barel for plus 460.

There were more small swings before the first push of the match occurred on board 10. At that point, it was 118-76 for USA1. Another push followed, then on board 12, USA1 gained 5 IMPs thanks to good judgment by Weinstein.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Eldad Ginossar, Israel

Weinstein thought 3NT was a good spot – for his side, and he was right. He led the ♥K and waited to get in with the ♣A. As the cards lay, 4♠ was unbeatable, so plus 100 looked like a potential 12-IMP swing for the Americans.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Fleisher	Zack	Kamil
1♥	2♦	Pass	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♥	3NT
4♥	Dbf	All Pass	

Fleisher and Mike Kamil never uncovered their spade fit, so they, too tried 3NT. Barel didn't want to take a chance that 3NT would make, so he bid on. Barel played well to come up with nine tricks – after establishing the ♥9 as an entry, he played a low club from hand. It will never be known whether Barel would have guessed correctly had Fleisher ducked the club lead – Barel would have had to play the ♣A on the next round. Fleisher put up the queen, however, and Barel later took a club finesse to come to nine tricks. Nicely played, but a 5-IMP loss anyway.

The final deal of the set put an exclamation point on the USA1 effort.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Pachtman	Levin	Ginossar
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Weinstein's 2♥ showed the majors. Levin, with most of his high cards in his partner's two suits, bid what he thought Weinstein could make.

Pachtman started with the top two clubs, and when he continued with a third round instead of switching to the ♦K, Weinstein was home. He ruffed the club, played the ♥Q, which held, then followed with the ♥J, covered by the king and ace. The ♥8 drove out Pachtman's last winner. Too late, he switched to the ♦K. Weinstein won the ace, cashed the ♥9, pitching his losing diamond, then played on spades. When that suit proved to be 3-2, he could claim plus 620.

At the other table, Fleisher also opened 1NT, but that was passed out. He ended up three down for minus 150, but USA1 had a 10-IMP gain and a 134-76 lead at the halfway point of their match.

**D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL** **Semi-final**  
**USA 2 – USA 1 and Poland – France** **I**

by Brian Senior

Neither Senior Bowl semi-final was easy to call. The regulations required that the two USA teams meet at this stage and USA2 would begin with an 8.5 IMP carry-over advantage. In the other match Poland had a 2.67 IMP carry-over. As previously, I will drop the fractions from any running scores; just be mindful that there could not be a tie – USA2 and Poland would have that extra fractional IMP if required.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A J 8 5 2 ♥ – ♦ Q J 10 9 8 4 2 ♣ 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; 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	♠ 10 4 ♥ Q 7 6 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ Q 9 8 7 3
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W     E					
S					
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**USA2 v USA1**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Kasle	Morse	Kozlove
	Pass	Pass	2♥
2NT	3♦	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♦	Dbl	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Schermer	Finkel	Chambers	Schwartz
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Neither North could find a suitable opening for their 7-5 hand so passed. For USA2, Larry Kozlove opened the South hand with a weak 2♥ and Bobby Wolff overcalled 2NT. Gaylor Kasle introduced his diamonds then, when Dan Morse's 3NT raise came around, bid a fourth diamond, doubled by Morse. There was nothing to the play – with the queen of spades where it needed to be, Kasle had no trouble in chalking up ten tricks for +510. Not a bad way to start a big knockout match.

The bidding record in the other room is a little unclear but what we know is that John Schermer, for USA2, declared 3NT. He made the eight tricks you would expect after the lead of the queen of diamonds for down one; -50 but 10 IMPs to USA2.

**Poland v France**

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Kowalski	Vanhoutte	Romanski
	2♠	Pass	3♠
Dbl	4♦	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Leenhardt	Russyan	Piganeau
	Pass	Pass	1♥
INT	2♦	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♦	Dbl	All Pass

For France, Francois Leenhardt also passed as North. Here, Patrice Piganeau opened 1♥ in third seat and Krzysztof Lasocki overcalled INT. Leenhardt competed with a quiet 2♦ and Jerzy Russyan raised to 3NT. Now Leenhardt bid 4♦ and, as we saw previously, East again doubled, with the same outcome. Leenhardt chalked up +510.

Aploinary Kowalski was the only North to open – 2♠ to show a weak two-suiter, spades and a minor. Jacek Romanski made a pre-emptive raise to 3♠ and Patrick Grenthe doubled for take-out. Kowalski now showed his extra playing strength by introducing his second suit and Philippe Vanhoutte bid 4♥, promptly doubled by Romanski to end the auction.

Romanski led a diamond, low from a doubleton in Polish style. Vanhoutte won in dummy and led a low spade. Kowalski rose with the ace to play the queen of diamonds through. Vanhoutte won and led a second spade to Romanski's king. A club switch went to the ten and queen and Vanhoutte led a low heart, ducking when Romanski inserted the ten. He returned a club so Vanhoutte played three rounds of those, Romanski ruffing and exiting with his last spade. Vanhoutte won the queen, discarding his remaining club, then ducked a heart to Romanski and made the last two tricks with the ace and queen of trumps; down two for -300 but 5 IMPs to France.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 10 5 ♥ 10 8 7 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 6 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; 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	♠ 3 ♥ K J 9 6 ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ K Q J 7
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**Poland v France**

<b>West</b> <i>Grenthe</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Kowalski</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Vanhoutte</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Romanski</i>
1♥	INT	1♦	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

<b>West</b> <i>Lasocki</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Leenhardt</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Russyan</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Piganeau</i>
1♥	INT	1♦	Pass
Pass	Dbf	4♥	Pass
		All Pass	

This one was flat in 4♥ just making in the all-American match, but the French gave back half of what they had gained on the previous deal by doubling that contract. Having doubled, Leenhardt led the king of spades. Lasocki won the ace and led his club up, Leenhardt grabbing the ace and returning the ten to dummy's king. Lasocki played the club queen for a diamond discard and Leenhardt ruffed and returned the jack of diamonds. Lasocki won in hand and ran the seven of hearts then played a second round. Leenhardt could only take the ace; ten tricks for +590 against +420 at the other table, France 10-7.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



**Poland v France**

<b>West</b> <i>Grenthe</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Kowalski</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Vanhoutte</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Romanski</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

<b>West</b> <i>Lasocki</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Leenhardt</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Russyan</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Piganeau</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	4♠

**USA2 v USA1**

<b>West</b> <i>Wolff</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Kasle</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Morse</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Kozlove</i>
1♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
6♠	7♣	4♦	4NT
Dbf	All Pass	Dbf	7♦

<b>West</b> <i>Schermer</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Finkel</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Chambers</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Schwartz</i>
1♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
6♠	7♣	4♦	5♣
Dbf	All Pass	Pass	7♦

In USA2 v USA1, both Norths declared 4♠ and both went down after the lead of the ten of hearts, eventually taking the heart finesse. The same contract was reached in both rooms of Poland v France.

Russyan led the five of spades to the nine and queen and Leenhardt took the heart finesse at trick two, losing to the queen. Lasocki led the king of diamonds. Leenhardt won the ace, drew trumps and tried to split the hearts. When that suit failed to behave as hoped, he tried a club to the king and was one down when that suit too was unfriendly; -50.

Vanhoutte led the seven of diamonds to the queen and ace and Kowalski drew trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy. Now he led a diamond to his jack followed by a heart to the ace then the heart king. When the queen appeared, two more rounds of hearts pitching the diamond loser endplayed Vanhoutte to concede a trick to the king of clubs; +450 and 11 IMPs to Poland, who had the lead for the first time at 18-10.

That was nicely played by Kowalski, taking advantage of the fact that he knew the diamonds were 4-2. What he had appreciated was that if the heart finesse was working he did not need to take it - at least if the suit was 3-3 or 4-2. Had the queen not appeared, he could have played a third heart anyway. East could win cheaply and play the fourth heart but Kowalski would simply discard his diamond loser and the endplay would still ensure the contract.



Jacek Romanski, Poland

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A Q 7 4 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A 10 7 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #006400; color: white;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 6 2 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ K J 9 8 5 ♣ 3
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	S										
♠ 10 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ K Q 9 8 5											

**Poland v France**

West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
		Pass	1♦
Dbl	Rdbl	INT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dbl	Pass
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Piganeau</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

**Poland v France**

West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♥	5♦
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	6♠	All Pass

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

This deal proved to be a flat board in both matches but in rather different fashions.

Russyan opened 2♥, weak with hearts and any other suit, and the 3♥ rebid showed spades. An exchange of cuebids saw Lasocki jump to the cold spade slam; +1430 after a club lead.

In the other room Vanhoutte had no way to launch the East hand so passed and now Grenthe opened in third seat with a semi-forcing artificial 2♣ – an aggressive choice in my view. Kowalski overcalled 2♦ and that permitted Romanski to pre-empt to 5♦, putting pressure on his opponents. What there was about the auction that allowed Vanhoutte to run from the cold 6♥ doubled to the equally cold 6♠ is a mystery to me but that is what the record tells us happened. Again, a club was led and twelve tricks made for +1430 and a flat board.

The two American auctions were very similar to each other and ended in the same contract. Both declarers lost one spade, two hearts, a diamond and two clubs; down six for -1400; no swing.

In the match between the two USA teams, both Norths declared 2NT, with USA1 picking up an IMP for an over-trick. USA2 led by 28-6.

Poland also declared 2NT, after flirting with declaring 2♦ until Vanhoutte doubled. The cards lie very favourably for N/S. Vanhoutte led the two of spades such that, despite some communication difficulties for declarer, there is little the defence can do. Grenthe won the ace of spades and returned the suit, run to dummy's ten. Kowalski played on hearts, Vanhoutte winning the second round and trying a low club, to the seven and jack. Kowalski cashed the heart winners then led a diamond to the queen followed by the queen of clubs, ducked, then the ace of diamonds. That gave him eight tricks for +120.

In the other room Poland did more than flirt with playing in 2♦. Unfortunately, when Russyan's dangerously exposed overcall got doubled, they had nowhere to run. Piganeau led the king of clubs. Russyan won the ace and ruffed a club then took the spade finesse. Leenhardt won the king and returned a trump for the jack and queen and Piganeau switched to the ten of spades. Russyan won the ace, led a heart to his ace then exited with a spade. Piganeau pitched a club as Leenhardt won and led his last spade, East and South both throwing hearts. Leenhardt switched to winning hearts now and Piganeau got all his clubs away. Finally, the last heart was ruffed and over-ruffed and Russyan just had one trump trick to come for down three; -800 and 12 IMPs to France, 22-28.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 2 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ 10 9 6 5 ♣ K 7 4 3	♠ 10 7 6 ♥ K ♦ A Q J 7 4 ♣ J 10 9 5	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">                     N W                  E S                 </div> ♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ A 8 6 2	♠ A Q J 5 ♥ A J 9 8 7 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q
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**USA2 v USA1**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Kasle	Morse	Kozlove
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dbl
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Schermer	Finkel	Chambers	Schwartz
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Kasle opened 1♦ on the North cards and, when Wolff raised his overcall, Morse jumped to the heart game. Kozlove led king and another diamond and Kasle won and led a third round, ruffed with the nine. Morse played the queen of clubs and, on winning the ace, Kozlove had to give an entry to dummy or take a finesse for declarer. He chose to exit with a club, so Morse won the king, pitching a spade, and led the ten of hearts to the king and ace. Morse returned to dummy by leading a heart to the queen and took the spade finesse but when that failed he was done down for -50.

Lew Finkel did not open the North hand so Neil Chambers got to open as East. When John Schermer gave a simple raise, Finkel made a natural game try and accepted Schermer's sign-off. The defence began in the same manner but when declarer was in dummy with the club king he took the losing spade finesse. No matter, there was no heart to be lost so Finkel had nine tricks for +140 and 5 IMPs to USA2; 37-6.

**Poland v France**

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Kowalski	Vanhoutte	Romanski
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	2NT	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Leenhardt	Russyan	Piganeau
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Neither North opened, but one, Kowalski, pre-balanced with 2NT at his next turn. Both Easts simply jumped to game facing the simple raise. Note how bad this game actually is – if the defence can cash the ace of clubs before playing the third diamond there is no dummy entry, so even both major-suit finesse is not enough; you need the bare king of hearts to give an entry for the spade finesse.

Romanski led a trump to the king and ace. However, when Vanhoutte now played the queen of clubs, he found the killing switch to king and another diamond; one down for -50.

Piganeau too led a trump, but he continued with a second trump when in with the ace of clubs. When declarer took a diamond discard on the king of clubs then took the spade finesse, Piganeau won and led a third trump. That killed the spade ruff in dummy and should have led to the defeat of the contract. Russyan ran all the trumps and Piganeau threw his clubs then a spade, and that was what Russyan needed; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to Poland, who led by 38-28.

Leenhardt's discards had been: ♦7, ♦4, ♦Q, ♣10 at the point where Piganeau had to make the critical discard. Their methods state that the first priority is standard count, the second standard attitude, and the third suit preference. I don't find Leenhardt's sequence of play at all clear, so he surely deserves some share of the blame for the defensive mishap.



Patrick Grenthe, France

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



**USA2 v USA1**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Kasle	Morse	Kozlove
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Finkel	Chambers	Schwartz
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

**Poland v France**

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Kowalski	Vanhoutte	Romanski
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Leenhardt	Russyan	Piganeau
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

One pair in each match bid the slam, one stopped in game. While all four Wests responded 2♦ to the 1NT opening, the meanings of the bids were not identical. In the European match, 2♦ was a transfer to hearts while for both Americans it was GF Stayman, intending to bid the hearts on the second round.

Both American Wests were charmed to find that they had a ten-card fit and followed through with a 4♦ splinter. That did not inspire Chambers, who didn't like the fact that he had two high cards in diamonds, and signed off. But Kasle gave Morse an extra option by doubling the splinter. Now

Morse could make a non-committal action, redoubling to show first-round diamond control. Bobby Wolff took control now, asking for key cards then bidding six.

Both Vanhoutte and Russyan broke the transfer, liking their four-card support and good control cards. Lasocki now cuebid 4♦ but that did not excite Russyan, who lacked a club control so signed-off. Grenthe, however, cuebid 4♣ and now Vanhoutte asked for key cards then bid the slam.

This deal illustrates the sometimes random nature of our game, as 26 IMPs hung on the position of the ace of clubs. Today was a good day for the optimists. As the ace was on-side, it meant +1430 for USA1 and France, +680 for USA2 and Poland, and 13 IMPs to USA1 and France instead of 13 the other way; USA2 by 37-19 and France by 41-38.

There were minor swings to come but that was the end of the serious action. The first segment ended with USA2 leading USA1 by 39-23 and Poland ahead of France by 43-41.

**Answer to "What would you lead?"**

This was the full deal, from the third session of the quarterfinals, rotated to make South the declarer:

Board 5. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Low Finkel, playing for USA1 in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl against Denmark, chose the heart queen. His partner, Richie Schwartz, encouraged, so West cashed his heart ace and played another round. On the fourth heart, Finkel discarded a discouraging club, so East switched to diamonds and the defenders took the first six tricks for down two.

Yes, the diamond-four lead would have produced the same result as long as the defenders shifted to hearts after one or two rounds of diamonds. But the heart-queen start made life much easier.

What happened at the other table? It was an action-packed auction: Pass-Pass-Pass-Pass!

So USA1 gained 3 IMPs on the board.

**VENICE CUP** **Quarter-final**  
**France – China and Indonesia – USA 2** **4**

by Jos Jacobs

At the start of the second day of the Venice Cup quarterfinals, France and China were nearly tied at 105 IMPs each, so they would really have everything to play for. In the Indonesia v. USA2 match, the Americans were leading by 24, which was by no means a comfortable margin, as was quickly proved by the Indonesians.

Once again, I am reporting about the highlights of this segment in both these two matches, as again most of the swings occurred on the same boards in either match.

In the Indonesia v. USA2 match, the first two boards were routine pushes but in the France v. China match, board 18 was a different story.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gu Ling</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Lu Yan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Though 4♦ showed a 6-4 with good diamonds, East, holding two useful aces, made no further move facing a limited opening. After a favourable club lead, declarer played safely to make her contract. China +420.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sun</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the French were more optimistic. Cronier showed her ♥A on the way and now, Willard launched into Blackwood. When she heard two key cards,

she boldly bid the slam. Had South led a heart, one down would have been inevitable but her actual club lead gave declarer a sporting chance which she gratefully accepted. She won the ace and played a trump to the queen and North's king. A heart came back but it was already too late. As declarer did not hold enough trumps to draw all the outstanding trumps, ruff the diamonds out and ruff dummy's heart loser in hand, she was forced to take the diamond finesse as well. She thus won the ♥A and led a diamond to the jack, the correct way to handle the suit, as Qxxx is more likely than the singleton queen. When the ♦J held the trick, she could draw trumps and repeat the diamond finesse for her contract. France a somewhat lucky but tremendous +980, good for 11 IMPs.

On the next board, the Chinese tried their luck in another slam, only to find out it was not a good day for them:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gu Ling</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Lu Yan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The heart finesse worked but 5-0 trumps and a losing spade finesse were far more than declarer could successfully handle. France +200.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sun</i>
			1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

No more French experiments here and a quiet +660. France 13 IMPs more.

When the Americans on this same deal ended up in 4♥ down two after a bidding misunderstanding, Indonesia also scored 13 IMPs in their match to reduce their deficit to 11.

On the next board, the French struck again:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gu Ling</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Lu Yan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass



Hongli Wang, China

Cautious bidding by East on her hand with so many losers but this time, all West's kings were working, as was likely after South's double. Making game mainly depends on a correct heart guess. China +170.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sun</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Cronier showed no inhibitions and jumped straight to game after her partner's raise. Well done and +620 to France after a correct heart guess. Another 10 IMPs to them to take a 34-IMP lead after just four boards.

Another big swing, again in both our featured matches, on the very next board:

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	N W     E S	♠ K Q 10 8 5 ♥ J 7 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ K J 10
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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gu Ling</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Lu Yan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♠	1♦	1♠	INT
All Pass	3NT	4♠	Dbl

Four Spades went for 800 but this did not look too expensive if 3NT is a make. In the other room, the French defence against 3NT, however, was more than adequate:

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sun</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a spade to the queen and ace and declarer, of course, went after the clubs, playing ace and another. This made the defence easy for East who could overtake partner's ♣Q and clear the spades, waiting for her ♣10 as a sure entry. Down one, 100 to France and yet another 14

IMPs. They had managed to collect no less than 48 IMPs from four successive boards to suddenly lead by the same margin.

In our other match, a defensive wheel came off:

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Meyers	Bojoh	Levin	Tueje
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♠	1♦	1♠	INT
	3NT	All Pass	

E/W were not at all tempted to save and here too, West led a spade. The play, however, was different from what we saw in the France v. China match. Tueje ducked the first spade and won the spade return with the jack. Her next move was to duck a club, East's ten winning the trick.

Had East cleared the spades now, we would not have had a story but when the ♠J came out next, declarer suddenly had no further problems, as she had time now to duck another club. Indonesia an unexpected +600.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Dewi	Rosenberg	Murniati	Molson
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
	3♦	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, the Americans reached the most sensible contract of the four shown, only to find out that +110 cost them another 10 IMPs. The scores in their match now were virtually level.

Indonesia took the lead by 8 on board 22 and then further increased it on their next board:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Meyers	Bojoh	Levin	Tueje
Pass	2NT	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	Dbl

In the Open Room, the Indonesians reached the normal heart game which made with an overtrick. Indonesia +650 as declarer lost a spade and a heart.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Dewi	Rosenberg	Murniati	Molson
Pass	1♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

In the other room, the Americans also reached a fair contract but declarer adopted an unusual line, no doubt in view of the auction. East led the ♠A and switched to the ♦3 which smelled like a singleton. Had declarer called for dummy's king to take the club finesse next, she would have been safe but instead, she won the ace, cashed the club ace, eliminated the diamonds, cashed the ♠K and ♥A and exited in clubs. Had East won this trick, the endplay would have been OK but when West took the trick, declarer had to fall back on the failing heart finesse...Indonesia another +100 and another 13 IMPs.

On the next board, China finally hit back against France:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Suci Amita Dewi, Indonesia

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gu Ling</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Lu Yan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Bessis showed some extra values by raising to 5♥ opposite partner's strong bidding but D'Ovidio was not interested. Right she was, as even 5♥ proved too high. China +50.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sun</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

This type of hand being very suitable for a Strong Club approach, it was no surprise to find out that the Chinese stopped their explorations at a very safe level. Well done, +420 and 10 IMPs back to China.

Two boards later, an innocent-looking spade game was the basis of two more swings:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gu Ling</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Lu Yan</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Redbl	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Had trumps not been 4-1, this would have been a routine game as one diamond loser would disappear on the clubs in time. The correct way to handle the clubs is of course the finesse through North, catering for Qxxx as well.

When trumps were 4-1, the pattern changed. If North cashes her two top hearts, the ♥Q is the 10th trick. If

South is on lead, three rounds of hearts will force declarer to ruff with her precious ♠8, after which only a direct finesse through South after cashing the ♠Q will see the contract home.

At this table, the defence did kick off with three rounds of hearts, declarer ruffing the third round. When Lu Yan continued with the ♠Q and a spade to the ace, she had lost control and eventually went down two. France +100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Sun</i>
1♣	1♥	Dbl	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

At the other table, West had become the declarer and here, North did in fact cash her two top hearts and continued the suit, declarer throwing a diamond. Cronier then played the ♠A and a spade to dummy's queen. She then drew all the remaining trumps and cashed four club tricks by leading low to dummy's jack first. Well done too, France +420 and 11 IMPs.

In our other match, we saw a smaller swing.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Redbl	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Once again, the Americans were in the best contract, taking the bad trump break into account. They were rewarded with a score of +140 when South led the ♥J.

**Closed Room**

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

No intervention here, so Rosenberg led the ♥A. Had she continued a diamond now, declarer would have had a difficult time as there is no way to score a ruff anywhere for the 10th trick. When she first cashed her other top heart and played a diamond next, the ♥Q had become declarer's 10th trick since Dewi later picked up the trumps and played the clubs the right way. Indonesia +420 and 7 IMPs to them.

After an eventful morning segment in both these two matches, the scores stood at:

France v. China: 175.7 – 126  
Indonesia v. USA2: 156 – 138

## IBPA Awards

The International Bridge Press Association announced awards on Monday. Yesterday's Daily Bulletin highlighted some of them. The rest are acknowledged in this report.

### Auction of the Year

Winners: Venkatrao Koneru and Ira Chorush, USA  
Journalist: Brent Manley, USA

From the Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs, 2010 Fall NABC Daily Bulletin.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 8 5 4 3 ♥ 10 5 4 3 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ 7 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; 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	♠ A ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ 8 7 5 4 ♣ A J 9 2	♠ K Q J 10 2 ♥ 9 7 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ K 10 8
N						
W     E						
S						

West	North	East	South
—	<i>Koneru</i>	—	<i>Chorush</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♣
Pass	2♠2	Pass	3♦3
Pass	4♣4	Pass	4♦5
Pass	4♠5	Pass	4NT6
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

1. Support Double: three-card heart support
2. Strong hand; could be agreeing either hearts or clubs, or looking for a stopper for 3NT
3. Values in diamonds
4. Confirms clubs; slam try
5. Cue bids
6. More encouraging than five clubs

The candidates:

- Diamond/Platnick, IBPA Bulletin 550.19, Mark Horton (ENG)
- Zia/Gold, IBPA Bulletin 552.2, Paul Lamford (ENG)
- Zia/Gold, IBPA Bulletin 552.3, Paul Lamford (ENG)
- Hackett/Holland, IBPA Bulletin 553.12, John Carruthers (CAN)
- Koneru/Chorush, IBPA Bulletin 553.12, Brent Manley (USA)

### Gidwani Family Trust Defence of the Year

Winners: Mike Kamil/Marty Fleisher (USA)  
Journalist: Brent Manley (USA)

From the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, 2010 Fall NABC, Orlando Daily Bulletin.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ J 10 7 4 ♥ K Q 10 4 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q 9 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ Q 6 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ J 8 6 2	♠ A 9 3 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ A 7 4 3
N						
W     E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Hand</i>	<i>Kamil</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>
—	1♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Fleisher led the heart queen (Rusinow). When that held, he shifted to the spade jack. Declarer won dummy's king, played a spade to her ace and led a third round. West won the ten and exited with his last spade. Kamil discarded his two remaining hearts and South threw a club.

Declarer, Gail Greenberg, led a low diamond from the dummy to her ten and West's king. When West returned a diamond to dummy's ace, declarer cashed dummy's club king. This was the position:

♠ — ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e8b57; 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	♠ — ♥ — ♦ J 8 ♣ J 8 6	♠ — ♥ A J ♦ 2 ♣ A 7
N						
W     E						
S						

When South played a club to her ace unblocked his queen to avoid the endplay. Then South cashed her heart ace. East unblocked his club jack. South led her last club, but West took the final three tricks for down two.

Both defenders had unblocked in the same suit.

The candidates:

- Willenken/Rosenberg, IBPA Bulletin 550.9, John Carruthers (CAN)
- Kamil/Fleisher, IBPA Bulletin 553.4, Brent Manley (USA)
- Hoeyland, IBPA Bulletin 554.5, Jon Sveindal (NOR)
- Alfrey/Robson, IBPA Bulletin 556.12, Roland Wald (DEN)
- Krogsgaard/Kruse, IBPA Bulletin 556.15, Jens Otto Pedersen (DEN)



of trumps but, more important, he must also take a first-round finesse in trumps by playing the nine and running it. The key is to be able to play a third round of trumps from South in the situation where West is trump squeezed, and be able to decide in which hand the third trump is to be taken, according to what card West plays to that trick.

This deal not only contains a spectacular squeeze that occurs after declarer has manoeuvred trumps in such a way as to enable him to choose which hand he wants to be in on the third trump round of the suit, but also a first-round finesse for the trump queen in a grand slam, with ten trumps between declarer and dummy! That trump finesse is based on perfect visualisation of the distribution, and also foreseeing the complex and unusual squeeze coming up. The grand slam was reached at the other table too, but declarer was not able to duplicate Helgemo's play and went one down.

Some analysts would claim that declarer should play a low diamond to dummy at trick two, then run the spade nine followed by spade to the jack. If the trumps prove to be 3-0, declarer can proceed as Helgemo did by cashing the diamond honour from his hand before the third trump round. This will save declarer from going down when West – against what is the most likely distribution – has 1=5=1=6 anyway, and does not hold the bare trump queen. Playing only one round of diamonds first, then running the spade nine where West follows with the small one, declarer could have pulled a second round of trumps and claimed, and been very happy West did not have the bare trump queen.

Helgemo told me he was perfectly aware of that line, but chose to play the diamond king first so he did not have to commit himself to the 3-0 break in trumps at trick two. Playing the diamond king first allowed declarer to see West's card before committing himself. If West followed with the jack or queen, there was a greater chance that East still could have eight diamonds, but holding a much weaker suit, which would not be as tempting to bid, than if West followed with a small card, giving East – assuming west has the 1=5=1=6 distribution – an eight-card suit headed by the queen-jack.

If West had followed to the diamond king with, for example, the diamond queen, Helgemo could have changed his mind and played for the 2-1 trump break as all us other normal human beings would have done. So the hand is a combination of research, table feel, and an amazing technique that makes the play unusual.

Helgemo said to me: "I played the percentages." Wow! Well, he is right in a way. But if we awestruck spectators say: "He just played the percentage," it would be the biggest understatement for years, maybe even for decades.

The candidates:

- Rehder, IBPA Bulletin 551.11, Tim Verbeek (NED)
- Sharon Gerstman, IBPA Bulletin 553.13, Dan Gerstman (USA)
- Nakamura, IBPA Bulletin 554.6, Ron Klinger (AUS)
- Helgemo, IBPA Bulletin 555.9, GeO Tislevoll (NZ)
- Duboin, IBPA Bulletin 558.2, Jos Jacobs (NED)

**The Richard Freeman Junior Award**

Winners: Cédric Lorenzini/Christophe Grosset (FRA)  
 Journalist: Patrick Gogacki (FRA)

Located south of the Tropic of Cancer, Kaohsiung is a tropical city with temperatures largely in excess of 30°C ; humidity is around 80%. The port of Kaohsiung is one of the biggest in the world, and is important particularly in container transport. The city is home to the National Sun Yat-sen University, host of the 5th World University Bridge Championships, organised by FISU (Fédération Internationale des Sports Universitaire). The French delegation comprised three pairs, Cédric Lorenzini-Christophe Grosset, Alexandre Kilani-Simon Poulat, Thibault Coudert-Aymeric Lebatteux, and a non-playing captain, the author of this article.

Here's a superb example of how to make the declarer stumble in 3NT :

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

West	North	East	South
	Grosset		Lorenzini
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Christophe Grosset led the four of spades and declarer played the ten from dummy. Cédric Lorenzini did not cover - he wanted to deny declarer a later entry to the hearts. In dummy with the ten of spades, declarer played a low heart to the jack, ducked in tempo by Grosset! And that was the end. Not able to imagine such a Machiavellian scheme, declarer next cashed the ace and king of hearts and was not able to recover.

- Chiu, IBPA Bulletin 550.17, Brian Senior (ENG)
- Grosset-Lorenzini, IBPA Bulletin 552.6, Patrick Bogacki (FRA)
- Fisher, IBPA Bulletin 555.13, Roland Wald (DEN)
- Johansen, IBPA Bulletin 559.3, Brian Senior (ENG)
- Birman, IBPA Bulletin 559.5, Ram Soffer (ISR)
- Lorenzini, IBPA Bulletin 559, Brian Senior (ENG)



## You shouldn't always cover

by Micke Melander

A record number of 152 teams is participating in the 8th Transnational Open Teams. Team Parimatch from Russia with Gromov, Khiuppenen, Khokhlov, Kholomeev, Krasnoselski and Matushko was the only team finishing off with all the victory points on the first day, (or rather night of play we might say since they started with two evening sessions). Since 13 rounds are still to be played in the qualifying Swiss for the knockouts, a lot can and will happen.

One board that created a lot of swings on the first day of play was the following:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Gelling	Stefanov	Jeurissen
2♦*	Pass	3♥*	Dbl
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

### Closed room

West	North	East	South
Dabekaussen	Mihov	Meys	Nanev
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Dbl
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Aronov started with 2♦ Multi. 3♥ was semi preemptive showing both majors. The Dutch North-South pair didn't compete to the five-level, even though they were cold for five hearts, and decided to double the Bulgarian team instead.

Aronov got a club led from North. When South made the mistake of covering dummy's eight with the jack the contract was safe. Three rounds of trumps followed and when declarer exited with a club to South, to establish the needed discards he would have from that suit, it was game over.

If South doesn't cover at the first trick, there aren't enough entries to dummy to pull trumps, ruff a diamond and set up the clubs. By contrast, has the declarer still an



Victor Aronov, Bulgaria

entry left to dummy with a ruff in diamonds, so there were 10 tricks for declarer. +790 to Bulgaria in the Open Room. If declarer is allowed to win the lead with dummy's eight of clubs, and continues with a diamond from dummy, South will win the trick and give partner a ruff in clubs after which North has to exit by under-leading his ace of hearts to set the contract to allow South to lead another low club.

The Closed Room also produced some action. 2♥ from Dabekaussen was either spades or a strong hand. East chose not to preempt and when Mihov invited to game via a lebensohl action Nanev was happy to accept. Meys led the ace of spades and Mihov had no problems scoring 11 tricks for +650 to Bulgaria. 16 IMPs to Bulgaria.

## 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 Lal 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.

## Psychoswami's humility

It is difficult to be humble when you are the Psychoswami, but Psychoswami's poor beginnings in the holy city of Varanasi and his training by the most revered of Hindu gurus has prepared him for this experience.

But both USA teams losing in the quarter-finals of the Venice Cup?

Not even Psychoswami's venerable crystal ball could have foreseen it. Psychoswami admits that Gabriel Chagas' dome is a pretty good substitute for Psychoswami's crystal ball, but only 9 of 12 predictions correct is well below Psychoswami's lifetime average. So, regrettably, Psychoswami is retiring Chaggy's pate and enlisting the aid of Curtis Cheek's (his dome, not his cheeks, Psychoswami hastens to add).



### Bermuda Bowl

Psychoswami declares that the two semi-final matchups are the most mouth-watering he can imagine.

The Oranje v the Azzuri. "Pass the Dutchie." All week, people have been asking Psychoswami if anyone can defeat the Macchina Lavazza and he has been replying, "Negatory." But as Psychoswami peered deeply into Cheek's pate, it turned orange! The Italians finally looked less than god-like against the valiant Chinese in the quarterfinals, and they'll go down to the Netherlands, but not without a bitter struggle.

USA1 v USA2. "There's a New Kid in Town." Okay, okay, it was Curtis Cheek's dome that was substituting as Psychoswami's crystal ball, so perhaps its aura was slightly biased in USA2's favour. From Psychoswami's cell, he sees a Netherlands-USA2 Bermuda Bowl final.

### Venice Cup

Europe rules! Only Indonesia can stop the European ladies' dominance.

England v Indonesia. "Rule Britannia"! The Indonesian ladies are not to be taken lightly – they showed that already. They are an experienced team, but so is England. It's the end of the line for Indonesia. Psychoswami could be wrong, but he believes this is the first time the ladies have done better than both their Open and Senior countrymen.

France v The Netherlands. "La Marseillaise" will also ring out this evening. The Dutch women are hoping Psychoswami predicts their losing again, as they are on a roll when he does that. So, he does.

### D'Orsi Senior Bowl

Psychoswami declares another dream matchup for the semis.

Poland v France. "Solidarność". All 12 teams in the semifi-

nals have red and white in their flags, so it was difficult for Psychoswami to get a clear picture in Cheek's dome. These are both tough experienced teams, but Psychoswami believes he sees Poland through the murk.

USA1 v USA2. As in the Bermuda Bowl, the all-USA match has the kids versus the old masters. But in this case, the kids are 60, not 30! They'll be singing "Hungry Like the Wolf" after Bobby's Boys trim Gaylor's sails.

Psychoswami noted the arrival of Geoff Hampson to play the Transnational Teams and should Curtis' dome not work out, Psychoswami believes Geoff's dome will make an excellent crystal ball.

On a serious note, Psychoswami would like to say that unpublished references to betting were intended humourously, and that, to his knowledge, no one has actually bet on any of the outcomes.

## 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.

## WBF NOTICES

### Q & A on Anti-Doping and Bridge

**Q: Why is there doping testing in bridge?**

A: The WBF is recognised by the International Olympic Committee as a Sports Federation, and thus has to abide by the WADA World Anti Doping Code, which requires such tests to be carried out.

**Q: What medication is forbidden in bridge?**

A: The list of prohibited substances is exactly the same for all sports and is available on the WADA website at [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)

**Q: What do I have to do if I use a substance that is on the prohibited list?**

A: You need to apply for a TUE (therapeutic use exemption) by fully completing a TUE-form together with your doctor. Also you need a document from your doctor that includes a comprehensive medical history and the results of all examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies relevant to the application. The arguments related to the diagnosis and treatment, as well as the duration of medication, should be guided by the document on the WADA web site: "Medical Information to Support the Decisions of TUECs"

All these documents must be sent in time to arrive with the WBF Medical Commission at least 30 days before the start of an event. Coming in one day before an event with a small note from your doctor is not acceptable.

**Q: I use a Betablocker for arterial hypertension, is that allowed ?**

A: Beta blockers are prohibited only in-competition, so you will need a TUE. However, you will not always be granted the TUE. If a permitted medication can be used to treat the medical condition, the TUE will not be approved. So it is best if you talk to your doctor well in advance to try and arrange for different, permitted medication.

For example: If you use only a beta blocker for your hypertension, you need to ask your doctor for other medication. If you use three or more different substances and it's hard to regulate your blood pressure, the TUE will be approved.

If you are not sure what to do: contact the WBF Medical Commission in good time.

### Notice

Please be advised that it is not allowed to consume your own food or drinks in the hotel's restaurants or the WK Plaza. The hotel serves a wide variety of snacks, drinks and food for every taste and palette!

Also be aware that it is prohibited to smoke within the walls of the entire hotel (guest rooms, public areas, restaurants, meeting rooms); ONLY outdoor-smoking is allowed. Thank you for adhering to this.



### Anti-betting regulation

It shall be a violation for any player, team captain or official, or any other persons associated with or related to a player, team captain or official participating in any WBF event to wager on the results of any such event or part thereof.

Any violation will be subject to charges to be presented to a hearing before the WBF Disciplinary Commission.



### Careful with the cards, please

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*

### Transfers Koningshof – Schiphol Airport, Oct. 30

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.

Departure times Oct. 30 at 05.00, 06.30, 08.00, 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16:00 hrs.

On other days, we will bring you to Eindhoven train station. Every hour, two trains go directly, without changing trains, to Schiphol Airport. Travel time: 90 minutes.

### Duplimate Discounts



The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit the Jannersten book store in the Bridge Plaza.

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## INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TEAM TOURNAMENT

December 9-10-11, 2011

NH MILANOFIORI CONGRESS CENTER - Assago (MI)

### PROGRAMME

- December 9 - Friday - h 14,00 - End of registration  
- h 14,30 - first round  
- h 21,00 - rounds
- December 10 - Saturday - h 14,00 - rounds  
- h 21,00 - rounds
- December 11 - Sunday - h 10,30 - rounds  
- h 16,00 - Prize giving

Participation is allowed to FIGB members, competitors and not competitors, as well as to members of foreign Federations.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to be sent possibly in advance to:  
FOREIGN TEAM SECRETARIAT  
info@federbridge.it

As alternative, subscriptions can be done directly to the Tournament Direction before h 13:30 of December 9.

- Entrance fees: € 300 each team - € 150 Junior teams and disabled.
- For the access to special prizes, the team name and category has to be notified at the moment of registration.

LAVAZZA TEAM (ITALY) - 2010 WINNER



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RANKING	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTIONS OF 6/8 TEAMS	
1	€ 5000	€ 800	€ 600	D	€ 300
2	€ 3000	€ 700	€ 450	E	€ 300
3	€ 2000	€ 600	€ 380	F	€ 300
4	€ 1500	€ 460	€ 300	G	€ 300
5	€ 1000	€ 420	€ 300	H	€ 300
6	€ 800	€ 320	€ 300	and following	
7	€ 700	€ 300			
8	€ 600	SPECIAL PRIZES € 300 (not cumulative)			
9	€ 600	1 <sup>st</sup> team 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> cat.-Mixed-Ladies-Seniores-Juniores			
10	€ 600	And also to the best scoring team of B and C Sections in the last three turns of Sunday, December 11.			
11	€ 500				
12	€ 500				

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ROOM TYPE	PER NIGHT
SINGLE	€ 85
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