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LONG AND WINDING ROAD



The audience in the VuGraph auditorium watches the action and listens to expert commentary

Two days of round robin play are in the books, time for competitors in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl to take a breath and realize they still have five days of play left to try to make it to the knockout phases of their respective events.

By the time they're done, each team will have played 21 matches with the goal of making the top eight in their brackets, the requisite for playing on after Saturday.

Italy is still in the lead in the Bermuda Bowl, but with a loss and a narrow win over Iceland, their substantial lead has shrunk as the Netherlands closes in. In the Venice Cup, Sweden has a slim lead over Germany, with England in hot pursuit. France is setting the standard in the Senior Bowl, 9 VPs ahead of USA 2.

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Bulgaria	Egypt	37 - 25	18 - 12
2	China	Sweden	35 - 34	15 - 15
3	Japan	Poland	16 - 49	7 - 23
4	Iceland	USA 1	12 - 19	14 - 16
5	Netherlands	New Zealand	16 - 17	15 - 15
6	Guadeloupe	Brazil	15 - 72	3 - 25
7	Canada	Australia	43 - 56	12 - 18
8	USA 2	South Africa	39 - 7	23 - 7
9	Chile	Singapore	55 - 12	25 - 5
10	Italy	Pakistan	49 - 12	24 - 6
11	Israel	India	54 - 25	22 - 8

ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Egypt	Jordan	27 - 17	17 - 13
22	Netherlands	Venezuela	54 - 9	25 - 5
23	Trinidad & Tobago	Italy	3 - 65	2 - 25
24	Australia	Germany	36 - 40	14 - 16
25	England	Brazil	58 - 24	23 - 7
26	Poland	USA 2	18 - 39	10 - 20
27	USA 1	India	58 - 35	20 - 10
28	Sweden	Japan	55 - 5	25 - 4
29	China	France	25 - 39	12 - 18
30	New Zealand	Morocco	57 - 32	21 - 9
31	Indonesia	Canada	33 - 22	17 - 13

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	New Zealand	Brazil	26 - 39	12 - 18
2	India	Australia	32 - 31	15 - 15
3	Iceland	Guadeloupe	28 - 57	8 - 22
4	Sweden	Singapore	85 - 23	25 - 2
5	Egypt	Pakistan	60 - 31	22 - 8
6	Bulgaria	USA 1	19 - 41	9.5 - 19.5
7	China	Italy	44 - 43	15 - 15
8	Japan	Chile	87 - 7	25 - 0
9	Israel	USA 2	30 - 28	14 - 14
10	Netherlands	Canada	61 - 0	25 - 2
11	Poland	South Africa	40 - 24	19 - 11

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Brazil	USA 2	41 - 27	18 - 12
22	Canada	India	33 - 42	13 - 17
23	Australia	Poland	16 - 38	10 - 20
24	Venezuela	France	25 - 27	15 - 15
25	Jordan	Morocco	26 - 36	13 - 17
26	Egypt	Germany	25 - 70	5 - 25
27	Netherlands	New Zealand	24 - 16	17 - 13
28	Trinidad & Tobago	China	42 - 42	15 - 15
29	Indonesia	Sweden	19 - 46	9 - 21
30	England	USA 1	27 - 34	14 - 16
31	Italy	Japan	53 - 9	25 - 5

ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Egypt	Sweden	16 - 26	13 - 17
2	Bulgaria	Poland	30 - 22	17 - 13
3	China	India	35 - 3	23 - 7
4	Japan	New Zealand	21 - 23	15 - 15
5	Israel	Brazil	27 - 4	20 - 10
6	Iceland	Italy	7 - 9	15 - 15
7	Guadeloupe	South Africa	21 - 46	9 - 21
8	Canada	Singapore	36 - 7	22 - 8
9	USA 2	Pakistan	56 - 9	25 - 4
10	Chile	USA 1	8 - 44	7 - 23
11	Netherlands	Australia	22 - 32	13 - 17

ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Jordan	Venezuela	28 - 17	17 - 13
22	Egypt	Italy	5 - 49	5 - 25
23	Netherlands	Canada	24 - 44	10 - 20
24	Trinidad & Tobago	Brazil	9 - 37	8 - 22
25	Indonesia	USA 2	1 - 43	5 - 25
26	Australia	New Zealand	12 - 29	11 - 19
27	Poland	Japan	16 - 31	12 - 18
28	USA 1	France	11 - 40	8 - 22
29	Sweden	Morocco	33 - 1	23 - 7
30	China	Germany	17 - 16	15 - 15
31	England	India	50 - 15	23 - 7



RESULTS

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Ranking after 6 rounds



ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Egypt	Denmark	37 - 35	15 - 15
42 Japan	China Hong Kong	50 - 34	19 - 11
43 Germany	Brazil	53 - 30	20 - 10
44 Reunion	New Zealand	69 - 22	25 - 4
45 France	Guadeloupe	83 - 26	25 - 3
46 India	Australia	33 - 30	16 - 14
47 Netherlands	USA I	16 - 45	8 - 22
48 Indonesia	Poland	49 - 39	17 - 13
49 Pakistan	Canada	23 - 38	12 - 18
50 USA 2	Argentina	67 - 17	25 - 4
51 Italy	Bulgaria	34 - 47	12 - 18

Bermuda Bowl

1 Italy	126	12 New Zealand	88
2 Netherlands	116	13 Egypt	87
3 Israel	112	14 Iceland	85
4 USA 2	111	15 Japan	83
5 Brazil	105	16 Canada	79
6 Poland	103	17 South Africa	68
7 Sweden	102	18 Guadeloupe	66
8 USA I	101.5	India	66
9 Bulgaria	96.5	20 Singapore	61
10 Australia	95	21 Pakistan	57
11 China	94	22 Chile	51

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Guadeloupe	Australia	16 - 58	5 - 25
42 Bulgaria	USA I	25 - 42	11 - 19
43 Reunion	India	53 - 50	16 - 14
44 China Hong Kong	Canada	52 - 14	24 - 6
45 Denmark	Argentina	24 - 13	17 - 13
46 Egypt	New Zealand	54 - 6	25 - 4
47 Japan	USA 2	41 - 51	13 - 17
48 Germany	Pakistan	48 - 29	19 - 11
49 Italy	Indonesia	26 - 31	14 - 16
50 France	Netherlands	51 - 35	19 - 11
51 Brazil	Poland	11 - 22	13 - 17

Venice Cup

1 Sweden	122	12 Venezuela	89
2 Germany	118	13 Indonesia	85
3 England	112	14 Egypt	80
4 New Zealand	108	15 Jordan	77
5 Italy	106	16 China	76
6 France	105	Poland	76
7 USA 2	103	18 India	75
8 USA I	98	19 Australia	74
9 Canada	96	20 Japan	71
Netherlands	96	21 Morocco	56
11 Brazil	94	22 Trinidad & Tobago	51

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41 Denmark	China Hong Kong	27 - 8	19 - 10
42 Egypt	Brazil	37 - 15	20 - 10
43 Japan	Bulgaria	22 - 20	15 - 15
44 Germany	Guadeloupe	70 - 9	25 - 2
45 Italy	Australia	15 - 25	13 - 17
46 Reunion	USA 2	0 - 28	8 - 22
47 India	Poland	28 - 29	15 - 15
48 Netherlands	Canada	40 - 11	22 - 8
49 Indonesia	Argentina	42 - 12	22 - 8
50 Pakistan	New Zealand	13 - 35	10 - 20
51 France	USA I	33 - 7	21 - 9

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

1 France	127	12 Indonesia	88
2 USA 2	118	Italy	88
3 India	106	14 Egypt	87
4 Germany	104	15 Pakistan	84
5 China Hong Kong	102	16 Argentina	83
6 Poland	100	Reunion	83
7 Netherlands	99	18 Bulgaria	80
8 Australia	97	19 Canada	74
9 Japan	95	20 Guadeloupe	60
10 Denmark	94	21 Brazil	58
11 USA I	93	22 New Zealand	40

Just the Facts

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

Name

Ron Klinger.

Date of Birth

8 November 1941.

Place of Birth

Shanghai, China.

Place of Residence

Sydney, Australia.

What kind of food makes you happy?

Lots of it.

And what drink?

Also, lots of it.

Who is your favourite author?

Michael Connelly (Lee Child, Harlan Coben, Vince Flynn).

Do you have a favourite actor?

Sean Penn (Robert de Niro, Paul Newman, Gene Hackman)

Actress?

Naomi Watts (Lee Remick, Genevieve Bujold, Jacqueline Bissett).

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Classical.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Van Gogh.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Bermuda Bowl semifinals 1989.

Do you have a favourite hand?

Yes, Bols award 1976.

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

Bridge with the Blue Team.

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Italy

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

Cryptic Crosswords.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Blaming everyone else for mistakes.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

Losing 100+ IMPS per session is unlucky.

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

My wife Suzie's lover.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Suzie, our son Ari & his wife Lucy

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Cooking



VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Round 7 (10.30)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	China – Iceland	BB/1
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	South Africa – USA 1	BB/2
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Egypt – Israel	BB/9
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	New Zealand – USA 2	BB/5
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	New Zealand – China	VC/21
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 1 – Italy	SB/46
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	Germany – Sweden	VC/22
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Sweden – Netherlands	BB/8

Round 8 (13.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	USA 2 – Italy	BB/10
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Sweden – Poland	BB/1
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Canada – USA 1	BB/9
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	England – France	VC/27
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	USA 1 – Germany	VC/29
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	Germany – USA 1	SB/45
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – Brazil	BB/4
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – USA 2	VC/24

Round 9 (16.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Brazil – USA 1	BB/3
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Poland – USA 2	BB/6
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	New Zealand – Italy	BB/4
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Sweden – Canada	BB/8
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Iceland – Japan	BB/10
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 2 – Germany	VC/23
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – Israel	BB/11
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Bulgaria – Netherlands	BB/9

A smasher called Italy

by Fernando Lema & Ana Roth

Bulgaria & Italy met in the third match of the first day. Bulgaria was first in the rankings, just IVP ahead of Italy. Bulgaria had won 25-5 to India and 23-7 to Pakistan. Italy had won 25-1 to Chile and 22-8 to Japan. Bulgaria, during the 16 hands of the match, produced only 14 IMPs: 2 IMPs from 2 down instead of only 1 down in a non vulnerable contract and 12 IMPs because Duboin led an ace thinking declarer might have an immediate pitch of a loser in that suit... All the rest was Italian, and at the end of the match Italy won 25-4VP and finished the first day in pole position.

This was the first double-digit swing for Italy:

ple thought that the Italians were heading for a disaster: Some of them ventured they were using a Turbo sequence, but Agustin Madala, one of their teammates, wrote that Turbo wasn't on their Convention Card. Every body was asking what is 4NT then? Agustín explained: "all cuebids, old fashioned Italian style", and all the Italians relaxed when Sementa passed after Duboin's 6♣.

On this deal both teams reached the same contract. The Italians scored 620, but the Bulgarian declarer had to suffer an incredible defense from Duboin who deserved a "Bravo Giorgio" from Agustín:

Dealer West. All Vulnerable

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

Dealer East. E/W Vul

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Mihov	Lauria	Nanev
	1♣ (1)	Pass	2♦ (2)
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(1) Precision

(2) Positive with diamond suit

Lead: ♥3

Declarer made 6, losing only to the ♦A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefano	Duboin
2♦ (1)	Dbl	3♥	Dbl
3♠	4♣ (2)	Pass	4♠ (3)
Pass	5♦ (3)	Pass	5♥ (3)
Pass	5♠3	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

(1) Multi

(2) Suit and strong

(3) Cue-Bids old fashioned Italian style

This bidding sequence generated a lot of problems in the BBO VG. Nobody knew what was going on and all the peo-

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefano	Duboin
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	1♥
Lead: ♥Q			

Declarer won the lead in his hand with the ♥A, and continued with a club to the king. Giorgio Duboin won with his ♣A and, after long thought, played a low diamond! Sementa won with his ♦A and returned a ♦, declarer won with his ♦K, and everybody saw South's ♦Q hit the table. Now Aronov played a trump, South played a little one, West the ♠J and North his ♠Q to continue with a diamond generating a trump promotion when South ruffed with the king...one down.

If Giorgio instead of a diamond returns a club, declarer wins with the ♣Q and continues with the ♥K pitching a club. Afterwards he loses the trump finesse, but he is safe, losing only 3 tricks: a diamond, a trump and a club. A heart return produces the same effect.



VENICE CUP

Round 2



Germany

v

Netherlands



Familiar foes

by Jos Jacobs

As early as the second round of the round robin, the old rivals Germany and Netherlands were scheduled to meet each other in the Venice Cup. After two quiet pushes, the Dutch were the first to strike as this is what happened on board 19:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 9 ♥ QJ75 ♦ J72 ♣ K6432</p>	<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></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		<p>♠ A Q 10 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 8</p> <p>♠ K J 7 ♥ A K 8 6 4 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ J 7</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ 3 ♦ A Q 10 8 6 4 ♣ A Q 10 9 5</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Auken	Pasman	Von Arnim
Pass	4♠	All Pass	1♦

In the Open Room, Jet Pasman saw no reason to take any action when Sabine Auken jumped to 4♠ straight away over her partner's opening bid. Right she was, as there is no legitimate way to beat the contract. Even a heart underlead and a trump shift is not good enough for the defence, as declarer can win the ace and play ♣A, ♣Q, smothering the ♣J in the process. No matter if West covers this with her king or not, a successful diamond finesse will ensure the contract as declarer's second heart will disappear on a good club. East can ruff with one of her natural trump tricks...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Della Monta	Arnolds	Hackett	Vriend
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♣
3♦	4♠	Dbf	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Barbara Hackett could overcall 2♥ when Carla Arnolds did not take away too much bidding space by bidding no more than just 1♠. When Della Monta produced a constructive raise, Hackett, looking at two trump tricks, ventured a double which she was soon to regret.

On the actual ♥A lead and ♣7 switch, Arnolds won the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed her last heart and advanced the ♣10, discarding a diamond when West did not cover. East could ruff this but only at the cost of one of her natural trump tricks. The ♠K was the third defensive trick but Arnolds too had made her contract, winning 5 IMPs for her team.

On the next board, the Germans hit back immediately when Auken and Von Arnim found a fine save, all vulnerable:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Della Monta	Arnolds	Hackett	Vriend
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Vriend did not overcall when Hackett opened what proved to be a strong variation of Two Clubs. The Germans thus were allowed to play 4♥ in peace for +620 to them.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Auken	Pasman	Von Arnim
Pass	Pass	2♦	3♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dbf	All Pass

In the Open Room, the Germans, not surprisingly, were more enterprising over East's 2♦ game-forcing opening bid. Von Arnim boldly overcalled 3♣, enabling her partner to take the save when East showed her strong hand with her second bid. This should have gone down two for a 3-IMP gain for Germany, but look at what happened in defence. West led the ♥10 which declarer won with her ace. She went on to ruff a heart in dummy and got off play with a low spade. East went up with her king and correctly cashed the ♦AK. When next she tried to cash the ♠A as well rather than exiting in any rounded suit, declarer's third diamond loser suddenly went on the ♠Q. Down just one and a precious 9 IMPs to Germany.

After four boards on which Germany extended their lead from 9-5 to 10-5, boards 25 and 26 suddenly settled the issue.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
	1♦	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the Open Room, the Dutch reached a peaceful partscore when East overcalled 1NT and West signed off in spades. One overtrick, +140 to the Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Dbl	Redble
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

In the other room, Arnolds considered her hand an obvious pass as dealer, as no doubt many of us would have done. When she later balanced with 2NT for minors, holding 5-4 only, the Germans were happy to pull the trigger. On a forcing defence in spades, declarer lost control and thus had to concede down three, -500 and 8 IMPs to Ger-

many on a pretty innocent-looking hand. 18-5 to Germany now.

And then:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
		2♠	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Great bidding by Von Arnim and Auken after East's 2♠ (spades and a minor) opening. 4♦ showed a fair hand with at least 5-5 in diamonds and the other major and this was all Auken needed for a jump straight to slam. An ace and the ♥KQ should do and so it proved. Germany a quickly earned +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

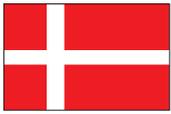
The Dutch started off well enough when left to their own devices, as the heart fit was established easily. 3♠ was a splinter and 3NT confirmed a spade control. 4♣ was a further cuebid but when Arnolds, not unexpectedly, could not find any constructive move at this point, it suddenly came to rest in 4♥, though South might easily have given it one more try...

Anyway, this early stop gave the Dutch just +710 on a trump lead but the 12-IMP swing went to Germany. They led 30-5 at this stage.

The final six boards produced just one more IMP to Germany, who eventually won 31-5 or 21-9 VP.



D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 3



Denmark

v

USA 2



by Brian Senior

USA2 had won their first two matches in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl while Denmark had lost both of theirs. It was the Danes, however, who started this match the better.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boyd	Berg 4♠	Robinson All Pass	Jorgensen

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Schermer 3♠	Auken 3NT	Chambers All Pass

I like Thomas Berg's 4♠ opening. After all, if I would have opened 3♠ with 7-2-2-2 and the same honour cards then surely a 7-1-4-1 deserves opening a level higher. Four Spades shut everyone else out so was the final contract.

Steve Robinson started with the ace of clubs then switched to a low diamond, ducked to the queen. Peter Boyd returned his remaining diamond to the ten and ace and Berg led dummy's low spade to the king. Robinson won the ace and cashed the king of diamonds then played his last diamond. Having retained the jack of spades in dummy, Berg could now ruff with that card and the even trump split meant he had the remainder for down one; -50.

John Schermer opened a level lower and Jens Auken over-called 3NT, where he played. Dummy was a slight disappointment but Auken discovered that with careful play it provided sufficient material for him to come to nine tricks.

Neil Chambers led the jack of spades, ducked, and a second spade to the nine and ace (yes, a diamond shift would have been better but would not have been sufficient). Auken ran the jack of hearts then played a second heart to the eight. A club to the ace was followed by a diamond to the queen. Now two rounds of clubs put South on lead. Chambers could cash his red aces but then had a choice of

leading into either of two red king-tens, both declarer and dummy also having a club winner to provide the ninth trick; a very nice +400 and 8 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 7 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ K 5 4 3 ♣ 10 8 7 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		♠ A 9 4 3 ♥ J 9 8 6 5 ♦ Q 8 ♣ Q 5	♠ K J 5 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ A J 6
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West	North	East	South
Boyd Schaltz	Berg Schermer	Robinson Auken 1♦	Jorgensen Chambers Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Identical auctions saw both East players declare the diamond partscore. Both Souths cashed the top hearts.

Geert Jorgensen led the king then ace, Berg following five, eight. Jorgensen was unsure what suit his partner wanted so now switched to a low club to the queen and ace. Robinson played trumps normally to draw them in three rounds then led the jack of clubs. Jorgensen won the king



John Schermer, USA

and switched to a low spade, taking the remaining guess away from declarer; +110.

Chambers cashed the ace then king and Schermer followed nine, jack. The second card was a clear suit-preference signal for spades so Chambers duly switched to that suit and collected his heart ruff. He exited with a trump now but the clubs played for one loser so Auken was just one down, but that was 4 IMPs to USA2.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 6 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ 6 ♣ A K J 10 9 7 5	<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	♠ K 9 7 ♥ Q 10 3 2 ♦ 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ 8	
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West	North	East	South
Boyd	Berg	Robinson	Jorgensen
2♦	3NT	All Pass	



Thomas Berg, Denmark

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Schermer	Auken	Chambers
2♦	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Both Wests opened with a multi 2♦ and both Norths overcalled 3NT. As the hand is a bit heavy for a 3♣ overall no doubt many players would have made the same choice. With 6♣ a trivial make, the spotlight now turned on South.

Jorgensen passed 3NT and Berg made ten tricks after a low spade lead from Robinson; +630. Schermer's 3NT showed a strong hand with a long minor plus stoppers, so it was normal for Chambers to move. Unfortunately, he did not have his written defence to the Multi and later misunderstood the auction. The outcome was a hopeless grand slam which was one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Denmark – a chance missed for the Americans.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Boyd	Berg	Robinson	Jorgensen
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Schermer	Auken	Chambers
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Both North/South pairs bid smoothly to a small slam. For Berg, the North hand fitted into his 15-17 no trump range. Jorgensen used GF Stayman and, on finding that he was facing both red suits, simply jumped to 6NT. Schermer's agreement required a good 15 HCP for a 1NT opening and the lack of intermediate cards disqualified this hand. He was

able to show both his suits, his club support and the generally balanced nature of his hand quite nicely and Chambers chose to play the club slam after checking on key cards with his 4♣ bid.

There are twelve tricks in either clubs or no trump even if there is a club loser – so long as South is declarer to protect the spade position – and in practice the club queen appears on the first round so there is an overtrick; +1470 to Denmark, +1390 to USA2, so 2 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	Schermer	Auken	Chambers
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Would you open the South hand? I suspect that most players today would do so, as did Jorgensen, but you can make a good case for passing – weak main suit, bare ace, few intermediates with your 11 HCP. That was enough to convince Chambers to pass.

Chambers doubled at his next turn but when Peter Schaltz showed a good spade raise the two passed hands were happy to defend. Chambers led a diamond to the jack, queen and ace. Auken led the jack of spades. Chambers won, perforce, and tried a low club. Auken hopped up with the king, drew trumps and knocked out the diamond for +140.

Jorgensen opened as dealer and Berg made a limit raise. When Robinson's 3♠ overcall came around, Berg made the odd call of 4♥ – he has only three trumps and a balanced hand so why come again? Boyd doubled when that got around to him, ending the auction. Boyd led a spade to declarer's bare ace and Jorgensen led a heart to the ten then ran the queen of clubs. That lost and Boyd forced him with a spade. Jorgensen duly ruffed and led a heart. Boyd took his ace and forced declarer with another spade. Jorgensen

again took the force and led a diamond to the king and ace. Back came the ten of diamonds to dummy's queen. Nine tricks were possible now by playing on clubs – West ruffs the fourth round but dummy over-ruffs and the king and queen of trumps are made separately. But Jorgensen instead ruffed dummy's last spade, allowing West to discard a club. Now Jorgensen played on clubs but Boyd could ruff the third round and play a diamond so the contract was two down for –300 and 4 IMPs to USA2. On best play and defence, the only route to nine tricks is to lead a heart to the seven - not a play you'd be likely to find at the table!

Denmark ran out winners by 31-13 IMPs, 19-11 VPs.



A Bobby dazzler

by Ron Klinger

In England, a bobby dazzler is a person or thing that is outstanding or excellent. On this deal from the third round robin session in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, Ron Klinger considered that a play by opponent Bobby Wolff was the real, dazzling thing.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Dan Morse led the ♥Q to declarer's ace. William Haughie led a club to dummy's king, and Wolff took the ace, switching to the ♦3 from his doubleton queen. Morse took the ♦A and continued the suit, Haughie going up with the king and dropping Wolff's queen. Now a spade went to the 10 and Morse's queen. On the continuation of a diamond, Wolff ruffed with the king, which promoted Morse's trump 9 to the setting trick.

Good morning, Veldhoven

by Micke Melander

Most players had to be ready for a real test on the first hand the second day of these championships. If still sleeping, they were surely shaken up hard, since they had to bid or defend against a small slam.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kusajri	O. Herbst	Majumdar	I. Herbst
	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

When Majumdar decided to lead the ten of clubs it was only a question of how long a time it would take for Ophir Herbst to claim his contract. His brother Ilan did well to make the quantitative invitation for slam, happily accepted by Ophir, who had some extras. The question remains, why lead away from the club sequence when you also have se-



Ophir Herbst, Israel

quence in spades, once declarer had shown a strong hand with both black suits?

At several tables when the queen of spades was led, declarers unblocked the ace of hearts and continued with the king of diamonds, ducked by the defense, and the queen of diamonds followed, won by West. That player now exited with a low club. This defense broke up the communications for declarer squeezing the defense. But most declarers don't like having to commit themselves early, since they want to see what more is in the bag (if they have optional plays) instead of going down at trick four or five. Here you could actually play for hearts breaking, some squeezes or the club finesse. For sure it's more elegant to play for a squeeze than a simple finesse. All those declarers found themselves down, when hearts didn't break and they couldn't take their finesse any longer. But credit to all defenders who returned the low club.

Making the slam meant 11 IMPs to Israel when the Indian team stopped in 3NT at the other table making 12 tricks.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kusajri	O. Herbst	Majumdar	I. Herbst
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Barel	Vaidya	Zack	Goel
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Ophir Herbst did well to make sure that the contract was to be played from North, securing it against almost any lead, when he found out that there was an ace missing in the auction. That was 14 IMPs to Israel when Barel managed to kick off with a club against 6NT at the other table.

BERMUDA BOWL Round 2



USA 1

v

China



Comeback

by Brent Manley

Coming off their opening-round loss to their countrymen in the Bermuda Bowl round robin, the members of USA 1 were looking for some redemption. They got it in a 39-17 victory over China.

Playing for USA 1 were Martin Fleisher/Mike Kamil and Steve Weinstein/Bobby Levin, opposing Ruoyang Lian/Haojin Shi and Jing Liu/Jie Li for China.

The Chinese struck first on the second board of the set.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables



Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, USA

West	North	East	South
Weinstein Liu	Lian Fleisher	Levin Li	Shi Kamil
1♥ Pass All Pass	Pass Dbl	1♦ 2♥ Pass	Pass Pass 3♣

Weinstein started with a trump, and it was easy for Haojin to collect nine black winners via two spade finesses.

Against Kamil, Liu started with the ♦K. Li won the second round of the suit and played a third round. Kamil ruffed with the trump ace and ran the ♣J to East's singleton queen, finishing a trick short. China led 5-0.

USA 1 took the lead for good two boards later.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 10 8 7 6 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ Q J 4 ♣ 9 7	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 5 3 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 9 8 6 5 ♣ A 10 5 2	♠ A K 4 ♥ K Q J 6 5 3 2 ♦ A K ♣ 3
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W		E										
	S											
		♠ 9 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ K Q J 8 6 4										

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lian	Levin	Shi
Pass 2♦ 2♠ 4♥	Pass Pass Pass All Pass	2♣ 2♥ 3♥	Pass Pass Pass

Levin had no trouble taking 11 tricks via six hearts, two spades and three diamonds – plus 650.

Fleisher and Kamil engineered a much better result for their team.

West	North	East	South
Liu	Fleisher	Li	Kamil
Pass 2♠ 5♠	Pass 5♣ All Pass	1♣* Dbl	2♣ Pass

Liu could have saved his side 9 IMPs by sitting for the double of 5♣, which is down two for minus 500, but the vulnerable game bonus apparently was too tempting.

It was over quickly. Fleisher led the ♣A and continued with his singleton heart, taking a ruff at trick three for plus 100 and 13 IMPs to USA 1.

China got 5 IMPs back when Levin and Weinstein overbid in the face of preemptive bidding, landing in a no-play 4♥, down two for minus 100, while Liu and Li at the other table played peacefully in 2♥, just making.

The next board was an avoidable disaster for China.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lian	Levin	Shi
		2♦*	3♣
3♦**	Dbl	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

* Flannery 11-15 4+♠, 5+♥

** Game try for 1/2 majors

Levin's 2♦ showed the majors, so Weinstein had no difficulty switching to a heart at trick two after cashing the ♠K. The doubled contract was quickly one down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Liu	Fleisher	Li	Kamil
		1♥	2♣
Dbl	3♣	3♠	4♣
4♥	4NT	Pass	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		

Jing started with the ♠A and, perhaps not expecting his partner to be holding five spades, continued with the king. Kamil ruffed, pulled trumps and accurately played West for the ♦Q to make his doubled contract with an overtrick for plus 650 and 13 IMPs to his side.

Another 12 IMPs went to the Americans on this board, again the IMPs representing an available error.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lian	Levin	Shi
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Weinstein might have checked back for spade support with Levin, but the weak spade suit and balanced distribution persuaded him to go for the nine-trick game.

With no attractive lead, Shi started with the ♥7. Levin took North's ♥Q at trick one and cashed the ♠A, pleased to see the king drop on his right. Levin cashed two more spades, then followed with the ♣K and a club to the ace. On the run of the black winners, North came down to the ♥K and ♦Q10. Levin put North in with a heart and guessed to play the jack when North continued with the ♦10. That was plus 630 for USA 1.

West	North	East	South
Liu	Fleisher	Li	Kamil
		1♣*	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Kamil started with a low spade, and Li scuttled his own contract at trick one by playing dummy's jack. He took the ♠K with the ace and got the bad news when he cashed the ♠10. He scrambled nine tricks by guessing correctly in diamonds and ruffing two of them in dummy, but he could not manage a tenth trick. Minus 100 meant a 12-IMP loss.

In fact, you can recover from the error at trick one. Cash the ♠Q at trick two, then play three rounds of clubs, discarding a heart, and lead a diamond to the jack. Assume South wins and exits in hearts. Win ♥A, cash ♦K and ruff a diamond, come to the ♠10, and lead your fourth diamond to score the ♠8 en passant.

Lost Property



If you found a Mount Blanc Pen after the first match on Sunday morning, it belongs to Vinay Mohan Lal of the Indian Seniors team. The pen has special value to Vinay so please, if you found it or picked it up by mistake, could you look for him to return it.

Thank you

Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup – Round 3

by Jos Jacobs

Italy v. Bulgaria (BB) and France v. Italy (VC)

In Round 3 of the Bermuda Bowl Round Robin, the big clash at the top of the table was between Bulgaria and Italy. Both teams had made a very good start with 48 and 47 V.P. from a possible 50 but those who were hoping for a well-contested match were soon to be disappointed. It was one-way traffic most of the time and, as we have seen so often in the past, again Italy's way. After two minor swings to Italy on the boards 2 and 3, the first major swing came on board 4 and, once again, it was a slam swing:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefanov	Duboin
2♦	Dbf	3♥	Dbf
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

4♣ was natural and 4♠ a cuebid. 4NT then showed an even number of keycards and 5♣ showed a minimum. After three more cuebids the auction then came to an end in a perfect contract. Italy +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Mihov	Lauria	Nanev
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

After the Strong Club and the positive natural 2♦, uncertainty must have crept into the Bulgarian auction and thus,

the slam was missed. I wonder what would have happened if South immediately over 3♣ had raised clubs or even splintered.

Next, I am going to present a succession of boards that did not only create swings in this match, but also came up in another match involving Italy, this time in the Venice Cup match. They were playing their transalpine rivals France in Round 3. France had made a solid enough start with 40 V.P. but the Italian start can only be called dismal: 11 VP from two matches must have been far away from their hopes.

Here is board 6. This is a very interesting board as 4♠ can always be defeated, for example if the defence starts off by ducking a round of clubs. A more normal defence, in view of the auction, would be for North to lead the ♥Q which gives the declarers a chance. This chance, however, was not always taken... as you will see below.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Vladimir Mihov, Bulgaria

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefanov	Duboin
		1♦	1♥
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

For Italy, Duboin made the defence look ridiculously easy. Sementa led the ♥Q and declarer won the ace and led a club himself. Now, Duboin might have ducked this to ensure the defeat of the contract but he in fact won his ace and played a diamond. Sementa won the ace and returned the suit, declarer putting up the king to see the queen appear. After this, declarer had a choice of two evils: he might play ♠A and another, losing two trump tricks or he might lead a trump to his jack and North's queen, only to see a diamond come back which South would ruff with his king to promote North's ♠9. Aronov duly went for the latter option, but the contract was one down: Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Mihov	Lauria	Nanev
		1♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Though the play was not recorded, Versace made his contract after the ♥Q lead. A sensible winning line now is to lead a diamond up to the king, discard a loser on the ♥K and lead a trump to the jack. Anyway, +620 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

In the Venice Cup match between France and Italy, this board also produced a favourable swing to Italy:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Olivieri	Cronier	Arrigoni	Willard
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After winning the ♥Q lead, Olivieri played a club to the king. Willard took her ace and returned a heart. Now, declarer could throw a diamond and play a trump to the jack or her contract. Her job was made even easier when South went in with the ♠K on the first round of the suit – but this did not matter any more as the contract was already safe. Italy +620.

In the other room, D'Ovidio misguessed:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Paoluzi	Bessis	Golin
		1♦	1♥
Dble	3♦	Pass	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

She too won the ♥A and led a club, won by South's ace. South returned the suit so D'Ovidio won in dummy, shed

her last club on the ♥K and played a spade to the king and ace. North won the second round of trumps with her queen and returned a low diamond on which declarer called for dummy's jack...two down as South's return of a club promoted a trump trick as well. 13 IMPs to Italy.

In another VC match, Sally Brock, too, was declaring 4♠ as West. On a heart lead, she played a club to the king and ace and back came a heart. She now could have made by relying on the spades to play for one loser but instead, she played ♠A and three rounds of clubs, hoping for a club break, and that whichever defender ruffed would do so with a trump trick. No luck!

The next board produced some relief for both the French women and Bulgaria:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefanov	Duboin
			1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Catherine D'Ovidio, France

With every important card placed wrong for declarer and the trumps 4-1, there is little that can be done to avoid going down one. The almost only hope is for a bit of help from our friends, which duly came when Duboin made the reasonable enough lead of the ♣A. Bulgaria +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Mihov	Lauria	Nanev
2♦	Pass	2♠	2♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

When Nanev led a low heart, Lauria had no chance whatsoever. Bulgaria +100 and 12 IMPs back.

Ambitions in the Venice Cup match were much lower:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Olivieri	Cronier	Arrigoni	Willard
1♦	1♠	Pass	1♣
All Pass			2♣

After Cronier's 1♠ response, Arrigoni was less interested in showing her suits and thus elected to sell out to 2♣. France +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Paoluzi	Bessis	Golin
1♦	Pass	1♠	1♣
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		Pass

When Paoluzi did not show her four-card spades, Bessis had ample time and room to introduce both her suits. This way, the French auction came to rest in an excellent spot. Two overtricks were made so +170 added to +90 for 6 IMPs back to France.

On the next board, it was slam time again:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefanov	Duboin
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Slam bidding is so easy...Italy +980. Natural start, some cuebidding and that's it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Mihov	Lauria	Nanev
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The top quality of the hearts did not come to light very well here, so the slam was missed. Another 11 IMPs to Italy. The French women faced a similar problem in their VC match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Olivieri	Cronier	Arrigoni	Willard
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Here, it looks as if South started cuebidding too early but both players might have done a little bit more... France +480.



Gianna Arrigoni, Italy

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Paoluzi	Bessis	Golin
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

At a certain point, Paoluzi seemed to be giving up but then, Golin knew she still had something in reserve. Well done and another slam swing to Italy, 11 more IMPs to go up by 15.

On the last board of the match, Duboin earned his side a small swing in exemplary fashion:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sementa	Stefanov	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dbf	3♥	4♥	5♦
Dbf	5♥	Dbf	All Pass

Aronov's first double showed at least four spades. At his second turn, Duboin made the simple bid of 5♦, both giving his partner a good picture of his hand and establishing the killing lead against a possible 5♠. Five Hearts proved a good save for -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Mihov	Lauria	Nanev
Pass	Pass	1♣	2NT
Dbf	4♥	4♠	All Pass

After Nanev's immediate 2NT overcall, the timing of the auction made all the difference with the proceedings at other table. Over 4♠, both South and North had every reason to think they had done enough. The costs were only 4 IMPs so no big deal anyway.

The final results of the matches: Italy-Bulgaria 66-14 (25-4 V.P.) and France-Italy 19-39 or 10-20 V.P.

Second hand high

by Henry Bethé

In our basic bridge instruction we are all taught "Second hand low, cover an honor with an honor..." In his book, "The Rodwell Files," the author demonstrates a large number of situations where these basic concepts are wrong, wrong, wrong. Board 28 from round 4 of the round robin provided an illustration showing that even if Eric Rodwell is missing his first Bermuda Bowl in many years, his spirit is here.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

At most tables, East ended up playing in 2NT or 3NT and received a club lead to the nine. All declarers played the ♦K, and most Norths won the second diamond to return a club. East would win and lead a spade, hoping to force an entry to dummy's diamonds. This is a complex position, and one I was unfamiliar with before I read the book. South must work out that North must have the ♠K to have won the diamond. If East leads a low spade, South must insert the ten! "Second hand high." North-South are now in position to deny declarer an entry. South can duck the ♠J or fly ace on another low spade. (It is in fact adequate to fly ace the first time provided you intend to play the ten if declarer plays another low spade.)

On the other hand, if East leads the ♠J, South and North must duck – "Don't cover an honour with an honour."

And finally, if declarer leads a low spade and South has an honour without the ten, he must fly with the honour in case declarer has J10x – "Second hand high." Again.

All of which goes to prove that there are more things than are contemplated in – at least – my philosophy.

Editor's note: Chris Bosenberg of South Africa received a heart shift at trick four. He finessed, cashed ♣A, and found the critical play of a low heart exit. North won and played back a heart, South pitching a diamond and club. Declarer finessed, and only now led a low spade up. The unblock does not work anymore!

VENICE CUP

Round 4



China

v

France



Rub of the Green

by Mark Horton

Bridge imitates golf insofar as you can play perfectly one day, producing a score well below par, and yet on exactly the same course play atrociously the next day, and post a score well above par.

I recently spotted a series of articles on the Internet that reminded me that these two sports are also similar insofar as they are both regulated by a complex series of laws.

If you think the Laws of Bridge are complicated try reading some of the Rules of Golf – I particularly recommend *Rule 18 – Ball at Rest Moved*, which would test the Wisdom of Solomon.

Golf's rules are complex. They have to be so to ensure fair play and a level playing field for all competitors. But they subject the game to ridicule when punishments that barely fit a crime have to be handed out.

In 2008 *Padraig Harrington* penalised himself one stroke because his ball had moved after he had addressed it, even though the movement was obviously caused by the gusty wind blowing around the course (Rule 18-2b) and in the same year *Rory McIlroy* failed to get his ball out of a bunker and then kicked/smoothed the sand. If it had been ruled that he had kicked the sand in frustration he would have been disqualified, as Decision 13-4/0.5 states that kicking the ground in the hazard constitutes testing the condition. However, the Committee eventually accepted his explanation that he had merely smoothed the sand with his foot, which does not incur a penalty, as per Exception 2 to Rule 13-4.

However, this is my favourite, from 1958:

Arnold Palmer landed behind the putting green and plugged in the rough. Under a Local Rule in effect that week Palmer believed that he was entitled to relief because the ball was embedded and Ken Venturi, who he was paired with, agreed. But the rules official on the scene, Arthur Lacey, a former president of the British PGA and double Ryder Cup team player, did not. He ruled Palmer had to play without relief. An argument ensued, and Palmer eventually played the ball, gouging it out of the turf, hitting a poor chip past the hole, then two-putting for a double-bogey 5. Feeling he had received a bad ruling, Palmer announced he was playing a second ball, under Rule 3-3. This time, with a drop to a clean lie, he chipped up near the hole and made par. The twosome played on, waiting for a rules committee to decide Palmer's fate. Of course, Palmer should have declared that he was playing a second ball before playing his original ball from the embedded lie and after declaring which ball he wanted to count provided it was within the Rules. In his book, "Playing by the Rules," he wrote that he

told the Rules Official, Lacey, that he was going to play a second ball and appeal to the Rules Committee. But, Palmer said, Lacey wouldn't allow him to do that. The ruling didn't come until the 15th hole, and Palmer was given a 3 instead of a 5. John Morrisett, the Director of Rules of Golf for the USGA, said he believes Palmer originally got a poor ruling, and perhaps the Committee was trying to make up for that when it allowed the second ball to stand. According to Morrisett, it does not appear that Palmer played the second ball correctly. If it happened today, Morrisett said, Palmer would have had to score the first ball. But the way the rule was written in 1958, there was arguably some ambiguity in the interpretation, which has since been rectified. This is Rule 3-3a, Doubt as to Procedure as it is today;

In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls.

I like this idea – if you're not sure which card to play announce you are going to play two and go with the one that works better.

If you are still with me I'll turn to the play in the match between China and France, two teams who are expected to be there or thereabouts at the business end of the tournament.

China eagled (A score of two under par for a golf hole) the opening deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Par (This is the estimated standard score for a hole. Based on the length of the hole and the number of strokes needed by a first class player, in normal conditions, to complete the hole.) bridge, and with 6♠ a virtual laydown it was right to save in 7♥, which cost only 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lu	Cronier	Gu	Willard
4♠	5♥	5♠	1♥ All Pass

South was more than happy to concede at the five-level and it gave her side 3 IMPs.

France was out-clubbed on this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Sun	Neve	Wang
3♥	4♠	1♥ Dbl	2♥* All Pass



Yan Lu, China

East cashed the ace of hearts and switched to a trump, so declarer escaped for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lu	Cronier	Gu	Willard
3♣	4♠	1♣* Dbl	2♠ Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West's decision to remove her partner's double delivered 11 IMPs, as 5♣ made in comfort.

The Chinese were guilty of over-clubbing (The selection of a club that sends the ball farther than the intended distance) on this deal:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A	♠ A
♥ A K J 3 2	♥ A K J 3 2
♦ A J 10 9 4	♦ A J 10 9 4
♣ 10 5	♣ 10 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Sun	Neve	Wang
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

It seems clear (at least to me) that there was some confusion after North had bid 4NT. If that was Blackwood the response of 5♣ was 1/4. Obviously North was of the opinion that her side held all the aces but she was quickly disillusioned when East led the ace of clubs. +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lu	Cronier	Gu	Willard
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	5♣

N/S made no mistake at this table and +990 was worth 14 IMPs.

France, who had trailed 25-11 at the turn (to start the back 9 holes) was now in the lead and putt (sic) the match out of reach on this deal:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Sun	Neve	Wang
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led a club and declarer won with the nine and played diamond, diamond, North winning and switching (erroneously) to the ten of hearts. Declarer finessed, cashed a top club and at double dummy can now get home with a line of play starting by exiting with the seven of hearts. Of course, that is nearly impossible to see and declarer tried a spade. If you refer to Henry Bethe's excellent article in this issue on Page 17 you will see that if South puts up the ten of spades declarer would be stymied (Situation in which one player's ball blocks another player's ball route to the hole. The stymied player was required to play over the top of the offending ball. The stymie was outlawed in 1951 by the USGA and the R & A.) However, she played low and declarer put in the nine and was in control, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lu	Cronier	Gu	Willard
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Play started in an identical fashion, but here North ducked the second diamond. Declarer tried ace of hearts followed by the jack but North won and simply returned the ten. It was all downhill from here, -100 and 11 IMPs to France.

By the time they reached the clubhouse France had won 40-25 IMPs, 18-12 VP.

I had hoped to include a reference to the Mashie niblick, but alas it will have to wait.

Jim Kirkham

(1936 – 2011)



Jim Kirkham, former member of the World Bridge Federation Executive Council and a former President of the American Contract Bridge League, died of complications from leukemia on Saturday at St. Luke's Hospital South in Overland Park, Kansas.

Kirkham joined the U.S. Marine Corps upon graduation from the University of Missouri and was a combat Marine artillery battery commander and infantry battalion commander during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Marines in 1978 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

With a master of science in computer science, Kirkham spent the first 12 years after his Marine Corps career in senior management and later in management consulting with systems development businesses. From 1990 to 2008, he taught and played bridge professionally.

A three-time North American champion, he won the Silver Ribbon Pairs and the Senior Swiss Teams (1999) and the Mixed Pairs (2003) – all with his wife, Corinne.

As a bridge theorist, Kirkham developed a three-way Drury (to immediately show four-card support with any range); a modification to Jacoby 2NT to show keycards with minimum balanced hands, and Suction (nee Kirkham Over Big Bids, or KOBB), a very versatile and effective defense to 1NT and 2NT openings and strong 1♣ and 2♣ openings.

A bridge volunteer with more than 20 years of service on the District 22 (Southern California) Board of Directors, he spent 15 years on the Western Conference Board of Directors, 12 years on the ACBL Board of Directors (ACBL President in 2001), and six years on the WBF Executive Council.

Kirkham was site coordinator and negotiator for many Southern California regional tournaments: he was also an innovative tournament manager who ran the first four-session one-day "play 'til you drop" KO regional events (San Bernardino) and ran the first on-site computer-based regional events (San Diego). He negotiated and started the very successful regional in Palm Springs, where he succeeded in establishing the presidential gavel turnover.

Meet my maker, the Mad Multi

by Mark Horton

One of the advantages of modern technology is that you can study the results on a single deal without having to search out a host of players. This deal from the first round caught my eye because it was, as the chess players might say, not without theoretical interest:

Dealer East. E/W Vul

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

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In the match I was watching the bidding at one table was short and to the point:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
		Pass	2♦*
3♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

Should West bid 3♥ or 4♥? I would bid 4♥ on the basis that the less you have the more you bid, but whatever the merits of that approach it won't stop North from bidding 4♠.

What about East's raise to 5♥? Might it not be better to bid 5♣ in an effort to help partner if the opponents bid on to 5♠?

North cashed the ace of spades, South following with the eight, and switched to the two of diamonds – one down, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Molson</i>	<i>Deas</i>
		Pass	2♦*
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dbl	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

East's double of 4♠ must have been penalty orientated, which makes one suspect that West was expected to have more in the way of high cards. Here, if one were to bid on it would clearly be best to bid 5♣ along the way.

With the queen of diamonds inside declarer was not hard pressed to take eleven tricks, +650 and 11 IMPs to USA I.

In the Bermuda Bowl match between South Africa and The Netherlands the bidding was:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Bosenberg</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Eber</i>
		Pass	2♠
4♥	4♠	5♣	5♦
5♥	All Pass		

There was no Multi here, but West did bid 4♥ and East was careful to bid 5♣. 5♥ was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Apteker</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Muller</i>
		Pass	2♠
4♥	4♠	5♣	Dbl
5♥	All Pass		

What meaning would you ascribe to South's double of 5♣? Penalties? A suggestion that South is interested in bidding on? A request that partner should not lead a club?

It seems to me that it is vital to be able to differentiate between the meaning of 3♥ and 4♥, but the bidding in the match between Iceland & Sweden suggests that the E/W pairs were far from certain:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Einarsson</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
		Pass	2♦
3♥	4♠	All Pass	
+450			



Peter Fredin, Sweden

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Baldursson	Jorgensen	Fallenius
4♥	4♠	Pass	2♦
+690		DbI	All Pass

In Poland v Egypt 4♥ was again the overcall of choice:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Martens	Nabil	Jassem	Saaid
4♥	4♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	5♠	5♥	Pass
		DbI	All Pass

Is 5♥ better than 5♣? If you follow the latter route you can leave the final decision to partner. The obvious counterpoint is that it is unlikely that partner would ever want to bid 6♥ over 5♠.

They didn't do any better at the other table, so it was a flat board.

When Israel met Australia there was a major divergence at one table:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Nunn	Zack	Hans
4♥	4♠	Pass	1♠
		DbI	All Pass

I am reliably informed that Australian preemptive bids are so weak that you almost have to open this type of hand at the one level, as otherwise partner will never play you for so much.

A less charitable commentator might suggest that East doubled because he thought he had his opponents over a barrel (sic). Declarer was not hard pressed to take eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Edgton	Herbst	Gosney	Herbst
4♥	4♠	Pass	2♦*
5♥	5♠	5♣	5♦
		DbI	All Pass

Is this close to the perfect auction? When East bid 5♣ South countered with 5♦, making it easy for North to press on to 5♠. As we have seen from some of the other auctions it is not so easy for East to refrain from doubling, but I recall the words of a former English International, who after a similarly unsuccessful enterprise enquired of his team mate – 'did you need the extra fifty points?'

**WBF NOTICES****Restaurant information****Brasserie Porticato**

During the Championships this restaurant does not take reservations.

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Restaurant Binnenhof

During the Championships this restaurant will be open for breakfast from 07:00 - 10:30 hrs (11:30 on Sundays).

Lunch buffet from 12:00 - 14:00 hrs.

In the evening this restaurant serves a daily changing three-course dinner buffet from 18:30 - 22:00 hrs. This restaurant does not take reservations.

Restaurant Uithof

During the Championships this restaurant will be the most luxurious restaurant at the venue. It serves à la carte lunches and dinners of high standard and has a fine choice of wines.

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Youth Committee meeting

The WBF Youth Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October at 16:15 p.m. in Room 7 – the sign on the door says WBF Meeting Room 2.

Laws Committee

The Laws Committee has scheduled two meetings:

Tuesday 18th	12.30-14.30
Thursday 20th	12.00-14.00



Both will take place in room 7, WBF meeting room#2

Minivan to supermarket

A minivan drives every afternoon to a large supermarket in Veldhoven. Departure in front of the hotel at 14.00, the minivan will be back at 15.00 hrs.

Chinese slam swings

by Micke Melander

In China v Italy in the Open series 37 IMPs went into the Chinese accounts on three different boards, all on slams. Though the Italians fought back and won many smaller contracts to make the match a draw in the end. One of the more interesting hands was this:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lian	Bocchi	H. Shi	Madala
4♣	3♣	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♠	Pass

Madala led the ten of clubs. Shi thought for quite some time before calling for dummy's ace. For reasons unknown, he then continued with the jack of spades from dummy. The six of spades should be more or less automatic, when you know that North is most probably short in the suit and you have a lot of entries to dummy.

The queen of spades confirmed that spades were 4-1 and declarer now had managed to create himself a loser in trumps. However, he could play for hearts 3-3 or finding the queen of diamonds. A ruffing finesse in clubs would set up one trick for declarer in that suit.

Shi continued with the ten of spades and then played a heart to dummy's ace. The queen of clubs followed, covered

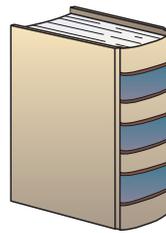
by the king and ruffed by declarer. Madala now wisely did the only thing that eventually could have created problems for declarer by discarding a diamond, leaving the following position:

<p>♠ - ♥ J ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ 9 8 7</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ K 5 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ J 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 ♦ A J 10 5 ♣ -</p>
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Madala for sure was feeling more and more squeezed. After a long thought by Shi, he finally continued with another heart to dummy's king and then called for the jack of clubs, discarding a diamond from his hand. Madala ruffed and realized that he would be terribly squeezed and had to try to break it up by returning a diamond. That was all Shi needed to be able to claim his contract. We can be pretty sure that Shi would have squeezed Madala if he had returned a heart. That was 12 IMPs to China when the Italy in the other room stopped in 3NT taking twelve tricks.

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