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DON'T LOOK BACK



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The legendary baseball player Satchel Paige once said, "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." The star-studded Bermuda Bowl team from Italy might have that viewpoint after seeing their once-formidable lead now at 2 victory points over second-place Netherlands, with Israel right behind them.

By contrast, Sweden expanded their lead in the Venice Cup on day three of the round robin, but are still only 6.5 VPs ahead of Italy, with England just half a VP behind them.

In the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, France are setting the standard, leading USA 2 by 8 VPs. India lies in third, 21 VPs out of first place.

With four days of play remaining, the primary goal of all teams is to be in the top eight when the round robin concludes on Saturday.

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RESULTS



Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	China	Iceland	38 - 47	12.5 - 16.5
2	South Africa	USA 1	18 - 29	13 - 17
3	Australia	Italy	23 - 33	13 - 17
4	Brazil	Chile	52 - 35	19 - 11
5	New Zealand	USA 2	55 - 26	22 - 8
6	India	Canada	42 - 38	16 - 14
7	Poland	Guadeloupe	49 - 40	17 - 13
8	Sweden	Netherlands	32 - 57	9 - 21
9	Egypt	Israel	27 - 35	12.67 - 16.34
10	Bulgaria	Japan	13 - 51	6 - 24
11	Singapore	Pakistan	21 - 36	12 - 18

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	New Zealand	China	59 - 47	18 - 12
22	Germany	Sweden	14 - 60	5 - 25
23	Morocco	USA 1	18 - 41	10 - 20
24	France	Poland	35 - 56	10 - 20
25	Japan	England	17 - 56	6 - 24
26	India	Indonesia	32 - 60	8 - 22
27	Venezuela	Australia	8 - 98	0 - 25
28	Brazil	Netherlands	46 - 32	18 - 12
29	Canada	Egypt	36 - 57	10 - 20
30	Italy	Jordan	57 - 27	22 - 8
31	USA 2	Trinidad & Tobago	65 - 9	25 - 3

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Sweden	Poland	36 - 40	14 - 16
2	Egypt	India	24 - 27	14 - 16
3	Bulgaria	New Zealand	40 - 24	19 - 11
4	China	Brazil	45 - 14	22 - 8
5	Japan	Australia	41 - 8	23 - 7
6	Israel	South Africa	38 - 10	22 - 8
7	Netherlands	Singapore	72 - 13	25 - 2
8	Iceland	Chile	47 - 12	23 - 7
9	Canada	USA 1	35 - 47	12 - 18
10	USA 2	Italy	27 - 11	19 - 11
11	Guadeloupe	Pakistan	46 - 29	19 - 11

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Venezuela	Italy	47 - 62	11.5 - 17.5
22	Jordan	Canada	6 - 43	6 - 24
23	Egypt	Brazil	35 - 63	8 - 22
24	Netherlands	USA 2	45 - 31	18 - 12
25	Trinidad & Tobago	India	16 - 42	9 - 18
26	Indonesia	Japan	47 - 16	22 - 8
27	England	France	26 - 59	7 - 23
28	Australia	China	8 - 50	5 - 25
29	USA 1	Germany	34 - 16	19 - 11
30	Sweden	New Zealand	42 - 15	21 - 9
31	Poland	Morocco	103 - 3	25 - 0

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	South Africa	Singapore	65 - 4	25 - 2
2	Australia	Pakistan	15 - 48	7 - 23
3	Brazil	USA 1	21 - 30	13 - 17
4	New Zealand	Italy	22 - 48	9 - 21
5	India	Chile	39 - 34	16 - 14
6	Poland	USA 2	13 - 29	11 - 19
7	Sweden	Canada	45 - 66	10 - 20
8	Egypt	Guadeloupe	60 - 32	22 - 8
9	Iceland	Japan	71 - 39	23 - 7
10	China	Israel	31 - 49	11 - 19
11	Bulgaria	Netherlands	35 - 18	19 - 11

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Japan	France	62 - 26	23 - 7
22	India	Morocco	51 - 27	21 - 9
23	USA 2	Germany	54 - 40	18 - 12
24	Brazil	New Zealand	38 - 40	15 - 15
25	Canada	China	27 - 65	6 - 24
26	Italy	Sweden	54 - 21	23 - 7
27	Venezuela	USA 1	19 - 54	7 - 23
28	Jordan	Poland	31 - 62	8 - 22
29	Australia	Trinidad & Tobago	22 - 42	10 - 20
30	Netherlands	Indonesia	36 - 30	16 - 14
31	Egypt	England	10 - 89	0 - 25



RESULTS

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Ranking after 9 rounds



ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	USA 2	Pakistan	50 - 42	17 - 13
42	New Zealand	Indonesia	14 - 31	11 - 19
43	Argentina	Netherlands	52 - 20	23 - 7
44	Canada	India	33 - 46	12 - 18
45	Poland	France	36 - 28	17 - 13
46	USA I	Italy	53 - 21	23 - 7
47	China Hong Kong	Reunion	51 - 17	23 - 7
48	Guadeloupe	Japan	20 - 56	7 - 23
49	Bulgaria	Egypt	49 - 46	16 - 14
50	Brazil	Denmark	18 - 69	4 - 25
51	Australia	Germany	44 - 42	15 - 15

Bermuda Bowl

1	Italy	175	12	Egypt	135.67
2	Netherlands	173	13	Sweden	135
3	Israel	169.34	14	New Zealand	130
4	USA 2	157	15	Canada	125
5	USA I	153.5	15	Australia	122
6	Iceland	147.5	17	India	114
7	Poland	147		South Africa	114
8	Brazil	145	19	Pakistan	109
9	Bulgaria	140.5	20	Guadeloupe	106
10	China	139.5	21	Chile	83
11	Japan	137	22	Singapore	77

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	China Hong Kong	Brazil	62 - 39	19.5 - 9.5
42	Denmark	Bulgaria	83 - 17	25 - 1
43	Egypt	Guadeloupe	33 - 37	14 - 16
44	Japan	Australia	8 - 40	7 - 23
45	Germany	USA I	48 - 33	18 - 12
46	Italy	Poland	35 - 50	12 - 18
47	France	Canada	42 - 10	23 - 7
48	Reunion	Pakistan	37 - 26	17 - 13
49	Netherlands	New Zealand	27 - 19	17 - 13
50	Indonesia	USA 2	29 - 40	13 - 17
51	India	Argentina	40 - 27	18 - 12

Venice Cup

1	Sweden	175	12	Netherlands	142
2	Italy	168.5	13	China	137
3	England	168	14	Canada	136
4	USA I	160	15	India	122
5	USA 2	158	16	Australia	114
6	New Zealand	150	17	Egypt	108
7	Brazil	149		Japan	108
8	Germany	146	19	Venezuela	107.5
9	France	145	20	Jordan	99
10	Indonesia	143	21	Trinidad & Tobago	83
	Poland	143	22	Morocco	75

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Poland	Canada	56 - 35	20 - 10
42	USA I	Argentina	42 - 27	18 - 12
43	Australia	New Zealand	16 - 52	7 - 23
44	Guadeloupe	USA 2	14 - 62	4 - 25
45	Bulgaria	Pakistan	49 - 13	23 - 7
46	Brazil	Indonesia	16 - 67	4 - 25
47	China Hong Kong	Netherlands	42 - 42	15 - 15
48	Denmark	India	17 - 45	8 - 22
49	Reunion	Germany	30 - 75	5 - 25
50	Japan	Italy	27 - 43	11 - 19
51	Egypt	France	7 - 37	8 - 22

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

1	France	185	12	Japan	136
2	USA 2	177	13	Argentina	130
3	India	164	14	Italy	126
4	Germany	162	15	Egypt	123
5	China Hong Kong	159.5	16	Bulgaria	120
6	Poland	155	17	Pakistan	117
7	Denmark	151.5	18	Reunion	112
8	USA I	146	19	Canada	103
9	Indonesia	145	20	Guadeloupe	87
10	Australia	142		New Zealand	87
11	Netherlands	138	22	Brazil	75.5

Just the Facts

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

Name

Eric Kokish.

Date of Birth

19 May 1947.

Place of Birth

Montreal.

Place of Residence

Toronto.

What kind of food makes you happy?

My short list would be unhappy food: celery, olives, beets, carrots, herring, sardines – I smile a lot for good reason

And what drink?

Ice coffee.

Who is your favourite author?

James Lee Burke, Donna Leon, Stieg Larsson, vintage Ian Rankin.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Humphrey Bogart, Clint Eastwood.

Actress?

Allison Janney.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

50's & 60's Rock n' Roll, Doo Wopp, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Leonard Cohen.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Will Barnet.

What do you see as your best ever result?

World Open Pairs 1978 (2nd).

Do you have a favourite hand?

1974 Vanderbilt – 6NT played by Joey Silver after Ron Andersen gave him the right to choose the opening lead (turned out best for the defence!)

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

Play Bridge with Reese (my lightbulb moment).

What is the best bridge country in the world?

USA (because of its depth).

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

Poker, eating.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Insincerity, narcissism, lack of empathy.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

Don't make plans for the match after the one you're still playing.

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

180 pounds, photographic memory, ability to enjoy food without guilt, enough free time to read and write all the things I've thought about.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Aaron Sorkin, Paul Prudhomme, Leon Uris.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Electric Guitar, cooking the perfect Black Bean Sauce.



VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Round 10 (10.30)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	USA 1 – Australia	BB/9
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Israel – Bulgaria	BB/2
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Italy – Brazil	BB/8
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Netherlands – Egypt	BB/3
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	USA 1 – Italy	VC/25
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	Sweden – Canada	VC/26
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	Japan – China	BB/1
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – Brazil	SB/45

Round 11 (13.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Italy – Netherlands	BB/3
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	USA 1 – Israel	BB/4
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Brazil – Sweden	BB/9
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	New Zealand – Poland	BB/10
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	New Zealand – England	VC/23
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	USA 2 – France	SB/43
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	China – Poland	VC/22
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	France – Netherlands	VC/26

Round 12 (16.45)

Match	Room	Teams	Series Table
BBO 1	8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed	Poland – Brazil	BB/2
BBO 2	12 Open 24 Closed	Sweden – Australia	BB/3
BBO 3	13 Open 23 Closed	Israel – Italy	BB/8
BBO 4	16 Open 22 Closed	Italy – USA 2	VC/22
BBO 5	17 Open 21 Closed	Japan – USA 1	BB/7
BBO 6	18 Open 9 Closed	India – Indonesia	SB/50
OurGame	19 Open 11 Closed	England – China	VC/29
StepBridge	14 Open (studio) 10 Closed	Netherlands – Chile	BB/9

Shopping in Eindhoven

With the covered shopping centre 'De Heuvel Gallerie', Piazza Centre, large department stores including the exclusive 'De Bijenkorf' and an extensive selection of boutiques and specialist shops, the centre of Eindhoven is the most bustling shopping centre in the South of the Netherlands.

Where to go?

The following streets form the main, pedestrianised shopping area: 18 Septemberplein, Demer, Rechtesstraat, de Markt, Nieuwstraat, Hermanus Boexstraat, Vrijstraat and Hooghuisstraat.

Markets (city centre)

Tuesday 09.00 - 14.00 h. De Markt (city centre)

Saturday 10.00 - 17.00 h. Woenselse markt (near city centre)

Small art & collectibles

Saturday 10.00 - 17.00 h. De Markt (city centre)

Championship Diary



When I asked if Berlusconi had survived the no-confidence vote Barry said it showed how we became infected by the tournament as he thought I was talking about Bernasconi (the famous Par hand composer).

For the record Silvio Berlusconi survived a no-confidence vote by the tightest of margins on Friday, saving his government from collapse but leaving it struggling to legislate and paving the way for probable elections in the spring, a year earlier than scheduled.

The Italian prime minister, who is embroiled in sex scandals and three criminal trials, mustered 316 votes against the 301 of opposition parties.

Had he lost the vote, he would have been forced to resign.

We are reliably informed that a team of bridge tourists have decided to play in the Transnationals next week. In the Open Room they will line up with Yves Aubry and Radek Kielbasinski, President and Vice President of the EBL. The money will be in the Closed Room – the Treasurers of the WBF and EBL, Marc De Pauw and David Harris will play. So hold on to your wallets if you are facing them!

Having been fortunate enough to have a Lavazza coffee machine installed in the Bulletin Room you can imagine our dismay when it broke down after only two days. Luckily, our sponsor was able to replace it with an older version, one with which the Editor, Brent “overflow” Manley is well acquainted.

Triple Word Play



The Dutch Bridge Federation conducted a publicity campaign last month, trying to get the public interested in Bridge. The poster above was seen throughout the country.

By linking to football, an attempt was made to show that bridge is a sport like any other, and that the Netherlands are hoping to gain one or other bridge world title this week.

The caption requires a bit of explaining for non-Dutch speakers though.

As a whole, the sentence “Nederland gaat het ver schoppen” translates to “the Netherlands will go very far” (in a sporting sense). But there are two subtle pieces of word play there. The word “schoppen”, when used as a verb, means “kicking”. A penalty kick is a strafschop. This links us once again to football. But in addition, the word “schoppen”, when used as a noun, means “spades”. Most Dutchmen know how cards are played and a reference to spades would not escape them.

Let's hope the campaign brings even more members to the biggest bridge federation in Europe!

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.

Impressions from Round 6, Bermuda Bowl

by Jos Jacobs

At the start of Monday's last match, Poland were cruising along nicely, having scored 42 from their previous matches of the day and occupying a comfortable enough 5th place in the table. Bulgaria, on the other hand, had collected only 27.5 V.P. in the day and thus had dropped back to 9th, just outside the qualifiers. So a good win would certainly help them to make up for some of the lost ground.

They immediately showed their aggressive intentions on the first board, only to find out that this was not quite the right moment to do so:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ A 10 6 5</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K J 8 3 ♥ 3 ♦ K Q J 9 6 5 ♣ 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 6 4 2 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K J 8 7</p>
	<p>♠ Q 9 ♥ A K 10 7 4 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ Q 9 4</p>		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Narkiewicz	Nanev	Buras
	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Dbl	3NT	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Mihov's double of 3♠ told Nanev not to lead spades, so Nanev tried the ♣7 as his opening lead. Mihov could read this as 4th best, so he simply ducked and the ♣7 held the trick. This meant a quick one down, Bulgaria +50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Stefanov	Kalita	Aronov
	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Redble
All Pass			

In the Open Room, they had other ideas, however. Gawrys was not given any chance to double during the auction so his only way to enter the show was by doubling the final contract. This proved very effective when Kalita led a heart. Declarer won the ace and crossed in diamonds to lead a low spade, but Kalita was not to be taken in. He

rose with his ace and duly found the club shift. One down but +200 and 4 IMPs to Poland on the first board.

With the score having progressed to 9-9 (!), this was board 29:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 2 ♥ Q J 7 6 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 9 8 5 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ 8 5 ♦ K J 7 6 5 ♣ A J 10 6 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ A K 9 4 3 2 ♦ A 8 4 3 ♣ K</p>
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Narkiewicz	Nanev	Buras
	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, the Poles were not very adventurous and thus registered a quiet +620 when Narkiewicz just made his contract.



Krzysztof Buras, Poland

Open Room

West Gawrys	North Stefanov	East Kalita	South Aronov
	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

As the hearts are 4-2, the slam can be made by adopting a not 100% but still quite reasonable practical line. Win the trump continuation with dummy's ♠Q, cash the ♥A, ruff a heart, ruff the last club, ruff a heart with the ten, draw trumps, cross to the ♦A and claim.

An interesting variation occurred in several matches when East returned the ♦K at trick two, removing a vital

entry to dummy's established hearts. From here, declarer still has a chance to bring home the contract but it would require a real double-dummy approach: cash ♠Q and later ruff the last club in dummy, returning to hand twice by ruffing hearts low in hand after cashing the ♥AK, discarding the ♦10. Wherever declarer went for the easier line of using the ♦Q as an entry to get back to his hand after cashing the ♥AK and the ♠Q, preparing for the club ruff, West would ruff the diamond and return his last trump to set the contract by two tricks.

So Stefanov was in good company when he too went down two in his slam, giving Poland a 13-IMP swing to lead 22-9. On the last three boards of the match, Bulgaria rallied to eventually win 30-22 or 16-14 VP.

Recovery Shot

by Mark Horton

In Round 5 of the Venice Cup, Germany scored a maximum against the dangerous Egyptian team. On this deal Pony Nehmert appeared to have put the ball into the bunker, but executed a perfect recovery shot:

credit exited with the queen of hearts. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a heart and cashed a trump to reach this position:

Dealer North. Both Vul

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

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

♠ -	♠ -
♥ -	♥ -
♦ 9 8 4	♦ 7
♣ K	♣ -

♠ -	♠ 7
♥ 5	♥ -
♦ K 7	♦ A J 10
♣ J	♣ -

♠ -	♠ -
♥ 10	♥ -
♦ Q 6 3	♦ -
♣ -	♣ -

When declarer cashed the seven of spades South had to throw a diamond. The now redundant heart went from dummy and North, forced to look after the club suit, was also compelled to release a diamond. A classic double squeeze delivering +1430 and 13 IMPs when Egypt stopped short at the other table.

Open Room

West Giampietro	North Maud	East Nehmert	South Lily
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Dbf	3♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When Pony Nehmert repeated her spades for a third time Cristina Giampietro was happy to ask for key cards.

South led the ten of clubs and declarer put up the ace and made the natural looking play of the jack of spades. When North discarded on the next round declarer turned her attention to ensuring that she did not feature in a 'Misplay these Hands with Me' article.

She cashed the top spade, crossed to dummy with a heart and advanced the queen of clubs. When North declined to cover, she discarded a diamond. South ruffed and to her



Cristina Giampietro, Germany

VENICE CUP

Round 5



England

v

USA 1



by Phillip Alder

Two likely medal contenders met in the fifth round of the Venice Cup: England and USA 1. There are nine world champions on these teams: Sally Brock, Heather Dhondy, Nicola Gardener and Nevena Senior for the Europeans, and Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Judi Radin, JoAnna Stansby and Migry Zur-Campanile-Albu for the Americans.

The action started immediately:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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♠ A K Q 9 7 6		
♥ A 3		
♦ 9 6 3		
♣ A 9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Deas	Dhondy
	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥ (1)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

(1) Heart king, no minor-suit king

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Migry	Brock	Stansby
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Two smooth auctions. If Stansby had had only two diamonds, I expect she would have investigated for a grand slam.

Palmer led a heart, so Dhondy had the entries to take two diamond finesses and collect an overtrick.

Smith found the club lead. Stansby won, drew trumps, cashed her three heart tricks for a club pitch, ruffed a club back to her hand, and took a diamond finesse. But now she was stranded in the dummy, forced to lose a diamond to West.

England had gained 1 IMP.

The next three boards were flat, with similar bidding and play at both tables.

On Board 6, Senior tried for game with a flat 8-count opposite a 15-17 INT. Dhondy could have won eight tricks, but misguessed the play and went down one. Stansby left her partner in INT, which made exactly and gave 4 IMPs to USA 1. Then:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

Smith and Brock stopped in 2♥, making four. Deas and Palmer were more ambitious:



Lynn Deas, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Deas</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
			Pass
INT (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(1) 14-16 points

With three top losers, it came down to guessing who had the spade jack. After a lot of thought, Palmer got it right to gain 10 IMPs for USA 1 and a lead of 13.

On Board 8, both North-South pairs reached a 4♠ that would have made a much sunnier day. Stansby made one more trick than her counterpart to win 2 IMPs for USA 1.

Board 9 was another identical bidding, identical result flat board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Deas</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦ (1)	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥ (2)	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

(1) Precision: zero (!)-plus diamonds, 10-15 points
 (2) Transfer

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

West's rebid is a matter of style. Here, though, 2♦ worked much better. Migry led a low heart. Declarer won with her queen, cashed the heart ace, ruffed a heart, took the spade ace, ruffed a spade, ruffed another heart (North discarded the spade king), and gave up a club. West could not be stopped from taking three more trump winners for an overtrick.

Palmer's 2♠ was no fun. South led a low heart. North won with her king and shifted to clubs. Then the defenders awaited three trump tricks for down two.

Plus 110 and plus 200 gave England 7 IMPs on the board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Deas</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
			Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣ (1)
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦ (2)
Pass	4♥ (2)	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

(1) Natural positive – fanfares!
 (2) Control-bid



Heather Dhondy, England

Closed Room

West <i>Smith</i>	North <i>Migry</i>	East <i>Brock</i>	South <i>Stansby</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT (1)
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Semi-forcing

I think the 2♦ "waiting" response to 2♣ is badly overdone. When responder has a good hand, she is thinking about a slam, and by giving a positive response, she tells the opener too, usually making the future auction much smoother.

Here, Senior and Dhondy cruised into 6♣. Now, it is true, because of the bad breaks, if Deas had led a heart, the club ten(!), or the spade ace and another spade, she would have defeated the slam. But understandably she chose the diamond ace. Declarer, North, ruffed, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks: two spades, three hearts, one diamond, one diamond ruff and five clubs.

That gave England 11 IMPs and the lead by 3.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



♠ A Q J 10 8

♥ 9 3

♦ A 7 5

♣ K 7 6

Open Room

West <i>Palmer</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Deas</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
1♦ (1)	1♥	1♠	3NT
All Pass			

(1) 10-15, zero-plus diamonds

Closed Room

West <i>Smith</i>	North <i>Migry</i>	East <i>Brock</i>	South <i>Stansby</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT (1)	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

(1) Semi-forcing

Dhondy, knowing her opponents could be bidding on next-to-nothing, plunged into 3NT.

West led the spade three, which ran around to declarer's eight. South returned the spade queen, West winning and shifting to the club eight because her partner had played her two lowest spades. East's ten lost to South's king. Declarer led a low diamond from her hand, but West won with her king and played another club, taking the contract down two.

The quieter auction in the Closed Room saw Stansby, South, in 2♥.

West led the diamond three, covered by the ten, jack and ace. South ran the heart nine to East's ten. East returned her remaining diamond, West winning with her king and giving her partner a diamond ruff. East played the club ace and a low club, which declarer ran to dummy's nine to give this position:

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



♠ A Q J 10 8

♥ 3

♦ -

♣ K

South could have got home from here with perfect card reading – the curious may work it out.

She actually cashed the heart ace, then played a spade to her queen. West won that trick and had three other winners – her high trumps and the diamond six – to take the contract down three.

Minus 200 and plus 300 gave England 3 IMPs and the lead by 6.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



♠ 9 5 3 2

♥ Q 10 8 6

♦ Q 6 3 2

♣ 10

Open Room

West <i>Palmer</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Deas</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
4♣	3♣	3♠	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Migry	Brock	Stansby
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

As the cards lay, you can win all the tricks in spades and 12 in notrump. The spade suit is interesting in isolation. If you need six tricks, you should start with the six. But if five will suffice, leading the jack first is best.

At the table, both declarers began spades with West's jack. And both ended with 11 tricks for a flat board.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Deas	Dhondy
		Pass	Pass
1♣ (1)	3♥	Dbl	4♥
Dbl (2)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- (1) 16-plus points
- (2) To quote their notes, "Most doubles by opener are for takeout."

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Migry	Brock	Stansby
		Pass	Pass
1♣ (1)	1♥	1♠	2♣ (2)
2♥ (3)	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Any 12-14 balanced with a five-card major, or natural, or 4=4=4=1 with 11-14 points

- (2) Good heart raise
- (3) A very good hand

Both sides ended in 4♠ by East. (Four hearts doubled can escape for down two, minus 300.)

Against Deas, Dhondy led the heart ace, then shifted to the club jack. Declarer won with her ace, played a spade to

dummy's ace, and led the heart queen, covered and ruffed. Now East led a spade and put in dummy's jack. After a club disappeared on the heart jack, declarer played a diamond to her king, returned to dummy's club king, ruffed a club, played a diamond to dummy's ace, cashed the spade king, and claimed.

Against Brock, Stansby led the heart ace, then shifted to the diamond jack. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the remaining diamond, North ruffing with her only trump. On the club switch, East won with her ace and misguessed by playing a trump to dummy's ace.

Now declarer called for dummy's heart queen. At double dummy, to defeat the contract, North had to play low! When she covered, East could have ruffed, cashed the diamond king (optional), then led a trump. Suppose South covers with her ten. Declarer wins with dummy's jack to give this position:

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

East ruffs the heart jack(!) and leads a club. If South ruffs, dummy takes the last three tricks. If South discards, declarer wins with dummy's king and exits with the club nine. At trick 12, North must catch her partner's trumps in a coup.

Not covering the heart queen destroys the timing.

At the table, East ruffed North's heart king, cashed the diamond king, ruffed a diamond, threw a club on the heart jack, and tried to cash the club king. However, South ruffed and led the diamond ten to guarantee another trump trick for down one.

That gave 10 IMPs to USA I, now up by 4.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Palmer</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Deas</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
Pass 4♥	1♠ All Pass	2♥	3♥ (1)

(1) Good spade raise

Closed Room

West <i>Smith</i>	North <i>Migry</i>	East <i>Brock</i>	South <i>Stansby</i>
Pass 3♥	1♥ (1) All Pass	2♥	1♣ Dbl (2)

(1) Four-plus spades
(2) Three spades

Both declarers lost two spades, one heart and one club. So England gained 5 IMPs to lead by 1 into the final deal ...

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

	♠ Q J 8 5	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 8 2	
	♣ K Q J 9 7 4	

Open Room

West <i>Palmer</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Deas</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
1♦ (1) Pass 4♥	Pass Pass All Pass	1♥ 3♥	3♣ Pass

(1) 10-15 points, zero-plus diamonds

Closed Room

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

- (1) Any balanced minimum or ... (see above)
- (2) 12-14 balanced
- (3) A puppet to 2♦: either to play there or to invite game
- (4) Game-invitational in hearts

Against 4♥ in the Open Room, Dhondy led the club king. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to her queen, and exited with the club ten. South won and continued with another club, North overruffing the dummy. To save the overtrick, North had to cash the spade ace, but she exited with her final trump. East's spade evaporated on dummy's fourth diamond.

Stansby traded on the favorable vulnerability to show first clubs, then spades. And Migry was happy to sacrifice in 4♠. West doubled, no doubt hoping for a juicy penalty.

The defense started perfectly: Heart to the jack, diamond jack, diamond to the queen, heart through ruffed by South, club queen to the ace, another heart ruffed by South, club king to give this position:

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

	♠ Q J	
	♥ -	
	♦ -	
	♣ J 9 7 4	

Now South led the club jack. How should West have defended?

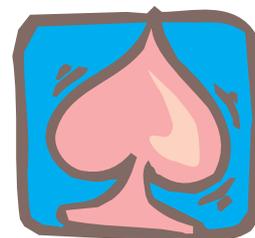
Here it was right to ruff with any trump except the king. Dummy can overruff and declarer can ruff a diamond, but when the next club is led, West can throw the diamond ace, and the contract must go down three.

In the diagramed position, West discarded a diamond on the club jack. Now South could have pitched a diamond from dummy, ruffed a club with the spade six, and ruffed a diamond. West's trumps would have been caught in a coup.

However, after throwing the diamond, South led her spade jack. This gave West a chance to cover with her king and be assured of two more trump tricks. But West did not cover.

When declarer's jack held, she ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond with her spade queen. West overruffed, but had to lead from the ten-seven of spades into dummy's ace-nine. Down two after all.

Plus 650 and minus 300 gained 8 IMPs for USA 1. The Americans had taken the match at the wire by 34 IMPs to 27, or 16-14 in victory points. Strangely, if four spades doubled had gone down three, the victory point score would have been the same.



The Flying Dutchmen

by Mark Horton

Der fliegende Holländer (The Flying Dutchman) is an opera, with music and libretto by Richard Wagner.

Apart from inspiring Richard Wagner to write an opera on the subject, The Flying Dutchman is a name that has come to be feared by mariners across the globe. It represents bad luck and is often considered to be a portent of doom. This is the reason why...

In the year 1729, a Dutch ship called the Flying Dutchman, captained by the infamous Vanderdecken, set sail towards the Cape of Good Hope, Africa's southernmost tip, which has long been associated with difficult sailing conditions and shipwrecks. Vanderdecken was a violent and disturbed captain who feared nothing and refused to back away from any situation. As the ship approached the Cape a violent storm broke out. The fierce winds, gigantic waves and terrible lightning threatened to sink the Flying Dutchman, but the twisted and fearless captain had a threat of his own. There and then, Vanderdecken swore an oath to the Devil that he would round the Cape even if it took him until Doomsday (the day that the world will come to an end). This foolish act brought a terrible curse down upon the captain, his crew and his ship. From that moment forth they were forced to roam the mighty seas for all eternity as a ghost ship.

From that fateful day to the present, many sailors claim to have seen the Flying Dutchman haunting the seas. It is believed that anyone who sees the ship will have misfortune fall upon them. So powerful is this belief that King George V of England himself, as a young prince during his naval days, purported to have encountered it, although a prince is not someone who immediately springs to mind when considering unfortunate people.

One method used by mariners to ward off the curse of the Flying Dutchman was to nail horseshoes to the masts of their ships, as this was supposed to bring good luck.

Many people would be sceptical of the existence of a 'ghost ship' and quite rightly so. No conclusive evidence for any type of ghost has ever been gathered and most scientists refuse to believe that they exist at all. To this end they have come up with an explanation for the supposed sightings and even those people who do believe in ghosts would have to admit that it is quite a good one.

The theory goes that the ghost ship is nothing more than an optical illusion. Apparently modern day mariners are used to the sight of hazy-looking ships appearing over the horizon; they are simply mirages caused by the refraction of light rays. Although the existence of the Flying Dutchman and Captain Vanderdecken is known, it is likely that the stories of a phantom ship were started by superstitious sailors who saw exactly this kind of mirage.

Nevertheless, no definitive proof exists either way so it would be advisable for anyone going on a cruise to steer clear of glowing ships with billowing sails, hovering several feet above the water.

The story was dramatised in the 1951 film Pandora and the Flying Dutchman, starring James Mason (who plays the Dutch Captain Hendrick van der Zee) and Ava Gardner. In this version, the Flying Dutchman is a man, not a ship. This two-hour long film, scripted by its director Albert Lewin, sets the main action on the Mediterranean coast of Spain in the summer of

1930. Centuries earlier the Dutchman had killed his wife, wrongly believing her to be unfaithful. Providence condemned him to roam the seas until he finds the true meaning of love. In the only plot device taken from previous versions, once every seven years the Dutchman is allowed ashore for half a year to search for a woman who will love him enough to die for him, releasing him from his curse, and he finds her in Pandora, played by Gardner.

Our Dutch hosts are keen to secure world titles on home soil (and they don't want to have to wait until Doomsday). As I write they are flying high in the Bermuda Bowl, hot on the heels of the leaders.

This deal helped them on their way against the mercurial Swedish team in round 7:

Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 4 ♥ J 3 ♦ A Q 8 7 5 2 ♣ 6 4</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #004a00; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K 10 6 ♥ A Q 7 5 ♦ J 10 9 4 ♣ 10 8</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 7 2 ♥ 10 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A Q 9 7 2</p>
	<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ K 9 8 6 4 2 ♦ K ♣ K J 5 3</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Brink</i>
3♦	4♥	Dbl	2♥ ^A
			All Pass

2♥ Muiderberg, hearts and a minor

Declarer lost to the three aces, but that was all, +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
2♦	3♦ ^A	3♠	1♥
4♠	All Pass		Pass

3♦ good heart raise

For the uninformed, the Dutch pair in the Closed Room play a system called Tarzan. In the unlikely event that you don't know how it came to be so named I will remind you that Johnny Weissmuller was an Austro-Hungarian-born American swimmer and actor best known for playing Tarzan in movies. He certainly knew how to fly high in the jungle tree tops!

4♠ drifted a couple down, but the Orangemen had 11 IMPs towards a 21-9 VP win.

D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 4



Poland

v

Indonesia



by Brian Senior

Indonesia had a poor first day, scoring only 33 VPs from three matches. Poland had a better one, scoring 55, including the only 25-0 VP win of day one in any of the three championships. Match 4 started with a bang.

second diamond and switched to a low club. Of course, a finesse now would have brought home the contract, but why should declarer take a 50% shot when the hearts could be 4-3? Lasut went up with the ace and could no longer make his contract; one down for -50 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 7 4 2 ♥ A ♦ K Q 5 ♣ A K J 4 3	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 9 7 3 ♣ 10 9 8 5	
♠ 6 3 ♥ 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ Q 6 2		♠ A 9 8 ♥ K Q J 8 6 ♦ J 10 8 6 ♣ 7	

♠ 7 ♥ K 9 7 4 3 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 8 6 4 3	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 8 2 ♥ Q J 2 ♦ K ♣ A Q J 10 7 2	
♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 3 ♥ - ♦ A Q 7 5 ♣ 9		♠ A ♥ A 10 8 6 5 ♦ J 9 4 3 2 ♣ K 5	

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Kowalski	Hartono	Romanski
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Kowalski	Hartono	Romanski
			1♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Dbl
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Lasut	Russyan	Manoppo
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Lasut	Russyan	Manoppo
			1♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	All Pass

You would want to be in slam on this one as the hearts could break or, if West cannot win the diamond trick to put a club through early, declarer can fall back on either a squeeze or club finesse if the hearts break badly. In theory, therefore, the Indonesian Precision Club outperformed the Polish Club on this deal. In practice, however... Michael Bambang Hartono led the ten of hearts against 3NT. Apolinary Kowalski won the bare ace and played on diamonds, Munawar Sawiruddin holding up until the third round then making the desperation switch of the queen of clubs. Kowalski claimed twelve tricks for +490.

Against 6NT, Jerzy Russyan led the queen of spades. Henry Lasut won the king in hand, unblocked the ace of hearts and played on diamonds. Krzysztof Lasocki won the



Henry Lasut, Indonesia



Apolinary Kowalski, Poland

E/W are cold for slam on this wild hand but, of course, there was no room to explore, and both Easts took the normal decision to bid only 5♠ over 5♥. Hartono received a nice bonus when Jacek Romanski doubled 5♠, while in the other room Eddy Manoppo did not. With both declarers making the obvious twelve tricks, that was +680 to Lasocki but +1050 and 9 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Kowalski	Hartono	Romanski
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Lasut	Russyan	Manoppo
1♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Sawiruddin opened a 12-14 no trump and the 2NT response was a minor-suit enquiry, 2NT denying a minor. Three Diamonds was now to play but Romanski was unwilling to defend when holding both majors now that his partner was marked with decent values and doubled. Kowalski had both values and distribution so jumped to the heart game.

Hartono led a diamond. Kowalski won the ace and played a spade to his king. The defence had a chance to beat him now as Hartono won the ace and could have collected a ruff had he returned the suit. However, he played a second diamond and Kowalski could ruff and play ace and another heart, just losing to the heart king and spade queen; ten tricks for +620.

Lasocki opened 1♦, natural and usually unbalanced, so Russyan could make a pre-emptive raise. That put pressure on Manoppo who had to choose between an overcall, risking losing the hearts, or a double, risking a club response. He chose the spade overcall and Lasut raised to game.

Lasocki led the king of diamonds. Manoppo won the ace, ruffed a diamond and took the heart finesse. Lasocki won the king and returned a club. Manoppo took the ace, ruffed a club and led a spade to the nine and ace. Back came a spade to dummy's king. Manoppo played on hearts now and lost a spade and a diamond for down one; -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Kowalski	Hartono	Romanski
		1♣	2♠
2♣	3♠	4♥	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Lasut	Russyan	Manoppo
		1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

E/W are again cold for slam, though this one is on the club finesse. Once again, N/S were in the auction to good effect so that neither E/W pair even considered slam.

Russyan's natural opening, limited by his failure to open the strong variety of Polish Club, saw everyone do their

bidding at a comfortable level. The Poles misjudged by choosing to double 4♣ and collecting an inadequate penalty. Lasocki led a heart and Russyan just played two rounds of the suit. Manoppo could ruff, draw trumps and knock out the top diamonds for one down; -100.

Hartono's strong club meant that he did not get to show his heart suit until the four level in face of N/S's pre-emptive bidding. Now it was natural for Sawiruddin to go on to 5♥ over 4♣ as he had undisclosed support for hearts plus spade shortage. Plus 680 was worth 11 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Kowalski	Hartono	Romanski
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣	Dbl	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	Pass
All Pass			5♦

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Lasut	Russyan	Manoppo
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	5♦

Romanski was just short of a strong Polish Club (18+) so opened 1♥ then jumped to show his strong two-suiter. Kowalski was happy to cuebid 4♣ but, when that got doubled for the lead and Romanski could not show a club control, settled for the diamond game. Could he have tried 6NT to protect the clubs? It depends a little on just how strong the jump to 3♦ has to be. If East is marked with the ace-queen of clubs then there are probably not two aces missing, but does South have sufficient to ensure twelve tricks? The club lead meant eleven tricks for +400.

Manoppo opened a strong club (16+) and followed up by showing his two suits. Lasut checked on key cards then jumped to 6NT and had +990 for 11 IMPs to Indonesia.

The Indonesians came out on top by 49-39 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

Innovation

by Mark Horton

The term *innovation* derives from the Latin word *innovatus*, which is the noun form of *innovare* "to renew or change," stemming from *in*—"into" + *novus*—"new". Although the term is broadly used, innovation generally refers to the creation of better or more effective products, processes, technologies, or ideas that are accepted by markets, governments, and society.

I included this deal in my report on the Venice Cup match between France and China:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Sun	Neve	Wang
			1♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	6♥
6♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl*
Pass	7♥	Dbl	All Pass

In my haste to deliver this to the layout Editor, I forget to add the annotation to South's double of 6♠. Clearly it was a *Negative Slam Double* or *Unpenalty Double*, where a direct double indicates you can defeat the slam (normal interpretation), but a balancing double shows exactly one defensive trick, leaving the final decision up to partner.

I think most people are aware that we use an asterisk (*) to indicate a conventional bid. In an obvious situation - say INT-2♣* - we don't annotate the bid as the meaning is clear. Our co-ordinator Jean-Paul Meyer suggests that where we intend to explain the meaning of a bid we use a superscript A (^) to alert the reader. A neat idea!



Italian Adventures

by Jos Jacobs



Jing Liu, China

Both in Italy and outside, the rumours are that Antonio Sementa almost never stops bidding. His bidding backfired in what was an unpredictable fashion on this board from the Round 5 match between China and Italy.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Li	Sementa	Liu
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

After the Strong Club, Sementa made a normal enough 1♠ overcall. This had a remarkable effect on the subsequent auction, as spades were never mentioned again...

Two Diamonds showed a fair club suit, 2♥ was natural as was 3♥ and 6♣ thus was a logical suggestion for an alternative final slam contract.

The spotlights now turned back on Sementa who came out with the winning opening lead: the ♠A. There was, however, one small problem. How could he ever imagine a good six-card spade suit in North after this not too informative auction? A second spade would automatically promote a trump trick for the defence. He might have reasoned that North had to be void of diamonds to justify his jump to slam without using Blackwood but eventually, he could not resist the temptation to try and cash the ♦A first. China +920.

Closed Room

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

In the Closed Room, the methods used by Bocchi and Madala made it pretty impossible for them to find the club fit. After a natural start, their relay system got into operation:

- 2♣ was natural or any 15+
- 2♦ showed 8+
- 2♥ showed either 5-4- or a three-suited hand
- 2♠ and 3♣ were relays
- 2NT could be many things
- 4♣ finally showed a very strong 6-4 in the majors.

So the 6-4-3-0 got lost forever and Italy had to be content with +420 only. 11 IMPs to China.

On the final board of this same match, Sementa got his revenge as declarer when he succeeded in executing the wonderful vice squeeze described by Barry Rigal elsewhere in this issue.

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BERMUDA BOWL Round 6



Iceland

v

Italy



Elusive IMPs

by Brent Manley

The sixth-round match between Italy and Iceland turned out to be a nail-biter, won by Italy on the penultimate board. The final score was 9-7 in favor of the Italians. As you might suspect, there were precious few swings.

This was one of them.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Baldursson	Lauria	Jonsson
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	2♣	Pass	3♣
Dbl	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Thorlakur Jonsson started with the ♣Q to the ace, Lorenzo Lauria pitching a heart from hand. The ♠6 from dummy drew the queen. Lauria won with the king and discovered that he had two trump losers when he played second spade to dummy's ace. He tried a diamond to the king and won the heart switch with the ace when North covered the 10 with the queen. The ♦9 went to North's jack. Lauria finished two down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Sementa	Jorgensen	Duboin
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

The opening lead was the same, and declarer Adalsteinn Jorgensen also took a heart discard on the ♣A. The ♠A was played at trick two, followed by a spade to the king, North discarding. The ♠8 was ruffed by dummy's ♦10 and over-ruffed by Antonio Sementa, who exited with a trump to his partner's ace. A fourth round of spades was ruffed with the

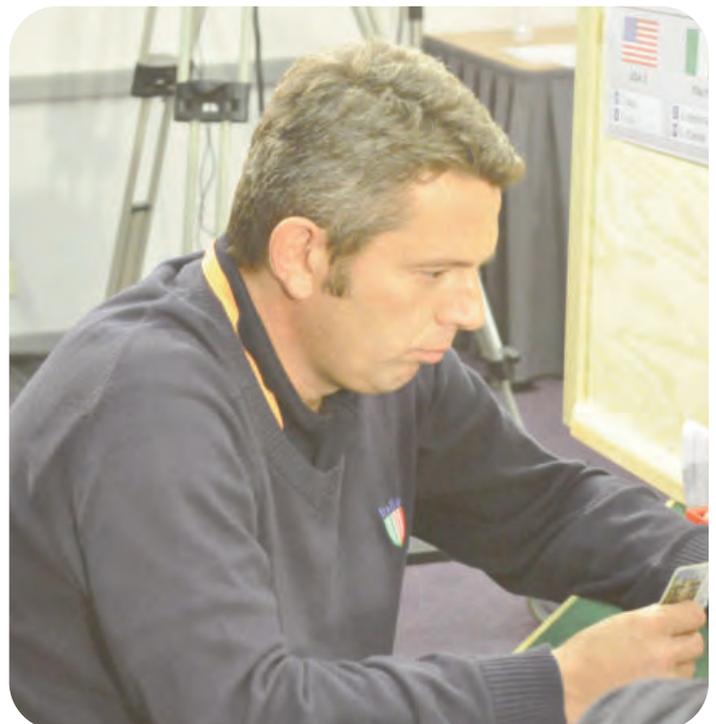
♦Q and declarer had a well-earned plus 150 for a 6-IMP swing to Iceland.

Jon Baldursson played skillfully on this deal to earn his side 1 IMP, a precious commodity considering the state of the match.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Baldursson	Lauria	Jonsson
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	All Pass	



Antonio Sementa, Italy

Lauria started with the $\diamond 7$, and Baldursson played dummy's queen. He played the $\spadesuit J$ at trick two, overtaking the $\spadesuit 10$ at the next trick to pitch a heart on the $\spadesuit A$. He continued with the $\clubsuit Q$ from hand. Lauria won the $\clubsuit K$, but there were only two more tricks coming, so declarer scored plus 130.

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Sementa	Jorgensen	Duboin
	1 \spadesuit	Pass	INT
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit
All Pass			

Jorgensen started with a trump to the 10, king and ace. Sementa played two more rounds of trumps before played the $\clubsuit A$ and $\clubsuit Q$. Jorgensen won the $\clubsuit K$ and switched accurately to a low heart. Bjarni Einarsson won the king and continued with the jack, blotting out dummy's 10. When the smoke cleared, Iceland had five tricks and another IMP in the bank.

It was 7-1 in favor of Iceland with three boards to play. The following deal helped Italy to pull closer.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

		\spadesuit 7 6	
		\heartsuit 9 6 4 2	
		\diamond A K J 10 6	
		\clubsuit 7 6	
\spadesuit A K J 8 4			\spadesuit 10 5
\heartsuit K 10			\heartsuit 7 5 3
\diamond 8 5 4			\diamond Q 9 7 3
\clubsuit A J 5			\clubsuit K Q 8 4
			\spadesuit Q 9 3 2
			\heartsuit A Q J 8
			\diamond 2
			\clubsuit 10 9 3 2
West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Sementa	Jorgensen	Duboin
		Pass	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Pass	INT	Pass
2 \clubsuit	2 \diamond	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Jorgensen led the $\spadesuit 10$ to the queen and king. Einarsson cashed the $\spadesuit A$ and continued with the jack. Sementa ruffed with the $\diamond J$ and Jorgensen discarded a low heart. Sementa played a low heart to dummy's ace and continued with the $\spadesuit 9$, discarding a club. Jorgensen ruffed, cashed the $\clubsuit K$ and played another club. Sementa ruffed and got out of his hand with a heart to Einarsson's king. Sementa ended up losing two trump tricks, two spades, a heart and a club for two down and minus 300.

At the other table, Alfredo Versace and Lauria had a long auction to 3NT by East, with no interference from their opponents.

Jonsson led a club, taken in dummy with the ace. Lauria played three more rounds of clubs, then put the $\spadesuit 10$ on the table: queen, ace, 6. Two more rounds of spades were fol-

lowed by a spade to Jonsson's 9. The defense could only cash out from that point, taking a heart and two diamonds. That was plus 400 for Italy and 3 IMPs to the good. The score was 7-4 Iceland.

The next-to-last deal put them ahead.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

		\spadesuit A Q 9 8 2	
		\heartsuit Q 10 4	
		\diamond Q 5	
		\clubsuit K Q 7	
\spadesuit -			\spadesuit 10 7 5 3
\heartsuit 9 8 7 3 2			\heartsuit A K J
\diamond K J 10 9 8 4 3			\diamond 2
\clubsuit 6			\clubsuit 10 9 8 5 2
			\spadesuit K J 6 4
			\heartsuit 6 5
			\diamond A 7 6
			\clubsuit A J 4 3

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Sementa	Jorgensen	Duboin
			1 \clubsuit
5 \diamond	Dbl	All Pass	

North led the $\clubsuit K$, switching to the $\heartsuit 10$ a trick two. Einarsson went up with the $\heartsuit A$ and played a diamond to the jack and North's queen. Sementa continued with a low heart, won by the king. The $\heartsuit J$ went to the queen, and declarer still had to lose a trick to the trump ace for two down and minus 300.

West	North	East	South
Versace	Baldursson	Lauria	Jonsson
			1 \diamond
3 \diamond^*	3 \spadesuit	4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit
5 \diamond	Dbl	5 \heartsuit	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Jonsson started with the $\spadesuit K$, ruffed in dummy. Declarer played a heart to his ace and continued with a diamond. Jonsson went up with the ace, cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and played another spade, which was ruffed. Now the $\diamond K$ brought down the queen, declarer pitching a spade. North discarded on the $\diamond J$, and declarer pitched a club. Declarer got rid of another club loser on the $\diamond 10$, but South ruffed, the third trick for the defense. Lauria was able to ruff losers in dummy and push winning diamonds through North, but he still had a club loser at the end.

The bidding and play record on BBO indicates that 5 \heartsuit was doubled and that declarer lost four tricks: the $\diamond A$, a diamond ruff by South, and later two club tricks. Nonetheless, the score was posted as minus 100 for Italy, a 5-IMP gain, which helped them to a 9-7 win.



Tight fight between Sweden and Poland

by Micke Melander

Normally, if such exists in bridge, matches between Sweden and Poland rarely see either team score big wins. Most often of all it ends in a draw, but it is also usual for some quite good bridge to be played. In Round 8 the two countries met for the latest installment in their rivalry. In Oostende 2010, when the two qualified for these World Championships, the match ended 18-12 in Sweden's favour.

Already on the first hand in the match, the IMPs started to flow. Upmark in the Closed Room decided to overcall with:

♠ Q 9 5 3 2
♥ 9 6
♦ K 8 6 3 2
♣ 6

against a Polish 1♣. He couldn't get partner to stop bidding until it was far too late and Martens doubled the Swedes in 3♠ for 500. In the Open Room the Swedish pair managed to stop in 2♥ going one off for 11 IMPs to Poland and the battle was on.

The second board was a push when the Open Room had an easy time in 3NT whilst the Swedes were practicing in 5♦; both contracts just made so no swing.

Then Board 19 arrived. When looking at such hands you can be sure that a lot of blood will be spilled when both tables can make games at the five level. Even 6♥ is making for E/W, if South doesn't find an underlead in the diamond suit to get a club ruff on the return.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	



Krzysztof Jassem, Poland

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	2♠*	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	4♠	5♥	5♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	6♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Martens saw the danger if he started by playing on trumps and instead went for a crossruff, ruffing clubs and hearts, and leaving the defense with four tricks. Fallenius in the Open Room didn't find the underlead in diamonds and kicked off with the king. When North didn't get a ruff, Narkiewicz claimed the contract.

That was 15 IMPs to Poland who now had taken off with a 26-0 start in only three boards! This certainly didn't look like the normal battle between the two countries. Regarding underleading in diamonds, it was only found against slam by Jorge Zanalda in the match between India and Argentina in the Seniors Bowl. Several players picked that lead when they were defending against 5♥.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both declarers got the three of hearts lead and that went to the queen and ace. King of spades and a spade to dummy's ace came next and a small heart from dummy. Here the defense went in separate ways. Buras returned a club to the queen and king. Narkiewicz played another club to declarer's ace and he now pulled the last trump before entering dummy in clubs, cashing the last one and discarding a diamond from hand. Fredin then played a diamond to the ten and could claim his contract.

At the other table Cullin exited with the nine of diamonds which went to queen and ace. Upmark now exited with his last trump and that ran to Martens' jack. Without any entry to dummy he tried to cash the queen of diamonds, hoping to see the jack fall. When that didn't happen, and the king of clubs was offside, the contract went one down. That was 12 IMPs to Sweden who were 'on the board'.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♦*	Dbl	4♣
Pass	4NT*	Dbl	Rdbl*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	7♥	All Pass	6♣

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	3NT*	Pass	1♥
Pass	7♥	All Pass	5NT

In the Bermuda Bowl 7♥ was only bid at four tables and, to be frank, it's quite a bad grand slam. But with the lucky lie of the diamonds neither declarer had any problem making their slam. Both probably were a little bit surprised to find it was a push when comparing afterwords.

At this time of the match some small partscores had been seen here and there, leaving it 40-25 to Poland.

Board 32. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Fallenius, who had very nice trump suit, decided to convert the take-out double into business and lead away with his singleton spade, which went to the jack and ace. Narkiewicz now tried a low diamond to Fredin's king and he exited with his trump which went to declarer's queen and Fallenius's king. He now cashed the ace of diamonds before exiting with a low heart. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs and played a spade towards dummy, Fallenius discarding a diamond. Narkiewicz ruffed a club on the way back and had to concede all the last tricks. Down two was 500 to the Swedes in the Open Room.

At the other table Jassem thought for a while before making a splinter in spades, eventually they came to rest in 5♦, a contract that was too high to be able to make, especially when the defence was cruel and led trumps every time they could, preventing any possibility of declarer getting some cheap ruffs. Martens found the queen-jack in diamonds without losing any trick in that suit, but still had to go one off. Fifty to Sweden at that table meant 550 and 11 IMPs, almost leveling the match score at 40-36. 16-14 to Poland was the final result. As usual, in other words...

D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL Round 7



USA 1

v

Italy



by Brian Senior

It seems as though the tournament has only just begun and yet this match took us to one-third of the way through the round robin stage. Overnight, both USA1 and Italy were in the middle of the field, outside the qualifying places but only by a few VPs. USA1 made the perfect start.

Board 1 . Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ Q 5 4		
	♥ 6		
	♦ J 9 7 3		
	♣ A 9 8 4 2		
♠ 8 7	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A K 9 6 3 2	
♥ K Q 10 3		♥ 9 5	
♦ 8 6 4 2		♦ A K Q 5	
♣ Q J 10		♣ 7	
	♠ J 10		
	♥ A J 8 7 4 2		
	♦ 10		
	♣ K 6 5 3		

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Morse	Caviezel	Wolff
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	2NT	Dbl	Pass
Dbl	All Pass	Dbl	3♣

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Mosca	Finkel	Vivaldi
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

With what would you reopen holding the East cards when South's 2♥ overcall comes around to you? Lew Finkel made the quiet rebid of 2♠ and was left to play there. Antonio Vivaldi led his singleton diamond round to declarer's king. Finkel cashed the top spades then led a heart up, Vivaldi ducking. Finkel won the heart king and led the queen of clubs off the table, Carlo Mosca playing the ace. Mosca returned the jack of diamonds to Finkel's ace. Finkel played his remaining heart. Vivaldi won the ace and had to play the king of clubs. That was ruffed and now Finkel exited with a spade to Mosca, who was endplayed to concede the rest; ten tricks for +170.

Franco Caviezel reopened with a double, as would I, and Franco Cedolin left it in for penalties. Dan Morse chose to look for something better so bid 2NT, asking for a minor, and Caviezel doubled. Bobby Wolff bid his clubs and

Cedolin doubled, ending the auction. Cedolin led the queen of clubs. Wolff won in hand and played the ten of diamonds and must have been delighted to find that Caviezel had to win the trick but had no trump to return. Wolff won the heart return and played the ten of spades. Caviezel won that and cashed the other top spade then played a top diamond but Wolff could ruff that and had the rest with the exception of one trump trick; nine tricks for +470 and 12 IMPs to USA1.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A J		
	♥ K Q 10 9 4		
	♦ A 9 5 4		
	♣ 10 9		
♠ 10 6	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 9 5 4	
♥ A 7 6 3		♥ 2	
♦ K Q 6		♦ J 8 7 3 2	
♣ K J 8 3		♣ A Q 7 5	
	♠ K Q 8 7 3 2		
	♥ J 8 5		
	♦ 10		
	♣ 6 4 2		

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Morse	Caviezel	Wolff
1♣	1♥	2♣	2♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Mosca	Finkel	Vivaldi
1♣	1♥	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Wolff was content to quietly support his partner's heart overcall while Vivaldi took the more aggressive approach of introducing his own suit. Two Hearts ended the auction, while 2♠ collected a cuebid from Mosca and Vivaldi eventually raised himself to the spade game.

Caviezel led ace and another club against 2♥. Cedolin won the club king and switched to a low trump but Morse simply won and played back a heart and the ace was his last loser; +170.

Ritchie Schwartz led the eight of clubs against 4♠. Finkel won the ace, cashed the queen, and switched to his singleton heart. Schwartz won the ace and gave him a ruff for one down; -100 and 7 IMPs to USA1.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Morse	Caviezel	Wolff
		1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Mosca	Finkel	Vivaldi
		1♦	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Identical contracts were reached but after different opening bids from East.

With no particularly attractive option, Mosca tried the effect of leading the jack of hearts. Schwartz won and played two more rounds of the suit to Vivaldi's queen, pitching a

diamond from hand. Vivaldi switched to a low diamond for the king and ace. Schwartz returned the diamond ten. Vivaldi won the queen and led a low spade to the king and ace. Mosca returned a diamond to dummy's ten. Schwartz cashed the heart winner, pitching a club from hand. Mosca also threw a club so now there were four clubs to cash; nine tricks in all for +150.

In the other room, Morse led the two of clubs. Cedolin played low from the dummy and won the trick with his ace. That was a poor start for declarer as he was now blocked from his third club winner. He led a diamond to the eight and queen and Wolff returned a low spade for the king and ace. Morse cashed the queen and ten of spades then switched to a low heart. Cedolin rose with dummy's ace and cashed the king of clubs before exiting with the nine of spades to Wolff's jack. Wolff led a low heart to the jack and king, won the heart return and led his last heart, putting dummy in to concede a diamond at the end for down one; -100 and 7 IMPs to USA1.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Morse	Caviezel	Wolff
		1♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Mosca	Finkel	Vivaldi
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

What would you lead on these two auctions?

Mosca led the ace of spades and, on seeing dummy, switched to a diamond. Schwartz took the ace, dropping the queen from hand, and led a heart to the jack and queen. Mosca made no mistake, cashing the ace of clubs before playing a second diamond. Schwartz won the jack and led a heart up; down one for -100.

Morse underled the ace of clubs at trick one. Cedolin won dummy's king and led a heart. Wolff flew in with the ace to give his partner a club ruff but it was Cedolin who was ruffing and he followed up by cashing the king of hearts so had eleven tricks for +650 and 13 IMPs to Italy, who needed them.



Carlo Mosca, Italy

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Morse	Caviezel	Wolff
1♠	2NT	3♦	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Mosca	Finkel	Vivaldi
1♠	Dbl	4♠	5♦
5♠	Dbl	All Pass	

Morse bid a natural 2NT after the 1♠ overcall and Caviezel cuebid to show a constructive spade raise. When Wolff raised to 3NT, Cedolin judged to defend. Caviezel led the ten of spades to the king and ace. The queen of diamonds was covered by king and ace and a diamond back to the ten allowed Morse to take the club finesse. That lost and back came a spade so Morse discarded the blocking club ace from dummy and had three club winners to cash before taking dummy's diamonds; twelve tricks for +690.

I'm not sure if Mosca had the option of a natural jump to 2NT in the other room but I believe that he was playing negative free bids, so that a forcing 2♣ was not a possibility. He started with a double and Finkel made a pre-emptive raise to 4♠. While it may not have affected the outcome of this particular board, this is a good illustration of the problems associated with playing negative free bids. Anyway, Vivaldi tried 5♦ and Schwartz saved in 5♠, which Mosca doubled as he had far too much in spades to hope to make a diamond slam (6♦ does make in practice, but it needs some good fortune).

Mosca led the three of diamonds, low from dummy and nine from Vivaldi. Schwartz ruffed and took the heart finesse. Vivaldi won the king, cashed the ace of clubs and switched back to hearts. Schwartz won in dummy and ran the ten of spades. Morse won the queen and led the queen of diamonds to the king, ace and ruff with the jack. Schwartz threw dummy's last diamond on the king of clubs then led a spade and just had to lose to the ace; two down for -300 but 9 IMPs to USA1.

The Americans won the match by 53-21 IMPs, 23-7 VPs, and were up to ninth in the rankings. Italy meanwhile had dropped to 17th.

Just the Facts

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

Name

Peter Friendly.

Date of Birth

Forever young!

Place of Birth

Elkatraz.

Place of Residence

German Ladies team.

What kind of food makes you happy?

Moose au Chocolat.

And what drink?

Moosehead Lager.

Who is your favourite author?

Anyone Amooseing.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Elk Pacino.

Actress?

Elke Sommer.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Muss i'denn Zum Städtele hinaus (but I don't have a wooden heart) by Elkis Presley.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

George Stubbs (he painted horses, but was about to start on Elks when he died)

What do you see as your best ever result?

Surviving the hunting season.

Do you have a favourite hand?

I recall 4♣ doubled and redoubled from Perth – or you could press my left hand.

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

Bridge in the Menagerie.

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Lapland.

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

Bugling (a loud series of vocalizations that establish dominance over other males and attracts females)

What is it you dislike in a person?

Stroking my antlers.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

I don't, but the team insist on stroking my antlers before every match.

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

Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Santa Claus, Mickey Moose and Bambi.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Ice skating.



Give them a chance

by Barry Rigal



Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Iceland

The first board of round seven presented the defenders and declarer with a signalling problem. The point of the deal was that declarer has to give the defenders a chance to err – but to do that he must know their methods and try to block them. This what happened when China opposed Iceland in the Bermuda Bowl.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ Q J 10</p>	<p>♠ Q 5 4 ♥ 6 ♦ J 9 7 3 ♣ A 9 8 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	<p>♠ A K 9 6 3 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A K Q 5 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ J 10 ♥ A J 8 7 4 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K 6 5 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Jorgensen	Li	Einarsson
Baldursson	Shi	Jonsson	Hou
		1♣	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both tables played 4♠ after East had meanly failed to re-open with a take-out double to keep his partner happy. The opening lead where Li was declarer was the spade jack. Declarer won the ace and king of spades and unsuspectingly played a heart – but made the mistake of leading the heart nine, against a pair playing upside-down signals. Einarsson won the ace and trusted his partner's six to be a singleton, so he gave him a heart ruff, killing the dummy. Now the de-

fenders were sure to collect a diamond and club trick for down one.

Hou led his singleton diamond and declarer played three rounds of spades at once, giving the defenders a harder task. The commentators were agreed that if North played a heart it ought to be from a doubleton not a singleton (but again East would need to know what signals N/S use here – even pairs who lead low from doubleton may shift in mid-hand to the top of doubletons, as do for example Fantoni-Nunes).

In fact, North unhelpfully played a count club two and the contract could no longer be defeated. When South won he could play a club to North's ace, but declarer would ruff, cash a diamond to test the suit, and then play a heart. If South led a low heart, declarer would win in dummy and take the ruffing club finesse for the extra trick, and if he cashed the ♥A he would set up an extra discard for declarer.

The only defences that are likely to work are for North to play a top diamond at trick four, or to cash the ♣A and play another one. That would clear up the club count and make South's defence much easier.

In the Bermuda Bowl, six N/S pairs went for significant penalties in hearts, while game in spades made three times and was defeated on five occasions.

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Vice is Nice

by Barry Rigal

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Li	Semanta	Liu
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♣
Dbl	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Over the last couple of months I have been burning the midnight oil with an intensive study of the vice squeeze (Americans spell it vise, which is far less picturesque). What – you don't recognize the manoeuvre? Well, Antonio Semanta demonstrates it nicely here.

Whereas 4♥ had gone down without a fight in the other room (declarer winning the first club and cashing the ♥A to run into a trump promotion) Semanta ducked the first club, then led out the ♥A, and overtook the ♦J with the ♦Q to play a second heart. North won the ♥K and exited in diamonds. Semanta won in hand and drew the trump, then tested diamonds, ruffing the fourth diamond back to hand. This was the ending:

<p>♠ K 10 7 ♥ – ♦ – ♣ –</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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 3 ♥ 5 ♦ – ♣ 10</p>
N					
W E					
S					
	<p>♠ Q J ♥ – ♦ – ♣ Q</p>				

At this point in the deal, declarer's last chance came in; the queen-jack of spades aside with the club guard (it does you no good to find the ♠A right since South can cash a club.) On the last trump South pitched a spade and declarer led a spade up to score trick 13 with the spade ten.

Video project on BridgeTopics.com

by Jan van Cleeff, Publisher

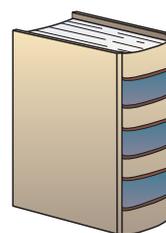


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An Eentsy Weentsy Problem

by Barry Myers



Declarer is playing in two spades and has already taken six tricks. You are in a three-card end position. Dummy is irrelevant and the other three hands all have only trumps left. You are over the dummy and on lead at trick eleven, about to lead through declarer and you hold Q-J-10 of spades. Which card do you lead?

(the answer below)

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Solution to An Eentsy Weentsy Problem

Well, you can't lead the queen, for if you do and declarer plays the king, partner will duck, taking care to beat the contract if declarer has K-J-9 (you would have to have led the queen from Q-10-x in case declarer had A-J-9).

And you can't play the jack, for again partner will duck when declarer plays the king, thinking he might hold K-Q-9.

So you must switch to the ten to ensure beating the contract whenever you can, but also taking three tricks whenever they are available.

WBF NOTICES

Laws Committee

The Laws Committee second meeting is scheduled on Thursday 20th, 12.00-14.00 and will take place in room 7, WBF meeting room#2.



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Patrick Jourdain, President

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