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Day of Reckoning at Hand



A night view of the Casino at Monte Carlo, which adds to the elegance and excitement of the 2003 World Bridge Championships

Like gunslingers with a date at the O.K. Corral, USA I and France will meet today in a Senior Bowl clash that most likely will decide the championship.

With one match to play, the Americans hold a lead of 7 Victory Points over second-place France and 11.5 VPs ahead of third-place USA II.

There are many scenarios for the final standings, but USA I is in the Senior Bowl driver's seat. They will stay in first with a tie or a win by any margin. There are still chances for France, obviously, and to a lesser extent USA II. That team must have a big win over Israel today and a loss by USA I to have a chance.

The quarterfinal rounds of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup conclude today and, based on standings at the end of play Monday, American teams will be playing each other in the semi-finals of both events, with Norway and Italy in a rematch of their Bermuda Bowl semi-final battle in Paris two years ago and China and the Netherlands squaring off in the Venice Cup.

VUGRAPH MATCH

Senior Bowl – Round 15 – 10.30

USA I v France

(Session 6) – 13.20

To be decided

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Transnational Teams

If you wish to play in the World Transnational Open Teams, you are advised that space is limited for this event. This applies to teams eliminated from the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, and teams still in the Senior Bowl. You must register **this morning**.

That latter scenario could change, however. While most of the combatants in the quarters have solid leads, the Netherlands were only 15 IMPs ahead of defending Venice Cup champions Germany with 32 boards to play.



RESULTS**Bermuda Bowl****Quarter-finals**

		Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total	
1	ITALY	AUSTRALIA	6.5 - 0	57 - 24	77 - 13	36 - 45	30 - 49	206.5 -131
2	USA I	CHINESE TAIPEI	16 - 0	33 - 20	92 - 14	46 - 61	50 - 9	237 -104
3	POLAND	USA II	4 - 0	24 - 62	28 - 49	34 - 34	20 - 49	110 -194
4	NORWAY	BULGARIA	4.5 - 0	44 - 36	60 - 17	35 - 48	64 - 35	207.5 -136

Venice Cup**Quarter-finals**

		Carry-over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total	
5	CHINA	SWEDEN	10 - 0	56 - 31	54 - 23	28 - 38	53 - 17	201 -109
6	USA I	CHINESE TAIPEI	16 - 0	22 - 40	24 - 44	53 - 40	66.5 -30.5	181.5 -154.5
7	USA II	CANADA	16 - 0	15 - 52	61 - 28	57 - 14	24 - 27	173 -121
8	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	6 - 0	41 - 44	40 - 25	41 - 20	20 - 44	148 -133

ROUND 13

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDONESIA	ITALY	64 53	17 13
2	JAPAN	GUADELOUPE	38 40	15 15
3	USA I	DENMARK	104 23	25 1
4	MONACO	EGYPT	24 89	3 25
5	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	61 66	14 16
6	FRANCE	PAKISTAN	64 33	21 9
7	BRAZIL/ARG	BYE	0 0	18 0
8	USA II	FR. POLYNESIA	98 33	25 3

ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FRANCE	JAPAN	43 25	18 12
2	USA II	BRAZIL/ARG	48 44	16 14
3	FR. POLYNESIA	ISRAEL	34 117	1 25
4	GUADELOUPE	USA I	45 37	16 14
5	BYE	AUSTRALIA	0 0	0 18
6	ITALY	MONACO	96 20	25 2
7	PAKISTAN	INDONESIA	22 117	0 25
8	EGYPT	DENMARK	47 52	14 16

ROUND 15 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	USA I	France
2	Bye	Polynesia
3	Guadeloupe	Egypt
4	Israel	USA II
5	Denmark	Italy
6	Indonesia	Japan
7	Monaco	Pakistan
8	Brazil/Arg	Australia

**Senior Bowl
Ranking after 14 rounds**

1	USA I	271
2	France	264
3	USA II	259.5
4	Israel	258
5	Indonesia	255
6	Italy	227
7	Australia	223.5
8	Denmark	219
9	Brazil/Arg	206.5
10	Japan	204
11	Egypt	200.5
12	Guadeloupe	188
13	Pakistan	169
14	Monaco	110
15	Fr. Polynesia	53

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FINAL BUTLER RANKING

Bermuda Bowl

Pair		Team	Boards	IMPs/B	Pair		Team	Boards	IMPs/B		
1	Fernandez	Ventin	ESP	240	1.02	33	Wu	Yen	CHT	240	-0.01
2	Antoff	Simpson	AUS	144	0.83	34	Hughes	Meltz	ZAF	208	-0.02
3	Doub	Wildavsky	USA 2	192	0.74	35	Ham	Zumarán	URU	208	-0.03
4	Gunev	Stamatov	BUL	224	0.70	36	Asbi	Tobing	IDN	272	-0.05
5	Fantoni	Nunes	ITA	224	0.69	37	Morse	Wolff	USA 2	208	-0.08
6	Mihov	Nanev	BUL	224	0.65	38	Landen	Rajadhyaksha	USA 2	240	-0.09
7	Rothier	Tognetti	MON	208	0.65	39	Gustawsson	Morath	SWE	192	-0.09
8	Meckstroth	Rodwell	USA 1	224	0.64	40	Cornell	Mayer	NZ	224	-0.11
9	Karwur	Panelewen	IDN	320	0.59	41	Krupowicz	Zawislak	POL	176	-0.11
10	Brogeland	Sælensminde	NOR	224	0.57	42	Lauria	Versace	ITA	224	-0.13
11	Del Monte	Fruewirth	AUS	224	0.52	43	Helgemo	Helness	NOR	208	-0.13
12	El Ahmady	Sadek	EGY	256	0.50	44	Jafer	Siddiqui	PAK	256	-0.14
13	Bach	Burgess	NZ	240	0.50	45	Catellani	Fissore	MON	192	-0.14
14	Hamman	Soloway	USA 1	224	0.48	46	Chmurski	Puczynski	POL	176	-0.18
15	Chiu	Yang	CHT	176	0.42	47	Freeman	Nickell	USA 1	192	-0.21
16	Bocchi	Duboin	ITA	224	0.41	48	Fu	Zhao	CHN	288	-0.24
17	Junqueira	Maia	BRA	192	0.41	49	Graupera	Pont	ESP	208	-0.25
18	Berthaeu	Nyström	SWE	208	0.35	50	Carve	Scavuzzo	URU	208	-0.28
19	Demuy	Wolpert	CAN	192	0.34	51	Aranha	Campos	BRA	224	-0.38
20	Gawrys	Jassem	POL	320	0.31	52	Allana	Fazli	PAK	304	-0.44
21	Shi	Zhuang	CHN	224	0.28	53	Petty	Smolski	BER	224	-0.44
22	Fergani	L'Ecuyer	CAN	192	0.15	54	Naguib	Sadek	EGY	192	-0.54
23	Czyzowicz	Wolpert	CAN	224	0.14	55	Allavena	Tardy	MON	240	-0.55
24	Karaivanov	Trendafilov	BUL	224	0.13	56	Castelein	Fick	ZAF	224	-0.59
25	Aa	Grøtheim	NOR	208	0.13	57	Branco	Toma	BRA	240	-0.61
26	Huang	Wu	CHT	208	0.11	58	Choksi	Venkataraman	IND	224	-0.70
27	Fredin	Lindkvist	SWE	240	0.08	59	Reynolds	Sprong	ZAF	224	-0.73
28	Richman	Thomson	AUS	272	0.07	60	Nadar	Satyanarayana	IND	224	-0.82
29	Brechner	Donath	URU	224	0.07	61	Jacob	Jedrychowski	NZ	208	-0.87
30	Gheewala	Khan	PAK	112	0.04	62	Frances	Torres	ESP	192	-0.87
31	Khalil	El Kourdy	EGY	176	0.02	63	Douglas	Harvey	BER	240	-0.94
32	Gupta	Tewari	IND	224	0.00	64	Hall	Saunders	BER	208	-1.29

Venice Cup

Pair		Team	Boards	IMPs/B	Pair		Team	Boards	IMPs/B		
1	Levin	Picus	USA1	192	1.11	27	Seamon-Molson	Sokolow	USA1	208	-0.13
2	Wang	Wang	CHN	176	1.09	28	Gomes	Putz	BRA	256	-0.14
3	Bjerkan	Weinstein	USA2	160	0.98	30	Mansell	Modlin	ZAF	240	-0.14
4	Gu	Zhang	CHN	192	0.93	29	Fihrrer	Swartz	ZAF	128	-0.14
5	Auken	von Arnim	GER	224	0.77	31	Deora	Shivdasani	IND	176	-0.15
6	Bryant	Gordon	CAN	224	0.71	32	Slimak	Tache	VEN	160	-0.16
7	Cohen	Wittes	USA2	176	0.60	33	Chang	Ho	CHT	160	-0.17
8	Arnolds	van Zwol	NTH	176	0.57	34	Dhondy	Smith	ENG	224	-0.18
9	Pasman	Simons	NTH	176	0.55	35	Agha	Bokhari	PAK	224	-0.20
10	Arrigoni	Olivieri	ITA	176	0.55	36	Glanger	Scudder	AUS	192	-0.20
11	Cimon	Kraft	CAN	176	0.54	37	Folkard	Kaplan	AUS	176	-0.24
12	Damayanti	Riantini	IDN	208	0.37	38	Andersson	Larsson	SWE	208	-0.27
14	Evelius-Nohrén	Karlsson-Uisk	SWE	160	0.34	39	Doria	Gottschalk	BRA	192	-0.32
13	Gromann	Weber	GER	96	0.34	40	Clinton	Eaton	CAN	144	-0.37
15	Bojoh	Tueje	IDN	272	0.33	42	Assouad	Choukri	EGY	176	-0.38
16	Van der Pas	Vriend	NTH	192	0.26	41	Mayadas	Thadani	IND	160	-0.38
17	Hirschhaut	Smith	VEN	208	0.16	43	Brunner	Goldenfield	ENG	160	-0.51
18	Penfold	Senior	ENG	128	0.15	44	Nehmert	Reim	GER	192	-0.53
19	Gong	Hu	CHT	224	0.14	45	Capriata	Golin	ITA	160	-0.57
20	Kalmin	Urbach	AUS	176	0.13	46	Azwer	Dossa	PAK	160	-0.61
21	Adrain	Hulett	ZAF	176	0.09	47	Maud	Lily	EGY	224	-0.64
22	Mancuso	Rogers	USA2	160	0.07	48	Omar	Sarwat	EGY	112	-0.65
23	Liu	Tsai	CHT	160	0.07	49	De Lucchi	Rosetta	ITA	208	-0.71
24	Forsberg	Grönkvist	SWE	176	-0.07	50	Rashid	Saigol	PAK	144	-0.72
25	Wang	Zhang	CHN	176	-0.09	51	Kennedy	Wei-Sender	USA1	112	-0.86
26	Karmarkar	Singapurin	IND	208	-0.13	52	Devletian	Diebold	VEN	176	-1.02
						53	Gil	Malta	BRA	80	-1.03

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Zhong</i>	East <i>Helness</i> INT	South <i>Jie</i> Pass
Pass	Pass		

Helness stole the contract, but VuGraph commentators were predicting it wouldn't be much of a loss for China because North/South were due to defeat the vulnerable contract by three tricks. It didn't happen.

Jie started with a low heart to the queen, and when Helness called for a club from dummy, Zhong made the strange play of the ♣J. A grateful Helness put up the queen and shifted to a spade. Helness took Zhong's queen with the ace and played another club. Suddenly he had six tricks instead of four. He didn't press his luck trying for more, and minus 100 was good for a 7-IMP gain for Norway.

The next deal was interesting because both declarers in 6♠ had to find a queen to make their contracts - and both did.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West <i>Haojun</i>	North <i>Saelensminde</i>	East <i>Zejun</i>	South <i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	6♦

Haojun led a low club, and Brogeland played low from dummy, ruffing in hand. The idea was to try to get as good a count on the opponents' hands as possible before trying to avoid a diamond loser.

Brogeland played a heart to dummy's ace at trick one and cashed the ♣A, pitching a diamond from hand. He then played a spade to the king, ducked by West. Another spade brought Haojun's ace, and Haojun continued with a third round of trumps. On the three rounds of spades, East had discarded a club, a low diamond and another club. Brogeland won the ♠10 in dummy and played a heart to the king, followed by a heart ruff and a club ruff (East followed with the ♣K). When Brogeland played his last spade, East and West both discarded heart honors as dummy let go of the ♣J.

Brogeland eventually went with the odds, playing the player who was void in spades and had shown up with five clubs to also

have the diamond length and therefore more likely the ♦Q. He played a diamond to the ace and ran the jack, earning plus 1430 for his team.

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Zhong</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Jie</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Zhong and Jie did well to get to the slam. It was up to Jie to make it. He also got a club for an opening lead, rising with the ace to pitch a diamond from hand. Jie played a spade right away to his king, ducked by Helgemo, who won the next round of spades and exited with a third. He won the trick in dummy, ruffed a club, played a heart to the ace, ruffed another club, then cashed the ♥K and ruffed a heart. Helness at that point had played the ♣K and followed to three hearts and had discarded a diamond. Zhao, as Brogeland did, figured East for the ♦Q and he backed his judgment by played the ♦A and running the jack for a push.

Norway gained 8 IMPs on the following deal to extend their lead.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West <i>Haojun</i>	North <i>Saelensminde</i>	East <i>Zejun</i>	South <i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2NT
Pass	3♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led his singleton club and Zejun finished with 12 tricks (North must have covered the ♠J the first time the suit was played); plus 480 for China.

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Fu</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Jie</i>
1♠	3♥	1♣	1♥
Dble	All Pass	4♥	5♥

Helgemo led the ♠J to the queen, king and ace. Jie immediately played a diamond from hand to the ten and queen. Helness re-

turned a spade to Helgemo's nine and the ♣7 was returned. Helness won and played another high club, ruffed by Zhao, who continued with a second diamond. Helness won again and played a third round of clubs. Jie erred by ruffing with the ♥7. Helgemo considered his options and finally overruffed with the nine, getting out with the ♠10. Jie had to ruff with the ♥10, so Helgemo eventually came to another heart trick for four down and plus 800 to Norway.

Trailing 20-11, China took the lead on this board with a well-judged auction.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Saelensminde and Brogeland had bid to 4♣, which might have made with a successful guess in clubs. It didn't happen, so Saelensminde finished one down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Zhong	Helness	Jie
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Zejun Zhuang, China

Helgemo might have given declarer an anxious moment with a low diamond lead but the suit was blocked, so three tricks were the limit in that suit. In practice, Helgemo started with a low heart, taken in dummy with the ten. Jie then played a low club to his jack. Helgemo won the queen and continued with hearts, but nine had four clubs, three hearts and two spades for his vulnerable game and a gain of 12 IMPs.

Norway got it back on the next-to-last deal of the tight, well-played match. Curiously, the swing also was based on one team's playing game in notrump and the other playing in spades. This time the suit contract was successful.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Haojun	Saelensminde	Zejun	Brogeland
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It's noteworthy that Haojun bid INT and then 3NT without a stopper in hearts. Fortunately, his partner was wise enough to have four to the king for him in dummy. The heart stopper was used up right off the bat, however, and Haojun simply didn't have enough tricks. He finished two down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Zhong	Helness	Jie
			Pass
1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Helgemo gave Helness all the information he needed - that he was short in hearts. Helness could figure his ♥K would score, so he figured to get some ruffs in dummy. The ♥10 went to the ace, and Zhong returned the jack, suggesting his other values were in clubs. Helness won and, taking Zhong at his word, tried the diamond finesse. When that worked, he was home. He cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♣A and ruffed another diamond. He could then ruff his last heart with the ♠Q and claimed with two club losers and the top two spades for ten tricks and a nifty 11-IMP gain.

China fought hard, but Norway emerged with the 31-23 victory; 17-13 VPs.

ROUND 11 Senior Bowl



Indonesia v USA I



USAI went into their Round 11 clash with Indonesia just 1 VP behind leaders France. Indonesia were lying fifth and also well in contention for a medal.

There were matches in which North, facing a passed partner, chose a pre-emptive overcall of the 1♥ opening. At this vulnerability I can certainly relate to a 3♠ bid - 2♠ is wet in my view - but in our match both Norths contented themselves with a quiet 1♠ overcall. Steve Robinson raised to 2♥ now and Kit Woolsey bid game, of course. I was surprised to see Denny Sacul pass and now Arwin Budirahardia twice doubled but the ♣K looked of dubious value to Sacul and he was not prepared to make an encouraging noise so the game was missed.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Budirahardia</i>	North <i>Baze</i>	East <i>Sacul</i>	South <i>Kasle</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West <i>Woolsey</i>	North <i>Lasut</i>	East <i>Robinson</i>	South <i>Manoppo</i>
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		Pass

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West <i>Budirahardia</i>	North <i>Baze</i>	East <i>Sacul</i>	South <i>Kasle</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West <i>Woolsey</i>	North <i>Lasut</i>	East <i>Robinson</i>	South <i>Manoppo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
3♦	All Pass		

The Indonesians sometimes respond 1♥ to a 1♦ opening with fewer than four hearts as a systemic matter. I don't know why and I certainly don't understand why this particular West should have to bid hearts (I am informed that it should show about an 11-count and is not required by a passed hand). When Sacul raised to 2♥, Budirahardia tried to wriggle out into no trump but was raised to 3NT by Sacul, who was expecting a quite different hand-type for this sequence. After a club lead to the king and ace and a club back, 3NT was completely hopeless, as it deserved to be. Declarer won the third club and played on spades and Gaylor Kasle won the ace to switch to a heart. Budirahardia won on table and led the ♦J for the queen, king and ace and was two down; -200.

At the other table Eddy Manoppo scraped up a take-out dou-



Henky Lasut, Indonesia

ble from somewhere and Woolsey made a pre-emptive diamond raise, ending the auction. Though there were two trump losers, the East/West hands fit very well together and Robinson had no difficulty in coming to nine tricks after a heart lead; +110 and 7 IMPs to USAI.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Budirahardia	Baze	Sacul	Kasle
	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♣	Dble
All Pass			



Arwin Budirahardja, Indonesia

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Lasut	Robinson	Manoppo
	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	Pass	5♣	5♦
All Pass			

Both Wests made a weak jump overcall, which looks normal with those club intermediates and facing a passed hand at favourable vulnerability. Robinson in turn pre-empted to 5♣ and Manoppo, true to his style, closed his eyes and bid 5♦. When he opened them again he found that he was in just the right spot. The cards lay very kindly so that there were no big decisions in the play and Manoppo soon scored up +600.

Sacul tried a little diversion by responding 3♦ on his three small then running to 4♣. The Americans misjudged the situation now and defended 4♣ doubled, where the winning club finesse meant that there were only four losers; down one for -100 but 11 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ K											
	♥ J 3											
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	♣ 7 5											

West	North	East	South
Budirahardia	Baze	Sacul	Kasle
		1♦	Pass
1♥	3♣	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Lasut	Robinson	Manoppo
		1♦	Pass
3♦	5♣	All Pass	

Again Budirahardia found a short 1♥ response to a 1♦ opening and once again he found himself playing a bad contract as a result. Grant Baze led three rounds of clubs against 3♥ and declarer could not afford to ruff the third round so pitched a diamond from dummy. Kasle ruffed and cashed the king of diamonds then switched to a spade for the king and ace. Budirahardia drew two rounds of trumps then cashed the spades and ruffed the fourth round. He had to give up a heart and a diamond for down two; -200.

As on the earlier hand, Woolsey made a weak raise to 3♦. Henky Lasut guessed to jump to 5♣, which seems a bit much to me but is certainly consistent with this Indonesian pair's style. A diamond was led to the bare king and Lasut played a spade for the king and ace. Back came a trump from Robinson but that did not cause any problems. Lasut won the ♣J and ruffed a diamond then a spade before drawing trumps. The fall of the diamond

honours was good news but there were two hearts to be lost; down one for -50 and 6 IMPs to USAI.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q J 5 3 ♥ — ♦ 9 ♣ A Q J 10 9 7 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K 6 ♥ K J 10 3 2 ♦ Q J 6 4 ♣ 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Budirahardia</i>	<i>Baze</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Kasle</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♥	5♣	Dble	Rdbl
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

The auction at one table was short and sweet when Lasut opened 5♣ and nobody had anything to add to that; +400. Baze preferred to open at the one level but jumped to 5♣ at his next turn and Sacul doubled, having every reason to imagine that the contract would usually be going down. Kasle had a huge hand on this auction and redoubled, The two North/South singletons showed up very quickly as Sacul led a top spade and switched to the queen of diamonds. Double disappointment for the defence and eleven tricks for +800 and 9 IMPs to USAI.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 ♥ 10 8 ♦ J 8 7 4 3 ♣ Q 9 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; 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	♠ 9 5 ♥ A Q J 6 5 3 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ 8 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Budirahardia</i>	<i>Baze</i>	<i>Sacul</i>	<i>Kasle</i>
Rdbl	Pass	2♥	Dble
Dble	3♦	Pass	2NT
		Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Woolsey</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♠	Pass

Manoppo did not come in over the weak two bid so Woolsey enquired then bid 4♥ on hearing that his partner had both a maximum and a good suit. Manoppo cashed a top diamond and switched to a club. The losing heart finesse meant a straightforward one down from here; -50.

Kasle made a slightly ugly take-out double of 2♥ and Budirahardia redoubled. Baze did not pull to 3♦ immediately but did so when Kasle's run out to 2NT got doubled. Sacul doubled 3♦ and that ended the auction. Three rounds of spades for a ruff ensured the contract's demise as there were two aces to come. Sacul switched to a club in response to a suit preference lead after ruffing the third spade so there was no problem for declarer there, but he would no doubt have got the club right anyway on the auction; down one for -200 and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

USAI led by 32-18 at half-time but Indonesia had slightly the better of the second half to pull back to 41-46 IMPs - a 16-14 VP win for USAI, who took over the lead by 2VPs from France, who were defeated 17-13 by Egypt.



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Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Andersson	Goldenfield	Larsson
1♠	1♦	Pass	Pass
	Pass	2♣	All Pass

A conservative auction saw England stop in a comfortable spot; +130.

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Smith	Gronkvist	Dhondy
1♠	1♣*	Pass	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

An aggressive auction saw Sweden reach a game that could not be defeated; +600.

The points Sweden gained on this board meant we had one of those scenarios where a swing in either direction would determine who qualified - unless Indonesia could pick up some more points in their match. For the moment Sweden were in pole position.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 8 3 2		♠ Q 4									
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♣ K 7 2	♣ 10 5 3										

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Andersson	Goldenfield	Larsson
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Not a great game, despite the points. However the cards were lying so well that declarer made eleven tricks.

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Smith	Gronkvist	Dhondy
2♥	Dble	1♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠
		3♥	All Pass

The Swedish pair gave no thought to the possibility of a game or a sizeable penalty and the England cheering section were in action as their favourites posted an important gain that saw England move back into the eighth qualifying spot.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Andersson	Goldenfield	Larsson
3♦	3♥	4♦	4♥
All Pass			

East's decision to bid only Four Diamonds and then fail to save was the subject of some discussion, but it left the Swedish declarer in a precarious contract that should have been defeated. East led the ace of diamonds and continued with a second diamond, ruffed by declarer. In an effort to retain control she played the queen of hearts and West won. A spade or heart now would ensure the defeat of the contract, but West played the two of clubs. It was asking a lot for declarer to play low, and she tried the queen, losing to the ace. It was now vital for East to return a club, removing a crucial entry to declarer's hand, but she played a spade. Now declarer could win in hand, draw trumps and run the eight of spades for a stunning +620.

West	North	East	South
Forsberg	Smith	Gronkvist	Dhondy
3♦	Dble	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

Declarer could ruff a club in dummy and was -300. Sweden were still behind in the match but ahead where it mattered. When the result from the Closed Room on Board 16 flashed onto the screen, a cold game bid by Sweden, it was clear they would be the ones to take the quarter-final spot barring a late surge by Indonesia, which did not materialise.

Lost

A sports jacket was taken instead of another in the coat check of the Sporting. Please bring it back.

ROUND 19

Bermuda Bowl



Bulgaria v Sweden



Steamroller

The team from Bulgaria entered the last day of play in the Bermuda Bowl round-robin with momentum on their side, having won four victories on Friday to vault into a qualifying spot at No. 6 from 15th place.

Bulgaria faced a challenge in a Swedish team also regaining its form and pushing for a spot in the top eight. It would be a tough match.

Sweden scored first, taking a 7-0 lead on Board 1 when Kalin Karaivanov and Roumen Trendafilov overbid to 3NT in the Closed Room, going down three tricks, while Anders Morath and Marten Gustawsson stopped in the much more reasonable contract of 2♦, making two overtricks for plus 130.

Bulgaria took the lead on the very next board, however.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 5											
♥ 8 7 3 2											
♦ A 9 6 4											
♣ A Q											
♠ J 4 3		♠ K 6 2									
♥ K 9 5		♥ J 6									
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West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lindkvist	Trendafilov	Fredin
Pass	Dble	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			Dble

Ivan Nanev's weak INT blew the Swedes out of the water and the collected only plus 100 in the doubled partscore. In the Open Room, the Bulgarians had a free run to the best spot.

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Mihov	Morath	Nanev
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass			4♥

Morath started with the ♦10, taken with dummy's queen, and Vladimir Mihov played the ♠7 to the eight and Morath's king.

The low heart return went to the ten and king and a club was returned to the queen. There wasn't much more to the play. Mihov had plus 620 and Bulgaria 11 IMPs.

Bulgaria scored again when the Swedes at both tables took unsuccessful views.

On the next board, Gustawsson played well to land his game contract

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Fredin made an imaginative bid that paid off for the Swedes.

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lindkvist	Trendafilov	Fredin
1♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Magnus Lindkvist went down only two for minus 300.



Roumen Trendafilov, Bulgaria

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Mihov	Morath	Nanev
1♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Mihov started with his singleton club, and Gustawsson played expertly to land 10 tricks. He won the ♣K in dummy, played two rounds of trumps ending in hand, then cashed the ♣A and ruffed his club loser. He returned to hand with the ♦A and claimed for plus 620 and a 4-IMP gain.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

♠ 4	
♥ A 8 7 6 4	
♦ K 7 5 3	
♣ K 6 5	

West	North	East	South
Karaivanov	Lindkvist	Trendafilov	Fredin
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Peter Fredin's gamble might have worked - indeed, at least one East/West pair let the slam through - but Trendafilov did not err on defense, starting with the ♠A and switching to a diamond for plus 50.

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Mihov	Morath	Nanev
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♣
3♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass

There were only two tricks for the defense, so Mihov had plus 550 and another 12 IMPs for his side.

IBPA meeting, awards and press conference



The annual general meeting and awards ceremony of the International Bridge Press Association is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m. at the Hotel Hermitage.

The IBPA annual press awards will be made at 9:45 a.m.
 The WBF press conference will take place on Friday, Nov. 14, at 11:45 a.m. in the same room. José Damiani invites members of the press to join him afterwards for lunch. IBPA members wishing to participate must register in the Press Room with Elly Ducheyne.

On Board 10, Nanev had to defend well to avoid a loss.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

In the Closed Room, Trendafilov and Karaivanov stopped in the sensible contract of 2♥ after a Multi 2♦ opener by East. The contract made on the nose for plus 110.

Gustawsson and Morath were more ambitious.

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	Mihov	Morath	Nanev
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This was not a good contract. Nanev started with a high diamond and had the first of two chances to make the killing club switch (he was going to get in with the ♥K, of course). He did it at trick two, and Morath had no chance. Plus 50 gave Bulgaria 5 IMPs instead of a 7-IMP loss.

The match was close until Bulgaria blew it open with two major swings near the end.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

♠ K 7 6 4	
♥ Q 8 2	
♦ J 7 6	
♣ Q 8 2	

Karaivanov and Trendafilov sailed into a spade slam that has the virtue of being cold, thanks to the lie of the club suit. The Swedes in the Closed Room could not have felt good about writing minus 1430 in their scorecards.

Gustawsson and Morath conducted a labored auction to 3NT by West, taking 11 tricks on the lead of a low club, ducked to South's queen. That was plus 660 but a 13-IMP loss.

The next-to-last board was the crusher for Sweden.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Karavivanov</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
			1♠
2♣	2♠	3NT	4♥
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

West started with the ♣A, switching to the ♦A at trick two. Fredin ruffed and played the ♠Q to the king. Trendafilov got out with a low diamond, ruffed in the closed hand. Fredin then played a club to dummy's king and returned a heart, finessing the jack. West won the ♥Q and continued to tap declarer with another diamond. At that point, Fredin could not afford to play another trump - if he did, East could cash a diamond. There was no way to avoid down two for minus 500.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Nanev</i>
			1♠
2♣	3♠	3NT	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Gustawsson started with the ♣A, but at trick two he switched to the ♥Q. It was easy from there for Nanev, who lost only the two high trumps for plus 790 and a 15-IMP swing for Bulgaria, who continued on their roll to a spot in the quarter-final round with a 57-21 victory. The only question was who their opponents would be.

Transnational Schedule

Monday 10 November

18.00 - 19.30	Match 1
20.00 - 21.30	Match 2
22.00 - 23.30	Match 3

Not Singing Yet

There are lots of ways to say never give up. Yogi Berra, the famous baseball player, is often quoted as saying, "It ain't over 'til it's over." Some people say, "It's not over until the fat lady sings."

However you say it, real competitors always keep trying no matter the odds, as demonstrated by USA II, who managed to scratch and claw their way into the knockout phase of the Bermuda Bowl.

As the teams sat down for the final match of the round robin, the situation did not look good for USA II.

Early in the day, the Americans lost to India in Round 19. They rallied with a 50-7 win over China in Round 20 and faced New Zealand in their final match, 13 Victory Points behind Canada, who occupied eighth place.

Things looked great for USA II, who surged to a 36-0 lead against the Kiwis through 13 boards. Little by little they had closed in on the Canadians, who had scored only 11IMP against Poland and trailed by 35 IMPs with three boards to play. USA II had actually moved into eighth place.

On Boards 14 and 15, however, the Canadians gained 17 IMPs and moved back into eighth place. They seemed certain to make it through.

The nervous VuGraph audience could see that the final board of the set was a routine 3NT that everyone would bid, so if USA II was going to make a move, it had to be on Board 15.

Miraculously, they managed a 9-IMP swing, and their 44-1 win was just enough to push them past Canada with 339 VPs to 338.

This was the key deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Woff</i>		<i>Morse</i>
			Pass
3♦	3♥	4♦	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

The diamond pre-empt pushed Bobby Wolff and Dan Morse into the vulnerable game, and New Zealanders were more or less forced to save. The friendly lie of the cards meant Wolff was going to make his contract. He and Morse took the

expected four tricks against 5♦ doubled for plus 300.

West	North	East	South
Landen		Pratap	
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♦	Dble	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

VuGraph commentator Eric Kokish predicted that Steve Landen would open the West hand with 1♦ instead of 3♦, and the decision served his side well and made the play of 3♠ much more difficult.

Landen started with the ♦K, overtaken by Pratap Rajadhyaksha with the ace to return the jack, forcing dummy to ruff. Curiously, the declarer played the ♥A, followed by the queen. Landen won the ♥K and exited cleverly with the ♣2 - declarer

was never going to get this one right after Landen opened only 1♦. Pratap won the ♣K with the ace and fired the suit back to the ten and queen.

Declarer played the ♥J, discarding a club, but Landen ruffed with his singleton ♠10 and cashed the ♣J as Pratap threw his last diamond. Landen was down to all diamonds, so when he exited with that suit and declarer discarded from dummy, Pratap ruffed low. The overruff allowed declarer to pick up the trump suit for no losers, avoiding minus 200. Down one for minus 100 was still a 9-IMP loss. Had declarer made the contract - a task that was not overwhelmingly difficult - Canada would be playing in the quarter-final. The swing would have been only 4 IMPs to USA II, and they needed at least 8 IMPs to earn enough VPs to qualify.

Le petit écho de Monaco

par Guy Dupont

Millésime

Quatre équipes européennes qualifiées en quart de finale de la Bermuda Bowl, trois dans la Venice Cup. L'Europe a connu des millésimes plus prospères. Celui des Etats-Unis est, en revanche, égal à lui-même dans la qualité : deux sur deux, dans chacune des épreuves, bien que dans la Bermuda Bowl, pour une fois, il ait fallu attendre le dernier match (et peut-être même la dernière donne) pour que ce succès habituel se concrétise.

Les lions

103,5 points d'avance pour l'Italie, face à l'Australie, après seulement 32 donnes (sur 96) des quarts de finale de la Bermuda Bowl, et 106 pour les Etats-Unis I, contre Taïpei. Les lions sont lâchés. Au bridgevision, c'est impressionnant, même si on regrette un peu, pour le suspense.

Information illicite

Dans le match Canada-Taïpei, retransmis au rama, le junior canadien Gavin Wolpert a appelé l'arbitre car il estimait que le mouvement des caméras constituait une source d'informations pour ses adversaires. Sa requête n'a pas été suivie d'effet. Il est juste de préciser que l'appel est survenu sur la donne qui suivait un coup où les jeunes Canadiens n'avaient pas trouvé la défense mortelle, sur 3♠ contré, alors que 4♥ gagnait dans leur ligne, et qui leur avait coûté 15 imp.

Distrait

En descendant l'escalier du Sporting après un match disputé au rama, le Chinois Zhong Fu s'est aperçu qu'il avait emporté avec lui ...le chariot d'enchères. Il est revenu le restituer à Babette Piganeau, la speakerine du bridgevision, en se confondant en excuses.

Contre-pied

Une entame du 21e et dernier tour des qualifications de la Bermuda Bowl, dans le match Australie-Suède. Votre main en Ouest :

♠ 10
♥ R 9
♦ R D 9 7 6 4 3
♣ V 10 2



Donne 15, Sud donneur, Nord-Sud vulnérables. Les enchères :

O	N	E	S
Gustawsson	Thomson	Morath	Richman
Passe	1♥	Passe	1♠
3♦	Contre	Passe	4♠
(Fin)			

Quelle est votre entame ?

Marten Gustawsson a déposé le 9 de ♥ sur la table. Mettez-vous alors à la place du déclarant :

♠ D 8 4		♠ V 9 3 2
♥ A D V 10 5		♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ 2		♦ A V 10
♣ R D 5 3		♣ A 4
♠ 10		♠ A R 7 6 5
♥ R 9		♥ 7 4
♦ R D 9 7 6 4 3		♦ 8 5
♣ V 10 2		♣ 9 8 7 6

Bobby Richman, convaincu qu'Ouest avait entamé d'un singleton, prit de l'As de ♥. Espérant trois atouts en Est, il envisagea de gagner en encaissant As-Roi de ♠, avant de rejouer ♥, afin de limiter ses perdantes à un atout (si la défense contre-attaquait à ♦, après le Roi de ♥), un ♦ et l'As de ♣ (ou éventuellement un ♦ et deux ♣, si la défense jouait atout après le Roi de ♥).

Mais ses espoirs furent de courte durée, quand Ouest défaussa au deuxième tour de ♠. Moins deux.

Sur une autre entame, le coup est sur table, avec la réussite de l'impasse au Roi de ♥ que n'a aucune raison de se refuser le déclarant.

Erratum : dans Le Petit Echo d'hier, la séquence d'enchères de notre premier problème provenait de la rencontre Angleterre-USA I de la Venice Cup, et non d'Angleterre-Canada, comme indiqué par erreur. Sorry.

Fifty Fifty

Paul Chemla, aux commentaires du bridgevision, se posait la question, à propos de la donne 28 de la deuxième séance des quarts de finale : " Je serais curieux de savoir combien de paires vont appeler le grand chelem à ♣ ? ".

Donneur Ouest, Nord-Sud vulnérables

♠ V 7 2 ♥ V 10 9 8 4 ♦ R 6 ♣ 9 5 2		♠ R 9 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ A D 10 8 5 3 ♣ R V	♠ 10 5 3 ♥ D 7 3 ♦ V 9 7 4 2 ♣ 4 3
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Eh bien ! Il fut quatre fois appelé, aux huit tables de la Bermuda Bowl (en ce qui concerne la Venice Cup, lorsque les scores de l'épreuve féminine apparurent à l'écran du rama, aucun grand chelem n'avait été demandé à sept des huit tables, mais... il manquait le résultat de la huitième).

Qui l'a appelé ? Les Etats-Unis I, la Pologne, la Bulgarie et la Norvège. Malheureusement pour les deux derniers, c'était dans le match qui les opposait !

La séquence américaine :

O	N	E	S
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Chiu</i>
1 ♣	Passe	1 ♦	Passe
1 ♠	Passe	2 ♥	Passe
3 ♠	Passe	4 ♣	Passe
4 ♥	Passe	4 ♠	Passe
5 ♣	Passe	5 ♥	Passe
5 ♠	Passe	5 SA	Passe
7 ♣	(Fin)		

La séquence norvégienne :

O	N	E	S
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
1 ♣	Passe	1 ♦*	Passe
1 ♠	Passe	1 SA*	Passe
2 ♠	Passe	3 ♣	Passe
4 ♦	Passe	4 SA	Passe
5 ♠	Passe	5 SA	Passe
6 ♥	Passe	7 ♣	(Fin)

Au fait ! Comment jouez-vous, sur l'entame à ♣ ?

Suivez Brogeland : il prend du Valet, coupe un ♦, monte au mort par le Roi de ♣ et coupe un autre ♦. Le Roi tombe en Nord, et c'est la fin de ses problèmes.

Mais, à supposer que rien n'apparaisse, on élimine le dernier atout, on remonte au mort par le Roi de ♠ et on coupe un autre ♦. On gagne ainsi avec les ♦ 4-3, quelle que soit la place du Roi, et si la couleur accroche, on a encore la ressource de s'en remettre à un partage 3-3 des ♠, ou à un squeeze ♦-♠.

Pas de résultats d'ensemble sur la donne dans la Senior Bowl, mais dans le match France-Pakistan, le grand chelem fut appelé aux deux tables.

La séquence pur jus naturelle de Philippe Poizat et Guy Lasserre :

O	N	E	S
<i>Poizat</i>		<i>Lasserre</i>	
1 ♣	Passe	1 ♦	Passe
1 ♠	Passe	2 ♥	Passe
3 ♠	Passe	4 ♣	Passe
4 ♦	Passe	4 ♠	Passe
5 ♦	Passe	5 ♥	Passe
7 ♣	(Fin)		

Chez les Pakistanais, l'affaire fut bouclée en trois tours d'enchères :

O	N	E	S
2 ♣*	Passe	4 SA	Passe
5 ♠	Passe	5 SA	Passe
6 ♦	Passe	7 ♠	(Fin)

* naturel à ♣.

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