US dominates Bermuda race; France has Venice edge

The United States teams are doing very well in both the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup. United States I and United States II are running 1-2 in the Bermuda Bowl, and in the Venice Cup United States I and United States II are placed second and third behind France, in first place for the third straight day.

Bermuda Bowl

USA I lost one of their matches yesterday – to Italy 17-13 in Match No. 9. However, they had strong games in their other two matches, blitzing Tunisia, 25-2, and defeating Chile, 19-11. USA II surprised Brazil, taking the lead at the outset and going on to a 25-4 blitz in Match No. 7. The defending champions then topped both Tunisia, 19-11, and Chile, 17-13.

Norway slipped a bit early in the day, edging by New Zealand, 16-14, then losing to France, 18-12. However, a 25-2 blitz against South Africa enabled them to hold onto third place, only 4 VPs behind USA I and 3 behind USA 2. Surprising Australia continued their strong run, losing a squeaker to Chile but then topping strong Italy, 21-9. They closed the day with a 23-7 victory over Venezuela.

Poland, Italy, China and France round out the top eight – the number of teams that will qualify for the quarterfinals. Chinese Taipei, Brazil and Canada are within striking distance. Brazil suffered a dismal day, losing a blitz to USA II, losing to India and tying Canada.

It was a high-scoring morning and afternoon – there were nine matches in which more than 100 IMPs were scored.

Venice Cup

France maintained its hold on the top spot despite a 22-8 loss to USA I. They scored victories over both South Africa and Argentina, but both were close matches.

In the meanwhile USA I leaped into second place, only 5 Victory Points out of first, with a blitz against Tunisia and a 19-11 victory over Chile. They were slowed down in Match No. 9, losing to Italy, 17-13.

Another 3 VPs back are USA II. Non-playing captain Sue Sachs learned yesterday that ailing Lynn Deas will return to the team today and intends to play in Match No. 12. Lynn is hoping to play five of the remaining round-robin matches. According to Juanita Chambers, her teammate, Lynn is eating well, is in good spirits, has the infection under control, has got her temperature back to normal, and is eager to play. Lynn will play from a wheelchair because myasthenia gravis has immobilised her.

Great Britain scored three strong triumphs, over Chinese Taipei, Australia and India, and is trailing USA II by only a single Victory Point. Germany went into the third day hoping to pile up at least 70 Victory Points to make a big leap up the standings. They won all three of their matches, but their VP total was only 62. That was good enough to place them sixth, one point behind Canada.

China and the Netherlands round out the top eight, but Italy, South Africa and Argentina are well within range.

Registration

The registration of the International teams will start on Friday 24th October at 14.30 at the Hospitality Desk on the ground floor of the Sol Azur.

All those teams that have not paid the entry fee are kindly requested to do so, before registration, at the office of Mrs Christine Francin, from 10.00 to 12.00 and from 14.30 to 16.00. The office is located on the second floor.
**Bermuda Bowl - Results**

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**Bermuda Bowl - Program**

**Round 10** 11h00

1. Venezuela - USA I
2. Italy - USA II
3. Chile - India
4. Tunisia - Canada
5. Brazil - Denmark
6. Poland - China
7. Australia - Norway
8. South Africa - Chinese Taipei
9. France - New Zealand

**Round 11** 14h30

1. USA I - Norway
2. USA II - Venezuela
3. India - Italy
4. Canada - Chile
5. Denmark - Tunisia
6. China - Brazil
7. Chinese Taipei - Australia
8. New Zealand - South Africa
9. France - Poland

**Round 12** 18h00

1. Chinese Taipei - USA I
2. Norway - USA II
3. Venezuela - India
4. Italy - Canada
5. Chile - Denmark
6. Tunisia - China
7. Poland - Brazil
8. Australia - New Zealand
9. South Africa - France

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**Smoking in Hammamet**

The tournament is normally non-smoking, unless if, by special agreement of the concerned players at a table, the tournament director is requested to allow it. The tournament director will, however, be entitled to forbid smoking if the room becomes too smoky.

On submitting their lineups, team captains will be requested to add an S to the names of the smoking players. No cigars or pipes. Only players are allowed to smoke.

The same smoking policy will apply next year at the World Championships in Lille, France.

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**Press cocktails and Press trip**

The Tunisian Bridge Federation cordially invites all members of the IBPA as well as local Tunisian journalists to join them for cocktails in the Roy Azur on Friday morning, 24 October, at 11 a.m. Present will be Jose Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation; Hosni Zouari, president of the Tunisian Bridge Federation, and Omar Sharif, who is visiting these championships.

On Saturday, the Tunisian Bridge Federation invites all members of the IBPA to take part in a Press trip. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Sol Azur. On the trip the group will visit the Bardo Museum, Carthage and Sidi Bou Said, where lunch will be served. The bus will return about 3 p.m.

If you wish to go you must register with Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room by noon Friday at the latest.
Venice Cup - Results

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11. | Chinese Taipei - Great Britain | 19 - 63 | 6 - 24
12. | Australia - China | 6 - 96 | 0 - 25
13. | India - Colombia | 44 - 68 | 10 - 20
14. | South Africa - Canada | 36 - 59 | 10 - 20
15. | Argentina - Brazil | 82 - 21 | 25 - 3
16. | Italy - Netherlands | 20 - 77 | 4 - 25
17. | USA II - New Zealand | 61 - 66 | 14 - 16
18. | Tunisia - Germany | 8 - 112 | 0 - 25

Round 8
Table | Match | IMPs | VPs
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10. | South Africa - France | 26 - 45 | 11 - 19
11. | USA I - Chinese Taipei | 44 - 19 | 20 - 10
12. | Great Britain - Australia | 32 - 20 | 17 - 13
13. | China - India | 49 - 48 | 15 - 15
14. | Germany - Colombia | 56 - 33 | 20 - 10
15. | Canada - Argentina | 57 - 21 | 22 - 8
16. | Brazil - Italy | 37 - 80 | 6 - 24
17. | Netherlands - USA II | 18 - 48 | 9 - 21
18. | New Zealand - Tunisia | 70 - 25 | 24 - 6

Round 9
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10. | France - Argentina | 39 - 29 | 17 - 13
11. | Chinese Taipei - South Africa | 41 - 27 | 18 - 12
12. | Australia - USA I | 20 - 40 | 11 - 9
13. | India - Great Britain | 26 - 48 | 10 - 20
14. | Colombia - China | 28 - 22 | 16 - 14
15. | Italy - Canada | 49 - 13 | 22 - 8
16. | USA II - Brazil | 49 - 16 | 22 - 8
17. | Tunisia - Netherlands | 31 - 43 | 13 - 17
18. | New Zealand - Germany | 22 - 34 | 13 - 17

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Venice Cup Rankings after 9 rounds

1 FRANCE | 165
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3 USA II | 157
4 GREAT BRITAIN | 156
5 CANADA | 150
6 GERMANY | 149
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14 INDIA | 115
15 COLOMBIA | 112
16 CHINESE TAIPEI | 110
17 BRAZIL | 102
18 TUNISIA | 87

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For Tunisia, Neila Guellaty and Hedia Baccar bid simply: 1♣ - 2♣ - 4♣ = 1NT. Gail Gersowsky, for South Africa, led a low diamond to dummy’s ten. Guellaty led a heart to the king, then played three rounds of spades, bidding a club. Now she tried to cash two diamonds but when North, Shirley Murray, could ruff, there was no recovery. Careless play in the ending led to two down; -100.

For South Africa, Anastasia Nestoridis and Judy Osie also had a free auction: 1♥ - 2♥ - 2NT - 3NT. Najet Sfar led the ♦ and Nestoridis ducked in dummy and won her ace. She cashed the ace and queen of diamonds followed by the king and ace of spades. Now came a heart to the king and when South showed out declarer finessed the ♠10, cashed the ♠K and led a heart to her queen. Finally, a club to the queen allowed her to cash the ♠Q for an excellent +460 IMPs to South Africa. But Tunisia bounced straight back on the next board.

The South Africans were pushed a level too high when their opponents found the diamond fit. The ♠A lead solved one of declarer’s problems but there was no way of avoiding three spade losers and the ♠A; one down for -50.

Osie had an awkward bid in response to the negative double and solved it by bidding her three-card spade suit. If the double had already guaranteed four spades, then perhaps Nestoridis should have bid 1NT now to show the hearts. Perhaps she had not promised four spades, because she invited game in spades and, with substantial extra high-card strength but nothing in hearts, Osie had little option but to go on to ♠4.

Declarer won the heart lead and promptly played a spade to the ten and king. However, there just weren’t enough tricks and she drifted two down: -200 and 13 IMPs to Tunisia.

In the Closed Room, Jellouli opened the North hand 1NT in fourth seat and Sfar responded 2♣, transferring to clubs. 2♣ was doubled for the lead and now Jellouli leaped to 3NT on the strength of her club fit. With a suit likely to provide six running tricks, Sfar had no reason to remove 3NT but Jellouli’s lack of quick side-tricks meant that 3NT was hopeless. After a spade lead she tried to establish the extra tricks she required by playing on hearts but all that meant was that she was three down when the defenders took their tricks; -300.

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In the Open Room, Baccar opened 1NT after a pass by South and was soon in 3NT after a Stayman sequence. Murray led the ♦K and Baccar won the ace and played the ♦9 to the ten and king. Then, inaccurately, she ducked a diamond. Back came a low club, run to the jack. Murray played the ♦8 and Baccar rose with the jack and took a second club finesse. Then she cashed two more clubs, squeezing North. Murray threw a heart then bared her ♦K, but Baccar read the position correctly. After cashing the ♦A she led a low spade to the king and ace then finessed the ♦10 to make an over-трick; +630.

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show her diamond shortage. Slightly pessimistically, Nestoridis signed-off in 4 ♦, but now Osie went on with a highly aggressive 5 ♠ bid, asking for good trumps. Nestoridis had those and duly raised herself to six. That was +1010 to South Africa and 4 IMPs to them instead of nine to Tunisia had the slam not been bid.

Board 14. Love All, Dealer East.

West North East South
Osie Jellouli Nestoridis Sfar
Pass 1♣ Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

Quite why Jellouli should imagine that her spade holding constituted a stopper is difficult to imagine. She was swiftly disabused of this notion as the defence cashed the first seven tricks; three down for -150 and 6 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 15. North/South Game, Dealer South.

West North East South
Osie Jellouli Nestoridis Sfar
1♣ 2♦ Pass 3NT All Pass

The bidding went:

- ♠32
- ♠A J 8 4
- ♠Q K 9 7
- ♠43
- ♠K Q J 9 5
- ♠ –
- ♠A J 5
- ♠Q 8 7 6 5
- ♠6 4
- ♠K 7 2
- ♠8 6 4 2
- ♠K J 9 2

Both Wests played 3♣ after North had made a take-out double of 1♣ and they had made a game try of 3♣, declined by East. Osie had an easy ride after Jellouli led the K, won the diamond return and switched to a club. She was able to ruff a club so lost only a spade, a club and a diamond; +170.

Baccar had a rougher ride when Murray led a low spade. She won in dummy and played ace and ten of clubs to South's king. Gersowsky continued trumps. Murray won the ace and played a third round. Baccar won the trump in hand and cashed the ♦Q, getting the ten scored; +170.

In the Open Room, Tunisia had a free run to 3♣: 1NT - 3♠. Murray led a heart to the jack and Gersowsky continued trumps. Baccar won a low trump to dummy's nine, then passed the ♦Q to the queen. Murray played a second heart through and the defence took its red tricks then played a second diamond and sat back and waited for the ♦K; two down for -100.

That gave Tunisia a slight chance for a gain because there is a thin 5♣ available for North/South. This was the auction in the Closed Room:

West North East South
Osie Jellouli Nestoridis Sfar
1♣ Pass Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

The TD ruled that West had been misinformed and West claimed she would have led a heart had she received the same explanation as East. The contract would then have failed, and the TD adjusted the score to 3NT, down one.

The Committee:
The Committee ruled the TD’s decision to stand and upheld the result 3NT, down one.

The committee’s decision:
The Committee found that in fact this was a frivolous appeal, but due to possible inexperience of the appealing team, the deposit was returned.

Appeals Committee:
Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), John Wignall (NZ), Bill Pencharz (GB), Eric Koklish (Canada), Naki Bruni (Italy).

Venice Cup Round 3;
South Africa vs Tunisia

West North East South
Osie Jellouli Nestoridis Sfar
2♦ Pass Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

Facts:
The TD was called to the table at the end of play.
2♦ was alerted (weak).
3♠ was alerted by North and explained as “transfer”, and since it was a transfer into the opponents’ suit, it was Stayman. South however explained to West that 3♠ was natural and forcing.
West led a small spade.

Your choice, gentlemen!

by Knut Kjoemsroed

The very first board of the third round match between Italy and Norway produced some neat declarer play by Alfredo Versace:

Love All, Dealer North.

West North East South
Helgemo Versace Helness Lauria
2♦ Pass Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

The bidding went:

West North East South
Helgemo Versace Helness Lauria
1NT Pass Pass Pass
Pass 2 NT All Pass

Lauria’s double was for takeout, and the contract did not look at all safe. Helness started with the queen of spades which held the trick and another spade was taken by the king. The queen of hearts was ducked all around and a second heart was captured by Helness’ king. He switched to a low diamond won by the six and another heart was taken by Helgemo who drove out the ace of spades. Versace now played the queen of diamonds to Helness’ ace, and this was the end position:

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The committee’s decision:
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Appeals No. 1
reported by Hans Folke (Denmark)

Result on the board: nine tricks; North/South +600.

TD’s ruling:
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Appellants:
North/South appealed.

The TD:
The TD had used Laws 40C and 75 and recited the laws for the Committee. Asked by the Committee, the TD said that there had not been a detailed analysis of the hand, but that South surely would have gone down after a heart lead.

The players:
The captain of the North/South pair agreed that there had been a misinformation, and that without this misinformation West would probably have led a heart, but claimed that South would have made her contract anyway. The non-appealing side pointed out that after West's 2♦ bid South was bound to play the spade suit which would leave no play for nine tricks.

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day it's not worth getting out of bed in the
morning. For most of this match Brazil didn't seem
to do anything seriously wrong yet they were
hammered by a USA2 team who were playing both well
and in luck.

**Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.**

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I♥ was strong, after which Bobby Wolff bid and
rebid his hearts but, not surprisingly, Bob Hamman was
not prepared to play anywhere other than in his eight-
card suit. Even 3♥ is possible from the South seat unless
the defence knock out the ♠A early. Here, Fonseca led
ace and a second spade so eleven tricks were routine;
+150.

In the other room, Marcelo Branco opened 1♦ and
Jeff Meckstroth overcalled 2♠, intermediate. The Brazilians
had a toy here and Gabriel Chagas used it, a 2NT
transfer to clubs. A typical hand for this would be a six-
card suit with 7-10 HCP so Branco could not afford to
pass. He repeated his hearts, showing a good hand, and
now Chagas gave in, fearing that 4♥ would be taken as
a stronger hand. Despite the favourable opening lead
of ace and another spade, 3♥ did not play well. East, Eric
Rodwell could over-ruff the third spade and dummy was
completely useless. Branco made five hearts tricks, ♠K
and ♠A for two down; -100 and 6 IMPs to USA2.

**Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.**

West
North
East
South

- 6
- ♠K Q 10 9 5
- ♠J 9 7
- ♠J 8 3 2
- ♠Q 4
- ♠A 8 7
- ♠K Q 6 4
- ♠Q 9 6 5
- ♠AK J 3 2
- ♠6
- ♠10 8 3
- ♠A K

In the Closed Room, Meckstroth opened 1♣, Precision-
style, as dealer and this ran round to Branco who
bid 2♠, intermediate. That ended the auction and Meck-
stroth led ♠K followed by a low diamond to the ace.
Once East had shown up with the ♠A, he was very
unlikely to also have ♠Q so Branco later got the trumps
right and made exactly; +110.

In the Open Room, Christiano Fonseca opened 1♦
and Roberto Mello scraped up a 1♠ response. That did
not cause Wolff any problem in the auction as he was
able to overcall a natural 2♥, where he played. The prob-
lem came in the play.Again the defence began with king
and another diamond to the ace. Mello switched to a
low club and Wolff won the ace and led a heart. Fonse-
caca ducking.Wolff had seen the ♠A, as at the other table,
but here East had responded. Was his other high card the
♦Q? After some thought, Wolff took the spade
finesse so had two spade losers and six in all; -100 and
5 IMPs to Brazil.

There had been nothing uncouth up to now but the
next few boards saw Brazil fall way behind in the match.
Board 5 saw Fonseca/Mello bid a thin game which had
to fail while Meckstroth/Rodwell stopped at a safe level;
6 IMPs to USA2. Then:

**Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.**

West
North
East
South

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

Rodwell's INT was 13-16 and the double was nega-
tive. Rodwell showed a good INT opener with strong
hearts by jumping to game and Meckstroth made the
practical man's bid of 6♣. After a club lead, Rodwell drew
trumps, tested the diamonds, and finally got the spades
right; +1430.

There is an alternative winning line, namely to play a
spade to the king and ace. You can afford to rise with the
Q if North returns the suit as he will then be squeezed
in spades and diamonds. It would be more difficult, of
course, without the pre-empt.
In the Closed Room, Chagas/Branco bid the North/South cards 1NT – 3NT and Meckstroth doubled. Whether that asked specifically for hearts or merely for the weaker major I don’t know, but it did the job as Rodwell duly led a heart and Meckstroth took the first five tricks; +100.

In the Open Room, Bob Hamman opened 1NT, denying a four-card major in their Blue-style club system. Wolff responded 1S with his awkward hand (they have no forcing diamond raise), safe in the knowledge that a raise would usually be based on a four-card suit. When Hamman rebid 2NT, Wolff invited with 2NT and Hamman went on to game. 1S was bid more to overcome an obvious spade lead. Five rounds of clubs caused problems for West and Hamman emerged with an overtrick; +430 and 11 IMPs.

After a pass by East, both Souths opened 1S and rebid 2S over the 1NT response, but there was a difference. Branco’s bidding followed standard lines, guaranteeing five spades, and Meckstroth passed over 2S but then doubled Chagas’ 2H preference for penalties. 2H doubled went two down for 500 to USA2.

In the other room, Wolff’s bidding was ambiguous regarding the relative lengths of his majors and Fonseca chose to overcall 2H over 2S. That ended the auction and, after a heart lead and club switch, declarer effectively played the hand on a cross-ruff with South, making only his six trump tricks; down two for -200 and 12 IMPs to USA2, who led by 58-9 after ten boards. It didn’t get better for Brazil.
Round 5 featured a pretty dull set of boards, with most of the action coming early in the set. USAI started with a bang.

**Board 1. Love All Dealer North.**

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**Closed Room**

West: Stansby
North: Liu
East: Martel
South: Sun

- **West:** 3NT
- **North:** Pass
- **East:** Pass
- **South:** Pass

What should South call over the 3NT intervention? Sun made a simple 2♣ raise and Stansby doubled to get his hearts into the game. Martel settled for the solidity of his diamond suit and 3♣ ended the auction. The defence dropped a trick so that was +130.

In the Open Room, Zia preferred a negative double, hoping to be able to follow with 3♣ to show a better spade raise, but Wang’s diamond raise left Zia forced to show his spade support at the three-level and Rosenberg went on to game, hoping for a slightly better hand.

The lead was ♦A followed by ♦10 to dummy’s ace. The lead was surely a singleton and the lack of heart bidding strongly suggested the actual heart layout. So East sounded to be 2-4-6-1 and Rosenberg had to decide between the spade finesse and trying to drop the doubleton queen in the hand which rated to have more.

The auction panned out nicely for China to show that he actually held this middling hand. He was able to pass 2♠ but then make an action double of 3♣ to show that he was good for his previous bidding. Had Wang made a pre-emptive heart raise on the previous round, this possibility would not have been available. Rosenberg had a close decision over the double but finally decided to pass.

Zia led ♦A and Li dropped the queen. For Li to be the one with the club singleton, Rosenberg had to have passed the double with something close to 3-4-3-3 shape, unlikely unless his hearts were very strong. The actual layout looks more likely and Zia should probably continue clubs, leading to one down, as we saw at the other table. But he switched to ♦8 and Rosenberg won the ace and returned the ♦3. Declarer should be in control now as the auction surely tells him what is going on but he didn’t seem to appreciate the position. He ruffed the ♦Q and led to the ace, when it would have been better not to touch trumps at all. With his trump holding fatally weakened, there was no way home from here as Rosenberg could over-ruff the fourth spade or second club. Instead of +730 and 12 IMPs to China, it was +200 and 3 IMPs to USAI. A big opportunity missed by the Chinese.

**Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.**

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With his balanced hand, it seemed clear for Stansby to double 4♠, though the potential double fit may have given him pause for thought. He led ace and another spade and Sun won on table to play a club to the nine and ten. Now Stansby cashed ♦A so that was only one down; -200.

**Open Room**

West: Wang
North: Rosenberg
East: Li
South: Zia

- **West:** 1NT
- **North:** Pass
- **East:** Pass
- **South:** 3♠

For Martel/Stansby, this was an easy board: 1♥ - 2♣ - 3NT, making the nine top tricks for +400.

The Chinese pair missed the game in the other room. Li opened 1NT, 16-18, which looks wrong to me with a maximum, all in aces and kings, plus a five-card major. Wang passed 1NT but Rosenberg made a balancing double, showing either clubs, diamonds and a major, or a good two-of-a-major bid. Li might have salvaged the board had he redoubled to show his maximum but he passed and Zia bid 2♠ for correction. Again, Wang might have saved his side hand he doubled, but he just competed with 3♦ and there the matter rested. Wang won the club lead and played two rounds of diamonds so made exactly +990 but 7 IMPs to USAI.

The final score was 47-15 IMPs, 22-8 VPs in favour of USAI, who had performed pretty well in both rooms.
USA II vs Germany

by Tony Gordon

This clash between two of the favourites began with USA II lying in fourth place and Germany in ninth position. Germany were first out of the starting blocks.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

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In the Open Room, Juanita Chambers and Beth Palmer surprisingly let Andrea Rauscheid and Pony Nehmert play in 3NT. Rauscheid lost the four obvious tricks for +110 to Germany.

In the Closed Room, Daniela von Arnim was more aggressive with the South cards and Sabine Auken was soon in game. Irina Levitina led the K and declarer erred by going up with the king. Rauscheid continued by cashing the A and exiting with a second heart. Chambers could not afford to ruff again, so she discarded a club from dummy and let Nehmert win her ace. When Nehmert switched to the J, Chambers won in dummy, crossed to hand with a diamond and discarded dummy’s last club on the K. East could ruff the next round of diamonds, but that was the last trick for the defence. One down and +100 to Germany.

Levitina did not double 4C in the Closed Room and she also led the 4Q. Auken ruffed in dummy and continued with a trump to Kerri Sanborn’s queen. Sanborn switched to diamonds and Auken won in dummy and played a second round of trumps. She eventually lost four trumps and a heart for two down. A flat board, but a missed opportunity for Germany.

At half-time Germany led 39-0, but they did not score a single IMP in the second half.

On Board 11, North/South reached 4C in the Open Room and 4C in the Closed Room. The defence held four cashing aces, but the Germans went to bed with an ace in the Open Room and USA II opened their account with a 10-IMP gain.

Two boards later, Germany missed a laydown slam in the Open Room and the USA had another 13 IMPs.


Open Room

West | North | East | South | Palmer |
Nehmert | Chambers | Rauscheid | Palmer |
1NT | 2NT | 2NT | 2NT |

Closed Room

West | North | East | South | Palmer |
Sanborn | Aukén | Levitina | von Arnim |
1NT | 2NT | 3NT | 4NT |

If you are going to play this hand in a slam, then you should play it in hearts rather than diamonds since there is no club discard available in the latter; however, the favourable heart position means that the diamond slam will also come home.

In the Open Room, Rauscheid’s spade splinter was enough to catapult Nehmert into slam. The trump lead solved her main problem and she was soon claiming her contract.

In the Closed Room, after the strong club opening and positive response, the German interference kept hearts out of the picture. The Americans came to rest in 5C and Germany had gained a further 13 IMPs.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

West | North | East | South | Palmer |
Nehmert | Chambers | Rauscheid | Palmer |
3NT | 3NT | 3NT |

In the Open Room, Rauscheid could have bid 4D to show both majors but she elected to show her hearts and then pass out 3NT. Nehmert tried a low club as her opening lead, but Palmer went up with dummy’s Jack and claimed ten tricks when it held.

In the Closed Room, Auken’s 2NT was a pre-empt in an unspecifiedminor with less than two of the three top honours and von Arnim’s 3S was pass or correct. When Auken corrected to 3C, Levitina, who was effectively facing the same problem that confronted Rauscheid in the Open Room, cued to show both majors. Sanborn would have struggled in 4NT, but von Arnim tried 5C in front of her and Sanborn doubled to end the auction. The contract would have stood no chance if Levitina had led or switched to her singleton club, but she began with the A and switched to the Q. Now declarer could get home if she ruffed out the K and then deployed West in clubs. However, Auken won the K and then drew three rounds of trumps and subsequently had to lose two club tricks for one down and 11 IMPs to USA II.

When the smoke had cleared, USA II had won the second half 46-0 and the match 46-39. The 16-14 VPs victory kept USA II in fourth place and left Germany still outside the top eight.
Photograph courtesy of Kodak’s new digital camera

It is often the case, the first board was significant. It contained points of interest both in bidding and play.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

- Q 98
- Q 10 6 5 4 2
- A 10 9
- 8
- A 7
- K 8
- K 3
- ♦ 10 97 6 5 3
- 5 3 2
- 9
- ♦ 8 5 4 2
- ♦ K Q J 2

All Pass

Italy stole the pot in the Closed Room. West led the ten of clubs and East took the ace and switched to spades. Declarer did well to emerge with six tricks; -100.

Open Room

West North East South
Dubois Perron Bocchi Chemla

1 NT Pass Pass 3 NT

The North hand is not the sort that Perron opens a weak two on so Italy had a free run to arrive in a normal looking 3 NT.

Chemla led the queen of clubs and Bocchi won with the ace and returned the suit. Perron calmly discarded the eight of spades!

Chemla switched to the two of diamonds (in principle fourth best), covered by the three and nine and the eight of spades! The opening lead promised spades and diamonds. The opening lead was the ace of clubs. It looks as if declarer must lose at least four tricks, but the scoreboard shows he made ten; +170.

Open Room

West North East South
Dubois Perron Bocchi Chemla

Pass 1 NT Pass

Two spades showed clubs and the reply promised a good fit. West agonised for a long time before bidding three hearts. It had the effect of pushing his side one level too high. South led the jack of diamonds and North won with the ace and switched to a trump. Declarer could only ruff one of his losing hearts so he was one down; -50.

Italy had halved their deficit to 3 IMPs. Chemla took with the king. We know declarer made nine tricks but the play record is silent as to how he did it.

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More likely is that North switched to a spade and play developed in a similar way to that in the other room, which we’ll now go to.

In the replay Perron tried a light third in hand opening but the Italians were not inconvenienced and the final contract was the same.

South led the three of spades and when declarer played dummy’s nine, Perron followed with the eight and Bocchi won with the jack. He took a losing club finesse and Perron played another spade. After winning with the ace of spades, declarer took his club tricks ending in dummy. Perron discarded the five of diamonds and Chemla made another spade. After winning with the queen of spades, forcing North to lead away from the queen of diamonds.

To the surprise of the audience and the groans of the Italian supporters he exited with his spade before cashing the ace of hearts. Perron took his tricks and played the ten of hearts. One down and 12 IMPs to France who led 18-3.

Both teams reached a good slam on Board 5 but the next board saw France increase their lead.


- J 6
- 5
- K 9 8
- ♦ A K Q J 9 4
- ♦ A K Q J 2
- ♦ A K Q J 10 6 5 4
- ♦ K 10 6
- ♦ A Q 8 7 4
- ♦ Q 10 6 2

Open Room

West North East South
Dubois Perron Bocchi Chemla

Pass Pass 3 NT

West transferred to show hearts and then introduced his second suit.

There was nothing to the play in four hearts doubled and the contract failed by one trick; -200.

Open Room

West North East South
Dubois Perron Bocchi Chemla

Pass 1 NT Dbl

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Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West North East South
Dubois Perron Bocchi Chemla

Pass 3 NT All Pass


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

Closed Room

West North East South
Multon Lanzarotti Mouiel Buratti

1 NT Pass Pass Dbl

Multon was due to make eight tricks in his contract of 3 NT but Buratti did well to protect. His second double promised spades and diamonds. The opening lead was the ace of clubs. It looks as if declarer must lose at least four tricks, but the scoreboard shows he made ten; +170.

Open Room

West North East South
Dubois Perron Bocchi Chemla

Pass 2 NT Pass Dbl

Pass 3 NT All Pass

Multon Lanzarotti Mouiel Buratti

Massimo Lanzarotti (Italy) “How could I tell?”
West was very cautious in the Open Room. If he had no way of showing a two-suiter on the first round of bidding, he surely should have risked four diamonds on the second. Chemla was soon claiming ten tricks; +430 and a new score line, France 25 Italy 3.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

- A 9
- K 10 8 5 3
- Q 4 3
- J 10 8
- Q 8 6
- N 7 6 4 2
- E 10 9 6
- D 9 4
- C K 7 4
- B A 1 J
- W K 8 2
- M A Q 7 3

Closed Room

West
North
Lanzarotti
Mouel
Buratti
Pass
INT Pass 2♠
Pass 2♥ Pass 2♣
Pass 3♠ Pass 4NT
Pass 6♠ Pass 6NT
All Pass

Open Room

West
North
Duboin
Perron
Perron Bocchi
Bocchi
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
All Pass

It is no crime to miss 6NT on this board, but the friendly layout in the red suits meant that twelve tricks were easily available; 11 IMPs, 36-3.


- J 6
- −
- A 10 9 8 6 4
- Q 10 8 5 2
- Q 4
- K 10 9 8 4 3
- N 9 6
- E 10 8 3
- D K 3
- C J 6

Closed Room

West
North
Lanzarotti
Mouel
Buratti
Pass
INT Pass 2♠
Pass 2♥ Pass 2♣
Pass 3♠ Pass 4NT
Pass 6♠ Pass 6NT
All Pass

Open Room

West
North
Duboin
Perron
Perron Bocchi
Bocchi
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
All Pass

The Italians won this particular bidding contest. In the Closed Room, notwithstanding the ‘better minor’ style of the French, the players we have canvassed would all have bid more than three clubs on the first round, opinion being divided between four and five. Declarer was not hard pressed to make 11 tricks; +650.

In the other room West started by showing a club suit and North cuebid to show the majors. East doubled to show good clubs and that made it easy for West to go on over four hearts. Would you have gone on to five more IMPs for France. There now followed a series of rather dull boards, not exactly what the Italian supporters were hoping for. There was one piece of good news for them towards the end of the match.


- A Q 10 8 4 2
- Q 10 8 5 3
- 9 6
- 10
- N 9 6
- K 5 3
- Q 9 7
- A Q J 7
- W 9 8 7 6 4 3
- E J 7
- D A J 6 2
- C K 10 9 8 5
- M A 2

Open Room

West
North
Duboin
Perron
Perron Bocchi
Bocchi
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
Chemla
All Pass

The contract failed by one trick and Italy had clawed back 11 IMPs. The remaining boards were without incident and the final score in favour of France was 39-27 IMPs, 17-13 VP. It had been an impressive performance from Chemla/ Perron.

We will try in this column to help you with some of the problems of daily life at the hotel or when you want to go to town to visit and shop. You may address your questions to Terry Radjef and drop them off in the Daily Bulletin office on the second floor above the main playing room. Here are some tidbits I have gathered in the past four days.

I suggest you keep with you at all times the white pass card they gave you upon registration. It allows you to charge food and drink to your room. If you have misplaced it, you can get another at the front desk with your room key and a photo identification.

Any time you change money into Tunisian currency, keep the receipt until you are out of the country. Change small amounts at a time because you can’t change back into your usual currency until you are at the airport. At that time, if you have dinars left over, you can convert them but you will be asked for your receipts. There is a limit on what you can change back - 30% of the total amount you changed, as proved by your receipts.

Competitors, administrators and all other bridge enthusiasts who converged on Hammamet last week were officially welcomed during Sunday’s opening ceremonies. Since that time, the heartwarming welcomes have come in many forms from every member of the hotel staff. Sometimes it’s a smile as you walk by, sometimes it’s a friendly “yes” or “On s’en occupera tout de suite, Monsieur!” (We’ll take care of it right away, sir.)

Where in the world would most of the employees, when told that they had to give up their weekly day off for the next two weeks because of our World Championships, still be in a good mood? In spite of the language barrier, we can acknowledge that hospitality with a smile even when some bridge disaster is gnawing at us.

Doris Day may well have a point that what happens, happens, but I assume that you sometimes can give fate a hand. Take a look at hand

Board 13 from the opening round of the Championship:

Game All. Dealer North.

- 6 4
- 10 9
- 9 7 5
- K 10 5
- A K 7 6 5
- Q 9 3 2
- J 4 3 2
- 10 9 4
- 6 4
- A J 7 6
- Q 8
- 9 8 6
- A K Q 10

Quite a few Souths ended in 3 NT scoring 660 on the lead of a low heart to the nine, jack and queen. That may seem an inevitable result when hearts are not played from the top, since South has no alternative to starting with the ace of diamonds. But try the effect of ducking the heart nine!

Would you have avoided leading the queen of diamonds from the table?
Jagged times for Jaggy

Who can blame Jaggy Shivdasani of India for feeling as if he is snake bitten? Four times in the first four matches he was on the wrong end of major swings. The first came in the Round 2 match against United States I.


- 93
- 83
- Q7532
- Q1096
- AQ10864
- KJ4
- A
- 75
- KJ2
- 72
- KJ1098
- 843

In the match we reported in the Daily Bulletin, both Canada and Australia played in 4\[, making seven. At most tables East/West arrived in 6\[, which always was made with an overtrick. But against Jaggy the Americans bid all the way to the grand slam – which of course made because of the fortuitous position of the •K.


- 85
- Q963
- 65
- J9872
- AQ63
- J75
- Q8432
- 6
- K1094
- A
- AK
- AQ10543

This was even worse. At most tables the final contract was 6\[, and of course this made because declarer was forced to play for the drop in the trump suit – no entry to dummy! But it was different at Jaggy’s table, where Zia and Michael Rosenberg decided to double 6\,. On the auction the double called for a spade lead, and he finally concluded that Geir was clever enough to lead the ten of hearts!

Jaggy thought his luck had changed on this deal. His opponents from Poland stopped in the diamond game, and it was clear that the slam had a good chance of making. But of course it didn’t work out that way. His teammates did in fact get to 6\[, and the opening lead was a trump. That was a good lead for the defence, but declarer could still survive as long as a second trump wasn’t led. But declarer, hoping for a reasonable split of the clubs, himself drew the second round of trumps. Now there were not enough trumps left to ruff the remaining low clubs, and the contract went down one.


- A954
- 109872
- 7
- 94
- KQ87
- K654
- 10964
- 7
- AKQ853

We saved the worst for last. Poland bid all the way to 6\[, and Jaggy, West, doubled. That left Santu Ghose with a tremendous problem on opening lead. Should he lead a heart? Maybe partner was void. Or did partner have a good holding in diamonds? After long thought, Ghose led . . . a heart! With the favourable lie of all cards, declarer was able to take all 13 tricks for the unlikely score of 1860. If Ghose had chosen a diamond instead, the contract would have been beaten three tricks on three diamonds and an uppercut.

In fact that’s what happened at the other table where Linda stopped in 4\,. The defence led four rounds of diamonds, setting up a trump trick to beat the game contract one trick, while 6\, doubled was making with an overtrick.

Concerning e-mail

E-mail facilities are available in the Press Room, as promised. However, the primary purpose of the Press Room is to provide a work area for working journalists. For this reason, only one computer will be set aside for e-mail messages. That means you will sometimes have to wait your turn.

The International Bridge Press Association is a club of some 500 of the world’s bridge journalists and media people. Others can join as Associate Members. The main service to members is a monthly Bulletin edited by Patrick Jourdain, who is here in Hammamet. The Bulletin contains news, and topical bridge hands suitable for newspaper columns. Special editions go out within 48 hours of the end of all European and World Championships.

IBPA members may use the facilities of the Press Room at major championships such as this one, where there are computers, fax, internet and e-mail services. There are annual awards and clipping prizes for the journalists. A Handbook is available to all members with details about the membership.

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The treasurer, Evelyn Senn, can usually be found in the Press Room from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. each day.