USA I, France lead qualifiers into quarterfinal matches

United States I and France topped the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup round-robin events respectively, but all is history now. Today marks the start of the knockout phase, with eight teams remaining in each event. The round-robin surprises – Brazil and Denmark failed to make the Bermuda Bowl playoffs, and Germany, the defending champion, didn’t make it into the Venice Cup quarterfinals.

The quarterfinals in both events will consist of 96 boards, two 32-board segments today and another 16-board segment tomorrow.

Playing for United States I are Seymon Deutsch, Paul Soloway, Zia, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby, with Hugh Ross as non-playing captain.

The French round-robin champions consist of Veronique Bessis, Catherine Saul, Catherine de Guillebon, Pascale Thuillez, Benedicte Cronier and Sylvie Willard, with Jean-Christophe Quantin as non-playing captain.

Bermuda Bowl

The American teams I and II finished on top, followed by France, Norway, Italy, Poland, China and Chinese Taipei. USA I, given the choice of any team from fifth to eighth, selected China, then chose to play the semifinal against the winner of the USA II – Chinese Taipei match. France will oppose Poland and Norway will play Italy. If USA I loses, China will play the winner of the other match.

Brazil made a determined bid for the last qualifying position. Down by 27 IMPs with eight boards to play, they performed magnificently the rest of the way and actually defeated Norway, 19-11. It appeared that this possibly would be good enough to unseat Chinese Taipei, but the Chinese also had a good match, winning 18-12. As a result Brazil’s stars missed qualification by 3 Victory Points.

The American teams performed strongly throughout. If they both win their quarterfinal matches, they will play each other in the semifinal. USA I defeated USA II in their round-robin match here and in the American trials in New Orleans.

Venice Cup

France led at the close of play every day, but the final standings found the top six teams well bunched. USA I and II were second and third, and the rest of the qualifiers were China, Great Britain, Canada, Netherlands and Italy.

Italy and Germany were in a dingdong battle for the last qualifying spot. Italy, which replaced Israel when Israel withdrew, held on in their final match to edge Germany by 2 Victory Points.

France was challenged at times by the American teams, but they always had enough to stay out front. China came on very strong to finish in fourth place.

Today’s pairings: France vs. Netherlands, USA I vs. Italy, USA II vs. Canada and China vs. Great Britain. The winner of the France-Netherlands match will oppose the victor of the China-Great Britain battles in the semifinals. If both American teams win, they will play each other. WBF rules stipulate that two teams from the same country may not play each other in the final.

Hodler – “Much depends on definition of sport”

What is the definition of “sport”? That is the question that has confounded officials of the International Olympic Committee for years, according to Mark Hodler of Switzerland. Hodler was first vice-president of the IOC until recently and likely to be renamed at the Winter Olympics in Japan next year.

Hodler, who has a strong interest in bridge, stopped by the Championships for a couple of days between visits to Japan, where plans for the Winter Olympics there are being finalised. Interested in bridge? Absolutely! He served as president of the Swiss Bridge Federation for 33 years.

Back to that definition. Hodler believes the IOC is close to coming up with a definition. He sincerely hopes that the word “intellectual” will be part of it. “Humanity needs training of the brain as well as training of muscles,” he says.

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2. USA II 315.4
3. FRANCE 296
4. NORWAY 294
5. ITALY 290.1
6. POLAND 285
7. CHINA 278
8. CHINESE TAIPEI 277
9. BRAZIL 274
10. DENMARK 264
11. AUSTRALIA 256
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4. CHINA 288
5. GREAT BRITAIN 287
6. CANADA 283
7. NETHERLANDS 272
8. ITALY 259
9. GERMANY 257
10. INDIA 254
11. AUSTRALIA 254
12. NEW ZEALAND 253
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14. SOUTH AFRICA 224
15. CHINESE TAIPEI 217
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### Venice Cup Program

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3. USA I - Italy
4. USA II - Canada

### VuGraph Quips

Omar Sharif was playing in the prestigious Sunday Times Pairs Championship in London. Terence Reese was a member of the commentary team. When Omar made a particularly sparkling play a fellow commentator asked Reese what he thought of it. In his inimitable way he observed, 'It's the best thing he's done since Dr. Zhivago!'
Bermuda Bowl

ITALY vs CHINA

By Barry Rigal

This was a critical match for both teams since a big win could virtually guarantee qualification. At the same time a big loss would put either team in real jeopardy. (Since there were two Wangs, we will refer to them by their initials.)

The match started with a system pickup for Italy.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

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Buratti opened the North hand with a 11-14 notrump, Li with 14. Over the former, X.Wang as West showed the majors with a 2♠ bid which Fu contemplated passing. But in the end he relayed with 2♥ and Wang bid 2♠ to end the auction. After the lead of the ♦10, ducked around to the queen, declarer played three rounds of spades. Buratti shifted to the ♦A and a second heart to beat the contract (a trump, a diamond, a club trick two.) That allowed declarer to come to 10 tricks.

Then another slightly fortunate systemic pickup for Buratti/Lanzarotti.

Board 3. E/W Val. Dealer South.

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Both teams declared 3NT after East had pre-empted with 3♠, and the opening lead at both tables was the ♦J. This was overtaken with the queen and East continued with the ♦K. The suit preference overtones of playing the honours in that order point clearly to East having a heart entry, not a spade, so Duboin threw a heart. But X.Wang threw a spade, and that was the ninth trick.

Buratti-Lanzarotti bid 10 - 12 - (1♠) - 2♠ - 3♠ - 4♣ - 4♠ - 5♣ - 6♠. That was worth 10 IMPs when the Chinese pair stopped in 3NT in the other room. And finally the reverse of this result — another 13 IMPs for Italy.

Board 15. N/S Val. Dealer South.

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The Chinese East/West played quietly in 5♣, making 11 tricks. Bocchi declared 6♦ on a top spade lead. Now declarer can come home via a spade ruff. A and heart ruff, a trump to the ace, heart ruff, Q covered, heart ruff, a second round of trumps, and the J, pitching a diamond from dummy. In the four-card ending, a diamond to the 10 endplays North to lead into the diamond tenace. But Bocchi played on diamonds prematurity and went one down.

Italy's margin was down to 15, but China bid a hopeless game on a combined 21 count for a loss of 6 IMPs. Then Buratti/Lanzarotti outbid their counterparts.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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The Italian lead was up to 21, and another 13 IMPs came when the Italians bid a slam on a finesse (but they had a clue in the auction that the finesse was likely to work). The lead was 3♣ by Board 13, but China picked up only their second spade of the set when Bocchi/Duboin had a major bidding accident and played a decent 4♥ in 4♥; down one when Duboin treated a 5-3-5-0 hand as a spade-diamond two-suiter. The match got even closer when Boschi missed a chance for a great coup.
Appeals No. 4-5-6

Appeal No. 4

Bermuda Bowl. Round 6. Canada v Poland

Appeal Committee:
Grattan Endicott (GB), Jean-Paul Meyer (FRA), Naki Bruni (ITA).

Facts:
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There was some discussion as to whether a score of N/S -170 was a possibility but N/S -420 was considered "the most favourable result that was likely had the incorrect manner in which it has been made. This is true even though there has been a general inattention to this point in the match.

Committee's Decision:
Equity does not require any adjustment other than the N/S -420 awarded by the Director which is also the decision of the Committee. The Committee recommends N/S to amplify their written system explanations.

Appeal No. 5

Venice Cup. Round 11. Canada v Tunisia

Appeal Committee:
Joan Gerard (USA), Ernesto d’Orsi (BRA), Steen Møller (DEN), Dan Morse (USA), Barbara Nudelman (USA).

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Appeal No. 6

Bermuda Bowl. Round 7. Denmark v Canada

Appeal Committee:
Joan Gerard (USA), Ernesto d’Orsi (BRA), Barbara Nudelman (USA), Dan Morse (USA), Bill Pencharz (GB).

Facts:
The Director, called to the table at the end of the hand, was informed that there was a problem because different explanations had been given on the two sides of the screen. South had told West that 3♣ denied a stop: North had told East that it could still be a try for 3NT but was ambiguous. At a later stage East had asked North the meaning of the pass of 6♠. North said that he replied something along the lines of "Normal bridge would be that it shows first-round control". East said that North just shrugged his shoulders and said "First-round control!"

Tournament Director’s Ruling:
The Director allowed the table score to stand since he felt North had given an accurate description of his understanding.

The Players:
East and North repeated their statements as to the alert of 2♠: East demonstrated how she had made the alert which was not as the Regulation says it MUST be done. The Tunisian Captain asked the Committee to note the general procedure at the table which had been, in his view, not in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations, especially in the matter of alerting.

The Committee:
The Committee took the view that the presentation by both sides had been accurate as to their experience
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remember the question in an earlier Daily Bulletin: Which team, including the non-playing captain, is made up entirely of former champions? You probably have figured out that the answer is Brazil. Garbriel Chagas and Marcelo Branco have won three world championships. Gabino Cintra and Pedro-Paulo Branco have two, and Roberto Mello and Christian Fonseca have one apiece. As for npc Pedro-Paulo Assumpcao, he was a playing member of the Brazilian team that unseated Italy in the 1976 Olympiad in Monte Carlo. Quite a few observers thought that United States I in the Bermuda Bowl was the answer. Certainly Paul Soloway, Michael Rosenberg, Seymour Deutsch, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby and npc Hugh Ross have won numerous championships. But Zia hasn't. He led Pakistani to two second-place finishes, but up to this point he has never been a world champion. And all the players on United States II were victors in the last Bermuda Bowl – and several have won many titles. But npc Walt Walvick has never had a world title.

Alerting Procedure

The Appeals Committee would like to draw the attention of all players to the correct alerting procedure as laid down in The General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Championships

Rule 16.2 Alerts and Explanations

A player who makes an alertable call as defined in Section 9 must alert his screenmate, and partner must alert on the other side of the screen when the bidding tray arrives there. The alert just be made by placing the alert card over the last call of the screenmate, in his segment of the bidding tray; the alerted player must acknowledge by returning the alert card to his opponent. A player may, by written question, ask for an explanation of an opponent's call; the screenmate then provides a written answer.

Many players at these Championships are not following the correct procedure as described above. In the event that there is a problem with a disputed alert, it is entirely at the risk of the alerter if he or she has not followed the correct procedure. In other words, the strong possibility is that the benefit of any doubt will go to the opponent.

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World Transnational Open Teams Championship

The first round of the Transnational Teams starts at 17.00 hours on Monday. We play in the FORUM and adjacent foyer for tables 1-25 and in the basement behind the lobby of the Sol-Azur for tables 26 upwards. The positions for each round will be posted on the monitors. Captains are requested to bring their results to the result desk on the ground floor in the conference building. Players eliminated in the quarter-finals may enter the Transnational Teams on Tuesday, starting at 11.00 a.m. in the fourth round, under the restrictions described in the conditions of contest. The deadline for entry at this stage is 1800 hours on Monday. Entries should be made at the result desk.
Norway was safely in the quarterfinals as the final round got under way, but Brazil was fighting for the last qualifying position. Going into the final match, Brazil was 4 Victory Points behind eighth place Chinese Taipei. Brazil drew first blood by staying out of game on Board 1.

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

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M. Branco received friendly defence and wound up with 10 tricks. The Brazilian defence in the Closed Room was letter perfect after a trump opening lead and Brogeland was able to take only eight tricks. 7 IMPs to Brazil.

But the momentum quickly shifted to Norway – Brazil bid two consecutive slams that went down while Norway stopped in game in both cases.

**Board 2. North/South Game. Dealer East.**

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Nothing particularly interesting happened here – Brazil gained an overtrick IMP as both teams played 3NT. But there’s an interesting point here. On the opening lead of the 10, consider what happens if South covers the 10 with the 9 instead of going up with the queen. Later when South gets in with the A, he can lead the Q to pick up the entire suit and set the contract. If this happened, the action would have been a great candidate for a brilliancy prize.

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

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When you look at the North/South cards only this looks like a good slam – what does it need besides a reasonable trump break and no quick spade ruff? But the clubs were as bad as they could be – all with West. There was no way to avoid losing a spade and a trump – 10 IMPs to Norway.

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

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Norway picked up another 12 IMPs here. The contract was 3NT at both tables, and Norway made 10 tricks. At the other table, however, declarer slipped in the play and made only eight tricks.

**Board 5. Game All. Dealer South.**

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In the Closed Room, Cintra and P.Branco signed off in 4♠ and actually made 12 tricks after getting a diamond lead. But this was the bidding in the Open Room.
The commentators quickly pointed out that this contract would make without a heart lead. But Chagas’ overcall made it easy for M.Branco to lead the Q. This led to a one-trick trick – 13 IMPs back to Brazil, now trailing 38-21.

Suddenly the swing boards ended for a while – only minor swings on Boards 8 and 9, and Board 10 was flat. Board 11 also was flat, but it had the ingredients of a swing.

Both Helgemo and Cintra merelied bid and rebid diamonds – Cintra bid the suit three times when his partner made two forcing bids. With diamonds splitting, a diamond game is possible unless the defence starts with a heart. That takes the entry out of dummy before the diamond game is possible unless the defence starts with a heart. No such luck – 13 more IMPs to Norway, now leading, 51-24.

When East showed a three suiter with short diamonds South put in a lead directing double. The audience would have liked West to redouble and try and make the contract but he preferred a more prosaic 3NT.

North dutifully led a diamond and South took the ace and played another heart. East won and played the nine of spades. Chagas went in with the spades, took the all the clubs by the king and switched to a trump. West captured South’s king with the queen of diamonds. The contract now had to fail by seven boards to win 70-51 IMPs, 19-11 VP. Would it be enough?

The contract was reached via a different route. North led the ten of clubs which ran to declarer’s jack. He went after the spades, playing ace and another, North winning as South directed the six of hearts on the second round of the suit. North’s diamond switch went to the jack and king and declarer returned the ten, taken by South with the queen. He went back to clubs but declarer was able to win and clear the diamonds. He finished up with ten tricks; +630 and 13 IMPs.

What’s that old saying about not bidding Blackwood with a worthless doubleton? M.Branco, with a magnific- cent fit for his partner’s spades, did exactly that, and the result was another major swing against Brazil. Chagas did the best he could – he stripped the hand and led a heart, hoping that one of the opponents held a singleton honor. No such luck – 13 more IMPs to Norway, now leading, 51-24.

Brazil refused to give up and commenced an remarkable comeback. They scored points on almost every board.

Open Room

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

West Helgemo
North Chagas
East Helness
South M.Branco

K Q 6 4 3 2
3 2
6 5
Q 10 9

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

Closed Room

Board 19. East/West Game. Dealer South.

West Helgemo
North Chagas
East Helness
South M.Branco

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

Open Room

West Helgemo
North Chagas
East Helness
South M.Branco

Pass
Pass
1NT
All Pass

Pass
Pass
1NT
All Pass

Pass
Pass
1NT
All Pass

Pass
Pass
1NT
All Pass

Open Room

West Helgemo
North Chagas
East Helness
South M.Branco

Pass
Pass
1NT
All Pass

Pass
Pass
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Pass
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1NT
All Pass

South led the three of hearts ducked to North’s king. Winning the heart continuation with the ace, declarer played the jack of diamonds which lost to South’s king. His switch to the king of spades (!) removed any further interest from the play. Declarer lost only two diamonds and a heart for +630. Brazil had scored 46 unanswered IMPs on the final seven boards to win 70-51 IMPs, 19-11 VP. Would it be enough?
France needed a big win to have a chance to top the qualifying group. Germany needed to avoid a loss to ensure that they qualified at all. In fact the set started out well for Germany in the Open Room.


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  - 107 64 2  
  - A 9 8 5 2  
  - J 8  
  - K 3  
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  - A Q 6 5 4  
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  - A 10 9 5  
  - Q 4 2  
  - A 9 5 4 3 2  
  - Q 6 4  
  - Q 5  
  - Q 10  
  - K Q 10 8 4

Both tables played 3NT by West – which can be defeated by the diamond intra-finesse described elsewhere by Patrick Jouarda. In fact Catherine Saul led a spade in response to her partner’s delayed entry into the auction (perhaps a bad move because it implied a bad spade suit?) Auken led a heart. Then France got very lucky.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

While Saul was making slam tries, Bessis (who had opened atypically light) was not on the same wavelength. Mind you, Saul might have bid 3NT at her second raise.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

- 10  
  - 107 64 2  
  - A 9 8 5 2  
  - J 8 7 6 4 2  
  - A K J  
  - A K 3  
  - 5  
  - A J 10 9 3  
  - Q 8 7 3

3NT is a considerably less comfortable spot than 5+, so perhaps France got a little lucky here too. After the auction:

- North  
  - South
  - Saul  
  - Bessis  
  - 3NT  
  - 3NT

where 3NT showed diamonds and 3NT showed short hearts, what should Saul have done? She elected to bid 3NT and when Rauscheid led a club she gained two overtrick IMPs for her side against the 5NT contract in the other room.

If that was lucky for France, what about this?


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

The Germans bid:

- West  
  - East  
  - Nehmert  
  - Rauscheid  
  - Pass  
  - Dbl  
  - Pass  
  - Pass

2NT was 21-22 and 3NT a transfer. 3NT showed three-card spade support and 3NT was a cuebid. Now Rauscheid used RKCB and settled in 6NT.

All the contract needs is 4-3 clubs or a double squeeze but today was not Nehmert’s day. She got a heart lead and continuation when the defence took the A. Declarer carelessly pitched dummy’s heart on the top clubs, destroying the double squeeze. As the result in the other room was 4+2, that was 11 IMPs to France when it might have been 11 the other way.

France led by 15 IMPs and it got worse for Germany. France pushed to a thin game, down two, while Germany missed it. Germany pulled 13 IMPs back when France bid an approximate 40% slam which had to go down. Then both tables had a chance to generate a game swing when West reached 5NT in one bid on Board 11. Germany missed it.


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  - 107 64 2  
  - Q 5 4 2  
  - A 9 8 7 6 5 2  
  - J 9 8  
  - Q 10 8 7  
  - A J 10 9 3  
  - A 7 6  
  - 10 5 3 2  
  - A J 6 4  
  - 10 9

In the other room Nehmert won in dummy and finessed the J at trick two. The defence pressed on with hearts at every opportunity. When Nehmert won the second heart in dummy rather than in hand, and failed to unblock the clubs, she had no communications between the two hands. She never scored the K and had to go one down; France by 26.

France scored another rather fortunate game – bidding to 5NT on Board 9. This was about a 20% shot on accurate defence but it came in; France by 37.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

- 9 4 3  
  - 6  
  - A Q 10 5 4  
  - K 2  
  - 2NT  
  - 3NT

Auten led a club, Saul a spade – both missing the heart lead which takes the contract down. Germany missed it.

The luck evened out a little on the next board when Germany climbed to the five-level and needed to pick up the trumps missing the king and a small one. With the singleton king onside there was no problem.

France pushed to a thin game, down two, while Germany stopped in a partscore. Then France bid a decent game on the next board and recovered the IMPs when Germany missed it.

With another partscore going Germany’s way, they trailed by only 16 IMPs with five boards to go and could
afford to drop a few points and still qualify. However, it was not to be.

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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3NT by West seems equally easy on a diamond or a club lead, with the heart honours all onside. On the diamond lead found against Nehmert, followed by a club to the jack, it seems right to repeat the club finesse and play hearts to dummy. Nehmert found an early spade play and her entries to hand got scrambled. That was 12 IMPs to France. On the next hand it got worse for Germany.

Saul declared 3NT from the North seat on the lead of the ♠J. She won and knocked out the ♠A. Nehmert ducked the spade twice, and Rauscheid pitched the ♠K (reverse), helping Saul, after some thought, to guess the hearts correctly.

At the other table von Arnim got a diamond lead as South and misgueded hearts, playing the hand that was short in spades to have the key card, and down she went. Even at the very end there was some hope. Germany trailed by 41 IMPs and needed a pick-up of 5 IMPs or more from the last two boards.

Bermuda Bowl

Poland vs Brazil

When these two teams met on Vugraph in Round 12, Poland were looking good for a qualifying place, but time was running out for Brazil who had fallen well down the table.

The first significant swings were generated by deals which presented problems in the bidding.

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In the Open Room Andrzej Zakrzewski, perhaps less well known than his illustrious colleagues, preferred to double. Though he might have turned out badly on a different layout, but as the auction went he was able to introduce his main suit on the next round and North had an easy raise to game.

Both declarers made eleven tricks, +200 and +450, 6 IMPs for Poland and a nice start for the new face on the team.


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France won by 46 IMPs: 24-6 VPs. They topped their qualifying group. Germany failed to qualify by 2 VPs.

Poland Round 12
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South’s one club was Polish, so his second round double promised a strong hand. With so little in the way of distribution, four clubs looks dubious and North was clearly expecting a totally different hand when he went on to game. Mercifully there was no double. Once again West led the king of diamonds and East overtook to play the king of hearts. Declarer took his ace at once, after which the defence made no mistake, collecting all the tricks they were due: +300 but 6 IMPs away. The lead penalty but they did not have to wait long for another chance – just the time it took for the next board to be placed on the table.

The Poles turned down the chance of a substantial penalty in the Closed Room. Doubtless annoyed, declarer contented himself with 10 tricks; +430.

The Brazilians were not so generous in the replay. Szymanowski was one of several players who got their fingers burnt on this deal. East led the jack of spades. His next card was the four of clubs er played low, so Chagas won with that card and cashed the king and ace of spades and continued with the two of hearts. Declarer threw his losing club and ruffed the next heart with the queen of diamonds. Chagas over-ruffed and played the jack of spades which West ruffed with the eight of diamonds, promoting partner’s seven; +1400 and 14 big IMPs.

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Board 9. East/West Game, Dealer North.

South found the strange switch to the ten of spades. Worried about the location of the nine of hearts, Filipino North couldn’t read that card and when he withheld the king Chagas had got his ninth trick; +600.

Neither South could have been feeling very happy after that board and the potential for a similar disaster was just around the corner.

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This was an important match for both teams, though more so for Australia. USAI went into the match in a battle with the other USA team for top spot in the round robin and the first pick of quarter-final opponents that went with it. Australia by ninth, right on the edge of the qualifying positions, and needed a good result to keep their hopes alive.


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Both North/South pairs reached 3NT but there was an important difference. For USAI, Stansby was declarer from the North seat and Browne selected a small diamond for his opening lead. With a third diamond trick in the bag, all Stansby had to do was play three rounds of hearts to establish a ninth trick; +400. In the other room Richman was declarer from the opposite side. Zia led the ♦Q to Richman's king. Declarer's best chance is to return the ♦10 to establish a third spade trick and hope that West does not find the club switch. Even now, declarer has to judge which red suit to play on for his ninth trick. Richman won the opening lead and played three rounds of diamonds and there was no recovery. Rosenberg cashed the fourth diamond and switched back to spades so Richman could establish an eighth trick but there was no ninth; -50 and 10 IMPs to USAI.

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Martel led the ♦10, which seemed to have solved declarer's problems in that suit, but when Browne lost a trick to the bare jack of spades Martel was able to give dummy a diamond ruff for one down; -100.

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Rosenberg doubled, looking for an unusual lead, and of course it was not difficult for Zia to see what was required. He led a careful ♠8, suit preference, and Rosenberg ruffed. He returned the ♠8 to the king and ace and Zia gave him a second ruff. There were still two trump tricks to lose so Richman was down two; -300 was required. He led a careful ♦8, suit preference, and imagination over-ruled his discipline now and he over-ruled Bagchi and Zia opened the West cards with a 3♣ pre-empt. This was the Australian gain. There was still a modest gain to come but the rest of the set consisted of a series of pushes. This was the American gain.

**Board 12. North/South. Dealer West.**

- ♠10 2
- ♦A J 6 4
- ♣A K 10 9 6
- ♢A K

- ♠10 8 7 5 3 2
- ♦K 6 5 4 3
- ♣9
- ♢J 8 2

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

It says something about the modern game that both Bagchi and Zia opened the West cards with a 3♥ pre-empt. Stansby and Burgess both overcalled 3NT. That is quite a wide range bid, of course, and the respective Souths had different views as to whether to continue. Martel raised to 4NT, invitational, and Stansby had an easy acceptance. He showed his diamonds but Martel went back to 6NT; +1470.

Richman passed over 3NT and the Australians suffered the embarrassment of playing in game when seven was on a finesse; +720 but 13 IMPs to USA1.

Australia’s qualification hopes were in ruins. They had one modest gain to come but the rest of the set consisted of a series of pushes. This was the American gain.

**Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.**

- ♠8 5
- ♦J 3
- ♣A K Q 7 6
- ♢A 10 8 7

- ♠5
- ♦AK Q 10 8 6 2
- ♣10 2
- ♢3 2

- ♠K Q J 10 9 7 3
- ♦4
- ♣J 8
- ♢K Q 5

In the Closed Room, Martel opened ♦4 Bagchi over-called 5♠ and Stansby doubled. Minus 300 was a slightly soft result for the Americans as they could have made 5♦.

In the Open Room, Richman also opened ♦4 Bagchi's imagination over-ruled his discipline now and he over-called 5♣. Burgess doubled and when that got back to Zia he ran to 5♠. Again Burgess doubled. Rosenberg thought for quite a while before converting to 6♦ and Zia had to run back to 6♣. That was doubled, of course, and you could tell that Rosenberg was not impressed with his partner's antics. Zia lost the inevitable five tricks for -500 and 5 IMPs to Australia.

USA1 won the match by 46-16 IMPs, 21-9 VPs. They still led the qualifying table while Australia were down to tenth and effectively out of contention.

**The Intra-Finesse in Defence**

*by Patrick Jourdain (GB)*

In the last match of the Venice Cup Round-Robin the European champions, Britain, met USA2. Britain emerged the winners by 22-8, with the deal below contributing, but the defensive test at both tables was to find an intra-finesse, and both Norths passed that test. (The Brazilian man sitting North with the same problem, did not, but I am happy to report that his name was Chagas, who first described this type of finesse). The deal in question was Board 2.

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- ♠10
- ♦J 10 7 6 4 2
- ♣A 9 8 5 2
- ♢J 8

- ♠K 3
- ♦Q J 3
- ♣K 14
- ♢A Q 6 5 4

- ♠8
- ♦Q 7 3
- ♣K 7 3

- ♠J 3
- ♦6
- ♣A 9 8 7 6 5
- ♢8

- ♠3
- ♦Q
- ♣A
- ♢K 7 3

- ♠K
- ♦Q
- ♣A
- ♢K

- ♠Q 10 9 7 6 5 4
- ♦J 8 2
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- ♢10 2

- ♠K 10 9 8 7 3
- ♦J 3
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**Correction**

In both reports concerning matches involving the US I women's team, the names of the North and South players were transposed. Marinessa Letizia was sitting North and Lisa Berkowitz was South.

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