3 Tremendous Comebacks Thrill Vugraph Spectators

Perhaps there has never been such an exciting single day in the history of world bridge. There have been totally fascinating single matches – remember Norway vs. Netherlands for the Bermuda Bowl in 1993? But the difference here was that there were three incredible comebacks. Only five of the teams that led at the end of the first day’s action managed to win their matches.

United States II, down 51 going into yesterday’s final 32 boards, finally took the lead on Board 94 and advanced to the semifinals with a 2-IMP win over Canada in the Venice Cup. Norway trailed powerful Italy by 42 in their Bermuda Bowl match after the first 64 deals, but when it was all over Norway was in the semifinals. United States had a 29-IMP deficit against China in their Bermuda Bowl encounter, but an exceptional final 32 boards saw USA I overpower their opponents by 50 IMPs.

In another Venice Cup thriller, United States I held only a 1-IMP edge after the first day’s play. Italy pulled close on several occasions yesterday, but USA I held on to win. France had an easy time with Netherlands and China led all the way against Great Britain.

Poland gave France some hiccups at times, but in the end France won their Bermuda Bowl battle by 22. USA II led all the way in eliminating Chinese Taipei.

All eight winners begin their 96-board semifinals today. In the Bermuda Bowl, the two American teams play each other, and France takes on Norway. In the Venice Cup, once again the American teams will oppose each other. In the other match, France will battle with China. The American teams must play each other because WBF regulations bar two teams from the same country from playing each other in the final.

Yesterday’s most exciting match was the Venice Cup match between USA II and Canada. Sue Sachs, npc of the American team, thought her team’s play was somewhat stale. She felt that drastic action was called for, so she shook up her lineup a bit. She recalled that Lynn Deas and Juanita Chambers had performed extremely well in the Marlboro Cup in China, so she put them together for the first 16 boards yesterday. Kerri Sanborn and Irina Levitina played in the other room. This apparently worked well, for the Americans gained 29 IMPs and then were only 22 points behind. For the last 16 boards, Sachs put Deas back with her regular partner, Beth Palmer, and the team found that it had regained its momentum. They gained 24 IMPs to win by 2.

In the Bermuda Bowl, USA I outscored China, 114-35 yesterday – they managed to turn the match completely around. Italy actually pulled ahead of Norway on Board 92, but Norway turned it around immediately, regaining the lead for good on Board 93.

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**Kudos for China**

Zia, a member of the USA I Bermuda Bowl team that came from behind to defeat China, had nothing but praise for his opponents at the conclusion of the match.

“It was a pleasure to play China. They play very well, and they are polite and charming in every way. They gave us a great run for the money. If we have to choose an opponent again, we’ll choose United States II before we select China.”

**World Transnational Open Teams Schedule**

**Tuesday**

11.00-12.30 Round 4
14.00-15.30 Round 5
15.50-17.20 Round 6
17.40-19.10 Round 7

**Wednesday**

13.30-15.00 Round 8
15.20-16.50 Round 9
17.10-18.40 Round 10

**Thursday**

11.00-12.30 Round 11
14.00-15.30 Round 12
15.50-17.20 Round 13
17.40-19.10 Round 14

**Friday**

11.00-12.30 Round 15
11.00-13.20 Round 16
12.50-14.20 Round 17
14.00-16.20 Round 18

**Saturday**

11.00-13.20 Final, second segment
14.00-16.20 Final, third segment

**Victory banquet**

All the captains of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup teams are kindly invited to collect the invitations to the Victory Banquet for their teams on Wednesday, 29 October, between 11.00 and 18.00 at the Hospitality Desk. Please do this within that time because it is necessary to know the number of teams attending. We have to establish the number attending because the available space is limited.

Please take care of your invitation because you will not be allowed to enter the dining room without producing it to the staff at the door.

**Prize giving**

The prize giving ceremony will take place at 20.00 precisely on Saturday in the Forum Room on the first floor of the Sol Azur (the open room for the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup). Following the ceremony, dinner will take place in the restaurant located on the third floor.

**Bermuda Bowl Semifinals**

1. USA I - USA II
2. France - Norway

**Venice Cup Semifinals**

3. France - China
4. USA I - USA II

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**Fantastic? No, fantasy**

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

When I read Terry Radjef’s fascinating history article, I decided to fax my good friend Albert Benjamin to verify all the dates and facts (Albert unfortunately is not attending these championships, but he sends his best regards to his many friends). For those of you who don’t understand, I didn’t contact him because he is a historian but because he was present when most of that ancient action was taking place.

Indeed, not only did he confirm it all, but he added a fact about Hannibal’s wait outside Rome. It was at that time that Albert ran his first duplicate tournament among the soldiers as they waited for reinforcements.

As he recalls it, he almost had his most embarrassing moment as a director during that tournament. Early in the game he was called over to a rock (that’s what the soldiers referred to them as) to give a ruling. The bidding had started one spade—one heart.

"What now?" the soldiers asked him. These men worshipped him as a bridge god almost as much as they admired Hannibal as a leader. Albert could not admit that he was weak on the rules. In his inimitable style he smiled and replied,

"That’s an easy one. You two just change places!"

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**Venice Cup United States II profiles**

KATHIE WEI-SENDER. She is the Ambassador of Bridge for both the WBF and the ACBL. She also is the advisor to the China Bridge Association, and she has had much to do with the rapid advance of bridge in China. A Grand Master, she has won three world championships and also served as non-playing captain of another championship team.

KERRI SANBORN. She lives in New York and trades options on the American Stock Exchange. A four-time world champion, she spends her non-capous free time playing bridge with her husband Stephen, her favourite partner. She also likes golf and horses and her cats.

IRINA LEVITINA. Originally from Russia, she first made a name for herself as a chess player. She has won four Olympiads – three in chess and one last year in bridge. She is now a professional bridge player.

JUANITA CHAMBERS. Juanita’s son Adam, age 11, just won his first masterpiece at the club with his mom. Juanita has won three world championships, a Pan American title and 20 North American championships. She lives in Schenectady, NY, the same town as Lynn Deas, and she has been a tower of strength for Lynn during her illness.

BETH PALMER. She is an administrative judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She is here with her husband, Bill Petts, and their two-year-old daughter Julie who wishes her mommy. "Good luck, win lots of IMPs," before each session. Beth won the Venice Cup in 1987 and 1989 and also has a second and a third in the World Women’s Pairs.

LYNN DEAS. She is playing at these championships from a wheelchair, the result of a progressively disabling disease called myasthenia gravis. She spent the early days of this tournament in a local hospital, but came back to take her place at the table. She maintains a cheerful spirit despite her disability. She presently rates as the most successful woman player in the world over the past decade with several world championships to her credit.

SUE SACHS. She is the team’s non-playing captain. She was second in the 1966 world championships, then took a 25-year break from bridge to run a travel agency and raise four children. Now, with the agency sold, she has time again to play bridge and enjoy nine grandchildren. She has won eight North American championships. With her husband Dave she won the Master Mixed Teams in Albuquerque this summer.

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**Tales from the Bermuda Bowl**

The late Jeremy Flint was the archetypal English gentleman. He was selected by the British Bridge League to represent Great Britain in the 1987 championships that were staged in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Upon receipt of the official letter of invitation he telephoned the Secretary, Anna Gudge, and informed her that his acceptance was conditional upon his being assured that he would have a room with a bath and not a shower.

After a series of telephones Anna finally obtained a 100% assurance that he would get what he required. She telephoned Jeremy to tell him the news. He thanked her and confirmed that on that basis he was delighted to accept the invitation to represent Great Britain.

Plucking up courage Anna politely enquired if he could tell her why the provision of a bath was so important.

"My dear," answered Jeremy, "It’s quite simple. It is completely impossible to smoke a cigar in the shower!"

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**Great service**

A group of bridge players went to the Malibu restaurant. They ordered extra garlic with their shrimp. Then they ordered extra garlic with their bread. They then ordered extra garlic with their shrimp. They also asked for extra garlic for the sole and the house noodles.

When their dessert order came – ice cream – the waiter brought along a bowl of extra garlic.

At another restaurant, the waiter told a table of bridge players that he had to California more than 300 times. "Trouble is," he said, "I always wake up."
Transnational Team Line-ups

Mrs DAYAN FRA Mrs MAHERESI, Mrs FITOUSSI, Mrs PARIENTE
M SEGERS BEL Mrs HARDENEM, Mrs LAMOTE, LAMOME
BIZER RUS/BRA PROKOROV, GOUDKOV,VOOROB
FORT CSK VOLKHIJN, FILIPJEVSKY, LAER, VOIRACZEK
S BLASEK DEN HECHT,JOHANSEN, CHRISTIANSEN, BRUUN, BLASEK,VERGE
LEVENKO EST TRISKIN, JUGAND, KOIVUPOUL
PEDAK EST MARIPUU, LEY, LEELEP, LOND, KOBOLT
STRANDBERG EST LINNAMAGI, JUHAKMI, LINDMARA, KUUSIK
RAULTO FIN Mrs KIRPILA, ELOKORPI, PESONEN
NIEWIEN FIN Mrs KULMALA, LINDEN, MAKINEN, IMMONEN, MANNI
S RODINOSCO FRA DELMOULY,ADAD, AUAJLEU, SCHNEIDER
SALAH FRA GEITNER, COUNIL, LEGRAS
GUILLET FRA Mrs GUILLET, GERMAN, Mrs CHAUVIRE
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S HUMBURG GER GROMOELER, MATTSSON, SCHNEIDER
FORRESTER GBR MONACHAN, STEEL, KING
MACNAIR GBR REES, LONDON, Mrs LONDON
GOODMAN GBR POWNALL, KAY, DHONZY, PENCHARZ, SHARPLES
S HACKETT GBR/JAM Mrs HAVMCHEIL, HACKETT, HACKETT, VERNON, MENDOZA
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S ZARROUK TUN/GRC CHELY, CHEKIR, GHEDIRA, AYEHE, KHALED
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S LAKHOHAR USIT/ITA RADJER, BROWN, JELLOULL, TRENTHALANCE, KULEHUVIC
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PINTOLE POR PINTO, GONCALVES, Mrs LIMA, Mrs CERQUINHO, MELO,
DUMITRESCU ROM CORCIU, POPESC, Mrs CECARU, DOGARU, CATONE
BELHATZ TUN JALILA, SLIM, AISSA, MISTPRI,
SURIYA TAH/TAH Mrs SOPHONPAI, SILABHUSDI, MIYANTIMONY, Mrs MITYMONY
S M DALXI BAN/USA Mrs NEDELMAN, ANDERSON, Mrs GERARD, WIGGALL, Mrs FRANCIS
KOZNETSOV RUS DOUBINNE, CHOINAV, PAELOV
NIKEL RUS Mrs DOUNAKHO, KHOKHLO, TKOVAR
CONVERT ZAF/GBR GOWER, SCHAPIRO, GORDON, COPE
GRAY ZAF Mrs NICK, POPPLESTONE, WESTON, SCHODER
GARZETTI CHL BIGLER, WEISS, WUNDERL
RIO CHL CHURRER, ANDERSSON, ZAHR, TACITE, CLARO
SINGAPURI IND/TUN KARMAKAR, SHIVADAS, THADNI, KULI, BAIUMONT
MRS ZOBI TUR EKISIOGLI, EKISIOGLI, YILDIZ
RADISIC YOUSA MRS STOJANOVIC, KLANIC, ZIPOVSKI, KIKIC, KALIC
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KER NZ GRANT, DAVITZHI, JERZYCHOWSKI, MIK
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MORSE USA Mrs MORSE, RETEX, Mrs JONES, COOK, Mrs ROGERS
S M DIX MAL BORG, CONSIGLIO, ATTARD, BONDI
LAVAZZA ITA DI MAIO, PIETRI, RINALDI, PULGA
VANDERGAASS NTH/GBR VAN DER GAAST, CALLAGAH, MALVA, VAN DER KAM
WESSELING NTH/GBR DUCKWORTH, DE BOER, SNELDER
DAEH NDR JUNGER, NEHMENT, DAEH
CADDI TAZI MAR BENDOUZA, BENDOUZ, OARABI
HAMEYET MAR RHALAM, MARRAKCHI, KABBAJ, LALAMI
JACKSON IRW WALSH, KEAVANEY, TIMLIN
AUKEN DEN AUKEN, SIFPELLE, ANDERSEN, MOLLER
WILLIAMS GBR/USA STUCKER, FRIDAY, TELTSCHER, QUEVR, GUAYOT
ANAND IND KALPANA, SUBHASH, ANIL, KALAN
EILTSEN NOR ISINGRUD, GRIME, OLSEN, HAGA, JOHANSEN
REKUNOV RUS/TUN KAZANTSEV, KHOLOMEEV, KHIOUPPEN
M SFAR TUN BELYRA, HASSINE, BACCOUI, ZERMI, TOUJ

How did he do it?

by Alan Trusscott

On Board 34 of the Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal against China, Michael Rosenberg of USA 1 held the following:

- K 9 8 7 4
- Q 10 5
- 5 10
- Q 5 4 2
- 32
- A Q 10
- 193
- A 8 4
- 8532
- J 6
- A 76
- J 98

His opponents came to rest in 1NT on 1-1-INT, and he balanced with 2♠, vulnerable. Whether this should be judged as "bold" or "rash" depends on the outcome.

Board 34, N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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- Q 10 5
- 5 10
- Q 5 4 2
- 32
- A Q 10
- 193
- A 8 4
- 8532
- J 6
- A 76
- J 98

East doubled 2♠, at which point Rosenberg would have been happy to cancel his balance and revert to INT. Looking at the North/South cards, it appears the penalty could easily be 500 or 800, but the gods were kind – the clubs and hearts were symmetrically arranged in the best possible way.

The ♦Q was led and allowed to win. East shifted to the ♦K, and dummy's 10 forced the ace. This was the moment of truth. A trump shift would have beaten the contract, but West led a heart. Once again a 10 forced an ace, and East returned a heart.

Dummy's king won and North led the ♦K, ruffing out the ace. The ♦Q was cashed, and a club was led to the king. Another diamond was ruffed, and the ♦Q was ruffed to reach this ending:

- K 98
- 5
- 32
- A Q 10
- 83
- 15
- 7
- 9
- 6

The last club was led from the closed hand, and East's three trump tricks shrank to two. He could score the ace and queen, but his 10 was dead no matter how he played. The contract was made for a gain of 13 badly needed IMPs. In the replay East/West scored a normal 120 in 1NT. Verdict: Rosenberg's 2♠ bid was bold, not rash. Next time, however...

The Czech Bridge Association

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S = Senior  ●  M = Mixed  ●  L = Ladies

We would be grateful if all players would check that the above information is correct and let us know of any corrections. In particular, it is important that we know if your team qualifies for any of the special categories: Senior, Mixed, Ladies, and that the countries are correct. If possible, we would also like to have the players' first names, at least at their initials. Thank you.
**USA I vs China**

Every Championship contains a number of noteworthy hands, but rarely do we see anything like the scintillating session of play which took place in the fourth stanza of the match between USA1 and China. Those who were privileged to be in the VuGraph will remember it as perhaps the greatest ever exhibition of the game at this level.

Board 49. Love All. Dealer North.

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♠ J 10 9 7
♥ A 6 5
♦ 10 8
♣ Q 10 9 5

♥ K 3
♥ K 9 7
♥ A 6 3
♥ J 7 6 4 2

♠ A 4
♥ Q 10 3
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Wang’s decision to compete on the part score did not turn out well. Against two spades doubled South led the king of clubs which was taken by the declarer. He then exited with the nine of diamonds declarer claimed his contract. +400.

Open Room

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West North East South
Mahmood Wang X Rosenberg Fu
Pass Pass Pass Pass 1NT
Pass 2♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
Pass 2NT Pass All Pass
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The Chinese pair produced a straightforward Precision Club auction to 2NT.

Zia led the four of clubs which was taken by dummy’s nine. He won the eight of diamonds with his ace and switched to the king of hearts. That did declarer no harm at all. He won and overtaken the ten of diamonds when West ducked and cleared the suit. On the heart return he finessed the ten and claimed ten tricks. +180, but 3 IMPs for USA1.

Board 51. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

```
♠ 8 6 5
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 2

♥ A J 10 9 4
♥ Q 9 6 4
♥ J 7 3
♥ J 5

♠ K 3
♥ J
♦ A K 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 6 4 3
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The next board was a push, but it featured the same brilliant defence at both tables.

Closed Room

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West North East South
Li Soloway Wang Deutsch
1♣ Dbl 2♣ 3♣ Pass
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass
All Pass
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South led the four of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a club to his king. He exited with a club and North overtook his partner’s queen and drew a third round of trumps with the jack. It looks as if declarer can arrive at eight tricks via three trumps, two spades, one heart and two diamonds, but he collected only seven, so USA1 scored +200.

Open Room

```
West North East South
Mahmood Wang X Rosenberg Fu
Pass Pass Pass Pass 1NT
Pass 2♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
Pass 3♣ Pass 3♣ All Pass
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Rosenberg won the opening lead of the three of hearts with the ace and took a winning spade finesse. He led the five of diamonds and South instantly played the jack. When the queen of diamonds held the trick, declarer took another spade finesse and followed it with the ace of spades which South ruffed. He played another heart but declarer could not be denied. He ruffed with the four of clubs, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed his last spade in dummy. He then exited with the nine of diamonds and showed his cards. +110, 7 IMPs and another burst of applause.

The next board was a push, but it featured the same brilliant defence at both tables.


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West North East South
Li Soloway Wang Deutsch
Pass Pass Pass Pass 1NT
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass
All Pass
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After a similar start South preferred the nine-trick game. He would have made it at most tables, as West led a spade, but Zia was not prepared to give a trick on the lead and he selected the four of hearts.

There was nothing declarer could do, he had eight tricks and no more. +50 and 10 IMPs for USA1.

Zia drew a round of applause for his lead and on the next board it was the turn of his partner to wow the audience.

Board 52. Game All Dealer West.

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♠ K 10 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 8 3
♣ A J 7

♥ Q 9 7 4
♥ A 6 2
♥ Q 9 4 2
♥ 6 3 2

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

♠ 5 3
♥ K 8 5 4 3
♥ K J 10 7
♥ Q 9
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Closed Room

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West North East South
Li Soloway Wang Deutsch
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
1♣ Dbl 2♣ 2♣ Pass
3♣ All Pass
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Both teams reached a normal four spades.

Li led the three of clubs and in no time at all Wang had cashed the queen and ace and played a third round. He went up with the ace of spades on the first round of the suit and played another club to promote his partners jack of spades.

Fantastic!

Seymon joked afterwards that once West had dropped the queen of spades under the ace he would have finessed on the next round! Of course he knew East would not have played the ace from $\spadesuit \text{A}$. Zia made a lead-directing double so Rosenberg led the queen of spades. Declarer covered with the king, so Zia won, cashed the jack and played a third spade. Without pause for thought declarer once again ruffed with the nine and he too was home. Of course he may have suspected what was going on, but if East really has only two spades, then ruffing with the queen or jack appears to be the normal play – one that was made at other tables. We’ll run the hand on GIB to check it!

Now it was the turn of the USA to gain a swing in the bidding.

Board 56. Love All. Dealer West.

South led the two of spades against 3NT. Declarer needed to find the queen of diamonds, so when he played the jack from hand he was happy to see the queen appear on his left. He won with the ace and played a club to the ace. His contract was already secure for it was already clear they were watching something special.

The very next board saw China pick up another 6 IMPs by reaching a game not attempted in the Open Room.


You pay your money and you take your choice. Do you open $\heartsuit \text{A}$ or $\text{A} \text{J} 2$?

This time it worked better to open one, but maybe next time someone will have $\text{A} \text{J} 2$.

There was no time for anyone to relax – the next board featured one of the most interesting play problems of the championships.

Board 58. Love All. Dealer West.

East led the five of spades and West won with the nine, cashed the ace and played a third spade. Soloway ruffed with the nine of hearts and soon collected +420.

Rosenberg thought for a while over Zia’s 3NT but eventually he came up with the winning answer. Declarer claimed with a flourish as soon as everyone followed the bidding. Zia played the next board beautifully – of course it was to flatten the board!
Zia won the opening lead of the six of hearts and cashed the ace of diamonds, noting the appearance of South's queen. He ruffed a diamond, South discarding a club, ruffed a club, and cashed the ace of hearts. He ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and then ruffed a heart with the ace of spades. He ruffed a club with the jack of spades and then played a diamond, ensuring that the queen of spades would be his game-going trick.

No doubt exhausted by some of their earlier efforts, the players contrived to produce a final board that was totally out of keeping with the rest of the match.

Board 64. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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Give West the queen of clubs and six clubs is not bad, but might still be beaten by two rounds of hearts, depending on the lie of the trump suit. Of course if he had the queen, West might go back to diamonds. That was all academic here, as South was sufficientliy impressed to save.

Li led the king of diamonds and switched his attack to spades. After getting a spade ruff there was still a club trick to come, so that was +800.

Zia explained after the session that he made two errors on this board. The first was to bid five clubs, which promised a better hand than the one he actually had. Systemically he should have passed and then removed his partner's likely double to five clubs, which would have been more in accordance with his actual values. His other error was in not converting six clubs to six diamonds – he would still have gone down on this layout, but six clubs would have failed even if Rosenberg had held AKQ75 – there would still have been no way to prevent North from scoring his jack of clubs after the defence start with two rounds of hearts.

China had won the segment 37-32, leaving them ahead 156-127, with 32 boards to go.

For all of the evening and most of the following day there was only one topic of conversation – did you see “the boards”?

Those who did will remember them for a long, long time.
France brought a 30 IMP lead into the fifth segment of their Bermuda Bowl quarter-final against Poland. However, most of that lead vanished in the first half an hour or so of play.


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It worked out well for South to open his awkward hand with 1♣ because he got to describe his two-suiter lack of a fourth trump. In contrast, Perron/Chemla sailed 200.

Open Room

The non-regular partnership of Cesary Balicki and Marek Szymanski bid smoothly to the top spot and Szymanski soon chanked up: +920; 10 IMPs to Poland.


France vs Poland

Board 1. Love All. Dealer South.

Bermuda Bowl Quarterfinal (set 5)

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Having bid a hopeless slam on the previous board, the French pair now missed a good one. 3NT made twelve tricks on a spade lead: +490.

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Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

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Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

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Both North/Souths bid 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦. Chemla was left to play there and made exactly for +110. In the other room, 2♥ ran round to Mari who bal-
Negotiating the Trump Break

by Patrick Jourdain (GB)

Ian Truscott’s trivia quiz will no doubt ask which is the oldest team in the Transnationals. With four team members over 70 (we will leave you to guess which) his must certainly be in the running. But anyone who thinks that they will therefore have an easy ride, is in for a shock, witness this deal from the first round of the Transnationals:

Dealer West: 6 3
        K A Q 4
        10 7 4
        J 8 2
        7
        5

West North East South

2♣ Dbl Pass 3♣ Pass 4♦ All Pass

The opening two spades showed exactly five spades and a side-suit of at least four cards, with the strength of a weak two.

In response to the take-out double the Truscotts use Lebenshohl, so the call of 3♥ was the stronger way of bidding the suit. This encouraged Dorothy to raise to game.

West led a top spade, which was allowed to hold, and another won by the ace. Truscott took the club finesse, which lost, and East returned the nine of clubs. Truscott won in dummy and ruffled a club, East ditching a diamond. So West’s second suit was clubs and he had four red cards.

Playing for West to have one trump and three diamonds, Truscott cashed one top trump, followed by his three diamonds, ending in dummy. When these held up he knew he was home. East was down to all trumps.

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On a club lead from dummy East had no answer. South got to over-ruff and ruff a spade high, and East could only make one trump trick.

A good wine grows better with age.
Bermuda Bowl

Norway vs Italy

Going into the final 32 boards, Norway held a 5-IMP lead over Italy, 178-173. Clearly it was anybody’s ball game. As a matter of fact the battle went right down to the wire. Of course, while we watched the action at the vugraph tables, we kept an eye on the scoreboard for the other matches. Seven were not settled as the session began, and one — between United States II and Canada in the Venice Cup — actually was decided on the very last board.

Both Italy and Norway took a phantom save on the opening board.

Board 81. Love All. Dealer North.

Here Italy decided to take the sure plus by doubling 4♣ while Norway went for the vulnerable game – and succeeded.

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The defence gathered in two trumps plus one trick in each side suit for plus 300.

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Helgemo was right when he bid 4NT – that contract will make. But Helness corrected to 5♠. The defence quickly cashed two spades, but that was all – 600 to Norway, good for 7 IMPs.

Board 82. NIS Vul. Dealer East.

The auctions were identical.

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As you can see, 4♠ won’t make, but neither Lauria nor Aa knew that. Both declarers lost the four expected tricks for a push at minus 300.

Board 83. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

Helgemo and Helness found a fascinating defence here. The contract at both tables was 5♠, and Norway fulfilled this contract in the Closed Room. In the Open Room, Helness led the 3♠ ruffed, and Versace led a club to the 10 and queen. After considerable thought — he didn’t have a good hand to lead from — Helness tried a second club. Lauria went wrong when he finessed, losing to the king. Helgemo shot back a spade to partner’s king Helness returned a spade, leaving declarer with two losing diamonds. Down two – 8 IMPs to Norway.

Italy got overboard on this one, climbing all the way to 4♣ and going down 3. Norway stopped in a diamond lead over Italy, 178-173. Clearly it was anybody’s ball game. As a matter of fact the balance.

0 IMPs to Italy and the score was 201-201.

In both rooms South opened 4♣ and West over-called 4♠. That was the final contract in the Closed Room, and Buratti made his game. In the Open Room, however, Helgemo decided to bid again, so he played in 5♠ doubled. The defence started with two club tricks plus a club ruff. Versace cashed the 6♠ and led a second spade to the king. A strange situation — declarer had no way to get back to his hand without losing another trick. So he wound up down three – minus 500. 2 IMPs to Italy and the score was 201-201.

The Italian barrage continued on the next board.

Unlikely partnership

Felicity Reid of Jamaica and Muriel Fowles of Scotland are playing as a partnership in the Transnational Open Teams here. How did they ever find each other? Well, in 1987, when the world championships were held in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Muriel was there and she became friends with Felicity, who incidentally is now president of the Central America-Caribbean Bridge Federation. They were in contact recently and decided to renew their partnership.
Board 92. NIS Vul. Dealer West.

North East South
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\[H] 10 9 7 6 4
\[S] 9 4
\[W] Q J 10 6 5
\[E] 6 2

North has to shift to a diamond when he wins his ace.

Board 93. Game All. Dealer North.

North East South
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\[H] 9 3
\[S] 8
\[W] A K 10 7 5 4 3 2
\[E] Q 10 8 6 4 2

Helgemo preempted 3♥, and everybody passed – plus 110. In the Closed Room Buratti opened 3♠ (showing diamonds), and Aa came right in with 3♥. Groetheim played in 3♥ making. The opening 3♥ bid doesn’t show clubs at all – it’s a diamond pre-empt. But of course Lanzarotti had no trouble placing the contract with his excellent suit. After winning the first trick with the A♠, Aa switched to a trump. With the Q♥ onside, Buratti had no problem making 12 tricks.

Board 94. Love All. Dealer East.

North East South
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\[H] A 10 8 6 3
\[S] 9 7 6 5
\[W] 5 4
\[E] Q 10

Lauria cashed the K♥, then did a lot of thinking. The commentators of course had discovered that the only way to beat the contract was to lead a diamond into North’s announced strength in that suit. But the commentators were looking at all four hands. Would Lauria work it out? He thought about it for several minutes, then put a diamond on the table. As a result the slam was down one – a brilliancy to close an excellent match.

Board 95. NIS Vul. Dealer South.

North East South
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\[H] Q 10 8 7 6
\[S] J K 10 7 6
\[W] Q 6 5 2
\[E] 6

Helgemo and Helness played in 3♥ making, while Aa and Groetheim played in 3♠ making. The additional 6 IMPs put the match beyond doubt. But the last board still was of major interest – especially since we still hadn’t received the report on Board 93 from the Closed Room.

Board 96. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

North East South
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\[H] A 3 2
\[S] 10 8 7 6
\[W] A K 9 8 7 6
\[E] Q 10

In the Closed Room Italy arrived in 5♥ on a quick auction-3♥-5♥. Of course, it’s also an unusual auction. The opening 3♥ bid doesn’t show clubs at all - it’s a diamond pre-empt. But of course Lanzarotti had no trouble placing the contract with his excellent suit. After winning the first trick with the A♠, Aa switched to a trump. With the Q♥ onside, Buratti had no problem making 12 tricks.

On this auction, what you lead? A heart, of course. But it turned out that this led gave Lauria his contract. He was able to get rid of his losing diamond on the 5♥, and left him with only three losers – plus 590. The contract can be beaten. South has to lead a black suit and North has to shift to a diamond when he wins his ace. The same contract was played at the other table, but it wasn’t doubled, so Italy suddenly was out front by 5 IMPs.

The lead didn’t last long.

Board 94. Love All. Dealer East.

North East South
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\[H] 10 8 6 3
\[S] 9 7 6 5
\[W] 5 4
\[E] Q 10

Both teams arrived in 4♣, but Norway made it and Italy did not. In the Open Room Lauria won the opening heart lead and led back a heart to Helgemo’s queen. He probably would have been better off if he had immediately given up a diamond trick, planning to set up dummy’s diamonds for a club pitch. But Helgemo switched to a club, and declarer no longer had any chances. He guessed the trump situation correctly, but lost two diamonds, a club and a heart.

In the other room the opening lead was a diamond, so declarer had the timing necessary to set up diamonds (and one less diamond loser) for the club discard – making game. 10 more IMPs to Norway increased their lead to 17 with only two boards to go.

Norway put the nails in the coffin on next board.

Board 95. NIS Vul. Dealer South.

North East South
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\[S] A 8 3
\[W] K 5 2
\[E] 9

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Tobias is known as “Wherex”, because her teammates are always asking “Where’s Tobias?” The answer is usually that she’s primping in front of a mirror, especially if the team is on vogue. Tobias kept the team supplied with Diet Cokes through her persistence in seeking out every shop in Hammamet that used to carry it and buying out their entire supply, Tobias works as a real estate broker when not playing bridge. She represented the U.S. in the Salsamaggiore Olypiiad and Beijing Venice Cup.

Jill Meyers is the team’s fashion plate. She spent much of her time away from the table in the exercise room trying to lose the extra pound she gained in Hammamet. In addition to her Venice Cup title (Santiago, 1993) she holds the title for having spent the most money in Tunisia, requiring the purchase of two suitcases to take home her loot. When she is at home, Jill works in the film and television industry. (Those having seen Woody Allen’s film “Everyone Says I Love You” might have noticed Jill’s name on the trailing credits!)

Randi Montin. She is the team’s tranquilizer antidote to Jill’s, Marino’s, and Tobis’s amphetamine highs. She hails from Napa Valley, California, where she works in sales at a major vineyard. Although usually the team is blessed with her excellent choices of wines, she is at a loss in Tunisia with no familiar wines available. Randi won the Pan American Games in Corpus Christi, Texas. Unfortunately, Randi spent the first week of the tournament suffering from stomach distress.

Marinesa Letizia is a bridge professional who hails from Louisville, Kentucky, but will soon be moving to New York. Marinesa has tons of unbridled energy and is always raring to go, even when the rest of the team is ready to pass out. She won the McConnell Cup in Albuquerque.

Lisa Berkowitz. She resides in New Jersey, just outside of New York City. A former accountant, she now works as a bridge teacher. Her greatest enthusiasms, however, are reserved for her three children Dana, Michael, and David. Lisa won the Pan American Games in Corpus Christi.

Sue Picus. Sue is serving as NPC for the first time. She previously won Venice Cup titles in Yokohama and Santiago, was second in Beijing, and won the McConnell Teams in Albuquerque. She lives in New York City where she works as a computer systems manager. After seeing how much more difficult it is to be a captain than a player, the constant support of “coach” Barry Rigal reinforced her decision to marry him in December.

Roudinesco book available

Jean-Marc Roudinesco’s Dictionary of Suit Combinations is available from the author at the Royal Azur or at the transNational Teams. Price – 40 Tunisian dinars.
In the Closed Room, South, Kerri Sanborn opened INT and played there on a low club lead. She scored a fairly normal looking +180.

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Reus bid two clubs and four diamonds for down two; -200.

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