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Chinese Taipei climbs

With four round-robin matches to go, **Italy** is a virtual cinch to qualify for Monday's semifinals. That's not really news, but the rise of **Chinese Taipei** certainly is.

Italy is out in front by 26 Victory Points after pounding erstwhile runner-up **Israel**, 21-9, on vugraph last night. Italy also blitzed **Australia** and edged **Brazil**, 16-14.

Meanwhile **Chinese Taipei** collected 67 out of a possible 75 VPs for the day. They blitzed **Brazil** and **Egypt** and defeated **Israel**, 17-13. After starting the day in fifth place, they moved up one position after each match to take over second place, 9 points ahead of **USA 2**.

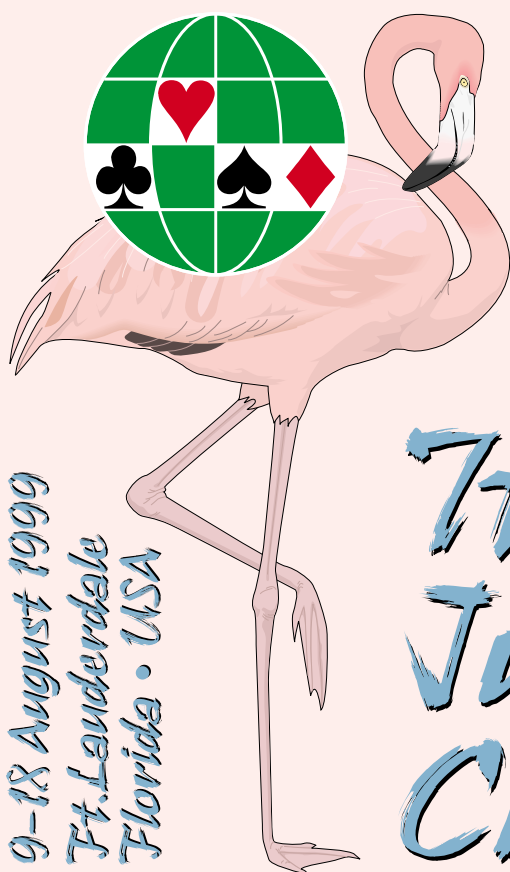
USA 2 recovered with an 18-12 victory over **Brazil** in their last match. After losses to **CAC** and **Australia**, the Americans had dropped to fourth.

The big losers for the day were the big winners from the previous day – **Israel**. After defeating **Argentina**, 23-7, **Israel** had to face **Chinese Taipei** and **Italy**. They had climbed to a tie for second place, but the losses dropped them all the way to a tie for fourth place with **Denmark**. Meanwhile **Denmark** had tight wins over both Canadian teams, but they lost to **Hong Kong**.

China and **Norway** also are still very much in the battle for one of the qualifying berths.

Today's Program

Round-Robin (session 12)	10.30-13.20
Round-Robin (session 13)	15.00-17.50
Round-Robin (session 14)	21.00-23.50



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VUGRAPH MATCHES

Canada 1 - USA 2	10.30
To be announced	15.00
To be announced	21.00



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12

1	USA 1	ISRAEL
2	CANADA 1	USA 2
3	ARGENTINA	NORWAY
4	CAC	CANADA 2
5	EGYPT	BRAZIL
6	CHINA	ITALY
7	CHN TAIPEI	DENMARK
8	AUSTRALIA	HONG KONG

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

1	DENMARK	USA 1
2	ITALY	HONG KONG
3	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA
4	CANADA 2	CHN TAIPEI
5	NORWAY	CHINA
6	USA 2	EGYPT
7	ISRAEL	CAC
8	CANADA 1	ARGENTINA

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

1	AUSTRALIA	USA 1
2	HONG KONG	CHN TAIPEI
3	DENMARK	CHINA
4	ITALY	EGYPT
5	BRAZIL	CAC
6	CANADA 2	ARGENTINA
7	NORWAY	CANADA 1
8	USA 2	ISRAEL

TOMORROW'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 15

1	USA 1	EGYPT
2	CHINA	CAC
3	CHN TAIPEI	ARGENTINA
4	AUSTRALIA	CANADA 1
5	HONG KONG	ISRAEL
6	DENMARK	USA 2
7	ITALY	NORWAY
8	BRAZIL	CANADA 2



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CANADA 1 USA 1	92	35	25	4
2	ARGENTINA ISRAEL	17	57	7	23
3	CAC USA 2	48	34	18	12
4	EGYPT NORWAY	44	24	19	11
5	CHINA CANADA 2	25	53	9	21
6	CHINESE TAIPEI BRAZIL	82	18	25	3
7	AUSTRALIA ITALY	9	62	5	25
8	HONG KONG DENMARK	37	12	20	10

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CAC USA 1	60	48	17	13
2	EGYPT ARGENTINA	37	65	9	21
3	CHINA CANADA 1	19	42	10	20
4	CHINESE TAIPEI ISRAEL	37	25	17	13
5	AUSTRALIA USA 2	63	38	20	10
6	HONG KONG NORWAY	24	44	11	19
7	DENMARK CANADA 2	60	52	16	14
8	ITALY BRAZIL	29	23	16	14

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA USA 1	71	17	25	4
2	CHINESE TAIPEI EGYPT	70	18	25	5
3	AUSTRALIA CAC	23	50	9	21
4	HONG KONG ARGENTINA	29	38	13	17
5	DENMARK CANADA 1	50	36	18	12
6	ITALY ISRAEL	43	16	21	9
7	BRAZIL USA 2	26	42	12	18
8	CANADA 2 NORWAY	57	60	14	16

RANKING AFTER SESSION 11

Country	VPs
1 ITALY	220
2 CHINESE TAIPEI	194
3 USA 2	185
4 DENMARK	179
ISRAEL	179
6 CHINA	170.5
7 NORWAY	169
8 HONG KONG	161.5
9 AUSTRALIA	159.5
10 ARGENTINA	157
11 CANADA 1	151
12 CAC	149.5
13 BRAZIL	141
14 CANADA 2	138.5
15 EGYPT	136
16 USA 1	124

Suit preference

Some of the material important to this hand was missing when this article first appeared. Here is the corrected version.

Board 8 in the Denmark-Italy match was a textbook hand in suit preference signaling.

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

♠ K 10 9 ♥ 10 9 8 3 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ A 7 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 5 4 ♥ A Q J 4 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ K Q 6	♠ A 8 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ Q 9 6 4 ♣ 10 9 8 2
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	S											
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West	North	East	South
	Madsden		Konow
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dbf	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	3♥	All Pass

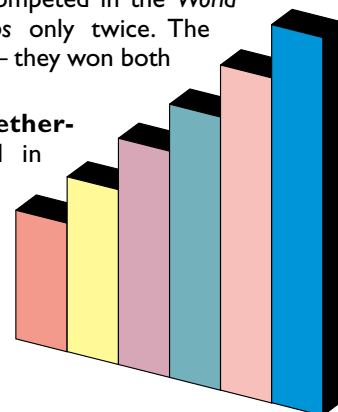
Morten Madsen of Denmark thought long and hard before giving the push, and rightfully so. The defense had seven tricks but decided against taking the penalty.

The ♠Q opening lead held the trick. Kaspar Konow deliberately set up the ♠10 by leading a suit-preference ♠J. Madsen won his ace perforce and duly led a diamond for his ruff. There was still the ♦Q coming for the setting trick.

Perfect record for Britain

Great Britain has competed in the World Junior Team Championships only twice. The Britons' record is perfect – they won both times – in 1989 and 1995.

Germany and Netherlands have participated in only one championship each. Their record also is perfect – they were victorious the only time they played – the Germans in 1993 and the Dutch in the inaugural championship in 1987.



Can you name the only two teams that have participated in all seven championships? Probably you guessed the **United States**, and of course you're right. But you may not have guessed **Argentina**. The Argentines just missed the title in 1989 and they were fourth in 1987. The Americans were the victors in 1991, and they have two third-place finishes to their credit.

Australia missed only the first event. The Aussies had a third in 1991 and a fourth in 1989.

Four teams have competed five times – **Denmark, China, Canada** and **CAC**. **Denmark** is the defending champion this time - they won in Canada two years ago. The Danes also have a third and a fourth – an excellent showing. **Canada** came ever so close to victory in 1991, when they were edged out in the final by the **United States**. They also finished fourth in the two most recent championships. Neither **China** nor **CAC** has made into the top four to date, but **China** is making a strong move that way in this tournament.

Other countries that have participated in the World Junior Team Championships, with their number of appearances in parentheses: **Chinese Taipei** (4), **Norway** (4), **Indonesia** (3), **Israel** (3), **Brazil** (3), **Italy** (3), **New Zealand** (2), **Pakistan** (2), **France** (2), **India** (2), **Japan** (2), and **Russia** (1).

Looking forward to Sunday?

Tomorrow will be a day of pluses.

First, after three straight days of unrelenting play, there will be only one match. And that will be over early – by 1:30 p.m. everyone will be swimming, eating, shopping, relaxing, sleeping – anything except for playing bridge.

After a leisurely afternoon, everyone will converge on the water taxis at 6 p.m. for a sightseeing tour that will take us past many of the big mansions for which Fort Lauderdale is famous. Then at 7:30 p.m. it will be barbeque time – the cookout will take place near the pool.

Then four teams will go to bed knowing that more tough bridge will be in the cards for them on Monday – these will be the teams that make it to the semifinals. Incidentally, there is a carryover provision in the Conditions of Contest.

As for those who failed to qualify, they have a choice – they can play in the Swiss Pairs or they can just relax.

Round 7

CAC vs Egypt

by Barry Rigal

This was a high-scoring match, full of missed opportunities. After an early exchange of gifts, Egypt broke on top when they got the best of the luck.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W vul.

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

Both N/S pairs muddled the water after a 1♣ opening from West. The Egyptian North bid 3♠ and the CAC North tried 2♠. Egypt stopped in 4♥, but CAC bid 6♥. The slam contract seems to need only clubs or hearts to split. When those suits failed to cooperate, Egypt gained 13 IMPs instead of losing the same number.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W vul.

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

CAC took back the lead here. If you look at the N/S cards here, you'd have to be lucky to make 6♠ (♠Q doubleton or tripleton onside, a 25% shot), but to go three down in 4♠ is absurd. Or is it? Look at the lie of the red suits! CAC collected 300 by making all their tricks. The Egyptian East led a heart, collected a diamond ruff, then shifted to a club – minus 650.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

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

The de Tessieres brothers sacrificed over 4♥ with 5♦ – which goes only one down unless West finds the low heart opening lead. In the other room the Egyptian N/S declared 3NT – not a promising spot. The ♥A lead and a low heart continuation left East wondering if partner had, e.g., ♠K Q x x x ♥A K J x ♦Q x ♣x x, when she would need to put in the ♥10 to be a hero instead of a goat.

Alas! This was not the right day for heroics. Declarer's ♥J turned out to be his ninth trick. Strange but true.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S vul.

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

CAC had lost and regained the lead by the time this deal came up. The Egyptian declarer misplayed 5♣ to go down. 3NT by Juanita Ochoa looks safe and indeed on a spade lead and the ♣J to the queen, 11 tricks were easy. If North ducks the ♣J, the play becomes more complex – there are no entries to dummy – declarer gives up a heart, then wins the likely spade return to cash the major suit winners and exits with a club. North can cash three black suit winners but must concede the rest to dummy.

A few accidents later, CAC finally regained the lead on Board 20.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both vul.

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

The de Tessieres brothers played 4♠ down three – not normally a promising result. But when Ochoa overcalled 3♥ over the 1♣ opening, South doubled (negative) and North sat for it, carrying Larry Cohens "LAW" principles a little too far. Unlucky. With all four suits behaving for declarer, that was plus 930 and 12 IMPs for CAC.

Slam interest, but no game

Lik Cheung had slam interest on Board 5 in Round 10, but even game was beyond Hong Kong's reach.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S vul.

♠ A 4 ♥ 10 9 5 4 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ Q 8 7 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 6 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ 9 7 6 3 ♣ K J 9 4	♠ J 8 7 2 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ J 8 5 4 2 ♣ 2
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West	North	East	South
Poon	Kvangraven	Cheung	Harr
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣ (1)	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

(1) Good hand, good support, slam interest.

N.K. Kvangraven started with a heart, ducked to the queen. Gunnar Harr switched to a diamond, and Chi Keung Poon immediately went after trumps, taking a successful finesse to the jack. He led a spade to his king, and Kvangraven made a well-conceived duck. Poon crossed to dummy with a heart and ruffed a heart.

When he took his trump ace, he got the bad news about the 4-1 break. He next led the ♠3, and Kvangraven had to play his ace. He led his ♦Q to declarer's king, and Poon put his ♠Q on the table. Kvangraven ruffed and dummy overruffed. However, on the diamond return declarer ruffed and Kvangraven overruffed for the setting trick. Since declarer now was out of trumps, Norway won the last trick as well for down two.

But it was only a small gain. At the other table, Norway climbed to 3NT and was beaten a trick on the ♥K opening lead.

When Harr opened 2♦ on Board 19, Kvangraven had a quick vision of slam, but he realized his partner could be very weak, so he settled for game once he discovered which suit his partner held. Little did he know that he was being overly optimistic in even bidding game.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W vul.

♠ K 8 7 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ A K Q 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 3 ♥ 6 ♦ J 6 5 2 ♣ J 9 7 6 3	♠ 10 9 6 ♥ Q 8 5 3 2 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ 5 2
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West	North	East	South
Poon	Kvangraven	Cheung	Harr
Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♦ ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Multi. ⁽²⁾ Asking for clarification. ⁽³⁾ Weak two-bid in hearts.

Cheung led his singleton heart and the 10 forced the ace. Kvangraven wasn't at all happy when he continued trumps and East showed out. Poon won the jack and shifted to a spade. Declarer resignedly put up the king and watched the ace eat it. Poon continued with the ♠Q and another spade to partner's jack. Kvangraven still had to lose another trump, so he was down two on his slammish-looking hand.

This also was only a small loss because Hong Kong played in 3NT down one on the lead of the ♠6.

There was no slam interest on Board 3, but the fact that Cheung took a vulnerable save against non-vul opponents certainly makes it interesting.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ — ♦ A K 10 9 5 4 ♣ 8 7 6 4 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 9 5 2 ♥ J 10 9 ♦ Q 6 2 ♣ 9 5 3	♠ K 10 8 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ J 8 7 3 ♣ A K 10
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West	North	East	South
Poon	Kvangraven	Cheung	Harr
2♥	4♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♦
All Pass			Dbl

Cheung bid 5♥ as a two-way chance: (1) maybe it would make, and (2) maybe it would be a good save.

The spade spots made the difference. Poon lost two clubs of course, but he began to hope when the spade finesse to the jack worked. But Harr showed Poon his hand - there was no way to avoid the loss of a spade.

Would 5♦ have made? As often happens, it depends on the opening lead. If Cheung led his partner's suit, and chances are he would have, the diamond game comes home when the clubs set up. However, if Cheung had second sight and led a spade, the hand goes down - two quick spades and a trump.

At the other table Norway got even higher.

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Lai	Saur	Yau
Dbl	5♦	Dbl	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

This was set two tricks, so Hong Kong gained 7 IMPs.

Round 8

Israel vs Canada I

by Barry Rigal

The Israelis played perhaps the best bridge we have seen on vugraph so far. Asaf Amit and Yaniv Zack did virtually nothing wrong throughout the whole match.

After four boards Canada I held a 2-IMP lead after bidding a good slam in the Closed Room. Thereafter they got, and were given, nothing at all.

Board 5 saw a slightly cautious auction by Eran Shaham pay huge dividends.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S vul.

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

After both Norths opened 1♠, the Easts had to decide how much to bid. Darren Wolpert bid 5♦, Amit reopened with a double, and Zack tried 5♣. On the ♦A lead Wolpert decided (correctly in my opinion) to play partner for just the ♥A rather than either a lot of clubs or a slow club trick and a major suit winner. He shifted to his heart, and that was minus 650.

Shaham bid only 4♦ at his first turn. Michael Nadler bid 4♣ and Amir Levin bid 5♣ as a lead director. Now 5♠ was easily one down (a save over 5♦ which might have made?)

Board 6 saw another big pickup for Israel. It hinged on the handling of the South cards after a 1♠ opening by East.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W vul.

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

Nadler bid 2♦ and then sold out to 4♠ at his next turn rather than make a very aggressive double (his partner appeared to be marked with a yarborough). Shaham by contrast doubled 1♠, and when Ben Zeidenberg jumped to 3♣ to show a limit raise, Amit doubled. That persuaded Zack to save in 5♦. While 5♠ makes, one can hardly blame Wolpert for selling out to 5♦.

Then Zeidenberg-Wolpert had an especially painful loss.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both vul.

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

4♥ is poor, but it makes. The Israeli E/W stopped sensibly in 3♥, so Canada had a chance to gain 10 IMPs. Alas, for they bid 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2NT - 3NT. This contract had no play on a spade lead - 7 IMPs away instead of 10 in.

It got worse on the next deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

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

Both tables played high-level spade contracts after West preempted in clubs and East upped the ante. Slam for N/S must be good - it has 12 chances in 13! Only a heart lead beats the slam. In fact that opening lead beat 5♣, the contract declared by Nadler. Zeidenberg and Levin both led a top club - minus 980 and minus 480 respectively.

Rigal does double duty

After doing a fine job producing the *Daily Bulletin* at the World Junior Pair Championships in Prague, **Barry Rigal** is here doing an excellent job as vugraph commentator. As you no doubt have noticed, he also is making generous contributions to the *Daily Bulletin*.

Amit paid Zeidenberg the ultimate compliment on Board 10.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

♠ 7 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ Q J 9 7 6 5 ♣ A J 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ A 9 6 ♥ J 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ 10 5
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Amit played 2♠ as North after a Multi 2♦ auction. He got a heart lead and won in hand to lead a spade to the 9, 10 and queen. Zeidenberg thoughtfully shifted to a low club. Amit put in the jack, reasoning that with ♣10-x Zeidenberg would have played the 10.

Israel continued to play virtually flawless bridge. Consider Board 17 where another potential Canada gain vanished into the night.

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ J 10 6 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A Q 10 6 5 ♣ 4 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ K Q 9 7 ♥ K 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A Q J 8 5
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♠ A 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 7 3 ♦ K 8 7 2 ♣ 9		♠ 8 5 4 ♥ A 8 6 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ K 10 7 6									

Israel bid to INT when Shaham-Levin tried 1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠ - INT. Shaham quite reasonably passed. In the identical position Wolpert tried 2NT as East, since his team needed a swing. Zeidenberg raised to game. The diamond lead to the jack gave Zeidenberg the chance for an excellent play – and he took it, ducking the jack. Back came a diamond, and Amit cashed his diamond winners. He trusted his partner's signal when he shifted to a club. Well done, everyone – one down and 5 IMPs to Israel instead of 7 the other way.

The set ended as it started, with Amit guessing a K-J combination to wrap an unlikely doubled game. Israel earned a well-deserved maximum (with something to spare!)

Departure arrangements

If you need transportation to the airport after the tournament, please contact Charlotte Blaiss, hospitality chairman, immediately. If you do not make your arrangements immediately, you may not have transportation to the airport.

A newspaper hand

by Grand Danois

Saturday I bought a ticket to a sightseeing cruise with "Jungle Queen", the riverboat you may have noticed in the harbor near our hotel. On the tour we passed lots of millionaires' summer residences and were told that most of these guys started as newspaper boys – apparently a safe way to make money in this country.

Speaking of newspapers, this hand from Round 7 Thursday afternoon is well suited for bridge columns:

♠ 10 8 7	♥ 8	♦ A K Q J 6 5	♣ K 8 4
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Your partner becomes declarer in 3NT, just making. How many tricks do you think your hand will take as dummy?

Answer: None, of course:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S vul.

♠ J 9 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ 9 7 3 2 ♣ A Q 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ A K Q ♥ A K 9 7 6 ♦ – ♣ J 10 7 5 3
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The bidding in the Open Room in the match between Norway and Denmark:

West	North	East	South
Konow	Saur	Madsen	Brogeland
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The lead was the ♣9, and, as Barry Rigal told us on vugraph, it's easy to play the hand double dummy. Low from dummy forces North to duck as well – otherwise dummy has a club entry. So East wins the ♣J, cashes his five top tricks and exits with a club. North is endplayed.

However, Morten Madsen studied the Norwegian convention card and noticed that South might have started from 9-6 or 9-6-2 in clubs. He therefore played the ♣K, which was taken by the ace as he carefully unblocked the 5 from his own hand. He won the spade shift and played the ♣7, planning to overtake if the 6 showed up, but it didn't and North ducked of course.

A low heart toward dummy gave South problems, but finally he ducked and the jack won the trick. North cashed his ♣Q and shifted back to hearts, but declarer knew what to do. He won the ace, cashed the remaining four black winners and played the ♥7. Even Boye Brogeland couldn't avoid this endplay. Nine tricks. Frequently asked question: "Isn't it true that the West hand is worth at least a couple of tricks if South bids 5♣?"

Answer: Not necessarily. Back to the vugraph where East became declarer in 5♣ with a spade lead. After two more spade tricks East cashed his top hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy... with the ♣4. Game over.

Somebody told me that this morning East was seen selling newspapers on Sunrise Boulevard.

Round 8 **Brazil vs China**

China entered this match in good position in the standings while Brazil was struggling to stay in contention for one of the four semifinal berths. Brazil got off to a good start, picking up 11 IMPs on the first board.

give a sluff-ruff. The second plan would have worked, but Shen tried the first, leading low to the ♠J. Down one.

The opening lead was key on this board in the Open Room.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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

Both teams arrived in 5♥, and China played it doubled. Diego Brenner got off to a club lead, ruffed. The spade suit was the key, of course, and Chen Shen started by leading to the 9, losing to the 10. Brenner returned the ♠2, and the queen forced the ace. Later Brenner collected the setting trick with the ♠K.

The defense was the same to a point at the other table. After ruffing out the clubs and drawing trumps, Paolo Barros led a spade to his 7, losing to the 10. But Yu Wei misjudged here, returning the ♠K instead of the deuce. Suddenly declarer had only two losers – plus 450.

The next board presented Shen with an interesting play problem.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S vul.

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

In the Open Room Brazil stopped in 3♥, made with an over-trick. But Shen and Linglei Chen got to the heart game after Brenner opened a weak notrump (12-14). Shen played carefully to determine where Brenner's points were, and by the time he got around to playing spades, he had counted Brenner for 9 HCP. That wasn't much help - Brenner could have both spade honors and have 14 points, or he could hold only the king and still have 12 points. Shen had two choices - a low spade to the jack and hope Brenner had both honors and would be endplayed, or ace and a spade and hope that Brenner would win and would have to

Board 4. Dealer West. Both vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ma	P.Barros	Wei	J. Barros
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Yi Ma had nothing to go on as he chose his opening lead. Clearly the defense had six quick tricks on either a heart or a club lead, but Ma chose a spade. With the ♦K onside, Jose Barros quickly took his nine tricks and conceded the rest.

North did not preempt in the Closed Room, leading to a spirited competitive auction.

West	North	East	South
Ceglia	Shen	Brenner	Chen
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dbl
1♥	2♦	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

Shen made his contract, losing only two clubs and a heart, but that still was another 10 IMPs for Brazil.

Many of the biggest swings are the result of opening leads. Here's another example.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables - 1♠ - 5♦ - 5♠. The final contract was doubled in the Closed Room. In the Open Room Wei led his singleton heart, and that was the end of the defense. Declarer was able to knock out the ace of trumps and get rid of his club loser on dummy's fifth heart.

At the other table, Jose Barros started with the ♦A, then after some thought shifted to a club. That was the end of the offense. Brazil was ready to take the setting trick with a club when declarer dislodged the trump ace.

Board 8 was the wildest deal of the set.

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ma	P. Barros	Wei	J. Barros
3♣	3♦	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Once again the opening lead was critical. Ma passed up what looks like a normal lead - a club. Instead he led his singleton heart, and suddenly declarer didn't have a chance. When he went up with the ace and led a diamond, he actually went down two - the ♦A, the ♥K and a heart ruff. On a club lead declarer would have ruffed, drawn trumps and knocked out the ♦A to make his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ceglia	Shen	Brenner	Chen
3NT ⁽¹⁾	4♦	5♣	Dbl
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	7♣	Dbl
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Gambling.

Airport transportation

Marshall Hall and Diana Holt are in charge of airport transportation. They arranged for limos to bring all the teams to the tournament hotel last week. Now they are making the necessary arrangements for buses to transport the players the day after the tournament ends.

Brenner thought long and hard before bidding 7♣. This was beaten only two tricks. Whether or not it was a good save depends entirely on what Pedro Ceglia would have led against the spade slam. If he would have led a heart, then the save was wrong. But if he led anything else, the save was a big winner. At many tables in other matches, the spade slam came home, so on percentage it appears that Brenner made the right move.

The auction was a bit strange in the Closed Room on the next board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W vul.

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

Chen opened 2♠, and Ceglia, probably hoping the Chinese would bid spades again, overcalled 3♥. The Chinese were happy to let her play it there, and Ceglia eventually was set one trick, losing the ♦A and four trumps (a third club by South promoted North's ♥6 for the setting trick).

Surprisingly the Brazilian South also opened 2♠. However, Ma doubled instead of overcalling, then bid 3NT over partner's 3♣ response. With the unfavorable lie of the cards, Ma had to suffer a one-trick defeat.

Brenner got away with murder on Board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S vul.

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

Brenner opened 1♠ in third seat with just a king and only four spades. Brenner explained to his screenmate that third-hand major openings could be psychs and could be made on as few as four trumps. Over the takeout double, Ceglia bid 2♣, which was explained as 10-11 high card points with support for partner's suit. Naturally Brenner turned down the invitation and bid just 2♠. Shen reopened with 3♦ in the passout seat, and that was the end of the auction.

Brenner led a spade to the jack and ace. The ♠10 was taken by the ace, and Ceglia led a spade to partner's king. Dummy's queen won the next spade. Ceglia won the ♣K with the ace and led a heart to dummy's jack. Next declarer took three rounds of diamonds and was surprised to discover that East had started with five. He won his ♣Q, but the defense had the rest of the tricks for down two.

This was a major loss since 3NT is cold, and that's where Brazil played the hand in the other room, making four for a 13-IMP gain.

Brenner tried another somewhat weak third-hand opener on Board 16, but this time it backfired.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W vul.

<p>♠ J 8 ♥ 4 ♦ A 10 8 5 4 ♣ A 10 9 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 5 3 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K Q 2 ♣ Q J 7 4</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> <p>♠ A Q 9 6 ♥ A 8 6 3 ♦ 9 7 6 3 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ K 4 2 ♥ K Q J 10 7 5 ♦ J ♣ K 8 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 6 ♥ A Q 10 5 4 ♦ A 6 3 2 ♣ 5</p>
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He opened 1♥ and Ceglia responded INT. Chen doubled in the passout seat, and Shen sat for the double. Shen correctly assumed that Chen had not bid the first time around because he had hearts, so started with the ♥9. Ceglia went up with the ace, and Chen showed his satisfaction with the lead by playing the king. Ceglia led a diamond and won the jack with the ace. He continued with a second diamond, taken with the queen, and Shen led his other heart. Chen cashed out the suit and led the ♣K, won with the ace. Ceglia led the ♠J, then thought for a long time. He finally decided the finesse would fail, so he went up with the ace, then lost the rest of the tricks. Ceglia won the four aces but lost the rest of the tricks for minus 800.

Three WBF presidents

Once **Jaime Ortiz-Patino** arrives here on Monday, there will be three former presidents of the World Bridge Federation on site.

Bobby Wolff of Dallas, Texas, is here as coach of the United States 2 team. Bobby has been a prime mover in Junior bridge in North America for many years.

Ernesto d'Orsi of Brazil is a member of the Appeals Committee. Ernesto has been a major factor in the growth of Junior bridge in South America.

As for Patino, he was president at the time Panos Gerontopoulos of Greece conceived the idea of bridge camps and tournaments for Juniors. When Panos told him of his plans, Patino immediately saw how important this project could be, and he gave Panos the green light. So interested was Patino in this project that he put the Jaime Ortiz-Patino Trophy in play for the winners of the World Junior Teams Championship.

This was the Open Room auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ma</i>	<i>P. Barros</i>	<i>Wei</i>	<i>J. Barros</i>
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♦	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Minors.

This was a fine, but unlucky, contract. With both diamond honors and the ♠K offside, 5♦ had to go down one trick.

The opening lead made the difference once again on Board 19.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W vul.

<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ K J 7 5 ♣ A J 8 2</p>	<p>♠ J 4 3 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ Q 9 6 3</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> <p>♠ A K Q 7 ♥ J 9 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ K 10 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 6 ♥ A Q 10 5 4 ♦ A 6 3 2 ♣ 5</p>	
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South played INT in both rooms. In the Closed Room, the opening lead was the ♠8, and declarer quickly took his four tricks in that suit. Next he led a club to the king and ace, and Ceglia switched to a heart. Brenner switched to a diamond, but Ceglia returned a second heart when he won the ♦J. Now Chen had six tricks – four spades, a heart and a club – for down one.

In the Open Room Ma led the ♥8 to the queen, with the 9 falling from South. Wei read the situation correctly and returned a low heart to the jack. Declarer could have escaped for down two at this point by cashing out his spades, but he led a club after taking only two spades. Ma took the ♣A and the defense had the rest of the tricks for down three.

Both teams played reasonably well – the big difference was the opening leads. Brazil had the edge here, and that translated into a 19-11 victory.

Your directing staff

Three tournament directors from the American Contract Bridge League and one from the Italian Bridge Federation are working this tournament.

The director-in-charge is **Gary Blaiss** of Memphis, who is in charge of bridge administration at ACBL headquarters in Memphis. Before taking his present post, he was rated as a National Tournament Director.

His chief assistant is **Antonio Riccardi** of Milan, Italy. Antonio is one of Europe's top directors – he works all the major tournaments sponsored by the European Bridge League.

Rick Beye of St. Louis, he of the short haircut, and **Guillermo Poplawsky** of Mexico City, he of the many languages, round out the staff. Both Beye and Poplawsky are Associate National Directors for the ACBL.

Round 10

Australia vs USA 2

by Barry Rigal

It was nice to see the Australians back on vugraph. Whereas they had been playing poorly and in bad luck a couple of days ago, this time they had a huge following and they took full advantage of it.

Small partscore swings on Boards 1 and 2 gave them 8 IMPs. Then Board 3 saw a paradoxical result.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W vul.

<p>♠ A J 6 3 ♥ A K Q 8 7 5 2 ♦ - ♣ Q J</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		<p>♠ Q 9 5 2 ♥ J 10 9 ♦ Q 6 2 ♣ 9 5 3</p>
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Joel Wooldridge-Tom Carmichael played 5♦ doubled. On a heart lead Carmichael, North, misguessed clubs and lost 300. Kylie Robb in the other room sacrificed in 6♦ over the non-making 5♥ (it's only the ♠8 away from being laydown) and got Leigh Gold, South, to be declarer. When Eric Greco (who thought the contract might make) led the ♠A, declarer guessed clubs - and escaped for minus 100!

USA 2 was held scoreless while Australia racked up the IMPs (including bidding a less than 10% vulnerable game that came in), and USA 2 missed their chances too.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

<p>♠ 10 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ K 9 7 6 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		<p>♠ Q 8 7 5 4 ♥ J 10 5 3 ♦ Q 6 4 3 ♣ -</p>
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Both tables declared 3NT on a heart lead. Both declarers won and led a club to the king, then set up a diamond and took a spade finesse for the contract. But if the two Wests rise with the ♣A at trick two to play hearts, the contract is down one by force.

USA 2 finally started to score in the second half. In fact, on Board 16 they got into double figures when they judged a competitive auction better.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W vul.

<p>♠ A Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A K 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		<p>♠ 6 ♥ A J 7 6 3 2 ♦ J 8 6 5 4 ♣ 10</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Greco	Robb	Willenken	Gold
1♠	Pass	INT	Dbl
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ 13-16 HCP.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brayshaw	Carmichael	Dupont	Wooldridge
1♠	Pass	INT	Dbl
2♠	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

Paul Brayshaw knew he was buying a ruffing value in dummy, but he hoped for two or three spades. As it was the defense had a trump promotion to doom 4♠ doubled for 800. The loss of 100 in the Open Room still meant 12 IMPs to USA 2.

There was more than a touch of good fortune in Australia's pickup a couple of boards later.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S vul.

<p>♠ 10 6 4 2 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ 8 7 4 2 ♣ 9 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		<p>♠ A 7 5 ♥ 10 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ K Q 10 7 6 5</p>
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brayshaw	Carmichael	Dupont	Wooldridge
		1♥	Dbl
2♥	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾Values.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Greco	Robb	Willenken	Gold
		2♥	Dbl
3♥	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Wooldridge simply needed the ♥A-K to his right. Bad luck - minus 300 to boot.

Gold's raise of 4♣ to five might have been hard to justify - and indeed it needed the ♠Q onside (which it was not a favorite to be) the way Robb played it. In fact, on the lead of the ♥A and the ♦A followed by the ♥J, declarer had a 100% line. Duck, run all the diamonds and clubs, and the hand counts out perfectly. The spades are known to be 4-2, so on the last trump, pitching a spade from dummy, catches West in a major suit squeeze.

USA 2 got the luck back - and then some - on the final deal.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both vul.

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

4♥ is where most pairs would play. Although 6♥ on a diamond lead is absolutely laydown, repeated trump leads will beat the slam. USA 2 played it in 4♥, but Australia bid:

2♠ (spades and clubs)	2NT (relay)
3♠ (five spades and four clubs)	3NT
Pass	

Put your hand up if you would lead anything but the ♦J - you know, fourth best from your longest and strongest.

13 IMPs closed the margin to a 20-10 victory for Australia.



European Seniors prevail

It was Europe vs. North America in an intercontinental team match yesterday. This match was different because all the players were Seniors, not Juniors.

Europe, captained by **Giannarigo Rona** of Italy, the new president of the European Bridge League, was the victor in the 20-board match in which the same boards used in Round 10 of the Junior championship were played. Europe won in IMPs, 62-34, which translates to 21-9 in the Victory Point scale used in the Junior event.

Playing with **Rona** were **Steen Moeller**, **Peter Lund** and **Georg Norris**, all Danish internationals; and **Nissan Rand** and **Micha Amit** of Israel.

The **American** team was made up of **Joan Gerard**, **Bobby Wolff**, **Barbara Nudelman**, **Gary Blaiss** and **Carolyn Hill**, United States; **Ernesto d'Orsi** and **Miguel Villas-Boas** of **Brazil**, and **Guillermo Poplawsky** of Mexico.

The most damaging result was the big swing on Board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S vul.

♠ 8		♠ A 5 3									
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The early auction was the same at both tables:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
Redbl	2♣	2♥	2♠
Dbl	All Pass		

The American South sat for the double and the defense took their eight tricks to inflict an 800-point penalty.

Rand, sitting South for Europe, didn't think much of his chances in spades after the double, so he ran to 3♣, the suit his partner had bid.

But West doubled firmly once again. Nissan wasn't through, however - now he trotted out his diamond suit - "Three diamonds," he bid. Once again West doubled, although not as firmly.

West led a trump, but declarer managed to ruff one spade and set up his fifth spade. He took five trumps, a heart, a club, a spade ruff and the long spade for nine tricks - plus 670. This amounted to a 17-IMP swing.

Thank you, Judy Prescott

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