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The marathon continues

Sixty-six teams – 22 each in the three main events – continue their battle for a place in the top eight when the qualifying round robin ends on Monday. So far, they have played less than one-third of the matches needed to qualify in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D’Orsi Seniors Trophy.

Some of the teams projected to do well – notably **USA1** and **USA2** in the Bermuda Bowl – have some work to do. **USA1** ended played on Wednesday in 15th place, five spots ahead of their countrymen. The leaders, by group, are **Netherlands** (BB), **Poland** (VC) and **Belgium** (Seniors).

Of the 24 teams in qualifying position after six rounds, 14 are from Europe.

Lyon, France, awarded 2017 World Bridge Teams Championships



If one or more French teams can capture world championships four years from now, it will be on home soil.

On Wednesday, the World Bridge Federation announced that Lyon, France, has been selected to host the World Bridge Teams Championships in 2017. Lyon is France’s second-largest city, known as the gastronomical center of the country.

The announcement followed a presentation by two representatives from Lyon, and two from the French Bridge Federation.

Putting together a video and slide presentation were Eric Remy, general manager of the French Bridge Federation; Sebastien Bret, development manager of the city’s Convention Bureau, and Jean-Philippe Daublain, president of the District of Lyon.

They were introduced by Jean-Claude Beneix, part of the WBF’s Championship Committee.

The video showed Lyon at its best, with lots of activities, plentiful hotel rooms and restaurants, plus easy access from a variety of locations around the world. Sebastien said there may be direct flights to Lyon from more locations by 2017. There is already a new direct flight from Dubai. *(Continued overleaf.)*

To check scores, visit www.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/bali.13/microsite/results.htm



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 7				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
5	Italy	Argentina	BB	VG
8	India	China	BB	OG
1	Indonesia	Australia	BB	BBO 2
2	New Zeland	England	BB	BBO 3
7	USA 2	Germany	BB	BBO 4
24	Netherlands	Sweden	VC	BBO 5
31	USA 2	USA 1	VC	BBO 6
46	Canada	Germany	SEN	BBO 7
Session 8				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
10	England	Indonesia	BB	VG
4	China	Japan	BB	OG
5	South Africa	Netherlands	BB	BBO 2
6	Canada	Italy	BB	BBO 3
7	Argentina	Brazil	BB	BBO 4
24	Turkey	USA 2	VC	BBO 5
27	Poland	Netherlands	VC	BBO 6
47	Belgium	USA 1		BBO 7
Session 9				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
2	Netherlands	USA 1	BB	VG
28	China	Sweden	VC	OG
1	Italy	Brazil	BB	BBO 2
4	India	Indonesia	BB	BBO 3
8	Poland	Chinese Taipei	BB	BBO 4
11	Monaco	Argentina	BB	BBO 5
29	France	USA 1	VC	BBO 6
45	Denmark	Netherlands	SEN	BBO 7

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Visitors who fly into Paris will have train service available, with 86 departures a day. The train trip from Paris to Lyon is less than two hours.

The new direct connection from Dubai makes access from Asia easier, and visitors from North and South America can arrive by plane via Paris-Roissy or Geneva for the relatively short train trip.

The tournament will include the usual championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D’Orsi Seniors Trophy and World Transnational Open Teams – and the Lyon organizing team proposes that the schedule include side games for non-top players, Junior/Girls/Youngsters competitions and schools players (9 to 16 years old).

Lyon is well known for its **famous restaurants**, from “bouchons” to world-renowned Paul Bocuse’s establishment.

The city also offers the latest films, two casinos, museums featuring contemporary art, the Institute des frères Lumière and many others. There is also the remarkable Quartier Renaissance.

Lyon is not far from **vineyards** such as Beaujolais, Cotes du Rhone, Bourgogne and the historical city of **Avignon**, just an hour away by train.

For more information, visit the *Tourism Office* www.lyon-france.com or the *Convention Center* www.ccc-lyon.com.

Reminder to Captains

Dear Captains

Please can we remind you of the survey that is being carried out on the first floor in the Kintamani Room. As we stressed at the Captains’ Meeting yesterday, it is very important to have as many players as possible complete the survey which we hope will assist us in discussions with WADA and SportAccord.

The survey can be completed any time from today until Friday between 10 and 15.30 each day. Full details are in the first bulletin (which is also online if you have lost your copy!)

Please ask your players to help us with this – it really is important.

Best regards
Anna Gudge
Secretary, Medical Commission

WBF Systems Committee meeting

There will be a meeting of the Systems Committee at 10.00 a.m. Friday September 20 in the WBF Executive Council Meeting Room.

The members of the committee currently are; Fulvio Fantoni, Paul Janicki, Eric Kokish, Chip Martel, P.O. Sundelin, Krzysztof Martens.

John Wignall, Chairman

Duplicates available

The Duplicates used here in Bali will be sold at the end for Euro 2,350. You can pre-order at the Jannersten book stall on the top floor.

Today's Schedule

Start Times

Morning Session

11.00

Afternoon Session

14.30

Evening Session

17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Round 7		Round 8		Round 9	
Indonesia	Australia	USA 2	Egypt	Italy	Brazil
New Zealand	England	Poland	Bahrain	The Netherlands	USA 1
USA 1	Guadeloupe	Monaco	India	Japan	New Zealand
Brazil	Chinese Taipei	China	Japan	India	Indonesia
Italy	Argentina	South Africa	The Netherlands	Bahrain	Australia
The Netherlands	Canada	Canada	Italy	Egypt	England
USA 2	Germany	Argentina	Brazil	USA 2	Guadeloupe
India	China	Germany	Australia	Poland	Chinese Taipei
Bahrain	Monaco	Guadeloupe	New Zealand	Germany	South Africa
Egypt	Poland	England	Indonesia	China	Canada
Japan	South Africa	Chinese Taipei	USA 1	Monaco	Argentina

Venice Cup

Round 7		Round 8		Round 9	
Brazil	Japan	Pakistan	Philippines	Egypt	The Netherlands
Argentina	England	China	Guadeloupe	Australia	New Zealand
New Zealand	Indonesia	South Africa	India	USA 2	Argentina
The Netherlands	Sweden	Turkey	USA 2	India	Brazil
Egypt	Poland	USA 1	Australia	Guadeloupe	Japan
Australia	Canada	Canada	Egypt	Philippines	England
Pakistan	France	Poland	The Netherlands	Pakistan	Indonesia
India	Turkey	France	Japan	China	Sweden
Guadeloupe	South Africa	Indonesia	Argentina	France	USA 1
Philippines	China	England	Brazil	Turkey	Canada
USA 2	USA 1	Sweden	New Zealand	South Africa	Poland

D'Orsi Trophy


Round 7		Round 8		Round 9	
Guadeloupe	The Netherlands	Indonesia	Bangladesh	Scotland	USA 1
Japan	South Africa	France	Denmark	Canada	India
India	China Hong Kong	New Zealand	USA 2	Egypt	Japan
USA 1	Brazil	Chinese Taipei	Egypt	USA 2	Guadeloupe
Scotland	Belgium	Poland	Canada	Denmark	The Netherlands
Canada	Germany	Germany	Scotland	Bangladesh	South Africa
Indonesia	Australia	Belgium	USA 1	Indonesia	China Hong Kong
USA 2	Chinese Taipei	Australia	The Netherlands	France	Brazil
Denmark	New Zealand	China Hong Kong	Japan	Australia	Poland
Bangladesh	France	South Africa	Guadeloupe	Chinese Taipei	Germany
Egypt	Poland	Brazil	India	New Zealand	Belgium

Jos Jacobs

Looking at the schedule for the opening round of these 41st World Championships, one could hardly think of a better opening match for the host country. They were given the honour, maybe by the luck of the draw, to meet the reigning world champions from The Netherlands. Many of the impartial spectators might have put their money on the Dutch, as would a number of more biased spectators, but on the other hand, this match might also turn out to be an interesting test of the current standard of play in Indonesia. Would they be able to survive against the professionals?

The first board was a flat partscore but on the next board, the Dutch dealt the first blow.

Board 2. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AK532 ♥ 4 ♦ Q985 ♣ A86		♠ 987 ♥ AKJ6 ♦ A4 ♣ QJ102	♠ QJ64 ♥ 10532 ♦ 762 ♣ K9
		♠ 10 ♥ Q987 ♦ KJ103 ♣ 7543	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♥	Dbl
3♠	Dbl	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

2♥ was a weak spade raise. Assuming that 3♠ is pre-emptive, it is not easy to see where East found his extra values to bid game. The Dutch even made an aggressive penalty double to extract the maximum: one down for +100 to them


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♠	All Pass

Over 2♠ by Van Prooijen nobody had anything more to say; one overtrick, +140 and 6 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Two more flat boards followed but then we got a series of interesting boards in quick succession, of which this was the first:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ KQJ842 ♦ Q105 ♣ K864		♠ 85 ♥ A53 ♦ KJ932 ♣ 532	♠ 742 ♥ 10976 ♦ 876 ♣ 1097
		♠ AKQJ10963 ♥ — ♦ A4 ♣ AQJ	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

2♣ turned out to be a game-forcing hand and 5NT over South's forcing pass was a general try which Sjoert Brink was happy to accept.

On the lead of the ♥K, the play of the hand is simple when you can see all the cards but, at the table, it was a different story. Noldy George made an overcall but this would not necessarily mean he would hold anything else apart from his good hearts. So declarer, left to his own devices, threw the ♣J on dummy's ♥A and then played off all his trumps. West could see he was going to be squeezed anyway so he made declarer's life easy by an early diamond discard; Netherlands +2210.

If West discards all his hearts, he would come down to 4-0, 3-1 or 2-2 in the minors, whereas East, having to hold on to his last heart if dummy discards his last club rather than the last heart, would have room for any 2-1 in the minors, no matter whether he had anything to guard or not. However, holding either minor-suit honour, East would probably discard in his other minor. On the actual discards, declarer's best play thus probably would be to lay down the ♣A first after discarding dummy's last club and thus destroying a possible entry back to his hand. If all follow and the king does not appear, declarer can then decide how to tackle the diamonds, taking the earlier discards into account.

Any declarer who, with or without intervention, cashed the top diamonds first and then took the club finesse, might go down two if West had been clever enough to blank his ♣K at an early stage.

In the other room, it was much easier:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
3♥	3NT	4♥	6♠
All Pass			

That was Indonesia +1460 but another 13 IMPs to the Dutch who led by 19-0 at this point.

On the next board, both teams missed a good slam but then the Dutch struck again:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K743	♠ J986	♠ 52
♥ AQ72	♥ 1053	♥ KJ984
♦ A10	♦ KQ84	♦ 972
♣ J84	♣ 62	♣ A95
	♠ AQ10	
	♥ 6	
	♦ J653	
	♣ KQ1073	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
All Pass			



Julius Antonius George

When West did not enter the auction and led a trump, declarer had little trouble in coming to nine tricks; Netherlands +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Dbl	1♥	2♥	Dbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Once West doubled at his first opportunity, E/W were never going to lose the auction. In a way, the Indonesians were lucky that their opponents did not overbid to 4♥ which would have been an easy make on the natural enough opening lead of the ♣K; Netherlands+170 but 7 more IMPs to lead 26-0.

Then, finally, the hosts recouped a few IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ —	♠ J76	♠ K543
♥ KJ942	♥ 108	♥ AQ7
♦ KJ543	♦ A10872	♦ Q96
♣ A72	♣ KQ10	♣ J95
	♠ AQ10982	
	♥ 653	
	♦ —	
	♣ 8643	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	All Pass

The E/W bidding sounded so convincingly that N/S forgot to realise they had to double this. Not that it mattered very much after North made the unfortunate lead of the ♣K, to compensate for the same unlucky lead by the Indonesian South on the previous board. One down, Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
2♦	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	


The Polish-style opening 2♦ bid made East the declarer. West's double of 4♠ showed interest in bidding on but North correctly assessed the defensive values of his minor-suit holdings. As South could not possibly lead the ♣K again, declarer had to go down two on the lead of the ♣2; Indonesia +300

and 6 IMPs back to them.

On BBO, a discussion was going on about declarer's chances in 4♠. The best defence is three rounds of hearts. Dummy has to ruff and when the ♠J is successfully run at the next trick, declarer, who has unblocked the eight from his hand, gets the good and the bad news. He might run the ♠7 next and ruff a diamond in hand, playing for the double trump coup, but this plan will fail. West can rise with his ♣A at any time to play a fourth round of hearts, on which East sheds a club, leaving declarer a winner short.

Two boards later, we saw an interesting defensive problem:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AK753		♠ Q9
♥ 753		♥ KJ92
♦ KQ10		♦ 7
♣ 104		♣ KQJ763
	♠ 64	
	♥ 64	
	♦ AJ843	
	♣ A852	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Bas Drijver made the excellent lead of the ♠J, attacking declarer's communication lines right from the start. Declarer could win in hand and clear the clubs, but now South could cash the ♦A and return his last spade locking declarer in dummy and thus forcing him to lose three heart tricks in the end for one down.

At the other table, declarer had a chance:

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When North led a diamond, South won his ace and correctly shifted to a spade but the damage had already been done for the defence. Declarer won in hand and his next move was to carefully cash a top diamond before driving out the ♣A. South duly led another spade but the defence could never get to three more heart tricks, as one of dummy's hearts had already gone on the top diamond. So, on the run of the clubs, North came down to his ♥AQ and one other card, his discards having been two diamonds and a spade. At trick 12, when North cashed his last heart, declarer thus had to

choose between discarding the ♠A or his last top diamond. When he misguessed, the board was suddenly flat after all. The score thus remained at 26-6 so the Dutch prospects were looking pretty bright.

The Indonesians were by no means ready to give up and they clearly showed this as the match continued.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q1097		♠ AJ64
♥ Q2		♥ KJ96
♦ J10853		♦ Q4
♣ 109		♣ QJ4
♠ K8532		♠ —
♥ A1084		♥ 753
♦ A6		♦ K972
♣ 75		♣ AK8632

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	Pass	1NT	3♣
Dbl	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

This contract was as good as anything but it was the play that mattered. South led three rounds of clubs, declarer simply ruffing the third round with dummy's ace, solving the trump suit problem in the process; Indonesia a fine +620.

In the other room, the Dutch settled for their best fit.



Franky Steven Karwur


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After the same opening lead and continuation, declarer discarded his diamond loser on the third club. North ruffed with his natural trump trick and now all declarer had to do was to locate the ♥Q. From the discards, declarer correctly diagnosed that South was the one likely to hold three hearts but, when North turned up with the ♥Q doubleton, declarer had to concede defeat; Indonesia +100 and 12 much needed IMPs back to them.

On the last board of the match, the Indonesians produced another double-figure swing:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ QJ87432	
	♥ 54	
	♦ 1073	
	♣ 9	
♠ 1095		♠ K
♥ KQ832		♥ A1097
♦ 5		♦ K84
♣ J765		♣ AK843
	♠ A6	
	♥ J6	
	♦ AQJ962	
	♣ Q102	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>George</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A disciplined N/S auction after a pre-empt according to their style led to a sell-out in 4♥ which happened to be ice-cold; Indonesia +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Asbi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Tobing could have been playing for the swing here, as he may have realised his Dutch counterpart might well have opened 3♠. When he turned out to be right in his decision to bid 4♠, he had earned a wonderful 11 IMPs for his team to bring the final score to 29-27 IMPs to the hosts, who thus had managed to beat the world champions, albeit by the small margin of 10.61 to 9.39 V.P., according to the new decimal scale.

Championship Diary

Paul Gipson (by email) asks if the Scotland Seniors team is the only one with a Twitter account (@SBUSeniors) and a web site (<http://scotlandinbali.co.uk/>)

Daily updates from NPC Harry Smith are keeping everyone back home involved and they are even tweeting live board-by-board reports of some matches using hashtag #BlueZoneBali to alert the world to swings. (England's Venice Cup Captain Jeremy Dhondy has a blog at www.ebu.co.uk).

England International David Kendrick has been selected as parliamentary candidate for Cambridge for the United Kingdom Independence Party in the 2015 election.

You may have noticed that in yesterday's bulletin the results for the first round of the Venice Cup were wrong. Discussing it at breakfast, England's Jeremy Dhondy & David Burn debated whether it was one mistake or sixty-six?

There will be daily video reports from the championships — you can follow them at www.worldbridge.org, or on youtube and other Internet locations.

Our long suffering layout editor is hoping someone may be able to help him by allowing him the use of a charging cable for a Fitbit One. If you can help please come to the Bulletin Room interfrastically.

The International Bridge Press Association

The IBPA is a club of the world's bridge journalists and media people. Associate membership is open to all.

The main service to members is a monthly bulletin edited by John Carruthers of Canada, circulated via the Internet. Members also enjoy the facilities of the Press Room at major championships.

The annual subscription is \$42 or €32. New members joining here in Bali join for 1.25 years to the end of December 2014. Membership forms can be obtained in the Press Room (on the ground floor between Hospitality and Vugraph).

Existing members paying late for this year or early for next year can also pay their dues in the Press Room.

The Annual General Meeting of IBPA will be in the Convention Centre on Monday morning, 23rd September. That evening, the WBF will host a dinner for members. Sign up for this in the Press Room.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President

Bas Drijver

– a Champion in Control

*Christina Lund Madsen interviews one of the reigning Bermuda Bowl Champions.
Veldhoven, 2011*

The hallway outside the vugraph rooms is filled with Dutch and Italian players, fans and kibitzers. All are waiting for the last table to finish. They all know that the Netherlands have just beaten the odds and Italy in the semi-final of the Bermuda Bowl. But the players behind the closed door do not.

As Bas Drijver and his partner exit the room, a roar rises from the crowd, hands are slapped together, the Dutch players are hugging each other, the Italians shake their hands to congratulate them. A little to the side, his friend and opponent in the final the following day Dan Zagorin gives Bas a hug. And a kiss. And then one more hug while whispering him words of encouragement. The usually so composed Bas shakes his head with an air of disbelief and relief.

He is about to win the Bermuda Bowl at the age of 31, years before even his own well-grown ego dared dream of.

“Usually I am not nervous at all when I play big matches. But the last two sets against Italy in Veldhoven, I was bouncing. Not so much at the table, but outside I was really nervous. Also the last set of the final against USA2. We were up by 70, had everything to lose and it did not go so well. It was nerve wracking. I will never be as nervous again.”

Did you like the feeling of being nervous?

“Not really, but it makes the excitement even better when you win. You are obviously that nervous if you really want to win, so if you actually do, it makes it even sweeter. Winning the Bermuda Bowl in our own country with our own supporters was my best moment ever. My first World Championship. Nothing can ever top that.”

Facts about Bas Drijver:

- Born 1980 in the Netherlands
- Reigning World champion and professional bridge player
- Lives in Capelle aan den IJssel, a suburb of Rotterdam
- Married to Femmy Boelaars, who works for the Dutch Bridge Federation
- Together they have Emma, nine, and Thomas, four
- His younger brother Bob is a Dutch World Junior Champion
- Has a law degree and was employed part time as a legal advisor for his local government from 2006-2012
- Most remarkable results:
 - Olympic silver 2004

Open European Champion 2009
World Champion 2011

The Best of his Generation

We are sitting on the terrace of his house in an idyllic suburb to Rotterdam on one of the first days of summer. He speaks every sentence thoughtfully and with careful phrasing and I can't help wondering what would it take to bring him out of his composure.

In his youth Bas played every game or any competition with his father and brothers and gambled with his allowance. He believes he owes his competitive nature to the many games they played. Bas' six years younger brother Bob still plays bridge at top level, but his older brother Tom decided at an early age not to pursue bridge, according to Bas because of a very modest opinion about himself, as a contrast to his younger brother.

“I used to be the best of my generation. When I was a teenager the Dutch Bridge Federation made it easy for me. They let me play a lot of hands and sent me abroad.”

The Dutch Bridge Federation is renowned for its development of talented juniors, and they soon saw a better match for Bas than his older brother. At another table Sjoert Brink was sitting playing with his older brother.

A Symbiotic Partnership

Despite their different characters, Bas and Sjoert soon formed a successful partnership. However, they both had other partners outside junior bridge and egos often collided. This ultimately made them peacefully go their separate ways despite their success as a pair.

“We had part of the same chemistry now as then. We always try to outsmart each other, which is why we stopped. Sjoert was actually glad when I made a mistake. Not a very healthy partnership. But we have always been very good friends. We didn't form that serious a partnership as juniors, so it wasn't a big split up.”

For a while Bas played in the Open team, first with Simon de Wijs, then Maarten Schollardt, while Sjoert played with Ricco van Prooijen. They even managed to win the Olympic silver in 2004 as teammates.

“I thought Sjoert and I would be a better match to reach the level I wanted. Sjoert thought the same, so we started again.



Now we got more serious about bridge. We had got a little older. I had become a bit more mature. Sjoert didn't really."

What is the strength of your partnership?

Our attitude towards bidding. We play a little more aggressive and imaginative. Sjoert is a big innovator. We try to find the best solution in the bidding and have a lot of competitive agreements. We don't make the difference in the card playing. A lot of American players play the cards very well, but the bidding is not always as good."

While talking about his partnership with Sjoert, Bas lights up. They play tennis together, make silly bets and compete about everything besides women.

"We are good friends. It makes a lot of difference. We spend so much time together. We used always to share a room. We still do that in America, but not for the rest of the tournaments."

When Bas attempts to describe himself, the easiest way to do so for him is to compare himself to his opposite – his partner:

How would you describe yourself as a bridge player in three words?

"Boring, technical, focused. Sjoert is outgoing and imaginative. I think that works better if you have a partner who is a little more solid. If you describe me as solid, some Americans would laugh, but I am still more solid than Sjoert is, I

think most people would agree."

What does it take to be a good bridge player?

That you can concentrate for a long period. Intelligence. Imagination. That you can read people well. Table presence.

Are you good at reading people?

No, it is more Brinkie's style (his nickname for Sjoert). My main thing is that I try to avoid mistakes and make the best technical play."

In particular American players find it difficult to remember who is who despite their very different personalities. Perhaps due to their symbiotic partnership – or their very Dutch names.

A Family Man

We are warmly interrupted by Bas' wife and children returning from school. His nine-year old girl and four-year old boy run to their father to hug him and sit on his lap for a while, telling him about their day.

Seeing him in his home, surrounded by his family, you would imagine Bas Drijver to be a reserved guy living a quiet family life with a nine-to-five desk job. If he weren't one of the world's greatest bridge players, this would be spot on.

In 2006 he got his first job for the local government working as a legal advisor. At first he worked four days a week, then two days a week, and in September 2012 he finally quit.

"I liked my co-workers, but my problem was I never got into the work. I played so much bridge, had a family, so work was something on the side for me."

How has your wife handled your choice of career?

We had a good discussion before we started with Team Orange (a Dutch project to develop the best players into world class players, ed.). Then it gradually became bigger and I started making money. She loves the game. For her it is not always that easy. It is pretty hard on her when I go away for such a long time. I try when I am at home to be the man of the house, do the cleaning, washing and stuff with the children."

And how do your children cope with it?

"They are used to nothing else. They take turn sleeping next to their mommy. They always beg for presents, but I don't always bring them. My daughter likes to spend a whole day with me playing bridge, but she is not so interested in it. If you give my son cards he will rip them up."

"When I am here, you have me 24-7. I think it is a pretty good compensation for being away 15-20 weeks. We never play regionals; some of the other pros are at least 30 weeks on the road. With my family I would not do that."

Bas got married at a very young age and became a father by the age of 23.

"I have always had an old soul. I was always serious about most things. Especially compared to Sjoert. If I commit to

something, I generally stay with it. It is part of my character. It is no coincidence that my first girlfriend is also my wife.”

Introvert or arrogant

How would you describe yourself in three words?

Easy-going. I don't know anybody who would describe me like that, but I still think of myself as easy-going.” He smiles peculiarly.

He looks calmly to the side and leans back in the chair while considering his next words. ”Painfully honest, regardless of the feelings of others. Not my best character trait. I don't say everything out loud anymore. Some people found it really annoying. I learned a more socially acceptable behaviour. I take the feelings of other people a little more into consideration.”

”Sarcastic.” The last word falls without hesitation or further elaboration. Having talked to Bas for five seconds you would agree.

Through the self-confidence gained through years of success at the bridge table his reserved nature is often perceived as arrogance – and sometimes rightfully so.

”In some situations I can see myself acting very arrogantly. I am really different as a person compared to when I play a tournament and speak about bridge. Sjoert, Simon and I always try to outwit and tease each other. In bridge discussions I am very strong-minded. It is either my opinion or you are absolutely out of your mind. Not a lot between. Also with Sjoert I know I shouldn't react to some things; it serves no purpose. But I have an uncontrollable urge to say something.

Outside of bridge I am a little bit more reserved or introvert. Within the bridge scene and discussions I am pretty outspoken.”

Five questions for Bas Drijver

What are you good at besides bridge?

”Nothing.”

Do you have any hobbies?

”I love to play tennis. I love any sport, but I am only good at bridge. It is the only sport I can play without injuring anybody else.”

What is your prediction for the BB in Bali?

”This year will be a lot tougher. Two more teams are among the favourites. In the last Bermuda Bowl we only had to beat Italy. Now we also have Monaco and USA1, who by adding Levin and Weinstein are as strong as the Nickell team (who did not qualify, ed.).

We are the fourth team for me, the outsider. We are coming pretty close to the other teams, but I would still think each of them have a better chance.“

How would you rank yourself and Sjoert as a world partnership?

”We are definitely in the top 10. In random order there is Meckstroth/Rodwell, Fantunes, Bocchi/Madala, Helgemo/

Helness, Levin/Weinstein, perhaps Balicki/Zmudzinski, and us. We are between 5th and 10th in the world.”

What is the main goal of your partnership?
”To win an American National.”

Bridge as mirror of the soul

In an interview with Bas and Sjoert in a Dutch newspaper before the World Championship in 2011, Bas was quoted as saying that bridge is the mirror of the soul; a quote that ended as the headline of the article.

”It made me look like the boring civil servant, and Sjoert as the flamboyant Casanova he is. Sort of the same way as in bridge. So bridge is the mirror of the soul, because it shows the way you are in real life.”

At this summer's Spingold Bas played 3NT on the last board of a dangerously close match against the Polish team that eventually won the tournament. For the victory he had to guess whether to take a simple finesse with AQ or play for a stiff king of diamonds sitting after him. After long thought he played to drop the king. This time it was wrong. Outside his teammates had been waiting and hoping. Long before Bas played his card they guessed that he would play for the drop.

He exited the playing room with sad eyes. ”I am sorry. I didn't make it.” His teammates did not need to tell him it was over. It was evident by the silence. Although they all know any board could have changed the outcome, the player making the final decision always carries the biggest burden. That moment mirrored the vulnerability of Bas Drijver.

How does it make you feel thinking that you will play bridge for the rest of your life?

Great. I would be scared if I could never play bridge anymore. Or if I could not be a bridge pro and I would have to work five days a week. It is not my life. Perhaps if I had not known this life, it would be possible for me, but now that I know this life I would never want to go back to the other life.”



Bas and Sjoert

Late surge

Brent Manley

It is customary for teams from the same zone to play each other early rather than later in a round robin competition. Thus did USA1 and USA2 sit down to do battle in the third round of the Bermuda Bowl qualifying.

The match was close, standing at 10-7 for USA1 with only two boards remaining, but USA1 scored 24 IMPs on those last boards to win the set 34-7.

USA1 set Bobby Levin/Steve Weinstein and Kevin Bathurst/Kevin Dwyer against USA2's Zia Mahmood/Chip Martel and Michael Rosenberg/Chris Willenken.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ J9		
	♥ A53		
	♦ AQJ43		
	♣ KQ4		
♠ 32		♠ KQ1085	
♥ Q976		♥ 104	
♦ 1072		♦ K86	
♣ 8753		♣ J62	
	♠ A764		
	♥ KJ82		
	♦ 95		
	♣ A109		

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Martel led the ♠Q, ducked by Levin. After some thought, Martel switched to the ♣J, ending his side's chances to defeat the contract. Levin won with dummy's ♣A and took the diamond finesse. Martel won and persisted in clubs, but Levin had four diamonds, one spade, two hearts and three clubs for Plus 630.

At the other table, Rosenberg also landed in 3NT. Dwyer also led the ♠Q, ducked by Rosenberg. Instead of shifting, however, Dwyer continued with the ♠K, also ducked. The ♠8 knocked out the ace, and Rosenberg tried hearts. When the finesse lost and a diamond came back, he went up with the ace and simply cashed out. The result was two down for Minus 200 – 13 IMPs to USA1.

USA2 had a chance for a gain on the final board, but it didn't work out.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ AQ9		
	♥ K		
	♦ AQ1096		
	♣ AK72		
♠ 10765		♠ KJ82	
♥ A10764		♥ 852	
♦ J		♦ 8742	
♣ 985		♣ Q4	
	♠ 43		
	♥ QJ93		
	♦ K53		
	♣ J1063		

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Martel led the ♥8 to Zia's ace. On the return of the ♠10, Levin put in the queen. Martel took the king and returned a spade to declarer's nine. There was nothing more to the play and Levin quickly scored Plus 460.

At the other table, Rosenberg and Willenken were more ambitious.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Rosenberg's 2♣ was forcing, showing a good hand. The final contract depended on the trump suit, and Rosenberg had no reason to eschew the percentage play. Dwyer led a heart to Bathurst's ace. A spade was returned, taken by Rosenberg with the ace. He cashed the ♣A then played a diamond to dummy's king to take the club finesse. When it lost he was one down (the defenders did not get their diamond ruff, not that it mattered) for 11 more IMPs. A close match had turned around quickly.

Brian Senior

After two rounds of the Bermuda Bowl, China was just above average while Australia was near the bottom of the standings, trying to recover from an opening round zero against Japan.

China picked up 5 IMPs on Board 1 when a thin game, bid by Australia but not by China, was down a trick. The lead did not survive the next board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ A8		
	♥ J3		
	♦ 107654		
	♣ K632		
♠ QJ94		♠ K10753	
♥ 7		♥ 9862	
♦ AK8		♦ 932	
♣ QJ954		♣ 10	
	♠ 62		
	♥ AKQ1054		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ A87		

West	North	East	South
Lian	Kanetkar	Shi	Thomson
–	–	Pass	1♥
Dbl	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Bilski	Wang	Brown	Zhang
–	–	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Playing essentially natural methods, Avi Kanetkar, for Australia, took the opportunity to show his modest values by bidding 1NT over Ruoyang's double, while Weimin Wang, facing a more-limited Precision opening, passed. That led to two rather different auctions, of course.

Over 1NT, Haojun Shi passed, though I see nothing wrong with a 2♠ bid with a five-card suit, even with minimal values, and Matthew Thomson simply raised to 3NT, hopeful that his hearts would run and partner's scattered values would do the rest. Sure enough, Kanetkar had nine top tricks on any lead; +600.

Where North passed, East had to respond to the double, and now the E/W spade fit was found. When George Bilski raised to 2♠ in competition, Terry Brown jumped to 4♠, suspecting that his opponents were about to bid to 4♥. Wang doubled in pass-out seat,

ending the auction. To defeat 4♠ doubled, the defence has to establish its diamond trick before declarer gets the clubs going. Bangxiang Zhang cashed a top heart then switched, but not to a diamond. His low club at trick two saw Wang duck, enabling Brown to win the bare ten, after which he could crossruff in hearts and clubs to come to ten tricks for +590 and 15 big IMPs to Australia.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ J10		
	♥ J9		
	♦ AK		
	♣ Q1087542		
♠ AKQ73		♠ 98642	
♥ 102		♥ 843	
♦ 8763		♦ J1094	
♣ 63		♣ J	
	♠ 5		
	♥ AKQ765		
	♦ Q52		
	♣ AK9		

West	North	East	South
Lian	Kanetkar	Shi	Thomson
–	–	–	1♥
1♠	2♣	3♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Bilski	Wang	Brown	Zhang
–	–	–	1♣
1♦	2♣	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Both N/S pairs dealt competently with this deal, on which many pairs across the three fields failed to get to slam.

Thomson opened 1♥ and, when Kanetkar could bid a forcing 2♣, simply checked on key cards, bidding 6♣ on finding his partner with one. Shi's diamond lead meant that Kanetkar had all 13 tricks for +940.

In the other room, Zhang opened with a strong club and Bilski overcalled 1♦, transfer to spades. At the prevailing vulnerability, Brown was only willing to raise to 2♠ after Wang's natural positive. When Wang next admitted to heart tolerance, Zhang used Key-card for hearts and bid the heart slam. Bilski led two rounds of spades so there were 12 tricks for +980 and 1 IMP to China.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ AJ103		♠ Q4								
	♥ A53		♥ QJ								
	♦ 1032		♦ AQ987								
	♣ A42		♣ 10973								
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	♥ 9764										
	♦ KJ4										
	♣ J65										

West	North	East	South
Lian	Kanetkar	Shi	Thomson
–	1♣	1♦	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bilski	Wang	Brown	Zhang
–	1♦	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Brown could make a natural 2♦ overall of the Precision 1♦ opening and Bilski had sufficient to try 2NT, where he played. Wang led the jack of spades to dummy's queen and Bilski led a club to the king, smoothly ducked by Wang, then a heart. Wang won that and led the ten of diamonds to the queen and king and back came a spade to the nine and ten. A second diamond was won with the ace and Bilski led a low club, the eight forcing the ace. But the defence had six tricks established now so the contract was down one for –50.



Matthew Thomson

In the other room, Kanetkar's 1♣ opening allowed Shi to overcall at the one level and Lian could in turn respond 1NT, stopping a level lower. Again, the lead was the jack of spades to dummy's queen. Lian played on hearts, both jack and queen being allowed to win, then led a club to his king, also ducked. Kanetkar won the next play, of a heart, and returned the two of diamonds for the queen and king. A spade to the nine and ten was followed by a second diamond, to dummy's ace. Now Lian played a second club up, putting in the eight and forcing the ace. Kanetkar led the ten of diamonds to Thomson's jack and Lian was squeezed in three suits. When he chose to pitch a spade, the defence had two tricks in that suit for one down; –50 and a flat board. Nicely defended.

China picked up a couple of small swings to close to 12-15 IMPs, only for Australia to pull away again on this next deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ AKQ		♠ 1085								
	♥ 9		♥ AJ10								
	♦ AK96		♦ 8542								
	♣ AKJ75		♣ Q84								
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		S									
♥ 753											
♦ 73											
♣ 10963											
	♠ J43										
	♥ KQ8642										
	♦ QJ10										
	♣ 2										

West	North	East	South
Lian	Kanetkar	Shi	Thomson
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bilski	Wang	Brown	Zhang
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	


Having opened 2♣, Kanetkar was happy to offer 3NT as a contract once the misfit came to light and Thomson, who had already shown a positive with a six-card heart suit, judged well to go no higher as he too could see the misfit. Kanetkar won the diamond lead in dummy and led a club to the jack and queen. Shi cashed the ace of hearts and Kanetkar claimed the rest for +460.

Wang opened a strong club and received a positive response from Zhang. Though Zhang had done nothing to show anything more than his initial 8+ HCP, Wang was so strong that he could not bear to pass 3NT and jumped to the no trump slam – perhaps an invitational raise to 4NT would have been sufficient? Again, the lead was a diamond. Zhang won in hand and crossed to dummy with a spade to lead the nine of

hearts to the jack and king, then returned a low heart, playing for ace-doubleton on his right. Brown won the ten and exited with a diamond, so Zhang tried a club to the jack and, when that lost to the queen, was two down for -100 and 11 IMPs to Australia, who led by 26-12.

Australia had added an IMP to lead by 27-12, but it was China who came out on top in the match, courtesy of a quick one-two on Boards 13 and 14.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lian	Kanetkar	Shi	Thomson
-	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bilski	Wang	Brown	Zhang
-	1♠	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The Australian auction has the look of a classically murky one in which 4♣ will sometimes be natural, sometimes a cuebid, leading to the 4♦ bid also being somewhat murky,




Haojun Shi

and North only being sure of partner's intentions when he converted to 5♠. For all of that, 6♠ is a perfectly playable, if sub-par, contract. However, with the spade offside it was quickly down one for -100.

Wang's 1♠ opening was limited to below strong-club strength and, when Brown scraped up a double and Zhang redoubled, he simply jumped to the spade game. Plus 650 gave China 13 IMPs and closed them to 25-27.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lian	Kanetkar	Shi	Thomson
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bilski	Wang	Brown	Zhang
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I have always found it a little strange when the pair that opens the bidding stays lower than the one that passes, as on this deal. Brown opened the East hand with 1♣, natural five or more clubs 11-15, 15-17 balanced, or any 17-20(21), and Bilski's 1♦ response showed any 6+ hand. When Wang overcalled, Brown passed to deny a strong hand and rebid his clubs in response to Bilski's reopening double, Bilski simply jumping to the cold no trump game, where he made 11 tricks after a spade lead, trying the heart finesse then a club to the king; +460.

Shi passed the East hand then used minor-suit Stayman over the strong 1NT opening and, having found a diamond fit, continued by showing his heart shortage. After an exchange of cuebids, Lian took control and bid the small slam. With clubs as nice as nice could be, there was no problem in coming to 12 tricks for +920 and 10 IMPs to China.

Thanks to back-to-back slam swings which could have gone in the opposite direction had one key card been differently placed, China had won the match by 35-30 IMPs, 11.48-8.52 VP.

B*A*S*H at Work

Micke Melanderr

Since the hostilities of bridge have begun all the necessary staff must be in place in Bali to take care of all the 'wounded' parties. On Wednesday morning when Round 4 started, the 'Bridge Army Surgical Hospital' showed proof of the most extensive possible treatments in the defensive area.

First blood was spilt on the second board of the match when the Italians managed to bid their game in Five Clubs and made it while the English team came to stop a level lower at the other table for 10 IMPs to Italy, as they were vulnerable.

Then Townsend had the following cards and bidding problem to handle at favourable vulnerability:


♠ —
♥ AK642
♦ AJ3
♣ KQ932

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakhshi	Lauria	Townsend
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♥	Pass	?

Time to bid slam? Pass it out? or what... Townsend actually never got to think about it because Lauria made a business double in front of him and, when he didn't redouble, we might suppose that the answer to the initial question would have been pass.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K10976	♠ 43	♠ AQJ852
♥ 75	♥ Q1083	♥ J9
♦ Q874	♦ K2	♦ 10965
♣ 76	♣ J10854	♣ A



♠ —	♥ AK642	♦ AJ3	♣ KQ932
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakhshi	Lauria	Townsend
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♥	Dbl	All Pass


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Bocchi	Forrester	Madala
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	3♣	3♠	Dbl
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Lauria's double was actually a great save, provided that his team-mates would bid the slam, at the other table. Six Hearts was easily making and couldn't be defeated, however, Bocchi/Madala didn't make it, neither did they get doubled, so it was 7 IMPs back to England.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ QJ9765	♠ A8	♠ 3
♥ Q	♥ 109754	♥ A632
♦ 105	♦ 32	♦ AQJ9874
♣ Q1043	♣ J976	♣ 5



♠ K1042	♥ KJ8	♦ K6	♣ AK82
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakhshi	Lauria	Townsend
Pass	Pass	1♦	1NT
2♠	Dbl	3♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Bocchi	Forrester	Madala
2♦	Pass	3♦	Dbl
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Here our surgeons on duty were Bakhshi and Townsend. Townsend started off with the ace of clubs and got to see the three, nine and five. Carefully, he looked over the situation and realized that he needed his partner to get in to be able to lead a trump through declarer. Finally he put the four of spades on the table, going to queen, ace and declarer's three. Bakhshi returned the expected two of diamonds, declarer jumped up with the ace and took his only possible ruff in hearts by playing ace and another round. Lauria was helpless though and still had to lose two hearts and a trump, going one off. That wasn't any big prob-

lem when the Italians at the other table came to stop at the right level and just made their contract of Three Hearts; 1 IMP to Italy which easily could have been more in either direction.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ AK9862	
	♥ 6	
	♦ KJ3	
	♣ K102	
♠ J543		♠ Q10
♥ AQ5		♥ 10842
♦ A2		♦ 10765
♣ J754		♣ AQ9
	♠ 7	
	♥ KJ973	
	♦ Q984	
	♣ 863	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakhshi	Lauria	Townsend
–	–	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Bocchi	Forrester	Madala
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Dbl	Pass
1NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

In the Open Room, Townsend opened with Two Hearts (5-9 HCPs, 5♥+4+m), Bakhshi tried Two Spades and was left to play there when everyone suddenly was satisfied. Here it was Lauria and Versace who were holding the knives. Lauria led the six of diamonds and that went to the two, ace and jack. Versace returned the seven of clubs, won by Lauria with the nine when declarer played low from his own hand. Then came the four of hearts – king, ace and six, followed by the four of clubs through declarer, who now probably started to believe that he was being fooled and jumped up with the king but lost to Lauria’s ace. Lauria continued with the queen of clubs and when that held, the defense had cashed the first five tricks without giving anything away to declarer. Our Italian surgeons could sit back and just wait for their trump trick to arrive to take the contract one off.

At the other table a lot more was at stake when Gold redoubled the 1NT contract and nobody took it out. Bocchi led the two of spades and declarer went in with the queen which held the trick. Gold realized that some key cards needed to be in the right places if this was ever to make and immediately checked the first suit by playing a heart to the queen. When that held the trick he had five tricks. He then advanced a low club to dummy’s nine! When that also stood up things looked very bright for the English team. Heart to the ace, club to the queen, ace of clubs, and when the suit broke three-three

Gold could enter his hand with the ace of diamonds, collecting his last club and scoring an overtrick for +1160; 15 IMPs to England, suddenly in the the lead.

When reading old bulletins or World Championship books, one may come to realize that there are very few ‘soft-bidders’ in the top of the world of bridge.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ A109	
	♥ AQ53	
	♦ J53	
	♣ K53	
♠ J84		♠ K732
♥ KJ976		♥ 102
♦ AQ72		♦ K104
♣ 9		♣ AJ42
	♠ Q65	
	♥ 84	
	♦ 986	
	♣ Q10876	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakhshi	Lauria	Townsend
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Bocchi	Forrester	Madala
–	–	–	Pass
2♥	All Pass		




Agustin Madala

In the Closed Room, Gold's opening showed 10-13 HCPs with 5M/4+m, so he was left to play in his Two Hearts. With trumps and spades being badly located he managed to make just eight tricks after a trump was led.

Our Italians in the Open Room had higher ambitions and finally came to a stop in Three No Trump; again Bakhshi/Townsend were the surgeon team doing the operation. The seven of clubs was led to the nine, king and declarer's ace. Lauria ran the ten of hearts to Bakhshi's queen who returned the five of clubs to two, six and a spade discard from dummy. With the bidding in mind, Townsend knew that declarer almost for sure was 4-2-3-4 and just had to find where his partner had an entry to be able to lead another club through. Suddenly the five of spades appeared, going to North's ace and another club was led. The defense cashed out their tricks and could sit back and wait also for the ace of hearts to produce the seventh trick to the defense, bringing 3NT three down. That was 9 IMPs to England.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 83 ♥ 852 ♦ 62 ♣ AQ10875		♠ KQJ972 ♥ 3 ♦ Q94 ♣ 962	♠ 54 ♥ KQ64 ♦ A103 ♣ KJ43
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♥	3♣	3♠	5♣
6♠	All Pass		

In the Open Room there wasn't much to write home about in a report, Townsend led a heart, Lauria won in dummy with the ace and played a diamond to the queen and South's ace. When the diamonds behaved, Lauria had an easy claim for twelve tricks.

Things were much different in the Closed Room, where the Italians managed to pre-empt the English team to slam. Also, Forrester got a heart lead, and the question now is how to get the tricks? There are some routes to take into account. If A) is to cross-ruff hearts and clubs, you will need spades to be 2-2 to be able to make your contract. B) could be to play like Lauria did in the other room, with a diamond the queen and hope for the best, hoping that South wins with the ace, or an even-


tual line C) to hope for the same thing but kicking off with the king of diamonds from dummy. D) would be the simplest way, just pull two rounds of trumps and play on diamonds and use your third as an entry to get your needed tricks...

Back to Forrester, who had studied the problem as declarer. He called for the king of diamonds from dummy: two, nine, three! from Madala. Forrester now cross-ruffed himself down to:

♠ — ♥ J ♦ J875 ♣ —		♠ KQJ ♥ — ♦ Q4 ♣ —	♠ 83 ♥ — ♦ 6 ♣ AQ ♠ 54 ♥ — ♦ A10 ♣ K
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He was now in dummy after executing his last ruff in clubs and ruffed his way back to hand, pulled two rounds of trumps, but had to give up two tricks when Madala sat tight on his king of clubs and diamond ace for one off. Well done. So is there any solution how to play the hand? It's certainly reasonable to try a diamond at trick two, but when you don't get to see the ace you probably should switch to the easy line as every beginner is taught by the bridge schools, pull trumps and set up your side suit. That would have worked brilliantly this time. The Madala reward, sorry, Italian win, on this board was 11 IMPs and the match was close again.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J84 ♥ K975 ♦ A964 ♣ 106		♠ 10972 ♥ A8 ♦ QJ72 ♣ AQ3	♠ AK63 ♥ 1064 ♦ 103 ♣ KJ92 ♠ Q5 ♥ QJ32 ♦ K85 ♣ 8754
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	1NT	All Pass	

Again the B*A*S*H crew went to work. Lauria led the ten of spades, which declarer won in dummy with the queen. Bakhshi went on a line where he played for the hearts to give something extra and played a heart to the ten. Lauria won with the ace and returned the queen of diamonds to the king, ace and three. Versace now went back to the opening suit and played the eight of spades; Bakhshi went up with the ace and played a heart to dummy's queen and West's ace. The Italians then played a diamond to the jack and diamond back to West, then the ten of clubs, king from declarer and ace. With still a diamond and a club to score the, contract was put two down.

In the Closed Room, Bocchi tried another line and played on clubs after a spade was led. That didn't help much since the Englishmen didn't give anything away in the remaining play and again the contract went two off; no swing – but nice defensive work at both tables.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ QJ76432</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ 84</p> <p>♣ Q109</p>	<p>♠ 9</p> <p>♥ J854</p> <p>♦ KJ752</p> <p>♣ 652</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ AK85</p> <p>♥ KQ7</p> <p>♦ AQ9</p> <p>♣ A84</p>
<p>♠ 10</p> <p>♥ A10962</p> <p>♦ 1063</p> <p>♣ KJ73</p>			



David Bakshi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
–	–	–	2♥
2♠	4♥	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Madala</i>
–	–	–	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Being in fourth seat and holding 22 HCPs in a balanced hand you sometimes have to wonder at what level you are going to start bidding this time... Lauria got into the auction after he got to see Two Hearts on his left, Two Spades from partner and finally Four Hearts to his right. After not receiving anything positive from partner he simply jumped to slam and was probably convinced that it certainly should be enough. Wrong was he, when he only had one discard in his hand and partner needed two when the king of diamonds was onside. Forrester probably had the same thought after putting down his dummy in the other room. We just wonder if they said – sorry partner, I promise to have a little bit better cards next time I bid slam and put you as declarer. No swing again.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K9653</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ KQ985</p> <p>♣ 75</p>	<p>♠ AQ8</p> <p>♥ AKQ752</p> <p>♦ J76</p> <p>♣ 2</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J1072</p> <p>♥ J103</p> <p>♦ 4</p> <p>♣ AK643</p>
<p>♠ 4</p> <p>♥ 864</p> <p>♦ A1032</p> <p>♣ QJ1098</p>			

Both Rooms

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

The match ended with a final defensive clinical surgery at both tables. Ace of hearts, club to dummy's ace, then a diamond to South who gave North a ruff. They could just wait for two more trump tricks to produce the two setting tricks for –500. No swing but still a great score from both tables and well-defended.

Italy won the match by 43-32 IMPs and could now call themselves the B*A*S*H champions – until at least the next round begins.



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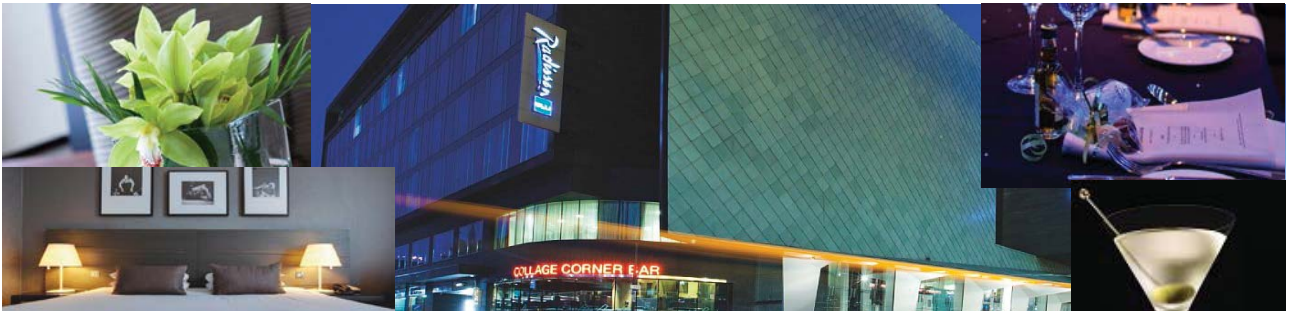
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Jos Jacobs

For the morning round on Wednesday a match between two teams who were both among the pre-championship favourites to make it into the last eight was scheduled: Monaco v. Poland.

Most of the match we got the good bridge we had been hoping for, so the scorers never got into real trouble. Board 4 gave them some work to do, however:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ QJ9765 ♥ Q ♦ 105 ♣ Q1043	♠ A8 ♥ 109754 ♦ 32 ♣ J976 	♠ 3 ♥ A632 ♦ AQJ9874 ♣ 5 ♠ K1042 ♥ KJ8 ♦ K6 ♣ AK82
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Helness</i>
2♦	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Dbl	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass

2♦ was Multi on which Zmudzinski showed his suit by passing. Helgemo's 3♦ was a transfer which enabled Zmudzinski to confirm the quality of his suit. When Zmudzinski decided to show his good suit by even mentioning it, the Poles were well overboard but as N/S could not find a double, no serious harm was done. Helgemo found the best lead of a trump which led to down two, Monaco +200 with 3♥ a make.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Dbl
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dbl
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, E/W had a clear misunderstanding about the meaning of 3♥ after the Multi and the semi-positive response. Mazurkiewicz held more than enough defensive values to axe the final contract. Down three on a trump lead, Poland +800 and 12 IMPs to them to lead by 12-1

The score had gone up to 16-4 when board 27 arrived:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ QJ76432 ♥ 3 ♦ 84 ♣ Q109		♠ 9 ♥ J854 ♦ KJ752 ♣ 652 ♠ AK85 ♥ KQ7 ♦ AQ9 ♣ A84 ♠ 10 ♥ A10962 ♦ 1063 ♣ KJ73
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Helness</i>
—	—	—	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Zmudzinski enthusiastically jumped straight to slam over partner's pre-empt, only to find out that he held the wrong dummy. One off was inevitable. Monaco +50.



Pierre Zimmermann

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

When Zimmermann showed better judgement by not opening in second position, the Monegasques had a disciplined auction to the proper contract. Monaco +420 and 10 IMPs back to trail by 2.

The Monegasques made good use of the next two boards to wipe out their 2-IMP deficit by scoring one IMP on each of them. Board 30 was flat so we were all settling for a quiet result when the Poles were given a lucky escape on the penultimate board:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J82	♠ K65	♠ 1093
♥ 854	♥ 3	♥ AK106
♦ J109	♦ 86532	♦ AKQ
♣ A1062	♣ K974	♣ 853
	♠ AQ74	
	♥ QJ972	
	♦ 74	
	♣ QJ	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Balicki	Helgemo	Zmudzinski	Helness
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

In the Open Room, we saw a lively auction. Helgemo produced a 1♠-response over partner's 1♥ simply because he did not want to pass, holding two kings. This temporarily shut out Zmudzinski so one can only feel sympathy for his decision to balance when 2♠ came round to him. Balicki had nowhere to go but he was right, at least, to run as 2♠ looks pretty unbeatable.

When North was kind enough not to double, the Poles lost only 150 in their unhappy contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dbl	All Pass	

In the other room, there appeared to be another systemic uncertainty in E/W, this time about the range of a 2NT reopening bid. Please note Jassem's actions: firstly he passed 1♥, easy enough in Polish Club, but at his next turn he could make his presence felt after all. Down two, +300 to Poland to gain four IMPs rather than losing five.

As it happened, this penultimate board only served as an appetizer as this was the last board of the match:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K9653	♠ AQ8	♠ J1072
♥ 9	♥ AKQ752	♥ J103
♦ KQ985	♦ J76	♦ 4
♣ 75	♣ 2	♣ AK643
	♠ 4	
	♥ 864	
	♦ A1032	
	♣ QJ1098	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Balicki	Helgemo	Zmudzinski	Helness
2♠	Dbl	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

When Balicki opened his 5-5 with a Polish-style two-suited 2♠, Zmudzinski took the bull by the horns with an immediate raise to 4♠. At that point, Helgemo must have regretted his decision to double 2♠ rather than make a heart overcall. The reason for it became clear when Helness bid 4NT, giving Helgemo the choice between two evils: playing in Balicki's second suit or showing his own suit at an unsafe level. When he chose the former, Balicki closed the auction by informing us about his second suit after all. Down three, Poland +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jassem	Multon	Mazurkiewicz
2♠	Dbl	Rdbl	3♣
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Multon's careful actions were not what was needed on this board. When the Monegasques sold out to 4♥ which proved an easy make, they had lost 14 IMPs. Luckily for them, not taking the save in 4♠ did not cost them very many extra IMPs as the real damage had already been done at the other table.

So the Poles had transformed what looked like a tie into a 34-16 win, 14.6 – 5.4 in V.P.

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 4

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Monaco	Poland	16	34	5.40	14.60
2	China	USA 2	9	37	3.58	16.42
3	South Africa	Egypt	36	7	16.58	3.42
4	Germany	New Zealand	46	7	17.97	2.03
5	Argentina	India	29	2	16.26	3.74
6	Chinese Taipei	Japan	29	52	4.44	15.56
7	Guadeloupe	Netherlands	8	38	3.27	16.73
8	England	Italy	32	43	6.96	13.04
9	Australia	Brazil	16	28	6.72	13.28
10	Indonesia	USA 1	36	32	11.20	8.80
11	Canada	Bahrain	33	20	13.52	6.48

Round 5

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	India	Japan	15	86	-	20.00
2	Bahrain	Netherlands	41	39	10.61	9.39
3	Germany	Chinese Taipei	29	24	11.48	8.52
4	USA 2	Brazil	10	49	2.03	17.97
5	Poland	USA 1	59	24	17.45	2.55
6	Monaco	New Zealand	41	33	12.29	7.71
7	China	Indonesia	42	23	14.80	5.20
8	South Africa	Australia	18	44	3.91	16.09
9	Canada	England	32	54	4.62	15.38
10	Argentina	Guadeloupe	22	25	9.09	10.91
11	Egypt	Italy	41	46	8.52	11.48

Round 6

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Poland	USA 2	50	25	15.92	4.08
2	Monaco	Egypt	44	25	14.80	5.20
3	China	Bahrain	21	57	2.41	17.59
4	South Africa	India	46	12	17.31	2.69
5	Canada	Japan	24	36	6.72	13.28
6	Germany	Indonesia	34	19	13.97	6.03
7	Chinese Taipei	Italy	24	33	7.45	12.55
8	Guadeloupe	Brazil	27	29	9.39	10.61
9	England	USA 1	37	21	14.18	5.82
10	Australia	New Zealand	30	24	11.76	8.24
11	Argentina	Netherlands	27	53	3.91	16.09

Results — Venice Cup

Round 4

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	South Africa	China	25	40	6.03	13.97
2	Turkey	Pakistan	29	16	13.52	6.48
3	USA 1	Philippines	34	6	16.42	3.58
4	France	Argentina	10	37	3.74	16.26
5	Poland	India	45	5	18.09	1.91
6	Sweden	USA 2	25	26	9.69	10.31
7	Indonesia	Australia	13	27	6.25	13.75
8	England	Egypt	12	18	8.24	11.76
9	Japan	Netherlands	17	25	7.71	12.29
10	Brazil	New Zealand	42	6	17.59	2.41
11	Canada	Guadeloupe	55	5	19.16	0.84

Round 5

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	India	USA 2	14	95	-	20.00
2	Guadeloupe	Australia	16	42	3.91	16.09
3	France	Sweden	36	16	15.00	5.00
4	Pakistan	Netherlands	19	55	2.41	17.59
5	China	New Zealand	38	47	6.40	12.10
6	South Africa	Argentina	42	19	15.56	4.44
7	Turkey	Brazil	70	24	18.77	1.23
8	USA 1	Japan	24	23	10.31	9.69
9	Canada	England	35	20	13.97	6.03
10	Poland	Indonesia	57	18	17.97	2.03
11	Philippines	Egypt	62	13	19.07	0.93

Round 6

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	China	Pakistan	53	13	18.09	1.91
2	South Africa	Philippines	52	14	17.85	2.15
3	Turkey	Guadeloupe	45	18	16.26	3.74
4	USA 1	India	55	19	17.59	0.41
5	Canada	USA 2	29	26	10.91	9.09
6	France	Brazil	27	29	9.39	10.61
7	Sweden	Egypt	27	20	12.03	7.97
8	Indonesia	Netherlands	40	37	10.91	9.69
9	England	New Zealand	35	11	15.74	4.26
10	Japan	Argentina	24	14	12.80	7.20
11	Poland	Australia	26	11	13.97	6.03

Results — d'Orsi Bowl

Round 4

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	New Zealand	France	9	48	2.03	17.97
2	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	25	45	5.00	15.00
3	Poland	Bangladesh	16	13	10.91	9.09
4	Australia	Japan	50	44	11.76	8.24
5	Belgium	USA 2	52	17	17.45	2.55
6	Brazil	Egypt	33	30	10.91	9.09
7	China Hong Kong	Canada	33	39	8.24	11.76
8	South Africa	Scotland	8	78	-	20.00
9	Netherlands	USA 1	43	26	14.39	5.61
10	Guadeloupe	India	29	31	9.39	10.61
11	Germany	Denmark	40	17	15.56	4.44

Round 5

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Chinese Taipei	Australia	30	63	2.83	17.17
2	Scotland	Japan	43	31	13.28	6.72
3	Canada	Guadeloupe	85	0	20.00	-
4	Egypt	Netherlands	10	65	0.39	19.61
5	USA 2	South Africa	91	40	19.25	0.75
6	Denmark	China Hong Kong	17	56	2.03	17.97
7	Bangladesh	Brazil	18	46	3.58	16.42
8	Indonesia	Belgium	23	61	2.15	17.85
9	France	Germany	57	55	10.61	9.39
10	New Zealand	Poland	20	26	8.24	11.76
11	USA 1	India	36	30	11.76	8.24

Round 6

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	France	Indonesia	34	18	14.18	5.82
2	New Zealand	Bangladesh	29	20	12.55	7.45
3	Chinese Taipei	Denmark	34	17	14.39	5.61
4	Poland	USA 2	22	41	5.20	14.80
5	Germany	Egypt	30	26	11.20	8.80
6	Australia	Guadeloupe	71	18	19.43	0.57
7	Brazil	Scotland	21	30	7.45	12.55
8	China Hong Kong	USA 1	14	26	6.72	13.28
9	South Africa	India	23	43	5.00	15.00
10	Netherlands	Japan	33	27	11.76	8.24
11	Belgium	Canada	35	18	14.39	5.61

Standings

After 6 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Bowl

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	Netherlands	85.49	1	Poland	90.5	1	Belgium	98.51
2	Japan	83.8	2	Netherlands	88.68	2	Australia	87.37
3	Poland	80.07	3	USA 2	87.5	3	Scotland	85.79
4	Italy	79.62	4	USA 1	80.87	4	Canada	84.92
5	Argentina	75.46	5	Canada	75.69	5	France	82.42
6	Germany	74.89	6	Australia	75.57	6	Germany	74.62
7	Brazil	73.37	7	France	70.28	7	Netherlands	70.9
8	Monaco	71.61	8	China	66.18	8	Poland	69.83
9	Canada	69.3	9	England	65.83	9	USA 2	68.42
10	South Africa	67.76	10	South Africa	63.13	10	USA 1	67.39
11	England	66.52	11	New Zealand	62.2	11	Japan	64.47
12	Bahrain	56.67	12	Sweden	60.24	12	China Hong Kong	60.65
13	China	54.44	13	Argentina	59.84	13	India	58.63
14	Australia	53.4	14	Turkey	58.82	14	Brazil	57.72
15	USA 1	50.27	15	Indonesia	54.22	15	Indonesia	55.49
16	Guadeloupe	48.68	16	Egypt	53.94	16	Chinese Taipei	48.26
17	Indonesia	48.53	17	Brazil	52.5	17	New Zealand	48.25
18	Egypt	44	18	Japan	47.05	18	Denmark	37.46
19	Chinese Taipei	41.75	19	Philippines	39.33	19	Egypt	28.78
20	USA 2	39.08	20	Pakistan	37.04	20	South Africa	25.09
21	New Zealand	27.48	21	Guadeloupe	17.88	21	Bangladesh	24.17
22	India	25.81	22	India	9.81	22	Guadeloupe	18.86

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