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Eight would be great



For some teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, dreams of making the top eight have gone up in smoke. There are, however, many teams just a blitz or two away from the magic spot putting them in the knockout round that begins on Tuesday.

In the Bermuda Bowl, **Italy** started the day on Friday in first and solidified their position, but they are being hotly pursued by **Monaco, Japan, Poland** and **Germany**.

The **Netherlands** women are nearly a full match ahead of second-place **USA2**, with **USA1** only about one-third of a victory point behind. **Belgium**, who took the lead in the Seniors after the second day of qualifying play, is still solidly in first. All teams have nine matches left to play.

Thanks, Hugo and Duccio

Starting with the third issue of the print version of the Daily Bulletin, you no doubt have noticed a significant improvement in the quality of the photographs. This came about thanks to the tireless efforts of two members of the Technological Services team – Hugo Trippaers and Duccio Geronimi.



The initial production method was that the Daily Bulletin was printed on paper and then photocopied. Unfortunately, when photographs are copied there is a huge loss of resolution.

Lay-out Editor Ron Tacchi, working with Duccio and Hugo, came up with the idea of communicating directly with the photocopiers and cutting out the interim step of printing on paper.

Hugo took on the considerable task of creating the necessary interface between the lay-out editor's computer and the printing machines. Now when the Daily Bulletin is ready for production, the lay-out editor just pushes a couple of keys on his computer and the work of the editors and writers is ready for its print run.



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 13				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
2	Germany	USA 1	BB	VG
1	China	Monaco	BB	OG
3	Canada	USA 2	BB	BBO 2
5	Chinese Taipei	Barhain	BB	BBO 3
7	England	Japan	BB	BBO 4
9	Indonesia	Italy	BB	BBO 5
30	Argentina	Netherlands	VC	BBO 6
48	Netherlands	Canada	SEN	BBO 7
Session 14				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
6	Japan	Argentina	BB	VG
25	China	France	VC	OG
1	New Zealand	Indonesia	BB	BBO 2
3	Brazil	England	BB	BBO 3
5	Poland	Germany	BB	BBO 4
10	USA 2	Monaco	BB	BBO 5
26	USA 2	Poland	VC	BBO 6
45	France	Australia	SEN	BBO 7
Session 15				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
4	Netherlands	England	BB	VG
10	Poland	China	BB	OG
2	Brazil	Indonesia	BB	BBO 2
3	Monaco	Germany	BB	BBO 3
9	USA 2	South Africa	BB	BBO 4
11	Italy	Australia	BB	BBO 5
24	Australia	England	VC	BBO 6
51	Scotland	Netherlands	SEN	BBO 7

IBPA annual meeting and awards

The International Bridge Press Association's annual general meeting will start at 9.20 a.m. on Monday in the Indonesian Vugraph Room immediately opposite the English Vugraph Room. Papers for the meeting should be available in the Press Room on Sunday. Award winners are asked to be present between 10.15 and 10.30 a.m. when the awards will be held as the winners arrive.

Hospitality Desk

Please remember that the Hospitality Desk closes 20 minutes after the end of the last match of the day.

Please remember to collect your mobile phone.

Duplimates available

The Duplimates 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.

The Department of Synchronicity — *John Carruthers*

As I was reflecting on my good fortune to have been in Bali at the World Junior Team Championships in 1995, I wondered how many others of us there are who were both there in 1995 and here in 2013. Many of the WBF officials are the same (notably José Damiani) and every country that sent a team in 1995 (12 of them) has at least one team here. Nine of the 12 1995 teams have members here this year.

The most prominent 1995 player here this year is Tom Townsend, who was a member of the winning Great Britain team then and is here representing England on their Bermuda Bowl team. Other medal winners from 1995 are Ishmael Del'Monte and Ashley Bach, who won the silver medal for second place in the Juniors – Ish is NPC of the Australian Open team here and Ash is on the New Zealand Bermuda Bowl team. Other participants from the 1995 Junior Teams who are also here this time are Alfredo Versace (Italy Bermuda Bowl team), Wang Wen Fei (China Venice Cup team), Tadashi Teramoto (Japan Bermuda Bowl team) and Sean Mullamphy of Australia, who was NPC in 1995 and is a TD here.

However, the team with the strongest bonds between 1995 and 2013 is Argentina – four of their players from that Junior team are here again: Pablo Ravenna and Leonardo Rizzo are in the Bermuda Bowl and Eleonara Alegre and Florencia Herrera are in the Venice Cup. For Rizzo, the memories are bittersweet because he was not allowed to play in 1995 as he was slightly over the age limit. Furthermore, Gabino Alujas, who is in the Bermuda Bowl team, is the son of Gustavo Alujas, their NPC from 1995.

Indonesia has many connections between the two events of course, but none of their players from 1995 is playing here now. The closest is Jemmy Bojoh, who has both a first and a second cousin on the Indonesia Venice Cup team.

Today's Schedule

Start Times

Morning Session

11.00

Afternoon Session

14.30

Evening Session

17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Round Robin 13		Round Robin 14		Round Robin 15	
China	Monaco	New Zealand	Indonesia	USA 1	New Zealand
Germany	USA 1	USA 1	Australia	Brazil	Indonesia
Canada	USA 2	Brazil	England	Monaco	Germany
Argentina	Egypt	Italy	Guadeloupe	The Netherlands	England
Chinese Taipei	Bahrain	Poland	Germany	Japan	Guadeloupe
Guadeloupe	India	Japan	Argentina	India	Chinese Taipei
England	Japan	India	Canada	Bahrain	Argentina
Australia	The Netherlands	Bahrain	South Africa	Egypt	Canada
Indonesia	Italy	Egypt	China	USA 2	South Africa
New Zealand	Brazil	USA 2	Monaco	Poland	China
South Africa	Poland	The Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	Italy	Australia

Venice Cup

Round Robin 13		Round Robin 14		Round Robin 15	
Turkey	South Africa	Argentina	Brazil	New Zealand	Argentina
France	New Zealand	New Zealand	Japan	The Netherlands	Brazil
Canada	Pakistan	The Netherlands	England	South Africa	France
Poland	Philippines	Egypt	Indonesia	Australia	England
Sweden	Guadeloupe	China	France	USA 2	Indonesia
Indonesia	India	USA 2	Poland	India	Sweden
England	USA 2	India	Canada	Guadeloupe	Poland
Japan	Australia	Guadeloupe	USA 1	Philippines	Canada
Brazil	Egypt	Philippines	Turkey	Pakistan	USA 1
Argentina	The Netherlands	Pakistan	South Africa	China	Turkey
USA 1	China	Australia	Sweden	Egypt	Japan

d'Orsi Trophy



Round Robin 13		Round Robin 14		Round Robin 15	
Chinese Taipei	New Zealand	Japan	Guadeloupe	India	Japan
Australia	India	India	The Netherlands	USA 1	Guadeloupe
Germany	Indonesia	USA 1	South Africa	New Zealand	Australia
Belgium	Bangladesh	Scotland	China Hong Kong	Canada	South Africa
Brazil	Denmark	France	Australia	Egypt	China Hong Kong
China Hong Kong	USA 2	Egypt	Belgium	USA 2	Brazil
South Africa	Egypt	USA 2	Germany	Denmark	Belgium
The Netherlands	Canada	Denmark	Poland	Bangladesh	Germany
Guadeloupe	Scotland	Bangladesh	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	Poland
Japan	USA 1	Indonesia	New Zealand	France	Chinese Taipei
Poland	France	Canada	Brazil	Scotland	The Netherlands

Brent Manley

Going into the ninth round of the Bermuda Bowl round robin, Italy and Brazil were both in qualifying spots. Italy was comfortably in fourth place and Brazil, in seventh, was looking to move up. Italy's lineup was Norberto Bocchi/Agustin Madala against Marco Toma/Diego Brenner and Alfred Versace/Lorenzo Lauria versus Joao-Paulo Campos and Miguel Villas-Boas.

Italy struck for a double-digit swing on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ KJ6 ♥ AKQ85 ♦ 9 ♣ QJ102</p>		<p>♠ 1098 ♥ 106 ♦ QJ102 ♣ AK87</p>
<p>♠ 4 ♥ J97 ♦ K76543 ♣ 654</p>		<p>♠ AQ7532 ♥ 432 ♦ A8 ♣ 93</p>

West	North	East	South
<i>Toma</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Madala</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This one was over quickly. Bocchi led his singleton spade, ruffed a spade at trick two and returned a diamond to Madala's ace for a third round of spades. One down for –50.


Versace and Lauria arrived at a superior contract.

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♣*	Dbl	2♠
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♣ Diamonds

Ten tricks were trivial for East/West after Campos led his singleton spade. Plus 430 gave Italy a 10-IMP swing. Another 10 IMPs went their way on this deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ AQ109 ♥ A9 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ753</p>		<p>♠ 7542 ♥ QJ10 ♦ A1073 ♣ K9</p>
<p>♠ 83 ♥ 542 ♦ KQJ8 ♣ 8642</p>		

West	North	East	South
<i>Toma</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Madala</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Bocchi started with the ♣J, taken in dummy with the king. Toma played a heart to his ace and the ♥9 from hand. Bocchi won the ♥K and exited with a diamond. Toma rose with the ace, discarded his low diamond on the ♥Q, then made the curious play of running the ♣9 to Bocchi's 10. Declarer still had two trump tricks to lose, so it was –50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Campos led a low heart, dummy's ♥10 winning. Versace played a spade to his 10 and North's jack. On the diamond return, Versace ducked to South's jack then won the return of the ♦K in dummy. Another spade finesse lost and a trump was returned, but Versace had the rest and another 10-IMP swing for +420.

It's against the law in civil society to steal, but it's not illegal in bridge, and you can sometimes get away with it, as the next deal demonstrates.



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Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AK942 ♥ Q932 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ10	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ QJ106 ♥ J54 ♦ 10943 ♣ A5	♠ — ♥ 76 ♦ AK8762 ♣ J9632
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West	North	East	South
<i>Toma</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	3NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Madala's bold 3NT showed the minors, so Brenner led the ♣A and continued the suit, removing all of the trumps in Bocchi's hand. That was it for the defense, however, and Bocchi scored up plus 130 against a making vulnerable spade game by East/West. That spot was reached at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
—	—	Pass	2♦
Dbl	3♦	3♠	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

Villas-Boas started with the ♦A, switching to the ♥7 at trick two. The ♦J forced dummy to ruff, but Lauria had an answer. He played a club to the ace then two more rounds, discarding a heart from hand. He then played the ♥Q, setting up two ruffs in hand. He took five spade tricks in dummy, two in hand plus three clubs for 10 tricks, +620 and 13 IMPs for his team.

The score was 38-11 for Italy when the final deal of the set came along.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 10872 ♥ 7 ♦ KQ53 ♣ KQ97	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KQJ63 ♥ 82 ♦ J42 ♣ 1082	♠ 9 ♥ J10643 ♦ 10976 ♣ A64
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♠ A54	♥ AKQ95
♦ A8	♣ J53

West	North	East	South
<i>Toma</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Pass	2♦	Dbl
Rdbl	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Brenner led the ♦10, Bocchi winning the ace. He played the ♠A and a spade to his jack, then stopped to consider what the bidding had told him. West, a passed hand, made a takeout double of 1♥ then redoubled when Madala doubled 2♦. That convinced Bocchi that West held at most one heart. Backing his judgment, Bocchi played a heart from hand at trick four and put in the 9. If it lost, he was going to be two or three down, losing a heart, a diamond, three clubs and possibly a heart ruff. When the ♥9 held, he was able to claim with five spades, four hearts and the ♦A for +590.

At the other table, declarer had almost no information from the opponents to help him with the play.

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Lauria led the ♦10 to dummy's ace, and declarer played a spade to his king, following with the ♠Q. Declarer abandoned trumps at that point, playing a heart to dummy's ace and following with the ♥K. Versace ruffed and the defenders cashed a diamond and three clubs for two down and 12 IMPs to Italy, making the final score 50-11.

When this board was played in the Venice Cup, Irina Levitina of USA1 was in 4♠ as North after this auction:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Levitina also got the lead of a diamond. She won the ♦A, played a spade to her king and followed with a low heart to dummy's 9 for an excellent plus 420.

There is only one defense to beat 4♠ on the lie of the cards, and it's strictly double dummy. East must start with a club. The defenders then take three club tricks, ending in the West hand for the coup de grace – the 13th club. When West plays that card, the result is the promotion of a trump trick for the defence. If declarer discards from hand, the ♠9 knocks out dummy's ace, and if declarer ruffs high in hand, the 4-1 trump split and poor spots spell doom.



Belgian Seniors on a roll

Herman De Wael (A Belgian)

At the European Championships in Pau in 2008, the Belgian Senior team first showed itself to be a force to be reckoned with. Leading the ranking for a long time, they finally finished third, winning the first-ever medal for Belgian Bridge. The year after, in Sao Paulo, the same team finished second in the round-robin, only to lose in the quarter final against our current hosts, Indonesia.

Last year in Dublin, our Seniors again had a good run, finally clinging on to a sixth place and qualifying for Bali.


Here, the Belgian Seniors started by winning their first six matches, taking the lead in the rankings by an ever-growing margin.

People in Belgium are somewhat baffled by these successes. Sure, these players are among the best in Belgium, all playing in the top flight and capable of earning a place in the Open team (in fact, four of them have played in the Open team during the past decade). But why is the same not true in every country?

Here are two successful results from Thursday's matches.

First, one from the Round Seven match against Scotland (the only loss to date).

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A9872 ♥ — ♦ K1073 ♣ Q852</p>		<p>♠ Q1054 ♥ KJ86 ♦ A95 ♣ 93</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ Q432 ♦ QJ82 ♣ KJ64</p>
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<p>♠ K63 ♥ A10975 ♦ 64 ♣ A107</p>			
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West	North	East	South
<i>Polet</i>	<i>Sime</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Murdoch</i>
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2NT	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

2NT fit, limit


Alain Kaplan was hoping he could lift the opponents to 5♥, so he bid 4♠. South doubled to prevent partner from bidding 5♥. Alas, for him, Guy was up to the challenge. Heart to jack and ace, ruffed, diamond to the ace and a club for queen and king. Queen of diamonds (merci) to Guy Polet's king. Low club. North thinks and plays low, so South is thrown in. He chooses hearts, to the king in dummy. Queen of spades, not covered, and seeing the jack, Guy can repeat the finesse. One diamond to them and the ♦10 is trick number 10.

Just to be complete, the bidding sequence in the other room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Stas</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

11 IMPs to the good guys.
Another good one against USA1:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ KQ84 ♥ 532 ♦ A10 ♣ A1043</p>		<p>♠ A96 ♥ K10 ♦ K8752 ♣ KQJ</p>	<p>♠ J102 ♥ AQ987 ♦ Q9 ♣ 975</p>
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<p>♠ 753 ♥ J64 ♦ J643 ♣ 862</p>			
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

11 tricks, -660

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Polet</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Dbl	6♣	All Pass

2♠ is a not reverse, and Alain tries to hear a second heart stopper by bidding 3♥. Bob Hamman does the same, and on the negative response bids 3NT himself. Guy on the other hand shows his delayed support now. Alain wants more and two aces should suffice for 6♣. At first sight a contract that needs some luck, but there are a lot of chances. If clubs split 4-2 a 3-3 split in spades is enough.

John Schermer starts with the ♥A and hearts. Guy comes to hand in spades and ruffs the third heart. He cashes trump king and queen and plays diamonds to his ace. The club ace takes care of the remaining trumps. The game is over, because after diamond king and ruff, Guy knows the full distribution. If the diamonds had been 3-3, the table was good, but with diamonds 4-2 the spades are 3-3.

Keep up the good work, guys!

Gooood Mooooorning, Indonesia!

Micke Melander

In Round Seven, Indonesia, the home nation, took on Australia in a battle that both teams really needed to win so they would be able to close the gap to the top eight – a distance that already had become something like 20 VPs.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 953	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J
♥ 10942		♥ AJ63
♦ 8		♦ KQ10954
♣ Q9853		♣ J4
	♠ A87642	
	♥ —	
	♦ AJ62	
	♣ 1076	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lavings	George	Krochmalik	Karwur
—	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♦	Dbl	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Kanetkar/Thomson ended up in Four Spades and took twelve tricks. Our hosts at the other table really stepped on the gas pedal and didn't give up until they had reached the six level.

The eight of diamonds was led and the three, queen and



Julius Antonius George

ace followed. Karwur could now realize that he had a loser in each of the minors that had to be taken care of to be able to make his contract. A spade to the king followed and a diamond from dummy towards the jack, Krochmalik went up with the king as West discarded a low club. East exited with the ten of diamonds, and West this time discarded a heart and dummy ruffed. Declarer now took a heart ruff, played a spade to the queen, another heart ruff, and cashed the ace of trumps leaving:

♠ —	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ —
♥ KQ		♥ A6
♦ —		♦ 9
♣ AK2		♣ J4
♠ —		♠ 8
♥ 9		♥ —
♦ —		♦ J
♣ Q983		♣ 1076

All Karwur needed to do, when the ace of hearts hadn't showed up in his attempts to ruff the suit good, was to play a club to the ace and make a ruffing finesse in hearts to claim his 12 tricks. After all, the ace of hearts was probably with East after the Two Diamond overcall; 11 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 963	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J1054
♥ 94		♥ KQ8653
♦ A94		♦ 8
♣ 109532		♣ J8
	♠ K82	
	♥ AJ102	
	♦ J1065	
	♣ AK	

Open Room


West	North	East	South
Lavings	George	Krochmalik	Karwur
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

There was nothing that could stop George from driving the Indonesians to slam again on the second board when he got a strong club opening from partner. Krochmalik again tried to disturb his opponents, an action that helped Kanetkar rather than the opposite when he only had a singleton himself. Krochmalik led the king of hearts, declarer won with the ace and just played on trumps, West won the second round and George claimed. There was no swing, however, as the Australian pair had copied the result at the other table.

Things didn't go much better for Lavings/Krochmalik, who ended up in Three No Trump on the next hand, which in fact was a very bad slam, playable, however, but requiring a couple of cards to be rightly placed and spades 3-3. When all of this duly came to pass it could be another potential loss. And keeping in mind that their opponents had just started off with two slams against them it surely didn't feel too good.

Things didn't get better on the next board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8764 ♥ QJ10874 ♦ 852 ♣ —		♠ Q2 ♥ A95 ♦ A97 ♣ AKJ85	♠ A10953 ♥ K6 ♦ Q43 ♣ 642
	♠ KJ ♥ 32 ♦ KJ106 ♣ Q10973		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lavings</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	All Pass

1♦/3♦ Transfers for hearts

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Kanetkar</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	1♠	Dbl*	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass


1♦ Transfer for hearts

Dbl Three-card heart support

Tobing had no problem making his contract after a club was led and he was able to ruff spades in dummy. For Krochmalik at the other table it was another story, but being only in three he could basically play however he wanted and would still make it. Karwur led a trump, which went to the four, six and declarer's nine. He cashed the ace and king of clubs discarding diamonds from dummy, ruffed a club and continued with a diamond to his ace. Another club followed, ruffed in

dummy and over-ruffed by George who exited with a diamond, forcing declarer to ruff in dummy. When Krochmalik finally decided that time had come to play spades it went four, five, queen and king. With a small heart left to exit with the Australian declarer was kept to nine tricks, just making the contract. That was another 10 IMPs to Indonesia, who had got off to a really good start to the match.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 1083 ♥ KQ83 ♦ Q53 ♣ K102		♠ 4 ♥ J104 ♦ J72 ♣ J98743	♠ AK765 ♥ 7 ♦ A1064 ♣ A65
			♠ QJ92 ♥ A9652 ♦ K98 ♣ Q

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lavings</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

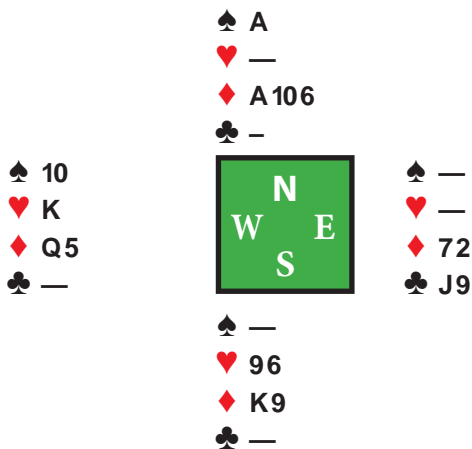
West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Kanetkar</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Here our declarers picked different paths for their way to success. In the Closed Room Kanetkar got a club lead to the queen, king and ace. He now went for a cross-ruff by ruffing a club, cashing the ace of hearts, ruffing a heart, and ruffed his last club in hand. The king of diamonds followed, a diamond to the ace and a small diamond from dummy and, when the suit broke 3-3, dummy was now good provided that he just would be able to pull trumps. Tobing, who got in on the queen of diamonds returned a friendly trump and when all followed Kanetkar could pull them and claim. If Tobing had returned a heart at this point, and declarer had then decided to ruff high in dummy he would have been in danger. It



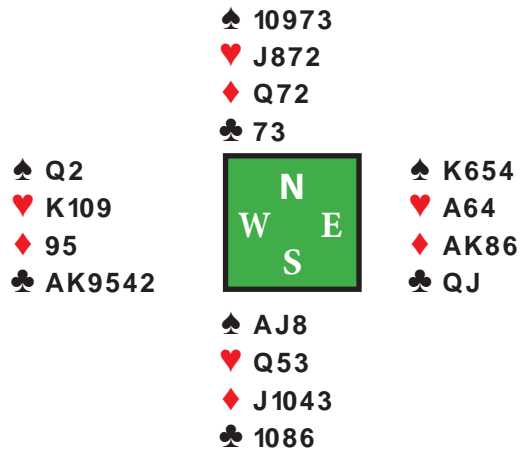
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would have made this time with the actual layout of the cards, but still it would have been a shakier and more nervous ride than after the passive trump return. Karwur in the Open Room got a trump lead, dummy winning the trick with the five. He then played a spade to the queen and then sank in deep thought when he had learned that trumps were not 2-2. Karwur finally ran the eight of diamonds to East's jack, when West didn't cover. East returned a heart whereupon declarer played the ace, a club to the ace, and a crossruff in hearts and clubs followed leaving him in dummy with the following four-card ending:



When he now pulls the last trump, either defender would be squeezed if they had 4-4 in the red suits from the beginning. This wasn't the story and when he played a diamond to the king and a diamond towards dummy it was all over when the queen showed up. Unfortunately for the Indonesians, they got no reward for playing for some extra chances this time.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lavings</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Karwur</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Kanetkar</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

This was another Indonesian slam where the Australian team chose to stop in game. Asbi got the jack of diamonds led from Thomson and found the best line to make the contract. Spade to the queen, on which South had to play low, a club to the queen, and low spade from hand. That manoeuvre was later on repeated and when the ace of spades fell declarer's king was established to create the necessary discard of a heart loser from dummy; 12 IMPs to Indonesia.

Unfortunately for the Indonesian team, in and amongst all slams they lost a lot of boards and the set actually ended 48-37 to Australia. For Lavings/Krochmalik that must have felt a great relief after that beginning to the match.




Jos Jacobs

At the start of the day, Italy and Argentina were in 4th and 5th position respectively, so selecting the encounter between these two teams as the Round 7 match to report about was easy enough.

I was not at all disappointed when I saw how the match started. If you look at the first two boards, you will know why.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 953 ♥ 10942 ♦ 8 ♣ Q9853	♠ KQ10 ♥ KQ875 ♦ 73 ♣ AK2 	♠ J ♥ AJ63 ♦ KQ10954 ♣ J4
	♠ A87642 ♥ — ♦ AJ62 ♣ 1076	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Camberos</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Three Spades was forcing and by bidding 3NT, Duboin could launch a series of cuebids that eventually led to a slam that should have good chances, assuming that East holds the ♥A, quite likely in view of his overcall. Italy a fine +980.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Alujas</i>
—	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Ravenna made a strong bid over partner's 2♠, but with a void in the suit opened by his partner and three low clubs, South had no immediate reason to make a positive move. Argentina +480 but 11 IMPs to Italy.

A very much better slam, in fact a pretty cold one, was in the cards on the next board and once again, the Italian auction was spot on:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 963 ♥ 94 ♦ A94 ♣ 109532	♠ AQ7 ♥ 7 ♦ KQ732 ♣ Q764 	♠ J1054 ♥ KQ8653 ♦ 8 ♣ J8
	♠ K82 ♥ AJ102 ♦ J1065 ♣ AK	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Camberos</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	—	2♦	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

After the Multi and the natural overcall, Four Diamonds agreed the suit, so after some cuebids and RKCB, the Italians once again reached the proper contract easily enough. With the trumps 3-1 there were no problems in the play. Italy another fine score, +1370 this time.



Carlos Pellegrini

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lauria	Ravenna	Versace	Alujas
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥	Dbl	3NT
All Pass			

Three Hearts showed the minors with a singleton heart but when South did not appreciate his minor suit fits, the Argentinians had missed this slam as well. Argentina +660 but 12 IMPs more to Italy.

Two boards later, Italy gained yet another double-figure swing with a well-timed opening Multi:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8764	♠ A 10953	♠ Q2
♥ QJ10874	♥ K6	♥ A95
♦ 852	♦ Q43	♦ A97
♣ —	♣ 642	♣ AKJ85
	♠ KJ	
	♥ 32	
	♦ KJ106	
	♣ Q10973	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pellegrini	Sementa	Camberos	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Pellegrini, for Argentina, did not open his hand, he became the declarer in 4♥. This enabled Sementa to find the fine lead of a low diamond. Declarer now had to win dummy's ace and immediately discard his losing diamonds on the top clubs. Had he continued a spade from his hand next, all might have been well for him on the actual layout as South cannot profitably return a club at this stage but when he ruffed a club in hand to play a spade up, the Italians were quick to find the killing defence. South won the ♠K and returned a club. North now could score his ♥K in an overruff and return a trump. When South had to win the next spade perforce, he could exit with his last trump, setting the contract in the process as dummy had only one trump left for declarer's two remaining spade losers. One down, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lauria	Ravenna	Versace	Alujas
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Two Diamonds showed, among others, a strong NT type of hand. As Lauria could use a transfer, Versace became the

declarer in 4♥ and he was treated to a friendly club lead into his tenace. He won the jack and led the ♠Q from his hand. South won the king and returned a trump to the queen, king and ace so Versace ended up with an easy enough overtrick for another +650 and 13 IMPs to Italy.

After seven boards, Italy led 36-6 but then, Camberos produced a fine defence on board 8. You can read about it in a separate article elsewhere in our bulletins.

So Argentina recouped 11 IMPs on Board 8, only to hand them back to their opponents on the very next board:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ KQ	♠ J752	♠ 10864
♥ 983	♥ AKJ76	♥ 102
♦ 10873	♦ 9	♦ KJ5
♣ AJ62	♣ 985	♣ K1074
	♠ A93	
	♥ Q54	
	♦ AQ642	
	♣ Q3	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lauria	Ravenna	Versace	Alujas
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The defence was routine for Lauria. He led a top spade, leaving declarer with no chance at all. As soon as declarer tried a club, the defence would win, cash the ♠Q, cross in clubs and get a spade ruff. One down, Italy +50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pellegrini	Sementa	Camberos	Duboin
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led a trump which Duboin won with dummy's ace. He immediately turned his attention to diamonds, leading low to his queen and ruffing a diamond in dummy. He then exited with a club to his queen and West's ace. Had West returned a top spade now, Duboin, still needing a club ruff in his hand for a possible 10th trick, would probably have returned a club and suffered the same fate as at the other table but when West played another trump instead to prevent that ruff, Duboin could win the queen in hand, ruff another diamond, draw the last trump and cross to his ♠A to cash the diamond win-

ner as his 10th trick.

On board 13, Italy bid another slam but this time, Lauria and Versace did the job:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q2 ♥ K109 ♦ 95 ♣ AK9542	♠ 10973 ♥ J872 ♦ Q72 ♣ 73 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K654 ♥ A64 ♦ AK86 ♣ QJ ♠ AJ8 ♥ Q53 ♦ J1043 ♣ 1086
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Camberos</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two Spades was the obvious club transfer but when East did not accept it, West could hardly make any further positive move. Argentina +660.

In the other room, Versace showed some very delicate hand evaluation:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Alujas</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Once Versace realised his ♣QJ must be gold, the slam was bid. With the ♠A coming down in three rounds, no squeeze position was needed any more, though with West holding the ♥109 as well, some sort of squeeze would probably have been on anyway, had it been needed. Italy +1370 and another fine 12 IMPs to them.

On the penultimate board of the set, Argentina registered a big swing simply by doing nothing:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A9872 ♥ — ♦ K1073 ♣ Q852	♠ J ♥ Q432 ♦ QJ82 ♣ KJ64 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q1054 ♥ KJ86 ♦ A95 ♣ 93 ♠ K63 ♥ A10975 ♦ 64 ♣ A107
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Camberos</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2NT	3♥	Pass
3♠	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

2NT showed a good heart raise of unknown strength and 3♥ was the constructive spade raise one would expect. Camberos had the last word in the auction, which netted his side +500 for down two.

Pellegrini led a club, thus solving one problem for declarer but at the same time creating an insoluble new one: the threat of a defensive club ruff. Whatever declarer does, the defence will have the communication for the ruff as West holds two possible entries.

At the table, Duboin led a spade up but West jumped in with his ace to continue clubs. End of story: East was given his trump trick but he would always be able to reach his partner in diamonds to score the ruff.

In the Closed Room, they would have nothing of it. In fact, as none of the players held a hand worth a traditional opening bid, they decided to immediately continue to the final board. So the +500 was worth its full 11 IMPs to Argentina on its own merit.

The final score: 63-32 to Italy, 16.88-3.12 V.P.




Giorgio Duboin

Jos Jacobs

When this match got underway on Wednesday afternoon, the Netherlands were in a healthy 4th position whereas Poland, in spite of winning their first match of the day, had dropped down to 8th place, the last qualifying position. So a big win would do either team much good, as is in fact the case quite often.

On the opening board of the set, the Poles tried to find out if luck would be on their side:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q74 ♥ J2 ♦ Q1076 ♣ J852</p>		<p>♠ 2 ♥ KQ7 ♦ J532 ♣ KQ1097</p>	<p>♠ AJ1095 ♥ 54 ♦ 98 ♣ A643</p>
			<p>♠ K863 ♥ A109863 ♦ AK4 ♣ —</p>

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Sr</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Niemeijer</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
—	Pass	1♣	DbI
Pass	3♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

A straightforward auction to a decent enough slam, though slightly against the odds. When Kowalski did not manage to locate the trump queen, he had to concede one down and he also found out that luck was not on his side.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Vrieze</i>
—	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Onno Janssens could open his pet convention (Muiderberg, his home village), showing five spades and at least four of a minor. As soon as South got to know that partner's minor suit was clubs, the Dutch would always land on their feet. One overtrick and the first blow, 11 IMPs, to the Netherlands.

Two boards later, the Poles struck back:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A9 ♥ 1086 ♦ K975 ♣ AK84</p>		<p>♠ QJ4 ♥ A3 ♦ QJ1042 ♣ 1097</p>	<p>♠ K10732 ♥ Q97 ♦ A ♣ J652</p>
		<p>♠ 865 ♥ KJ542 ♦ 863 ♣ Q3</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Sr</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Niemeijer</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

On this board, a straightforward auction by the Dutch saw them reach the proper contract easily.

North led a passive ♣9 which ran to declarer's ace. Verhees also cashed the ♣K, getting the good news and then led a low spade from his hand. North played his jack, which was allowed to hold. When Romanski contributed the eight to this trick, Kowalski had little trouble in continuing ♥A and another so the defence duly took their six tricks. Just made, Netherlands +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Vrieze</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It looks to me as if both West and East overstretched a little in this auction, as 3NT definitely is not a sound contract. North led a more natural ♦Q to dummy's ace and declarer immediately led a spade to his ace, South contributing the five. A spade came back and Lasocki allowed North's jack to hold the trick, making it even more difficult for North to find the killing heart shift. South duly contributed the ♠8 but against 3NT, finding the heart continuation was simply asking too much. When North continued a top diamond and the ♣Q came down later, Lasocki had made his ambitious contract and the Poles could chalk up 11 IMPs to level the match.

The next six boards produced only one partscore swing to Poland so they went into the last seven boards with the score at 18-12 to Poland. This was Board 10:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 54 ♥ KJ942 ♦ A9 ♣ Q1072		♠ Q9 ♥ Q765 ♦ 10642 ♣ 984
♠ J107 ♥ A8 ♦ J873 ♣ A653		♠ AK8632 ♥ 103 ♦ KQ5 ♣ KJ

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Sr</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Niemeijer</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	


The Polish Club worked very well as it enabled Romanski to show his type of hand by rebidding 2NT, invitational with six spades. When Kowalski, holding soft values only, raised to 3NT, the Poles were in the best contract which they made easily. Poland a fully deserved +630 when the defence just got two hearts and the ♣A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Vrieze</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Faced with mainly the same problem as his Polish counterpart, Janssens eventually raised to 4♠. This was by no means a bad contract on the actual diamond lead, but when Lasocki returned the ♥8 after winning the ♣A at trick 2, declarer was faced with a nasty guess. When he played low from dummy, the contract was one down and Poland had won another 12 IMPs by doing well at both tables.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ A8762 ♦ AKQ8 ♣ A65		♠ Q875 ♥ Q1054 ♦ 73 ♣ K107
♠ AKJ104 ♥ KJ9 ♦ 10652 ♣ 2		♠ 962 ♥ 3 ♦ J94 ♣ QJ9843

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Sr</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Niemeijer</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
—	1♥	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♠	3♣
All Pass			

In a sense, E/W did well to sell out to 3♣ as N/S have a cold game in clubs. Poland +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Vrieze</i>
—	1♥	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♠	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

When nobody had anything more to say, Lasocki was surprisingly left to play in 3♠...

Poland a possibly unexpected +170 to gain 8 IMPs more.

The final score was 40-12 to Poland, 16.42-3.58 V.P. The Poles had returned to 6th place, sending The Netherlands down to 8th spot.

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Jos Jacobs

The leaders after 7 rounds in the Venice Cup, Netherlands and Poland, had to meet in Round 8 on Thursday afternoon, so once again selecting a match to report on was an easy job.

On the first board, both Souths were looking at seven solid hearts and an outside ace, only to find out that dummy did not produce anything useful. So no swing in 4♥ down two.

On the next board, 3NT would have been laydown on the actual layout but both N/S pairs reached 4♥. Still, there *was* a swing and it was all about handling the trump suit.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ4 ♥ J632 ♦ AKQJ ♣ AJ		♠ A753 ♥ Q4 ♦ 1086 ♣ K853	♠ 1098 ♥ A1087 ♦ 73 ♣ Q1062
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room, the auction was standard Polish Club, 2♦ showing a strong hand with at least three hearts. 2♥ was relay and 4♥ confirmed a strong heart raise.

West led a diamond to dummy's ace and declarer's next move was a low trump to her ten and West's king. Back came a diamond to dummy and now declarer advanced the ♥J hoping to pin the nine. When this plan failed, she had to lose two trump tricks, the ♣K and the ♠A for one down. Netherlands +100.

The layout in the trump suit is well covered in the textbooks but there is no clear solution. The percentage play would be low from dummy to the seven but the chances of losing only one trick in the suit would still be under 50% on this line. So Baldysz' actual line was just a shade unlucky.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

For the Netherlands, Meike Wortel could open a classic 2NT and thus became declarer in 4♥ herself after a Puppet sequence. She, too, received a diamond lead but, rather than playing a trump immediately, she first tried the effect of cashing a few diamonds. When East ruffed the fourth round with the four, she could overruff and take the losing club finesse next. East returned a club to declarer's ace and only now, did Meike play a low trump. When the queen appeared, her problems in that suit were over so she turned her attention to clubs, cashing dummy's two winners in the suit. This time, it was West who ruffed the fourth club (East being out of low trumps for sure) so declarer overruffed and led a trump to West's now-bare king.

By this elegant line of play, Meike had successfully arrived at the last hurdle: West had only spades left so she had to put in the right card from her KJ when West returned the six. Putting in the jack which East had to win with her ace, proved the cherry on her cake. Netherlands +620 and 12 most deserved IMPs.

On the next board, the Polish aggression did not pay off but the Dutch did:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ KQ93 ♥ 52 ♦ KQ9862 ♣ 8		♠ 104 ♥ K1086 ♦ 107 ♣ AQJ104	♠ 8 ♥ QJ974 ♦ A53 ♣ 9732
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
—	—	—	2♥
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

A well-controlled auction for an easy +120 to E/W.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Wortel	Zmuda	Michielsen
—	—	—	2♥
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dbl	All Pass	

Here too, South opened a Muiderberg-type 2♥ but then, Kazmucha could not resist temptation when partner invited. Wortel, looking at a number of spade stoppers, doubled in disbelief and soon found out that once again, she had done the right thing. Michielsen could not possibly know that the E/W diamond suit was wide open, so she duly led a spade. One down, +200 more and another 8 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Aggression versus restraint was again the theme on the next board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AK105	♠ 9764	♠ 832
♥ QJ752	♥ 843	♥ A106
♦ Q876	♦ KJ9	♦ 54
♣ —	♣ J93	♣ Q10754
	♠ QJ	
	♥ K9	
	♦ A1032	
	♣ AK862	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Sarniak	Pasman	Baldysz
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♣
All Pass			

As E/W play 2♥ as a constructive raise, Pasman could only respond 1NT to her partner's 1♥ opening bid. This enabled her to pass happily when South made an overcall in her best suit.

One down. Netherlands +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Wortel	Zmuda	Michielsen
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

When Zmuda raised hearts, N/S were out of trouble. E/W already were overboard so West's game try only made things worse for her side. As nobody doubled, the contract quietly went down two, vulnerable, for another +200 and 7 more IMPs to the Netherlands who thus were leading 27-0 after just four boards.

Two boards later, we saw an interesting variation on our original theme.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A109875	♠ J6	♠ K2
♥ 1074	♥ KQJ9	♥ 5
♦ K75	♦ J62	♦ AQ10843
♣ K	♣ J432	♣ 9765
	♠ Q43	
	♥ A8632	
	♦ 9	
	♣ AQ108	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Simons	Sarniak	Pasman	Baldysz
—	—	2♦	All Pass

The natural weak two in diamonds was left in peace by everyone. Pasman made three overtricks when the double dummy defence of two top clubs to kill dummy's entry to the spade (obviously) was not found. Netherlands +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Wortel	Zmuda	Michielsen
—	—	3♦	Dbl
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the other room, Zmuda opened an aggressive 3♦, Michielsen made an aggressive take-out double (please note that in the Open Room, South actually passed 2♦) and then raised West's fit-bid-style 3♠ to game.




Anneke Simons

North led a top heart and then had to find a defensive plan. A trump switch is no good as declarer will then be able to pick up the trumps for no loser and end up with 12 tricks.

The correct defence is another round of hearts. So when Meike did indeed continue the ♥J, the contract had to go one down for another +100 and 6 IMPs more to the Dutch.

On Board 24, Justyna Zmuda for Poland found an imaginative defence to give declarer a chance to go wrong in 3NT.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 865 ♥ 1073 ♦ 965 ♣ K1074	♠ A92 ♥ Q9862 ♦ A2 ♣ AJ2 	♠ Q743 ♥ AJ4 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 93 ♠ KJ10 ♥ K5 ♦ 10874 ♣ Q865
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

East led the ♦K to declarer's ace. Declarer went after the hearts, East winning her jack in the second round of the suit. East returned a club to declarer's jack and, after winning her ♥A, simply cashed her top diamonds as she was defending 2NT only. One overtrick, Poland +150.

In the other room, they were more ambitious:

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The play went along the same lines as in the Open Room but when Zmuda won her ♥J, she made the cunning return of a low diamond. Can we blame Meike Wortel for not going up with dummy's ♦10? East might as well have tried the lead of the ♦K from ♦KQ9x...

Anyway, when dummy played low, Kazmucha scored her ♦9 to put the contract one down. Well done, Poland +50 and 5 IMPs back to them.

There was little in the remaining boards until the last board arrived. Once again, the theme of this match, aggression versus restraint, was the issue.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A106 ♥ Q2 ♦ A10954 ♣ J54		♠ J754 ♥ 876 ♦ Q87 ♣ Q86 ♠ KQ32 ♥ K10953 ♦ 62 ♣ A10 ♠ 98 ♥ AJ4 ♦ KJ3 ♣ K9732
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

When Anneke Simons did not judge her hand worth an opening bid, the Dutch were out of trouble as East, with her minimum hand opposite a passed partner, would never be tempted to stretch.

The contract just made for +140 to the Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the other room, West elected to open the bidding, which meant the pair would never stop below game. East launched the forcing 2♦ relay and settled for 3NT, which was quickly beaten when North found the club lead through dummy's ♣A10 bare. Down two, vulnerable, Netherlands another +200 and 8 IMPs on what looked like an innocent deal.

Looking back on the match as a whole, one can only say that on this set, aggression did not pay. The final result was 45-6 to the Netherlands or 17.97-2.03 in VPs.




Anna Sarniak

Brian Senior

The Dutch women had a very successful day on Thursday, beginning with their Round 7 victory over fellow-Europeans, Sweden. The Dutch gained a big swing on the first board of the match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ KQ10	
	♥ KQ875	
	♦ 73	
	♣ AK2	
♠ 953		♠ J
♥ 10942		♥ AJ63
♦ 8		♦ KQ10954
♣ Q9853		♣ J4
	♠ A87642	
	♥ —	
	♦ AJ62	
	♣ 1076	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
—	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	1♥	2♦	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

After identical starts to the two auctions, Jessica Larsson, for Sweden, simply raised to 4♠, ending the auction, while Mieke Wortel, for the Netherlands, judged her hand to be too good to fail to make a slam try so cuebid 3♦, then showed a club control before signing off in 4♠. Wortel's strong auction encouraged Marion Michielsen to make one more try and Wortel accepted the invitation.

Playing in game, Kathrine Bertheau won the diamond lead and drew trumps before leading the king of hearts to the ace and ruff. She no longer had the communications to establish and cash the fifth heart so had to lose two minor-suit tricks in the endgame; +450.

The stakes were rather higher for Michielsen, who also received a diamond lead to the queen and ace. She led a spade to the king followed by a low heart to the jack and ruff, then a second spade to dummy and a diamond up, Cecilia Rimstedt winning the king and returning the diamond nine. Michielsen played low and ruffed in dummy, ruffed another heart and drew the missing trump. She could now cross to the ace of clubs then take the ruffing heart finesse for her twelfth

trick; +980 and 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Had Rimstedt not won the king of diamonds, putting in the nine, the jack would not have been a winner, as Emma Sjoberg would have ruffed had declarer played it to the trick. Michielsen would still have been able to take a diamond ruff in the dummy, but would have had one fewer winner in hand. Now she would need two heart tricks and would have had a decision to make – play for the actual distribution and take the ruffing finesse, or lead a third low heart, hoping to ruff out ace to three with East. There would no doubt have been some clues from the defensive carding but there was no particular reason why East should be 1-4-6-2 rather than 1-3-6-3. The duck would be tough to find, but perhaps East could do so on the basis that she could see that declarer was sure to succeed if the king was played?

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ AKQ	
	♥ 643	
	♦ 75	
	♣ AQ876	
♠ 103		♠ 97654
♥ KQ1085		♥ 2
♦ QJ2		♦ A863
♣ KJ9		♣ 432
	♠ J82	
	♥ AJ97	
	♦ K1094	
	♣ 105	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
—	1NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs bid to 3NT by North, the Swedes via simple Stayman, the Dutch via their version of Puppet.

Rimstedt led a spade to the ten and king. Wortel played a heart to the nine and ten and back came a second spade. Wortel led a club to the ten and jack and back came the club nine, on which she played the queen. She cashed two more clubs, pitching diamonds from dummy, then tried a heart, rising with the ace when Rimstedt showed out. A spade back to hand allowed her to cash the last club and now she played a diamond towards the

king. As Rimstedt had pitched a spade on the fourth club, she had only one winner to cash after winning the ace; nine tricks for +600. Of course, had the spade not been discarded, declarer could have played a diamond up at the point where she actually led the second heart, so could still have been successful.

Carla Arnolds made the unusual lead of her singleton heart and the nine lost to the ten. Wietske van Zwol switched to the jack of clubs, Larsson putting in the queen. When that held she led a heart, not imagining the actual position in the suit after the opening lead. When East showed out she won the ace and played a club to the king and ace and another club. Van Zwol won and had three hearts to cash for down one and -100; 12 IMPs to the Netherlands, who led by 25-1.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 1083 ♥ KQ83 ♦ Q53 ♣ K102	♠ AK765 ♥ 7 ♦ A1064 ♣ A65 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 4 ♥ J104 ♦ J72 ♣ J98743
	♠ QJ92 ♥ A9652 ♦ K98 ♣ Q	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

For a second time in the match, Larsson simply jumped to game while Wortel went more slowly and got to slam.

Arnolds led the two of diamonds to the queen and ace, after which Larsson could pick up that suit without loss and two club ruffs gave her all 13 tricks for +710.

Rimstedt led the jack of hearts against slam. Wortel won the ace and played the queen of clubs to the ace and ruffed a club, led a diamond to her ace and ruffed the last club, then played king and the third diamond. When the suit split three-three, there were no further problems; +1430 and 12 more IMPs to the Netherlands, whose lead was up to 37-1. Had diamonds been four-two, Wortel would, of course, have been able to ruff the fourth round in dummy.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J10987 ♥ J10 ♦ A1062 ♣ J5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AK32 ♥ 9 ♦ QJ43 ♣ K864
		♠ — ♥ AKQ87632 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ2
		♠ Q654 ♥ 54 ♦ 975 ♣ 10973

West	North	East	South
<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
2♠	4♠	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Sjoberg passed as West and Wortel opened a strong and artificial 2♣. The 2♥ response was a double-negative type so Wortel gave up on slam and simply jumped to the heart game. Michielsen ruffed the spade lead and played out all but one of the trumps, followed by the queen of clubs. When Rimstedt won her king, declarer had an entry to her fourth club so could make an overtrick for +450.

Van Zwol opened 2♠, weak with five spades and a four-card or longer minor, and Larsson, perhaps affected by the fact that her side had already missed two slams in the set, judged her hand too good for a 4♥ overcall and unsuitable for a double so overcalled 4♠! When Arnolds now took the advance save in 5♠ and that came back to Larsson she bid the hopeless heart slam. I don't know the Swedish pair's agreements here but surely Bertheau's pass over 5♠ was forcing and with her actual hand she should have doubled to stop her partner from bidding on? Arnolds too led a spade and Larsson ruffed and ran trumps. When Arnolds came down to a doubleton club, declarer played ace then queen and she too could get to dummy for a diamond pitch so was only one down for -50 and 11 IMPs to the Netherlands; 48-1.



Carla Arnolds

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J752		
	♥ AKJ76		
	♦ 9		
	♣ 985		
♠ KQ		♠ 10864	
♥ 983		♥ 102	
♦ 10873		♦ KJ5	
♣ AJ62		♣ K1074	
	♠ A93		
	♥ Q54		
	♦ AQ642		
	♣ Q3		

West	North	East	South
Sjoberg	Wortel	Rimstedt	Michielsen
Van Zwol	Larsson	Arnolds	Bertheau
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Both N/Ss bid to 4♥, played by South after a Smolen auction, but on different opening leads.

Sjoberg led the seven of diamonds against Michielsen, who won the king with the ace and gave up a club, Rimstedt winning the ten and returning a low card in the suit. Sjoberg won that and switched to a trump for dummy's ace, Michielsen ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, led a heart to her queen and took another diamond ruff. Now she drew the last trump, crossed the ace of spades and cashed the two diamond winners for +420.

Van Zwol led the king of spades. Bertheau won the ace and led the queen of clubs. Van Zwol took the ace, cashed the queen of spades and played a club to Arnolds' king. Arnolds returned a spade and the ruff meant a quick one down for -50 and a further 10 IMPs to the Netherlands, whose lead was up to 58-1.

The score had moved on to 63-2 when finally there was some good news for the Swedes.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ A10972		
	♥ 5		
	♦ 10753		
	♣ AK3		
♠ K		♠ Q854	
♥ KJ7		♥ A9863	
♦ AQJ962		♦ K8	
♣ 1084		♣ J6	
	♠ J63		
	♥ Q1042		
	♦ 4		
	♣ Q9752		

West	North	East	South
Sjoberg	Wortel	Rimstedt	Michielsen
–	–	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Larsson	Arnolds	Bertheau
–	–	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♣
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Rimstedt opened a mini no trump, 9-12 or so, and Sjoberg simply raised to 3NT, giving Michielsen a blind lead. Any club player would have defeated this by leading fourth highest of their longest and strongest but, as dummy had failed to show interest in the majors, Michielsen tried a heart instead – and Arnolds had three heart tricks and six diamonds for +400.

In the other room, Arnolds opened 2♥, below opening values with both majors, and van Zwol thought game unlikely so passed. However, she competed with 3♦ at her next turn and Arnolds converted to 3♥, ending the auction. Bertheau led a club and Larsson played three rounds, Arnolds ruffing the third round. Arnolds led a heart to the jack, cashed the king and discovered the four-one break. Now she switched her attention, playing the king of spades to Larsson's ace and returning a diamond. Arnolds won the king and ruffed a low spade then tried to cash a second diamond. When Bertheau could ruff and return her last trump, declarer was left with a second spade loser in hand for down one; -50 and 10 IMPs to Sweden.

The Netherlands ran out winners by 63-14 IMPs, 19.07-0.93 VP. In the day's other matches, the Dutch scored 17.59 and 18.97, for an impressive 55.63 VP out of 60 on the day.



Emma Sjoberg

Deadly Duck

By Kris Wooles

Linda Cartner of the New Zealand Women's team had to defend perfectly to defeat the Indonesians' doubled 5♥ contract on this deal from their Round 7 match.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ –					
	♥ AKQ87632					
	♦ K8					
	♣ AQ2					
♠ J10987	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AK32	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ J10		♥ 9				
♦ A1062		♦ QJ43				
♣ J5		♣ K864				
	♠ Q654					
	♥ 54					
	♦ 975					
	♣ 10973					
West	North	East	South			
<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Cartner</i>	<i>Tuejeh</i>			
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass			
Pass	5♥	Dbl	All Pass			

Glenis Palmer's 2♠ opening was weak with five spades and a four-card or longer minor and Indonesia's Lusje Bojoh had something to spare for her 4♥ overcall. Not surprisingly, when Cartner competed with 4♠, Bojoh took the push to 5♥, promptly doubled by Cartner, who led the ace of spades.

Declarer ruffed and took six rounds of hearts. Cartner came down to:

♠ K
♥ –
♦ QJ
♣ K86

Declarer next played the queen of clubs and Cartner found the killing duck – if she wins declarer can get to dummy's long club and loses only one trick in each minor. Bojoh continued with ace and a third club but Cartner could win and play the king of spades. Declarer had to ruff and lead away from the king of diamonds to be one down for +100 to New Zealand.

Cartner had to come down to the exact pattern which she did keep. Throw a second club and she can no longer duck the club queen, while if she keeps three diamonds and no spade she will have to lead the suit for declarer after winning the third club.

New Zealand went on to win the match by 27-20 IMPs, 12.03-7.97 VP.

Championship Diary

Herman is understandably delighted by the performance of the Belgian Senior Team. When he had the temerity to suggest that no mention of the Seniors had been made on the front page of yesterday's bulletin it was quickly pointed out that he was mistaken, the subtle clue being the use of the word Seniors in the third paragraph. We could of course waffle on endlessly about Belgium.

The captain of England's Bermuda Bowl team, Simon Cope, has had to return home for medical reasons. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The USA1 Senior Team has two native-born Canadians in its ranks, Allan Graves and Neil Chambers, both from Vancouver. Neil has lived in California, Washington state and New York state (his current residence) for decades, while Allan has lived here and there across both countries, sometimes in Canada, but currently in Vermont. As it happens, Graves and Chambers constitute two more native-born Canadians than are in the Canadian Senior Team!

The Second World War and its aftermath was a time of great upheaval in Europe, and immigration from Europe to Canada was extensive and varied. Thus Robert Lebi and George Mittelman were born in Europe of Hungarian parents and both families emigrated to Montréal shortly after the war. Robert was born in Paris and George in what is now Slovakia, then Czechoslovakia. Boris Baran's background is similar – he was born in Geneva of Yugoslav parents from Zagreb, now in Croatia, and the family also emigrated to Montréal.

David Lindop was born in England and came to Canada with his parents whilst still a young boy. Jurek Czyzowicz was born in (can you guess?) Poland and Dan Jacob in Romania – both emigrated to Canada as adults to work, Jurek to teach mathematics at university and Dan to work as an engineer.

Lastly, we come to Michael Yuen, non-playing captain. Michael hails from Guangzhou, formerly Canton, in the Peoples' Republic of China. He has lived and worked in Canada for decades.

As the player concerned is celebrating his birthday today, we have no intention of reporting how he went down in Seven Hearts on Board 2 in Round 11.

Happy birthday David Bakhshi.

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	South Africa	China	21	22	9.69	10.31
2	Canada	Monaco	22	19	10.91	9.09
3	Argentina	Poland	19	34	6.03	13.97
4	Chinese Taipei	USA 2	6	44	2.15	17.85
5	Guadeloupe	Egypt	16	11	11.48	8.52
6	England	Bahrain	31	31	10.00	10.00
7	Australia	India	23	57	2.69	17.31
8	Indonesia	Japan	38	22	14.18	5.82
9	New Zealand	Netherlands	41	36	11.48	8.52
10	Brazil	Germany	50	21	16.58	3.42
11	USA 1	Italy	40	23	14.39	5.61

Round 11

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	England	Guadeloupe	46	39	12.03	7.97
2	Australia	Chinese Taipei	22	34	6.72	13.28
3	Indonesia	Argentina	51	23	16.42	3.58
4	New Zealand	Canada	13	45	2.97	17.03
5	USA 1	South Africa	56	18	17.85	2.15
6	Brazil	China	30	45	6.03	13.97
7	Italy	Monaco	30	18	13.28	6.72
8	Netherlands	Poland	39	20	14.8	5.2
9	Japan	USA 2	29	18	13.04	6.96
10	India	Egypt	16	23	7.97	12.03
11	Bahrain	Germany	6	88	0.00	20

Round 12

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Germany	Guadeloupe	54	46	12.29	7.71
2	Egypt	Japan	8	51	1.56	18.44
3	USA 2	Netherlands	34	28	11.76	8.24
4	Poland	Italy	10	24	6.25	13.75
5	Monaco	Brazil	37	2	17.45	2.55
6	China	USA 1	29	44	6.03	13.97
7	South Africa	New Zealand	26	48	4.62	15.38
8	Canada	Indonesia	18	39	4.81	15.19
9	Argentina	Australia	30	27	10.91	9.09
10	Chinese Taipei	England	11	46	2.55	17.45
11	Bahrain	India	27	54	3.74	16.26

Results — Venice Cup

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	USA 1	Turkey	26	33	7.97	12.03
2	Canada	South Africa	31	13	14.60	5.40
3	Poland	China	11	44	2.83	17.17
4	Sweden	Pakistan	55	5	19.16	0.84
5	Indonesia	Philippines	5	45	1.91	18.09
6	England	Guadeloupe	79	10	20.00	0.00
7	Japan	India	44	12	17.03	2.97
8	Brazil	USA 2	18	18	10.00	10.00
9	Argentina	Australia	43	19	15.74	4.26
10	Netherlands	France	21	26	8.52	11.48
11	New Zealand	Egypt	33	23	12.80	7.20

Round 11

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	England	Indonesia	26	16	12.80	7.20
2	Japan	Sweden	40	16	15.74	4.26
3	Brazil	Poland	28	25	10.91	9.09
4	Argentina	Canada	42	34	12.29	7.71
5	New Zealand	USA 1	23	39	5.82	14.18
6	Netherlands	Turkey	24	8	14.18	5.82
7	Egypt	South Africa	28	53	4.08	15.92
8	Australia	China	15	53	2.15	17.85
9	USA 2	Pakistan	44	42	10.61	9.39
10	India	Philippines	20	36	5.82	14.18
11	Guadeloupe	France	22	47	4.08	15.92

Round 12

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	France	Indonesia	31	50	5.20	14.80
2	Philippines	USA 2	14	71	0.23	19.77
3	Pakistan	Australia	38	33	11.48	8.52
4	China	Egypt	31	21	12.80	7.20
5	South Africa	Netherlands	35	53	5.40	14.60
6	Turkey	New Zealand	26	40	6.25	13.75
7	USA 1	Argentina	85	7	20.00	-
8	Canada	Brazil	30	47	5.61	14.39
9	Poland	Japan	54	3	19.25	0.75
10	Sweden	England	50	25	15.92	4.08
11	Guadeloupe	India	26	61	2.55	17.45

Results — d'Orsi Trophy

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Poland	Chinese Taipei	60	8	19.34	0.66
2	Germany	New Zealand	37	32	11.48	8.52
3	Belgium	France	18	41	4.44	15.56
4	Brazil	Indonesia	11	32	4.81	15.19
5	China Hong Kong	Bangladesh	51	9	18.33	1.67
6	South Africa	Denmark	22	46	4.26	15.74
7	Netherlands	USA 2	26	58	2.97	17.03
8	Guadeloupe	Egypt	2	67	0.00	20.00
9	Japan	Canada	53	14	17.97	2.03
10	USA 1	Australia	39	17	15.38	4.62
11	India	Scotland	15	45	3.27	16.73

Round 11

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	South Africa	China Hong Kong	21	50	3.42	16.58
2	Netherlands	Brazil	50	34	14.18	5.82
3	Guadeloupe	Belgium	9	69	0.00	20.00
4	Japan	Germany	27	26	10.31	9.69
5	India	Poland	31	36	8.52	11.48
6	USA 1	Chinese Taipei	47	33	13.75	6.25
7	Scotland	New Zealand	47	22	15.92	4.08
8	Canada	France	18	48	3.27	16.73
9	Egypt	Indonesia	13	50	2.28	17.72
10	USA 2	Bangladesh	48	16	17.03	2.97
11	Denmark	Australia	9	49	1.91	18.09

Round 12

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Australia	China Hong Kong	13	27	6.25	13.75
2	Bangladesh	Egypt	28	15	13.52	6.48
3	Indonesia	Canada	39	6	17.17	2.83
4	France	Scotland	40	30	12.80	7.20
5	New Zealand	USA 1	11	25	6.25	13.75
6	Chinese Taipei	India	31	51	5.00	15.00
7	Poland	Japan	31	35	8.80	11.20
8	Germany	Guadeloupe	113	1	20.00	0.00
9	Belgium	Netherlands	14	7	12.03	7.97
10	Brazil	South Africa	22	62	1.91	18.09
11	Denmark	USA 2	39	56	5.61	14.39

Standings

After 12 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Trophy

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	Italy	166.80	1	Netherlands	181.99	1	Belgium	170.54
2	Monaco	158.15	2	USA 2	162.57	2	France	161.82
3	Japan	157.68	3	USA 1	162.27	3	USA 2	161.10
4	Poland	154.53	4	China	156.62	4	Germany	156.52
5	Germany	154.02	5	Poland	156.50	5	Scotland	156.37
6	USA 1	146.10	6	England	148.16	6	Poland	144.21
7	Netherlands	137.09	7	France	147.48	7	Indonesia	144.15
8	China	133.90	8	Canada	125.40	8	USA 1	143.29
9	England	127.80	9	Turkey	122.97	9	Australia	141.39
10	Indonesia	124.65	10	South Africa	120.26	10	Japan	135.91
11	USA 2	122.69	11	New Zealand	119.93	11	Netherlands	134.53
12	Canada	120.90	12	Sweden	118.24	12	ChinaHongKong	132.88
13	Brazil	117.29	13	Indonesia	116.86	13	India	119.44
14	Argentina	115.19	14	Brazil	115.77	14	Canada	117.71
15	Australia	109.14	15	Japan	114.75	15	Chinese Taipei	98.43
16	South Africa	97.13	16	Australia	114.32	16	Bangladesh	89.55
17	Guadeloupe	87.47	17	Argentina	104.43	17	Denmark	89.02
18	India	87.23	18	Philippines	89.99	18	Brazil	85.51
19	New Zealand	85.68	19	Egypt	84.65	19	South Africa	81.53
20	Chinese Taipei	82.62	20	Pakistan	70.85	20	New Zealand	77.45
21	Egypt	76.79	21	India	55.10	21	Egypt	73.41
22	Bahrain	75.15	22	Guadeloupe	47.99	22	Guadeloupe	22.24

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