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Contenders looking for a spark



Only six matches remain for teams contending for one of the top eight spots in each of three events – the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d’Orsi Seniors Trophy. The leading teams seem secure for at least a qualifying spot, but some will be facing opponents desperate for IMPs and victory points. Anything can happen.

Take the case of **Belgium**. The team was cruising through the round robin entering play Saturday, and started well by defeating **Bangladesh**, but then were narrowly defeated by **Egypt** and routed by **Denmark** to fall from first to second, replaced by a red-hot **French** team.

By contrast, the **Dutch** women are like a juggernaut, amassing the highest total of VPs so far (222.21) despite losing one of their three matches on Saturday. **Italy** has been impressive in the open as **USA1**, gaining momentum, has surged to second.



Welcome to the world, Lexi

Sondra Blank of Montreal, Canada, was supposed to be in Bali during the two weeks of the World Bridge Teams Championships, playing for Canada in the Venice Cup. She was pregnant but not due until well after the tournament ended.

Complications with the pregnancy caused her to cancel her trip at the last minute, and the team’s non-playing captain, Francine Cimon, had her role changed to player. She has filled in with Blank’s partner, Sylvia Summers-Caley. John Carruthers was drafted as the new NPC.

You can see from the photos at left the reason why Blank is not in Bali. It is baby daughter Lexi Dylan Cauchon, born Sept. 12 and weighing just 2,030 grams, or 4.4 pounds.

Reports are that mother and daughter are doing “really well.” Says Sondra: “Lexi has been watching vugraph and cheering for the Canadian team with me. She is a tough little peanut!”



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 16				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
6	Poland	Indonesia	BB	VG
26	China	Brazil	VC	OG
1	Japan	Netherlands	BB	BBO 2
5	Germany	Argentina	BB	BBO 3
7	Monaco	Australia	BB	BBO 4
8	China	England	BB	BBO 5
30	Canada	Sweden	VC	BBO 6
42	USA 2	Scotland	SEN	BBO 7
Session 17				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
4	England	Monaco	BB	VG
25	Japan	China	VC	OG
1	Argentina	Canada	BB	BBO 2
6	Netherlands	Germany	BB	BBO 3
10	Italy	Japan	BB	BBO 4
11	Indonesia	USA 2	BB	BBO 5
22	Sweden	USA 1	VC	BBO 6
49	USA 1	USA 2	SEN	BBO 7
Session 18				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
1	Netherlands	Italy	BB	VG
31	China	England	VC	OG
2	Japan	Brazil	BB	BBO 2
5	Egypt	Indonesia	BB	BBO 3
6	USA 2	Australia	BB	BBO 4
11	Poland	England	BB	BBO 5
22	USA 2	Netherlands	VC	BBO 6
50	Poland	Belgium	SEN	BBO 7

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.

Airport departure tax

Please be aware that all participants must pay an airport tax upon departure. The amount is 40,000 Indonesian rupiah for domestic passengers and 150,000 rupiah for international passengers.

Moyasian Scotsman — by Patrick Jourdain

In the Seniors, Scotland began with seven straight wins. In Round 3, it was a narrow 42-39 margin over Denmark, so this auction to the only slam available, a 4-3 fit, proved crucial:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ 9762 ♥ 753 ♦ 73 ♣ 10963</p>	<p>♠ AKQ ♥ 9 ♦ AK96 ♣ AKJ75</p>	<p>♠ 1085 ♥ AJ10 ♦ 8542 ♣ Q84</p>
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♠ J43	♥ KQ8642	♦ QJ10	♣ 2
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North	South
<i>Haase</i>	<i>Diamond</i>
2♣	2♦
3♣	3♥
3NT	4♦
6♦	Pass

Gerald Haase opened as North with their strong bid. The Two Diamond response from Derek Diamond denied two controls and denied holding a one-loser suit (2NT shows this). Three natural bids followed. Now Diamond wanted to make a slam noise and did so by showing where his values lay outside hearts, by introducing the ♦QJ 10. Haase, of course, was delighted with this turn of events and raised straight to Six Diamonds.

In every other denomination eleven tricks is the limit, but in diamonds there is a twelfth easily available with at least one ruff. The opening lead was a spade. The singleton heart was led off dummy. East won the ace and led a second spade.

Declarer was confident the spades were 4-3 so there was no further problem.

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 ceremony will be held as the winners arrive.

Today's Schedule

Start Times

Morning Session
11.00

Afternoon Session
14.30

Evening Session
17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Round Robin 16		Round Robin 17		Round Robin 18	
Japan	The Netherlands	Argentina	Canada	The Netherlands	Italy
India	Italy	Chinese Taipei	South Africa	Japan	Brazil
Bahrain	Brazil	Guadeloupe	China	India	USA 1
Egypt	USA 1	England	Monaco	Bahrain	New Zealand
Germany	Argentina	Australia	Poland	Egypt	Indonesia
Poland	Indonesia	The Netherlands	Germany	USA 2	Australia
Monaco	Australia	New Zealand	Egypt	Germany	Canada
China	England	USA 1	Bahrain	Monaco	Guadeloupe
South Africa	Guadeloupe	Brazil	India	China	Chinese Taipei
Canada	Chinese Taipei	Italy	Japan	South Africa	Argentina
USA 2	New Zealand	Indonesia	USA 2	Poland	England

Venice Cup

Round Robin 16		Round Robin 17		Round Robin 18	
USA 2	Australia	Poland	Canada	Australia	Egypt
India	Egypt	Sweden	USA 1	USA 2	The Netherlands
Guadeloupe	The Netherlands	Indonesia	Turkey	India	New Zealand
Philippines	New Zealand	England	South Africa	Guadeloupe	Argentina
France	Poland	Japan	China	Philippines	Brazil
China	Brazil	Australia	France	Pakistan	Japan
South Africa	Japan	Argentina	Philippines	France	Canada
Turkey	England	New Zealand	Guadeloupe	South Africa	Indonesia
USA 1	Indonesia	The Netherlands	India	Turkey	Sweden
Canada	Sweden	Egypt	USA 2	USA 1	Poland
Pakistan	Argentina	Brazil	Pakistan	China	England

D'Orsi Trophy


Round Robin 16		Round Robin 17		Round Robin 18	
Egypt	Canada	Belgium	Germany	Canada	Scotland
USA 2	Scotland	Brazil	Poland	Egypt	USA 1
Denmark	USA 1	China Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei	USA 2	India
Bangladesh	India	South Africa	New Zealand	Denmark	Japan
Australia	Belgium	The Netherlands	France	Bangladesh	Guadeloupe
France	Guadeloupe	Canada	Australia	Indonesia	The Netherlands
New Zealand	The Netherlands	Japan	Bangladesh	Australia	Germany
Chinese Taipei	South Africa	India	Denmark	New Zealand	China Hong Kong
Poland	China Hong Kong	USA 1	USA 2	Chinese Taipei	Brazil
Germany	Brazil	Scotland	Egypt	Poland	Belgium
Indonesia	Japan	Guadeloupe	Indonesia	France	South Africa

Jos Jacobs


After a shaky start, the USA 1 team had finally found its form on Thursday, so they must have felt ready for their big first match on Friday, against Italy, the overnight leaders. The Americans did not enjoy a very bright start as they went down, on the second board, in a well-bid vulnerable game. It was by no means a bad contract but all the necessary finesses lost and Italy had not bid it. That brought Italy a first 6 IMPs.

Two boards later, Italy won a partscore battle:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 1032 ♥ Q965 ♦ 742 ♣ 842		♠ AK6 ♥ 10 ♦ KQJ83 ♣ QJ107	♠ QJ98 ♥ KJ842 ♦ 10 ♣ A53
		♠ 754 ♥ A73 ♦ A965 ♣ K96	

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K532 ♥ KQJ32 ♦ QJ2 ♣ Q		♠ 97 ♥ A4 ♦ 10985 ♣ J9863	♠ AJ86 ♥ 98765 ♦ 74 ♣ A10
			♠ Q104 ♥ 10 ♦ AK63 ♣ K7542

Open Room

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dbl
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Antonio Sementa's double apparently showed the majors after Kevin Dwyer's strong 1♣ opening. The excellent auction resulted in a good contract. Holding five controls, South had every reason to bid one more for the road when partner signed off in 5♦.

USA I +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	1♦	1♥	1♠
3♥	Dbl	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

When South did not hold the four spades North was expecting, the Americans ended up at a dangerous level. East made the good lead of a trump, won by declarer to play a heart. West won and returned a trump to declarer's ace. A heart was ruffed with dummy's last trump and declarer went on to cash his top diamonds, followed by a diamond ruff in hand. When the top clubs did not stand up, the contract was one down after all. Italy +100.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

The E/W intervention made it difficult for N/S to exchange all the information needed to reach the slam in a scientific way;. Italy +620 and 13 IMPs to USA 1, who thus managed to outbid the Italians in the latter's specialist field: slam bidding.

On Board 24, Italy recouped a few IMPs in another partscore battle.

In the other room, the Italians stayed quiet over the forcing 1NT and, when Kranyak had to rebid his better minor, Madala saw no reason to disturb this. The contract was down two, another +200 and 7 IMPs more to Italy, now leading 13-2. On the next board, USA1 hit back strongly:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AKQ63 ♥ 1053 ♦ 1032 ♣ 92		♠ 1042 ♥ 9872 ♦ 4 ♣ AJ1074
♠ J8 ♥ 6 ♦ AK9865 ♣ KQ83		♠ 975 ♥ AKQJ4 ♦ QJ7 ♣ 65

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♥
Pass	3♠	4♣	All Pass

On a heart lead and continuation, Sementa made two overtricks; Italy +170.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Madala</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♦
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Over Kranyak's direct 3♣ rebid, Wolpert had an automatic raise to game. With North on lead, defeating the contract was straightforward; Italy another +50 and 6 IMPs back.

On the next board, a very light opening bid by Dwyer paid rich dividends:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A86 ♥ A97 ♦ QJ83 ♣ J64		♠ K743 ♥ 65 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ10532
♠ J105 ♥ 42 ♦ A10972 ♣ A87		♠ Q92 ♥ KQJ1083 ♦ K64 ♣ 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Giorgio Duboin made the unlucky but still possibly killing lead of the ♦Q. This lead enabled declarer to establish the suit without losing a trick but it also paved the way for a defensive diamond ruff to go with the three defensive top tricks. When declarer won his king and then successfully ran the ♥Q, there was suddenly no hope of defeating the contract. West won the second round of trumps and then tried a club, so declarer could win the ace, ruff a club, draw the last trump and twice take the marked diamond finesse to end up with an overtrick; USA 1 + 450.

In the other room, the auction was more normal:


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

John Kranyak, also, led a diamond honour, but when declarer won this and led the ♥K, he took his ♥A and gave his partner a ruff; Italy +140 but 7 IMPs to USA 1.

A few boards later, the Americans outbid the Italians in the slam zone for the second time in the match:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 63 ♥ Q75 ♦ Q8 ♣ 987632		♠ Q9542 ♥ 862 ♦ 102 ♣ QJ10
♠ A107 ♥ KJ104 ♦ A953 ♣ 54		♠ KJ8 ♥ A93 ♦ KJ764 ♣ AK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

A nice Precision auction again. Inverted minors, 3♦ showing interest, cuebids and a final raise to six by South as North had made it clear he was desperately looking for a club control. Well done, USA 1 and another fully deserved +1370 and 12 IMPs more.


The final score: USA 1 – Italy 40–3 or 14.39–5.61 VPs.

Bali 2013: Round 7 Slams

Ana Roth, Buenos Aires


In all the world championships, there are always a few rounds with a lot of slams. Some of them are very hard to find, although there is always some team that manages it and receives a beautiful double-digit swing in reward. Round 7 which was played on Thursday contained 25% of slam boards. Let's see what happened in the Bermuda Bowl.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Only a few teams arrived in 6♠. They were Indonesia, Italy, Canada and Egypt and all of them scored 11 IMPs. Perhaps a void in partner's suit worked as a brake for many players. One pair stopped in 3NT and all the rest played in 4♠.


Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

On this board, 13 of the 22 N/S pairs played the diamond slam. The rest stayed in 3NT.

From the results it appears that the old Minor vs NT problem is still not yet solved.


Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

On this board, only 12 of the 22 N/S pairs played the spade slam.

It seems that some players throw in the towel too early when they have a void or singleton in partner's suit.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q2 ♥ K109 ♦ 95 ♣ AK9542</p>		<p>♠ K654 ♥ A64 ♦ AK86 ♣ QJ</p>	<p>♠ 10973 ♥ J872 ♦ Q72 ♣ 73</p>
			<p>♠ AJ8 ♥ Q53 ♦ J1043 ♣ 1086</p>

Only four E/W pairs bid the club slam: Indonesia, Brazil, Italy and USA2.

After East's 1NT opening bid, West transferred to clubs, expecting his partner's answer: I like clubs or I don't like clubs.

The ones who received a positive answer, went to slam, those who received a negative answer played 3NT.

The question is, why did some players decide that ♣QJ was enough for a positive answer while others decided that ♣QJ wasn't enough?

(This situation is discussed in the report on the match between England and New Zealand in yesterday's Daily Bulletin. On the actual layout, 6♣ is easy, but suppose South held four spades and one fewer diamond? Now the ace of spades does not fall on the third round, but declarer can reach this position:

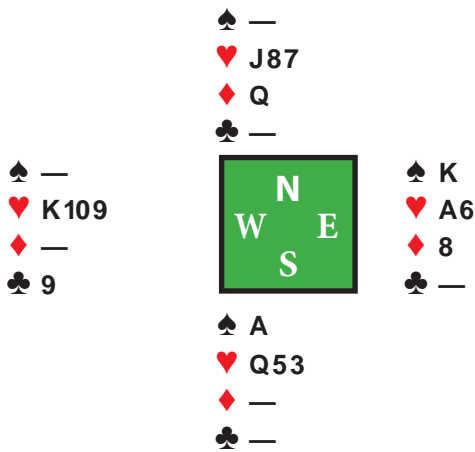


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Now the last trump forces North to discard a heart. When the now redundant eight of diamonds is discarded the double squeeze is complete. (Editors).

Championship Diary

Robert Soeseno (by email) was able to add something to John Carruthers' article, The Department of Synchronicity. In the last paragraph JC suggested that there are no Indonesia players here from 1995. In fact John Tumewu, is here as the Assistant TD, and in 1995, if I'm not mistaken, he made a speech at the opening ceremony.

If you would like to sample the night life we can heartily recommend Micke Melander's Magical Mystery Tour. Joining one of the many traffic jams en route to your final destination allows ample opportunity to view the sights of downtown Jimbaran.

We have a delightful addition to the already overflowing Bulletin Team following the arrival of the ebullient Christina Lund Madsen. Her toing and froing making interviews and videos means that she is constantly having to change in and out of her official uniform. Can you guess to which member of the staff she said, 'You're the only one who tells me to keep my shirt on.'

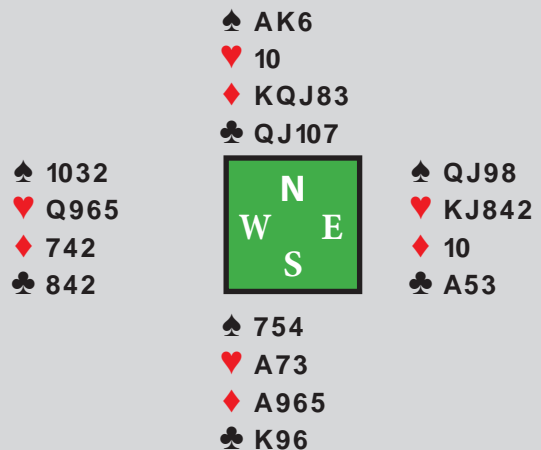
Perfection

Mark Horton

When it comes to bidding, one of the toughest areas, even for the best partnerships, is to diagnose the presence of a perfect fit, which will deliver a low-point-count slam.

In Round 10 of the Venice Cup only one pair was able to solve the problem of this deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



In the Open Room, the Dutch pair stopped in 5♦, in itself a minor triumph when you consider that 11 of the 22 pairs played in the hopeless 3NT.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Willard</i>
—	1♦	1♥	2♥*
Dbl	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦

All Pass

2♥ Diamond support, balanced

North bid out her shape with 3♠ and as soon as she heard of a club control she asked for keycards and then bid a careful 6♣ to offer partner a choice of contracts.

That gave France 13 IMPs here in Bali, and in 12 months time I have a feeling it might just earn the French pair one of those highly prized IBPA awards.

Balicki and the Royal family

Micke Melander

Here are three small problems that Argentina and Poland had to face in their Round 10 encounter. Try to solve them before you turn to page 13 to see what actually occurred.

Problem 1. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ952
♥ A6
♦ A6
♣ 9642

♠ 10763
♥ QJ1073
♦ 985
♣ A

West	North	East	South
–	–	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declaring as North, you receive the lead of the king of diamonds from East. You decide to duck that trick and East continues with the queen of diamonds, which you win with the ace. Any plan given that you know that you have an opening hand behind you with both minors, and West couldn't bid a major but then raised clubs?

Problem 2. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AKJ10862
♥ 82
♦ J4
♣ K6

♠ —
♥ A1076
♦ AQ863
♣ J975

As North you are declarer in Four Spades and have received an overcall from West of One Heart. East leads the king of hearts, which you win with dummy's ace and play a club, whereupon West plays the ace. Next comes the queen of hearts (East follows with the four) followed by the five of hearts. What now?

Problem 3. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AJ965
♥ A986
♦ 4
♣ AJ10

♠ 2
♥ J432
♦ A652
♣ K932

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
2♦	4♥	Dbf	All Pass

Still declaring from North, but this time the contract is Four Hearts doubled. East leads the ten of spades which goes to the two, queen and your ace. Do you have any brilliant plan in mind?




Cezary Balicki

Brian Senior

Before I get onto this match, I should apologise to Sandra Rimstedt, to whom I referred in yesterday's article as Cecilia. Don't ask me why, as I knew perfectly well which sister was in the team here in Bali.

Coming into this match, last year's world championship winning England team lay second, while the Swedes languished in fifteenth. With half the qualifying stage already completed, Sweden needed to start to put together a string of good matches if they were to make the top eight.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ J83 ♥ J8 ♦ A942 ♣ 10632</p>		<p>♠ AQ92 ♥ 5 ♦ KQJ73 ♣ Q94</p>	<p>♠ K107654 ♥ A1076 ♦ 10 ♣ 87</p>
<p>♠ – ♥ KQ9432 ♦ 865 ♣ AKJ5</p>			

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
–	1♦	1♠	Dbl
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
–	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Playing strong club, Maria Gronkvist's 1♦ opening could have been as short as a singleton. Over the 1♠ overall, 2♥ would have been non-forcing, possibly as little as the same hand with four low clubs, so Catharina Ahlesved had to start with a double – I understand that negative free bids have their advantages, but I would hate to be unable to bid hearts immediately when so short in spades, as there is so much danger that the auction will be at the four level at South's second turn. Anyway, this time there was no problem, with Gronkvist showing her decent hand with spade stoppers and Ahlesved showing her hearts then passing 3NT.


Fiona Brown led a spade to the jack and queen and Gronkvist crossed to the ace of clubs to lead a diamond to her king and, when that held, a heart to the king followed by a second diamond. Susan Stockdale went in with the ace to return a spade and Gronkvist had 11 tricks for +460.

At the other table, Nevena Senior opened 1♦, always unbalanced so usually at least five cards, and Heather Dhondy could bid a forcing 2♥ over Kathrine Bertheau's 1♠ overall. When Jessica Larsson's 2♠ raise came back to Dhondy she reopened with a take-out double and Senior, looking at good spades, judged to play for a penalty.

Obviously, the English pair had misjudged, as 2♠ doubled will never be more than one down, which would be 8 IMPs away, but it got worse when the contract was allowed to make. Dhondy led three rounds of clubs, Bertheau ruffed and led a low heart from hand and Dhondy, presumably assuming that her partner would have the bare ace, played low. When dummy's heart jack held the trick, Bertheau led the eight back to her ace, Senior pitching a diamond. With two heart tricks in the bag and no heart loser, Bertheau was in control. She ruffed a heart with the eight, over-ruffed with the nine by Senior, who returned a diamond. Bertheau ruffed dummy's last club then her last heart with the jack and Senior had just the queen and ace of spades; eight tricks for +470 and 14 IMPs to Sweden.

England picked up 2 IMPs on Board 19, then came more good news for Sweden.

Board 20. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ J1052 ♥ A2 ♦ AQJ10 ♣ Q75</p>		<p>♠ 97 ♥ J109 ♦ K65 ♣ AK1098</p>	<p>♠ 643 ♥ Q84 ♦ 9874 ♣ 432</p>
<p>♠ AKQ8 ♥ K7653 ♦ 32 ♣ J6</p>			


West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Both 1NT openings were 14-16. Brown decided to run before the doubling started, passing Stockdale's response to Stayman. While this approach can sometimes be the winner, avoiding concession of a large penalty, this proved not to be the right board to employ it. Gronkvist led the jack of hearts. Stockdale won the ace and ducked a club, hoping that the defence

would do something helpful. No, Gronkvist won and led a second heart through the queen and, when she held the trick, a third round. Stockdale could come to only one trump trick and the ace of diamonds so was down five for -500.

In the other room, Bertheau just passed the East hand and hoped for the best. And that is what she got, as Dhondy had a hand on which to compete rather than to double. Two Diamonds showed spades and another suit, anchoring to the shorter major when holding both, as is the popular style in England. Senior's 2♥ response was pass or correct, so ended the auction. Senior won the club lead and ran the nine of hearts to Larsson's ace. Larsson cashed the ace of diamonds then reverted to clubs. Senior had the rest now for +200 but 7 IMPs to Sweden, who led by 21-2.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A ♥ A542 ♦ QJ8 ♣ QJ1098		♠ 8764 ♥ J3 ♦ AK653 ♣ K6	♠ KQJ532 ♥ Q10987 ♦ 107 ♣ — ♠ 109 ♥ K6 ♦ 942 ♣ A75432
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West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
1♣	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♣	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass


Both 1♣ openings were either natural or balanced outside the no trump range, when clubs could be as short as a doubleton. North showed the two-suiter but, while Senior promised the majors, Gronkvist showed spades and any other suit, so felt that she should follow through and show hearts at her next turn, while Senior, who could bid a level lower, was able to stress the spades. While Larsson/Bertheau's auction turned into a purely competitive one and stopped in 4♦, Stockdale/Brown were looking for game, with Stockdale making the heart cuebid just in case her partner had even higher things in mind.

Dhondy led the ten of spades against 4♦. Bertheau won the ace and played the diamond queen followed by a club. Senior ruffed that and returned a heart so Bertheau had only ten tricks for +130.

Ahlesved led ace and another club, Gronkvist ruffing. She returned the ten of hearts to jack, king and ace. Brown drew

two rounds of trumps with the queen and jack and, when North showed out, could cash all the clubs, pitching two spades and a heart. Now she played the ace of spades, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and had the ace and king of diamonds for the last two tricks; +400 and 7 IMPs to England, who closed to 9-22 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ 10953 ♦ Q9875 ♣ KQ7		♠ K10432 ♥ AK62 ♦ A ♣ A62 ♠ AQJ96 ♥ Q74 ♦ K ♣ 9543	♠ 85 ♥ J8 ♦ J106542 ♣ J108
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West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
—	1♣	1♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
—	1♠	All Pass	

Gronkvist opened with a strong club and Brown made a natural overcall. When that came back to Gronkvist she could see that, short of East having psyched at adverse vulnerability, her partner must be weak and the best thing



Fiona Brown

would probably be to defend 1♠. Ahlesved led the jack of hearts. Gronkvist won the king and cashed the ace of diamonds before reverting to hearts, leading ace and another for partner to ruff. Ahlesved knew that declarer was over-ruffing in diamonds so did not follow her partner's suggested defence, instead playing the jack of clubs to king and ace. Gronkvist led her last heart, declarer discarding a club as Ahlesved ruffed, and now came the ten of clubs to dummy's queen. The queen of diamonds was ruffed low and over-ruffed and Brown played ace then queen of spades, ducked, then cashed the nine of clubs before conceding the last two tricks for down two and -200.

Senior opened 1♠, showing five, and no-one had anything to add. Bertheau led the king of diamonds. Senior won, played three rounds of hearts, ruffing the third round in dummy, and ruffed a diamond low, no doubt being somewhat disappointed to find herself being over-ruffed. Bertheau cashed the ace of spades to prevent a second heart ruff in the dummy, then played a club to the jack, queen and ace. Senior returned a club to the eight and king and Larsson cashed the ten of hearts. Senior could only make the king of spades from here for -50 and 6 IMPs to Sweden; 28-9.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 3 2 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A 8 6 3	♠ J 8 7 ♥ A 10 7 2 ♦ Q J 6 3 2 ♣ K <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 5 ♥ K 8 5 3 ♦ A K 8 7 ♣ J 9 5	♠ K 9 6 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ 10 5 ♣ Q 10 7 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Stockdale/Brown play a 12-14 no trump in first and second seats so Brown opened 1♣. The 1♥ response was a transfer, showing four or more spades, and 1NT was 15-17, Stockdale raising to game. In the other room, 1NT was 14-16 and Larsson's game invitation was declined by Bertheau.

Dhondy led the four of clubs against 2NT, ducked to the king, and Senior switched to a low diamond, ducked to the ten. A second diamond went to the jack and king and

Bertheau played the jack of clubs to queen and ace then another club for the nine and ten. Dhondy tried a spade now to the ten, jack and ace, and declarer played on hearts, Senior beating the queen with the ace and returning a diamond. Bertheau rose with the ace and led a heart to the jack, cashed the eight of clubs and led dummy's last heart. When Senior, having earlier thrown away a heart, followed with the ten, Bertheau had two hearts to bring her total to eight for +120.

Play began in the same way in 3NT, but at trick four Brown led a heart to the jack and ace. Gronkvist returned a falsecard heart seven to the eight, five and queen. Brown played a spade to the ace and back to the ten, hoping that if this forced the king she might have a menace later in the play in the shape of the fourth spade. When the ten lost to the jack, she was down. Gronkvist returned a spade to the king and Ahlesved exited with the spade nine. When declarer got the hearts wrong, she had to concede the last trick for down two; -200 and 8 IMPs to Sweden, ahead now by 36-9.

Minor swings extended the lead to 40-9, then came something more substantial.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K J 8 4 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ 9 5 4 2 ♣ 5 4	♠ 10 7 ♥ Q 9 7 2 ♦ A Q 10 3 ♣ A Q 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K J 8 4 ♦ K J 8 7 6 ♣ K	♠ A Q 6 3 ♥ 10 5 ♦ – ♣ J 9 8 7 6 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
–	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
–	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♣
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Senior opened 1♣, natural or balanced outside the no trump range, after which the English auction was natural and they stopped in 4♣. This looks to be high enough with two top hearts to be lost and two black kings also missing. However, Bertheau led a diamond so that took care of both heart losers. Senior took the losing spade finesse but then rose with the ace on the trump return to ensure that she would be able

to take spade ruffs in hand. When the king fell she had the remainder of the tricks for +170.

Gronkvist's One No Trump was 14-16, 2♠ a transfer to clubs, and 2NT showed a club fit. Now 3♦ showed shortage and, though Gronkvist was happy to play 3NT, Ahlesved was not and converted to 5♣. Stockdale led a spade into the ace-queen, after which Ahlesved was in control. She played two more rounds of spades, ruffing, then ace of diamonds for a heart pitch, ruffed a diamond then ruffed the last spade. That was over-ruffed with the bare king, but there was just one heart to be lost from there so 11 tricks and +600; 10 IMPs to Sweden, who were up by 50-9.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 96543 ♥ Q975 ♦ - ♣ Q1087		♠ KJ ♥ K864 ♦ A54 ♣ A653	♠ AQ1082 ♥ A10 ♦ J73 ♣ KJ2
♠ 7 ♥ J32 ♦ KQ109862 ♣ 94			

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
-	-	1♠	3♦
4♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
-	-	1NT	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East's choice of opening bid decided this deal. Playing weak no trump in this position, Brown opened 1♠ and Stockdale jumped to 4♠ over Ahlesved's weak jump overcall. With a lot of high cards but balanced distribution, Gronkvist went quietly. The cards lay very well for declarer. Brown ruffed the diamond lead, led a spade to the jack and queen, cashed the ace and played on clubs to come to 12 tricks for +480.

Bertheau was within her no trump range but that opening lost the spade suit. Dhondy's 3♦ overcall was pre-emptive, though slightly wide-ranging because 2♦ would have been artificial. Could Larsson have scraped up a take-out double with perfect distribution but just two queens? That might work when partner had a major to bid, but you wouldn't want to hear partner rebid 3NT, and would be a little queasy were the double to be passed out. Senior had sufficient, particularly when holding a diamond fit, to take a stab at 3NT, which ended the bidding. Bertheau led a low spade and that gave the ninth trick, Senior quickly running for home and +400; 13 IMPs to England, to close to 22-50.

The final score was 50-25 IMPs in favour of Sweden, translating to 15.92-4.08 VP.


From the Office of the President

Mark Horton

When the President of the IBPA comes into the Bulletin Room to announce he has just seen a potential defence of the year on vugraph the task of writing it up is given to the journalist who is least likely to be favoured by the awards committee.

The deal in question is from the match between Italy and Argentina in R7 of the Bermuda Bowl:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J10987 ♥ J10 ♦ A1062 ♣ J5		♠ — ♥ AKQ87632 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ2	♠ AK32 ♥ 9 ♦ QJ43 ♣ K864
♠ Q654 ♥ 54 ♦ 975 ♣ 10973			

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

- 2♣ 22-23 balanced or any game force
- 2♦ Waiting
- 2♥ Kokish
- 2♠ Relay
- 3♦ Single suited with hearts
- 3♠ No heart honour
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♠ Cue bid

South had the option of bidding 4♥ over 3♦, so North felt entitled to make one more effort.

Declarer ruffed the lead of the ace of spades and cashed six rounds of spades before playing the queen of clubs. East ducked that (an essential move) and after two more rounds of clubs he won and exited with the carefully preserved king of spades, forcing declarer to ruff and lead away from the king of diamonds.

A fine defence to earn Argentina +50 and 11 IMPs when the contract in the other room was a regulation 4♥, which of course made five.

See also Deadly Duck in yesterday's bulletin.

Balicki and the Royal family (the solutions)

Micke Melander

In the first problem, Balicki's delayed balancing act was one of the main keys to get on the right track.

Problem 1. Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A84 ♥ 842 ♦ 732 ♣ KJ107</p>		<p>♠ KJ952 ♥ A6 ♦ A6 ♣ 9642</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ K95 ♦ KQJ104 ♣ Q853</p>
<p>♠ 10763 ♥ QJ1073 ♦ 985 ♣ A</p>			


Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
—	—	1♦	1♥
1♠	Dbl	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			


Balicki ducked the king of diamonds lead. East continued with the queen of diamonds, which ran to the ace. Balicki now played a club to the ace and tried the finesse in hearts, which lost to East's king. Rizzo returned another heart, which Balicki won in hand and cross-ruffed clubs and hearts down to the following three-card ending:

<p>♠ A84 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —</p>		<p>♠ Q ♥ — ♦ J10 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ KJ9 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —</p>
<p>♠ 10 ♥ 107 ♦ — ♣ —</p>			

Balicki had the complete distribution clear from the bidding and play and therefore knew that West had to be 3-3-3-4 and East 1-3-5-4. West would most probably have raised to Three Clubs having 3-3-3-4 and a hand with approximately nine losers, so he was a clear favorite to hold the ace of spades. Balicki called for the ten of spades from dummy and played the king when West followed low – dropping the queen.

At the other table, Pellegrini also got the king of diamonds lead. Pellegrini won with the ace and played a club to the ace then went for the trump finesse immediately. When the heart finesse also lost later on he went one off for 12 well-deserved IMPs to Poland. We might wonder why Balicki chose to delay his overcall in spades but it helped him achieve his success.

Problem 2. Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q75 ♥ QJ953 ♦ K ♣ AQ83</p>		<p>♠ AKJ10862 ♥ 82 ♦ J4 ♣ K6</p>	<p>♠ 943 ♥ K4 ♦ 109752 ♣ 1042</p>
<p>♠ — ♥ A1076 ♦ AQ863 ♣ J975</p>			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Balicki was again declaring Four Spades and East led the king of hearts. Balicki called for the ace and continued with a club. West went up with the ace and played the queen of hearts, to which all followed. Another round of hearts followed where he decided to play a kind of loser on loser play and discarded a diamond. When East ruffed he was down, since the queen of trumps didn't fall when he played the ace and the king. If East had queen-third of spades or nine-fourth and West king-doubleton of diamonds this would have been the only

way to achieve another success.

Balicki could have made his contract if he had ruffed with the ten, pulled trumps and finished it all off with a diamond to the ace, dropping the king of diamonds from West, instead of taking the finesse... He's good – but not that good!

Pellegrini duplicated the play at the other table, for no swing.

Problem 3. Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ KQ743 ♥ – ♦ KQJ98 ♣ Q76	♠ A J 9 6 5 ♥ A 9 8 6 ♦ 4 ♣ A J 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 2 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ K 9 3 2	♠ 108 ♥ KQ1075 ♦ 1073 ♣ 854
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♦	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Dbl	2♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Lambardi was left to play a poor contract in which no suits behaved for declarer. Two Spades went three off when the Poles started with a diamond to the ace and continued with three rounds of clubs before exiting with a heart.

Instead it was Pellegrini's time to shine in the area of declaring. Mazurkiewicz led the ten of spades, to the two, queen and ace. A diamond to the ace followed, then a diamond ruff, spade ruff and another diamond ruff. When declarer now played a spade towards dummy East was endplayed. With eight cards left, he was down to his hearts and clubs. If he ruffed high he simply had nothing to return, so eventually he tried ruffing low with the five. Declarer over-ruffed with the jack and played a heart to the ace and another heart, throwing East on lead to cash his hearts, after which he had nothing but clubs left, so Pellegrini did not have to guess which opponent held the queen. It was beautifully played by Pellegrini and a well-deserved 10 IMPs to Argentina.

Poland won the game with 34-19 and became leaders of the pack when Italy at the same time was losing against USA1.

TABLE PRESENCE

Marek Wojcicki

Cezary Balicki is well known not only for his declarer's skills, but also for his table presence. Both those attributes came to the fore on the first board of the 13th round of the Bermuda Bowl.

None vulnerable, dealer North.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J875 ♥ 4 ♦ J854 ♣ J1072	♠ 64 ♥ J765 ♦ KQ1073 ♣ Q8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ AKQ32 ♥ AQ93 ♦ A ♣ 643	♠ 109 ♥ K1082 ♦ 962 ♣ AK95
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West	North	East	South
—	<i>Balicki</i>	—	<i>Żmudziński</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ Polish,
- 1♥ 7+pts, 4+♥
- 2♦ game forcing relay
- 2♥ 7-9 pts with exactly 4♥

After Balicki's one heart response East had shown some interest in the bidding, by asking about the 1♥ bid. The defense started with three rounds of clubs, attempting to weaken declarer's trump holding. Balicki ruffed this in hand and made the first critical move towards reaching 10 tricks, by advancing the jack of hearts. This went to the king, ace, four. Now came ace of diamonds, two top spades and a spade ruff in the closed hand. East overruffed with the eight and in this ending:

♠ —
♥ 7
♦ KQ107
♣ —
♠ Q3
♥ Q93
♦ —
♣ —


He played a club. Declarer ruffed with the three and over-ruffed with seven. Now he cashed the king and queen of diamonds, discarding both spades and made the contract via the trump coup

Jos Jacobs

After beating Argentina in the Friday morning match, Poland might consider their afternoon match v. Netherlands an appetizer for their evening match against Italy. For the Netherlands, fresh from beating New Zealand in the morning, this match was the main course of the day though their scheduled evening match v. USA 2 might well prove to be a rather heavy dessert.

On board 2, both sides duly bid and made the heart grand slam but this was board 5:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J95 ♥ J8763 ♦ K54 ♣ K5		♠ A43 ♥ A2 ♦ A107 ♣ AQ942	♠ 108762 ♥ 10954 ♦ 82 ♣ 87 ♠ KQ ♥ KQ ♦ QJ963 ♣ J1063
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West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Drijver	Buras	Brink
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
DbI	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Over the Polish Club, Brink could just produce a little diamond overcall but this was enough to enable his partner to find the killing lead against West's 3NT. A diamond by North went to South's nine which was allowed to hold but as South could safely continue the suit, the contract had no chance when the clubs did not break. Netherlands +50.

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West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Balicki	Muller	Zmudzinski
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass


When Zmudzinski did not overcall Muller's Strong Club, the Tarzan relay came into operation. East knew that West held 3-5-3-2 (from West's 3♠ bid) and a maximum balanced negative 1♦ response with at least four hearts (from West's 1NT bid), so 3NT was the logical conclusion.

South duly led the ♦Q but when declarer won this in hand and cleared the clubs, South could not profitably continue

diamonds. He tried a top heart instead, only to find out that he could not even prevent the overtrick with his two "marriages" doubleton. Netherlands +430 and 10 IMPs to them.

On the boards 6-12, Poland needed no less than five scoring attempts to add 10 IMPs to their total so one might say that they would very much have had the better of the game, had this been a pairs contest. Under the new VP scale, all these "peanuts" IMPs have more impact on the final score than they used to have but, generally speaking, team matches continue to be decided on the bigger swings. This match was no exception as these were the final four boards:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ KQ1062 ♦ 74 ♣ KQ1093		♠ Q865 ♥ A98 ♦ Q2 ♣ J872	♠ AKJ93 ♥ 54 ♦ AJ9 ♣ A64 ♠ 742 ♥ J73 ♦ K108653 ♣ 5
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On board 13, both N/S pairs bid 1♠-2♠; 4♠, the difference in the auctions being that De Wijs, West for the Netherlands, overcalled 3♥ over 2♠ whereas Narkiewicz passed 2♠.

The overcall made it easy for Muller to lead ♥A and another. When De Wijs continued a third round of hearts, declarer, assuming the suit to be 6-2 after the overcall, ruffed with the nine, only to find out that he had to lose two trump tricks now.

At the other table, Buras, with nothing to guide him, led a club. When the defenders did not cash their heart tricks after being given the lead in trumps, declarer finished up with two overtricks when the diamonds behaved. 13 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Poland struck back immediately:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ AKJ8 ♥ AKQ72 ♦ A3 ♣ A9		♠ 10964 ♥ 865 ♦ K652 ♣ J8	♠ Q3 ♥ 43 ♦ 1074 ♣ 1076432 ♠ 752 ♥ J109 ♦ QJ98 ♣ KQ5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Dbl
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

The slam is not particularly good as declarer can never get rid of his club loser and thus has to tackle the spades correctly. This part of his job was made easy for him, however, when Brink discarded his ♠7 when declarer played a 4th round of trumps. Poland +980.

Of course, the Tarzan system stayed out of the shaky slam but Poland could chalk up 11 IMPs to trail by 20-24.

On the last two boards, the Dutch considerably increased their winning margin:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A10		♠ 863
♥ Q		♥ A109
♦ KJ432		♦ A85
♣ Q10754		♣ AK92
♠ KQ54		♠ J972
♥ K85		♥ J76432
♦ Q76		♦ 109
♣ 863		♣ J

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West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

An undistinguished Polish auction led to a highly inferior contract. Three down, Netherlands +150.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Simon de Wijs did much better when he bid a quiet 1♠ in response to partner's double. When the Poles competed further, he threw the axe at the first opportunity. Muller was happy to pass and on a trump lead, declarer could not make

more than seven tricks. Netherlands another +200 and 8 IMPs. On the last board, a very light opening bid by West backfired:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ Q843		♠ K52
♥ Q32		♥ AJ1087
♦ A987		♦ J
♣ 96		♣ QJ103
♠ A1097		♠ J6
♥ 64		♥ K95
♦ KQ532		♦ 1064
♣ 72		♣ AK854

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Buras, being vulnerable against not, preferred the sure (?) game to a small penalty when South's 2♣ overcall came back to him. As his dummy was a little short of high-card points, the contract had no play and went down two. Netherlands +200. Again, Tarzan did much better:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	All Pass		

De Wijs, who had an obvious pass as dealer, just got home with seven tricks for a useful score of +80 to his side, which was worth another 7 IMPs.

The final score thus became 39-20 to The Netherlands, 14.80 – 5.20 VP.



Simon de Wijs

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5 th classified team	€ 2.000,00	€ 600,00	€ 460,00
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7 th classified team	€ 1.800,00	€ 500,00	
8 th classified team	€ 1.700,00	€ 500,00	
9 th classified team	€ 1.500,00		
10 th classified team	€ 1.300,00		
11 th classified team	€ 1.100,00		
12 th classified team	€ 1.000,00		
13 th classified team	€ 900,00		
14 th classified team	€ 800,00		
15 th classified team	€ 700,00		
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PROGRAMME

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Friday 11 October	h. 14.00	Teams registration
	<u>1st stage</u>	
	h. 14.30	Swiss (4 rounds)
	h. 21.30	Swiss (2 rounds)
	<u>2nd stage</u>	
Saturday 12 October	h. 13.30	Swiss (4 rounds)
	<u>3rd stage</u>	
	h. 21.30	Swiss/RR (2 rounds)
Sunday 13 October	h. 11.00	Swiss/RR/KO (3 rounds)

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Oz takes a tumble

Brent Manley


In the 10th round of the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, 10th-place USA1 met 6th-place Australia.

The Americans sent Bob Hamman/Sam Lev and Neil Chambers/John Schermer to do battle against Ron Klinger/William Haughie and David Lilley/Zoltan Nagy.

The IMP exchange started on the second board of the match.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A84	♠ KJ952	♠ Q
♥ 842	♥ A6	♥ K95
♦ 732	♦ A6	♦ KQJ104
♣ KJ107	♣ 9642	♣ Q853



♠ 10763	♠ 108
♥ QJ1073	♥ KQ1075
♦ 985	♦ 1073
♣ A	♣ 854

West	North	East	South
<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Nagy</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Dbl
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

Nagy led the ♦K to Lev's ace. He played a club to dummy's ace and a spade to his jack. With another spade to lose and the heart finesse failing as well, he could not avoid one down for -50

West	North	East	South
<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Haughie</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			


Klinger took a different view in the trump suit, winning the diamond opening lead with his ace and entering dummy in clubs to take a losing heart finesse. The ♦Q, which held, was followed by a club, ruffed in dummy. Klinger then played a spade, going up with the king when West played low. When the ♠Q dropped, Klinger could claim +620 for a 12-IMP gain.

USA1 scored on Board 20 when Lev made +140 in 2♠ while Schermer managed nine tricks in 1NT from the East seat - a 7-IMP gain.

The Americans took the lead on Board 23 when Lilley and Nagy ran into a buzz saw.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AJ965	♠ 108
♥ A986	♥ KQ1075
♦ 4	♦ 1073
♣ AJ10	♣ 854



♠ KQ743	♠ 2
♥ —	♥ J432
♦ KQJ98	♦ A652
♣ Q76	♣ K932

West	North	East	South
<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Nagy</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Dbl	2♥	Dbl
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			



Neil Chambers

Lev led a diamond, ducked by Hamman. Lilley won the queen and played the ♠K. Lev won the ace and played the ♣J. Hamman put up the queen and returned the suit. Lev took two more club tricks and exited with the ♠J, ruffed by Hamman, who when played the ♦A and another diamond, taking the trumps out of dummy. The final result was four down and -1100.

It wasn't as bad for Australia at the other table, but it wasn't good.

West	North	East	South
<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Haughie</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Dbl	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Chambers started with the ♦K, taken by Haughie with the ace. He ruffed a diamond at trick two, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade. He then ruffed a diamond and played a club to the 10 and West's queen. The ♦Q was ruffed by dummy's 9 and overruffed by Schermer with the 10. He exited with a heart to the ace. Declarer cashed two clubs, ending in dummy, and called for a spade. Schermer could ruff in with an honor, and pulled declarer's last trump. South lost an overruffed, two high trumps and a club.

The contract can be made without having to guess clubs. Declarer wins the ♦A, ruffs a diamond, cashes the ♠A and ruffs a spade. Another diamond ruff puts declarer in dummy. When he plays a spade, declarer is down to his five hearts and three low clubs. If he pitches a club, declarer ruffs the spade low, plays a club to the ace and a club to dummy's king, followed by a diamond ruff with the ace of trumps. When declarer leads a spade from dummy, he cannot be prevented from winning the ♥J for his 10th trick – immediately if East, down to all trumps, ruffs low; later if East ruffs in with a high heart.

The 16-IMP gain made the score 23–17 for USA1.



Sam Lev



Ron Klinger

Two boards later, Australia had an accident.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J105		
	♥ 42		
	♦ A10972		
	♣ A87		
♠ A86		♠ K743	
♥ A97		♥ 65	
♦ QJ83		♦ 5	
♣ J64		♣ KQ10532	
	♠ Q92		
	♥ KQJ1083		
	♦ K64		
	♣ 9		

West	North	East	South
<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Nagy</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
–	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Nagy no doubt would like a do-over on his balancing double, which landed his partner in a 4-1 fit at the four level. The defense was deadly accurate. Lev led the ♥4 to Hamman's 10, ducked by declarer. A club to the ace was followed by a club ruff by Hamman. He exited with the ♥K to declarer's ace. When West desperately tried to ruff his third heart in dummy, Lev ruffed with the ♦7. Declarer took two spade tricks, the ♥A and one trump trick for six down, -600.

At the other table, East had it easier.

West	North	East	South
<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Haughie</i>
–	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Schermer lost one trick in each suit for plus 110, a 12-IMP swing to USA1. The score at that point was 37–12. There was not much in the rest of the match, which ended with the Americans on top 39–17.

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 13

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	China	Monaco	23	18	11.48	8.52
2	Germany	USA 1	17	69	0.66	19.34
3	Canada	USA 2	26	17	12.55	7.45
4	Argentina	Egypt	35	22	13.52	6.48
5	Chinese Taipei	Bahrain	30	26	11.20	8.80
6	Guadeloupe	India	34	18	14.18	5.82
7	England	Japan	46	30	14.18	5.82
8	Australia	Netherlands	1	40	2.03	17.97
9	Indonesia	Italy	21	51	3.27	16.73
10	New Zealand	Brazil	54	30	15.74	4.26
11	South Africa	Poland	26	41	6.03	13.97

Round 14

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	New Zealand	Indonesia	65	45	15	5
2	USA 1	Australia	82	35	18.87	1.13
3	Brazil	England	24	82	0.15	19.85
4	Italy	Guadeloupe	40	38	10.61	9.39
5	Poland	Germany	37	37	10	10
6	Japan	Argentina	40	15	15.92	4.08
7	India	Canada	30	34	8.8	11.2
8	Bahrain	South Africa	39	37	10.61	9.39
9	Egypt	China	65	67	9.39	10.61
10	USA 2	Monaco	41	73	2.97	17.03
11	Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	83	41	18.33	1.67

Round 15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	India	Japan	35	26	12.55	7.45
2	USA 1	Guadeloupe	89	10	20.00	-
3	New Zealand	Australia	21	55	2.69	17.31
4	Canada	South Africa	53	12	18.21	1.79
5	Egypt	China Hong Kong	40	26	13.75	6.25
6	USA 2	Brazil	26	35	7.45	12.55
7	Denmark	Belgium	75	5	20.00	-
8	Bangladesh	Germany	27	55	3.58	16.42
9	Indonesia	Poland	49	16	17.17	2.83
10	France	Chinese Taipei	66	10	19.69	0.31
11	Scotland	Netherlands	23	51	3.58	16.42

Results — Venice Cup

Round 13

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Turkey	South Africa	61	17	18.55	1.45
2	France	New Zealand	26	24	10.61	9.39
3	Canada	Pakistan	27	32	8.52	11.48
4	Poland	Philippines	50	12	17.85	2.15
5	Sweden	Guadeloupe	53	4	19.07	0.93
6	Indonesia	India	30	42	6.72	13.28
7	England	USA 2	27	20	12.03	7.97
8	Japan	Australia	26	28	9.39	10.61
9	Brazil	Egypt	37	15	15.38	4.62
10	Argentina	Netherlands	9	53	1.45	18.55
11	USA 1	China	39	23	14.18	5.82

Round 14

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Argentina	Brazil	28	25	10.91	9.09
2	New Zealand	Japan	10	90	-	20.00
3	Netherlands	England	33	59	3.91	16.09
4	Egypt	Indonesia	37	43	8.24	11.76
5	China	France	47	43	11.20	8.80
6	USA 2	Poland	32	56	4.26	15.74
7	India	Canada	13	105	-	20.00
8	Guadeloupe	USA 1	38	41	9.09	10.91
9	Philippines	Turkey	25	52	3.74	16.26
10	Pakistan	South Africa	51	29	15.38	4.62
11	Australia	Sweden	43	55	6.72	13.28

Round 15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	New Zealand	Argentina	15	42	3.74	16.26
2	Netherlands	Brazil	48	27	15.19	4.81
3	South Africa	France	31	71	1.91	18.09
4	Australia	England	9	33	4.26	15.74
5	USA 2	Indonesia	11	8	10.91	9.09
6	India	Sweden	25	35	7.20	12.80
7	Guadeloupe	Poland	11	73	-	20.00
8	Philippines	Canada	40	13	16.26	3.74
9	Pakistan	USA 1	41	63	4.62	15.38
10	China	Turkey	50	46	11.20	8.80
11	Egypt	Japan	15	37	4.62	15.38

Results — d'Orsi Trophy

Round 13

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Chinese Taipei	New Zealand	59	33	16.09	3.91
2	Australia	India	40	33	12.03	7.97
3	Germany	Indonesia	45	15	16.73	3.27
4	Belgium	Bangladesh	74	16	19.85	0.15
5	Brazil	Denmark	17	29	6.72	13.28
6	China Hong Kong	USA 2	25	40	6.03	13.97
7	South Africa	Egypt	45	16	16.58	3.42
8	Netherlands	Canada	22	17	11.48	8.52
9	Guadeloupe	Scotland	22	45	4.44	15.56
10	Japan	USA 1	25	36	6.96	13.04
11	Poland	France	6	48	1.67	18.33

Round 14

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Japan	Guadeloupe	73	23	19.16	0.84
2	India	Netherlands	68	43	15.92	4.08
3	USA 1	South Africa	18	21	9.09	10.91
4	Scotland	China Hong Kong	21	26	8.52	11.48
5	France	Australia	68	28	18.09	1.91
6	Egypt	Belgium	41	39	10.61	9.39
7	USA 2	Germany	36	34	10.61	9.39
8	Denmark	Poland	43	65	4.62	15.38
9	Bangladesh	Chinese Taipei	32	39	7.97	12.03
10	Indonesia	New Zealand	58	35	15.56	4.44
11	Canada	Brazil	74	8	20.00	-

Round 15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	India	Japan	35	26	12.55	7.45
2	USA 1	Guadeloupe	89	10	20.00	-
3	New Zealand	Australia	21	55	2.69	17.31
4	Canada	South Africa	53	12	18.21	1.79
5	Egypt	China Hong Kong	40	26	13.75	6.25
6	USA 2	Brazil	26	35	7.45	12.55
7	Denmark	Belgium	75	5	20.00	-
8	Bangladesh	Germany	27	55	3.58	16.42
9	Indonesia	Poland	49	16	17.17	2.83
10	France	Chinese Taipei	66	10	19.69	0.31
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Standings

After 15 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Trophy

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	Italy	194.14	1	Netherlands	222.21	1	France	217.93
2	USA 1	184.09	2	Poland	210.09	2	Belgium	200.08
3	Monaco	183.70	3	USA 1	202.74	3	Germany	199.06
4	Japan	179.42	4	England	192.02	4	USA 2	193.13
5	Poland	178.50	5	USA 2	185.71	5	USA 1	185.42
6	Netherlands	173.39	6	France	184.98	6	Scotland	181.33
7	Germany	164.68	7	China	184.84	7	Indonesia	180.15
8	England	161.83	8	Turkey	166.58	8	Australia	172.64
9	China	156.21	9	Sweden	163.39	9	Japan	169.48
10	Canada	144.84	10	Japan	159.52	10	Netherlands	166.51
11	USA 2	133.11	11	Canada	157.66	11	Canada	164.44
12	Argentina	132.79	12	Brazil	145.35	12	Poland	164.09
13	Indonesia	132.73	13	Indonesia	144.43	13	ChinaHongKong	159.34
14	Brazil	121.70	14	Australia	135.91	14	India	155.88
15	New Zealand	116.42	15	New Zealand	133.06	15	Denmark	126.92
16	South Africa	112.55	16	Argentina	132.75	16	Chinese Taipei	126.86
17	Australia	112.30	17	South Africa	125.67	17	South Africa	110.81
18	Guadeloupe	111.04	18	Philippines	112.14	18	Brazil	104.78
19	India	101.85	19	Pakistan	102.33	19	Bangladesh	101.25
20	Chinese Taipei	95.49	20	Egypt	102.13	20	Egypt	100.89
21	Bahrain	94.56	21	India	75.44	21	New Zealand	88.49
22	Egypt	92.66	22	Guadeloupe	58.15	22	Guadeloupe	27.52

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