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The heat is on



Several teams remain in contention for the top eight in their respective events, and with just three matches remaining, the competition will be intense. Teams at the bottom of the qualifying groups will be looking over their shoulders on the final day of round robin play. This is especially true for **China** in the Bermuda Bowl. The team is in eighth place but only 1.7 victory points ahead of **Canada**. In the Venice Cup, eighth-place **Turkey** leads ninth-place **Japan** by fewer than 7 VPs.

Event leaders are **USA1** in the Bermuda Bowl, **Netherlands** in the Venice Cup and **France** in the d’Orsi Seniors Trophy. Europe continues to dominate, with 15 of the 24 teams in qualifying position as of today.

Credit where it’s due

After reading the front-page article from Saturday about their good work in creating the interface between the layout editor’s computer and the printing machine, Duccio Geronimi and Hugo Trippaers realised that they could not have done their work without the help of two Indonesian IT experts: Vicky Ferdinand Setiawan and Ruben Damin.

Here is what Hugo and Duccio had to say about their Indonesian friends:

“In this championship, we are working with Vicky and Ruben. Vicky joined our team as the local IT guy and he has been doing a great job in liaising with all the local parties involved in setting up the IT infrastructure for us. We all have to thank Vicky for making sure we have a working and fast Internet connection available to us.

“Ruben is responsible for all IT in the Bali Nusa Dua Conference Center. When Vicky introduced us to Ruben, we sat down to make a plan to get our infrastructure set up within the existing building infrastructure. We knew the layout of the rooms and the intended functions, such as the press room or the playing area, but now we had to get the real cabling done.

“Ruben allowed us to reconfigure the existing network in this building for our needs as we did want to separate our network from the regular network here. We reconfigured both our infrastructure and the building’s infrastructure to support this. Ruben has been very helpful and, in fact, the core device of our network has found a temporary home on his desk.”



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 19				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
5	England	USA 2	BB	VG
2	Argentina	China	OG	OG
7	Indonesia	Barhain	BB	BBO 2
8	Italy	Germany	BB	BBO 3
9	USA 1	Japan	BB	BBO 4
10	Brazil	Netherlands	BB	BBO 5
22	Poland	Turkey	VC	BBO 6
31	Germany	Poland	SEN	BBO 7
Session 20				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
8	Japan	Monaco	BB	VG
7	Netherlands	China	BB	OG
1	Australia	England	BB	BBO 2
4	USA 1	Argentina	BB	BBO 3
6	Italy	South Africa	BB	BBO 4
9	Egypt	Germany	BB	BBO 5
21	Japan	England	VC	BBO 6
50	Denmark	Indonesia	SEN	BBO 7
Session 21				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
	TBD			VG
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	TBD			BBO 2
	TBD			BBO 3
	TBD			BBO 4
	TBD			BBO 5
	TBD			BBO 6
	TBD			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.

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.

Notice from the WBF Systems Committee

For the avoidance of doubt, the Committee notes that an opening of one club which may be made on a doubleton or singleton club which is ostensibly natural and non-forcing should be regarded as natural. This means that Brown Sticker defence methods (which are permitted against artificial forcing openings) are not allowed against these "natural" bids.

Goa, India makes championship presentation

Representatives of Goa, India, made a presentation to the WBF Executive Council on Sunday, hoping to attract the 42th World Bridge Teams Championships in 2015. WBF President Gianarrigo Rona said the presentation was well received and that a WBF delegation will visit the proposed site next year to determine whether WBF requirements can be met.

The delegation will be made up of Rona, Ernesto d'Orsi, chairman of the WBF Championship Committee; WBF Treasurer Marc De Pauw; Mazhar Jafri, Executive Committee member, and Bali Championship Manager Maurizio Di Sacco.

Goa, a coastal city in western India, is renowned for its beaches, places of worship and world heritage architecture. The city of 1.4 million people is visited by large numbers of international and domestic tourists each year. It also has rich flora and fauna, owing to its location on the Western Ghats range.

Today's Schedule

Start Times

Morning Session

11.00

Afternoon Session

14.30

Evening Session

17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Round Robin 19		Round Robin 20		Round Robin 21	
Canada	South Africa	Australia	England	Egypt	Bahrain
Argentina	China	Indonesia	Guadeloupe	USA 2	India
Chinese Taipei	Monaco	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	Poland	Japan
Guadeloupe	Poland	USA 1	Argentina	Monaco	The Netherlands
England	USA 2	Brazil	Canada	China	Italy
Australia	Egypt	Italy	South Africa	South Africa	Brazil
Indonesia	Bahrain	The Netherlands	China	Canada	USA 1
Italy	Germany	Japan	Monaco	Argentina	New Zealand
USA 1	Japan	Egypt	Germany	Chinese Taipei	Indonesia
Brazil	The Netherlands	Bahrain	USA 2	Germany	England
New Zealand	India	India	Poland	Guadeloupe	Australia

Venice Cup

Round Robin 19		Round Robin 20		Round Robin 21	
Canada	USA 1	Japan	England	Philippines	Guadeloupe
Poland	Turkey	Brazil	Indonesia	Pakistan	India
Sweden	South Africa	Argentina	Sweden	China	USA 2
Indonesia	China	New Zealand	Poland	South Africa	Australia
England	Pakistan	The Netherlands	Canada	Turkey	Egypt
Japan	Philippines	Egypt	USA 1	USA 1	The Netherlands
Brazil	Guadeloupe	Australia	Turkey	Canada	New Zealand
Egypt	France	USA 2	South Africa	Poland	Argentina
New Zealand	USA 2	Philippines	France	Sweden	Brazil
The Netherlands	Australia	Guadeloupe	Pakistan	France	England
Argentina	India	India	China	Indonesia	Japan

d'Orsi Trophy

Round Robin 19		Round Robin 20		Round Robin 21	
Germany	Poland	The Netherlands	South Africa	Bangladesh	Denmark
Belgium	Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	China Hong Kong	Indonesia	USA 2
Brazil	New Zealand	Japan	Brazil	France	Egypt
China Hong Kong	France	India	Belgium	New Zealand	Canada
South Africa	Indonesia	USA 1	Germany	Chinese Taipei	Scotland
The Netherlands	Bangladesh	Scotland	Poland	Poland	USA 1
Guadeloupe	Denmark	Canada	Chinese Taipei	Germany	India
Scotland	Australia	Egypt	New Zealand	Belgium	Japan
India	Egypt	Bangladesh	Australia	Brazil	Guadeloupe
USA 1	Canada	Denmark	Indonesia	Australia	South Africa
Japan	USA 2	USA 2	France	China Hong Kong	The Netherlands

Key decisions

Brent Manley

Bridge is a hard game, which is a good thing. If it was easy, who would want to play? One of the most difficult aspects of the game is deciding what to do in the midst of furious competition. The Round 12 Bermuda Bowl match between the Netherlands and USA2 provided some cases in point.

This was the first board of the set.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J83 ♥ J8 ♦ A942 ♣ 10632	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AQ92 ♥ 5 ♦ KQJ73 ♣ Q94	♠ K107654 ♥ A1076 ♦ 10 ♣ 87
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ — ♥ KQ9432 ♦ 865 ♣ AKJ5											

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

This turned out to be the wrong minor for game. Simon de Wijs led a spade, taken by Zia in dummy with the ace to pitch a heart. He played a heart at trick two, ducked by Bauke Muller. The ♥K won, so Zia ruffed a low heart in dummy and played the ♦K to West's ace. De Wijs noticed his partner's ♦10, so he gave him a ruff. The club exit was taken by the ace and a heart was ruffed with dummy's queen. Now West had a trump trick. Two down was the best Zia could do.

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	1♦	1♠	2♣
2♠	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Michael Rosenberg led a low spade to declarer's queen. He followed with the ♦J, which held, then he played a heart to dummy's king and a diamond to his king. A club to the ace allowed another diamond play, and West finally took his ace. Declarer took four clubs, four diamonds, two spades and a heart for 11 tricks and an 11-IMP gain.

When the following deal came up, the Dutch were leading 12-9.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A ♥ A542 ♦ QJ8 ♣ QJ1098	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ KQJ532 ♥ Q10987 ♦ 107 ♣ —	♠ 8764 ♥ J3 ♦ AK653 ♣ K6
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ 109 ♥ K6 ♦ 942 ♣ A75432											

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1♦	1♠	2♠	3♣
Dbl	3♥	4♦	All Pass

Martel led the ♠K to West's ace. At trick two, de Wijs played a club from hand. Martel ruffed and continued with the ♥10: three, king, ace. Declarer continued with a heart, taken by Martel with the queen to play a third round. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ♦5 and was overruffed by Zia, who cashed the ♣A for the setting trick.



Bas Drijver

At the other table, Bas Drijver made a normal lead against 3NT, only to find that fourth from his longest and strongest would have been better.

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♣	2♦	Dbf	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	Dbf	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Is there a case for leading low from the spade holding in the North hand? Certainly there is if you can see all the cards. Drijver did not have that advantage, so he made the normal lead.

Chris Willenken won the ♠A and played a club to dummy's king, which held. Sjoert Brink won the second round of clubs and played the ♠10. Drijver could not overtake without giving declarer a second spade stopper, so he played low. There were no more tricks for North/South, so Willenken had +460 and USA2 had 11 IMPs in the bank.

The final swing deal was worth even more to the Americans.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	—	1♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT can always be defeated if East selects a minor for his opening lead, but Muller started with the ♠A. That was all Martel needed. He claimed nine tricks after Muller's continuation of the ♠Q to his king. Plus 400 was a great result for North/South, considering that East/West are cold for 6♠.

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	1NT	3♦
Dbf	3NT	4♠	All Pass

Rosenberg wasn't buffaloeed by the 3NT bid, especially with his partner showing a sign of life with a negative double.

Brink led the ♣9 to the ten and ace, Rosenberg playing the king. A club was returned, Rosenberg playing the jack and overtaking with the queen. He then took the spade finesse and was able to discard his losing heart on one of dummy's club winners. Note that it doesn't help for South to lead a heart because declarer can simply play low from dummy.

Winning Combinations

Mark Horton

Bridge is not a game for the weak in spirit. The dramatic struggle in tournaments usually involves great emotional experiences. If at the start all participants, as a rule, are full of hopes of success and paint their future in the most delightful colours, then, in the course of the competition small tragedies are played out, dreams are shattered and illusions dashed. At the finish – not always even then – only the winners smile happily.

All of the above applies in equal measure to the motley crew who comprise the good ship Daily Bulletin. As the Championships unfold there are inevitably triumphs and disasters.

On Friday I decided to watch what promised to be an outstanding match between Italy and Monaco, but the deals refused to co-operate and I had seek out an alternative.

My attention was drawn to some suit combinations that cropped up in Round 8.

Given enough time, even without knowing the correct play within a given suit, one can work it out by just mapping out the possible layouts and figuring out which play wins against the most holdings.

How should you manage ♥J632 facing ♥A1087?

The technical line is to play low and put in the seven, which gives you three tricks 46.04% of the time.

Practicalities may dictate that you try a different approach, but they are not without risk.

For example you might play low to the ten. If that loses to an honour then you must guess what to do on the next round.

Another option is to play the jack, hoping that a player with ♥Kx or ♥Qx does not cover.

If you make a slight adjustment, changing the cards to ♥J632 and ♥A1085 then playing the jack affords you a 44.34% chance of three tricks.

With ♦A10 opposite ♦K8752, the best line for four tricks is to play low to the ace, followed by the ten. If the next player then produces a low card you play low in case the suit is distributed like this:

♦ 94	♦ A10	♦ QJ63
	♦ K8752	

The chance of emerging with four tricks is 46.83%.

In reality the suit was arranged like this:

♦ J643	♦ A10	♦ Q9
	♦ K8752	

and at least one declarer discovered that starting with a low diamond to the ten was not the soundest approach.

What about ♦3 facing ♦AJ10752?

You lead the three and if East follows with the four or six you can cover with the seven, subsequently cashing the ace.

If East covers with the nine (or eight) you take the ace and then play a low card, scoring four tricks 64.59% of the time.

Monsters

Micke Milander

Those of you who like powerful hands with big distributions and dislike the feel of having a lot of pushes when coming to the comparisons got just what you like if you played the match on Saturday morning in Round 13.

The following monster hands were in action to drool over:

♠—♥AKQJ1064♦KJ6♣KJ6

♠AKJ1065♥2♦A♣Q9875

♠AKJ963♥A♦6♣J7432

♠6♥AKQJ97♦QJ82♣A8

♠AQ64♥AKQ8743♦—♣J10

The first hand to report about from this match didn't qualify as a monster and only contained some 'boring' 5-5 distributions...

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 9	
	♥ AK1043	
	♦ K82	
	♣ KQ52	
♠ KJ853		♠ Q2
♥ 92		♥ 7
♦ J6		♦ Q10543
♣ J843		♣ A10976
	♠ A10764	
	♥ QJ865	
	♦ A97	
	♣ —	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Karwur	Lauria	George
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tobing	Bocchi	Asbi	Madala
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Dbl	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Karwur and George went through a splinter and a couple of cuebids before ending up in the small slam,



Taufik Gautama Asbi

which in fact was a great contract. More happened in the Closed Room where Madala confessed after the match that they "had misbid and ended up in a very bad grand slam". Three Clubs was either a splinter or a balanced hand 9-14 HCP, Three Diamonds relayed and Madala's next bid told his partner that he had maximum values and heart support with a void in clubs. Four Diamonds was a cuebid and Four Spades asked for aces. Five Diamonds said that Bocchi had two aces and Madala's next bid of Five Spades was a mild grand slam try, and now Bocchi had heard enough and jumped to the grand slam.

Both declarers got a trump lead; it's clearly different if you are playing in Six or Seven Hearts. Basically there are two ways of getting the tricks – either play for spades 4-3 (about 63%) or taking the ruffing finesse in clubs to get the last needed trick (50%). However, to be able to make your grand slam you need the ace of clubs to be in place to get your tricks. With the new IMP scale you should probably be more careful and probably follow that line also if you are in Six, since you really can't go down

Karwur won the opening trump lead with the eight and immediately played another round of trumps to dummy's ace, pulling the last defensive trump. With eleven tricks in the bag he continued with a spade to the ace and took a ruff in spades, ruffed a club and took a second ruff in spades, discovering that the spades didn't behave and that he now needed to set up a trick so took that ruffing finesse in clubs. When that worked he was now too short in trumps to be able to cross-ruff the remaining tricks.

Bocchi did what was required at the other table. He won the first trick with the eight of hearts, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade to be able to place the king of clubs on the table, East covered with the ace and dummy ruffed. Then came the ace of diamonds, a diamond to the king, queen of clubs (discarding his losing diamond) and a club ruff. With five cards left he was now able to cross-ruff what remained, since they were all high trumps. That 'misbidding' was worth 11 IMPs for the Italians.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ AKQJ1064 ♦ KJ6 ♣ KJ3	♠ AKJ1065 ♥ 2 ♦ A ♣ Q9875 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q4 ♥ 9875 ♦ 97432 ♣ 104	♠ 98732 ♥ 3 ♦ Q1085 ♣ A62
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Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 875 ♥ 109 ♦ AQ98 ♣ 9763	♠ 932 ♥ 65 ♦ KJ10652 ♣ A8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ KJ10 ♥ J2 ♦ 743 ♣ KQ542	♠ AQ64 ♥ AKQ8743 ♦ — ♣ J10
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>George</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♣	Dbl	3♠
Dbl	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>George</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	2♦	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tobing</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Asbi</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	3♦	4♥	All Pass

It is a difficult hand for East. How should you value it after the bidding has gone One Heart from you, a One Spade overcall from LHO and Pass, Pass comes back? Tobing and Versace had completely different views to it. Versace forced and when he got some positive responses from partner, he finally jumped to slam and it didn't hurt him at all that Karwur tried his best to disturb the auction. Tobing at the other table eliminated almost all chances for both sides to get more information when he jumped to Four Hearts. Bocchi doubled but Madala couldn't see any reason to defend and went for Four Spades, which Asbi doubled instead.

Six Hearts was like a walk in the park. Karwur tried to cash the ace of spades but declarer ruffed. Versace could then claim by pulling trumps and giving away a trick to the ace of diamonds. In the Closed Room the Indonesian pair wasn't on the same wavelength in the defense. Four Spades should be three off, if defended properly. Tobing kicked off with ace and king of hearts, Bocchi ruffed with the ten of spades and Asbi discarded a club, which wasn't the best when partner held king-jack-third. Bocchi managed in the end to get eight tricks to only go two off; 12 IMPs to Italy.

Two different routes took both Easts to Four Hearts. Again, what is this kind of monster hand worth? Neither defender found any reason not to lead a diamond, and so let the contract make when the ace of diamonds helped declarer to get rid of one of the losing clubs and spades were 3-3.

In all the matches that were played only three South players found any reason not to lead a diamond: Weinsten for USA 1, Krochmalik for Australia and Noshy for Egypt. The two first defended against Five Hearts, both gaining IMPs, while in the Egypt match the contract was still allowed to make but in that case defending against Four Hearts. In the Venice Cup the king of clubs was led at six tables and in the d'Orsi Trophy at four.



Norberto Bocchi

The Odd Couple

Mark Horton

The Odd Couple is a play by Neil Simon. The plot concerns two mismatched roommates: the neat, uptight Felix Ungar and the slovenly, easygoing Oscar Madison.

Felix, a neurotic, neat freak newswriter, is thrown out by his wife, and moves in with his friend Oscar Madison, a messy sportswriter. Despite Oscar's problems – careless spending, excessive gambling, a poorly kept house filled with spoiled food – he seems to enjoy life. Felix, however, seems utterly incapable of enjoying anything and only finds purpose in pointing out his own and other people's mistakes and foibles. Even when he tries to do so in a gentle and constructive way, his corrections and suggestions prove extremely annoying to those around him. Oscar, his closest friend, feels compelled to throw him out after only a brief time together, though he quickly realizes that Felix has had a positive effect on him.

For around seven years Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson were one of the world's most formidable partnerships, their numerous victories including the 1991 European Championships, the Cap Gemini and the Macallan Sunday Times.

Although they have not played together on a regular basis for a considerable period of time they have been teammates ever since, and with England needing to find some momentum they resumed their partnership in R13 of the Bermuda Bowl.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J875	♠ 64	♠ 109
♥ 4	♥ J765	♥ K1082
♦ J854	♦ KQ1073	♦ 962
♣ J1072	♣ Q8	♣ AK95
		
	♠ AKQ32	
	♥ AQ93	
	♦ A	
	♣ 643	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- 2♣ Natural or 16+
- 2♦ Transfer

West led the seven of clubs and East took his top clubs and exited with a club, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer played a heart to the queen and then cashed the ace. When West discarded declarer could not avoid the loss of two trump tricks, one down, -50.

Once the heart finesse holds if declarer unblocks the ace of diamonds and then plays three rounds of spades, ruffing with dummy's jack of hearts, East can overruff and play a club but declarer ruffs in hand and then overruffs in dummy to play winning diamonds, catching East's trumps. Very neat, but hardly likely unless East happens to tip you off by bidding – and who would do that?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Dbl	Rdbl

All Pass

1NT 5-12 Forcing for one round

You may not be enamoured by East's double (at the very least it should help declarer to get home in 4♥) but it pales into insignificance by comparison with the silence that followed it.

East led the ten of spades and declarer won with the ace and played the queen of hearts. When that held, he unblocked the ace of diamonds and played a club to the eight, East winning with the nine and playing a second spade. Declarer won and played two more rounds of spades, West winning and exiting with a club. East won and elected to exit with the king of hearts, enabling declarer to claim the rest, three overtricks adding up to +1160 and 15 IMPs to Japan.

Not quite the start England's birthday boy must have been hoping for.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 984	♠ 984	♠ K7
♥ KJ106	♥ KJ106	♥ Q2
♦ 95	♦ 95	♦ KQ432
♣ AJ83	♣ AJ83	♣ 10964
		
♠ AQ3	♠ AQ3	♠ J10652
♥ A9874	♥ A9874	♥ 53
♦ 76	♦ 76	♦ AJ108
♣ Q72	♣ Q72	♣ K5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠*	Dbl
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Dbl
3NT	Dbl	All Pass	

1♠ 4 or fewer ♠, F1

North led the nine of spades and declarer won in hand with the queen and played the four of hearts. North went in with the king and played a spade to dummy's king. Declarer unblocked the queen of hearts and ran the ten of clubs to North's jack. The spade return went to the ace and declarer played the ace of hearts and exited with a club. North put up the ace, cashed the jack of hearts and played a diamond, South winning with the ace and cashing two spades for +800.

Credit that number to South's double of 3♦.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Kaku	Bakhshi	Takayama
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Dbl	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

When South bid 2♦ it was clear his previous double was based on spades and diamonds.

The defenders started with three rounds of spades and West switched to the four of hearts. Declarer went up with the king and played the five of diamonds to the jack followed by a heart to the ten and queen. When East exited with the king of diamonds declarer won with dummy's ace and claimed eight tricks for +110, but 12 IMPs to England.

Declarer could have played for an overtrick by cashing his spades, squeezing East in the minors but would then have to hazard the club finesse.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ KJ853	♠ 9	♠ Q2
♥ 92	♥ AK1043	♥ 7
♦ J6	♦ K82	♦ Q10543
♣ J843	♣ KQ52	♣ A10976
	♠ A10764	
	♥ QJ865	
	♦ A97	
	♣ —	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Forrester	Furuta	Robson
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♥

All Pass

- 2NT FG 4+card raise
- 3♣ Natural, might be 3
- 4NT RKCB
- 5NT 2 aces and a void
- 6♦ Grand Slam try

Declarer won the trump lead with dummy's eight, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He ran the king of clubs, discarding a diamond, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a spade. He cashed the king of diamonds and cross ruffed the black suits; +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Kaku	Bakhshi	Takayama
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Dbl	6♥	All Pass	

2♣ 0+card, game forcing

Declarer was not hard pressed to arrive at twelve tricks for +980 but 11 IMPs to England.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 1042	♠ K976	♠ 3
♥ 1087	♥ J963	♥ AKQ542
♦ 985	♦ QJ7	♦ K1063
♣ K654	♣ Q2	♣ A9
	♠ AQJ85	
	♥ —	
	♦ A42	
	♣ J10873	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Forrester	Furuta	Robson
—	—	1♥	2♥*
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Rdbl
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ Michaels

Declarer ruffed the heart lead and played a club to the queen and ace. East's trump return went to the ten and king and declarer played a club for the nine, jack and king. Declarer ruffed the club return and played the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. When East discarded on the ace of spades declarer pitched a diamond on a club and claimed ten tricks; +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Kaku	Bakhshi	Takayama
—	—	1♥	2♥*
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When N/S sold out to 4♥ E/W were assured of a good result.

Declarer ruffed the second round of spades, cashed the king of hearts, crossed to dummy with a club and played a diamond to the king. When South produced the ace the contract was two down for -200 but 9 IMPs to England.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ AKJ1065	
	♥ 2	
	♦ A	
	♣ Q9875	
♠ —	N	♠ 98732
♥ AKQJ1064	W	♥ 3
♦ KJ6	E	♦ Q1085
♣ KJ3	S	♣ A62
	♠ Q4	
	♥ 9875	
	♦ 97432	
	♣ 104	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Declarer lost a trick to the ace of diamonds, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	2♦*	Pass*	2♠*
4♥	4♠	5♣*	Pass
6♥	6♠	Dbl	All Pass

- 2♣ FG or 22+ balanced
- 2♦ Suction: ♥ or ♠+♣
- Pass Values
- 2♠ Good fit in hearts
- 5♣ Cue bid



Andrew Robson

When E/W reached the laydown slam, North decided to save.

West led the king of hearts and switched to a diamond (better to continue hearts). Declarer won with the ace and played a club to the ten and jack. He ruffed the heart return low (better to ruff high) and was overruffed. East exited with a trump and although declarer could organise a club ruff he could only come to seven tricks for down five and 12 IMPs to England.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ J74	
	♥ 1076	
	♦ Q85	
	♣ AKJ5	
♠ 9863	N	♠ AKQ105
♥ KQJ8	W	♥ 542
♦ 3	E	♦ K62
♣ Q1064	S	♣ 92
	♠ 2	
	♥ A93	
	♦ AJ10974	
	♣ 873	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	1♠	3♦
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		

West led the king of clubs and declarer ducked, won the next heart, crossed to dummy with a club and ran the queen of diamonds. When that held he continued with four more rounds of diamonds followed by a club to the jack. When that held he was only one down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

3♥ Invitational four card raise

South led the three of clubs and North won with the jack, cashed the ace and continued with the five. Declarer ruffed and played a heart, South taking the ace and cashing the ace of diamonds; one down for -100 and 7 IMPs to Japan.

It was just like old times for Forrester/Robson, who were instrumental in England's 46-30 IMP, 14.18-5.82 VP win.



Jan van Cleeff

At the start of Round 13, Germany was in fifth and USA1 in sixth position, so there was much to play for when the two teams met. The set, starting with the first board, turned out to be quite lively.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J875	♠ 64	♠ 109
♥ 4	♥ J765	♥ K1082
♦ J854	♦ KQ1073	♦ 962
♣ J1072	♣ Q8	♣ AK95
		
	♠ AKQ32	
	♥ AQ93	
	♦ A	
	♣ 643	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Fritsche	Wolpert	Rohowsky
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dbf	Rdbl
2♣	3NT	All Pass	

The final contract had no chance and was two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

3♣ Game forcing
3♥ 5♠/4♥

The defence started with two rounds of clubs and then shifted to a diamond. Steve Weinstein cashed the trump ace and played a heart to the jack and king. Now East returned a spade to South. In the meantime, declarer was pretty convinced that East had ♣A K bare, because he never played a third club, which would have been best defence. So Weinstein tried to reach dummy with a spade ruff in order to finesse the ♥10, but was more or less shocked when Piekarek overruffed; 4♥ -1 but still 2 IMPs to USA 1.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J	♠ K10643	♠ AQ2
♥ 86	♥ Q5	♥ KJ102
♦ K109853	♦ AJ42	♦ 7
♣ QJ54	♣ 107	♣ A9862
		
	♠ 9875	
	♥ A9743	
	♦ Q6	
	♣ K3	

In the Open Room, John Kranyak opened the West hand with a weak two in diamonds and was allowed to play there. Two Diamonds could be made, but when declarer misguessed the red suits he went two light – N/S +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♦	Dbf	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♦*	Dbf	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	All Pass

3♦ Invitational in spades

The final double by Josef Piekarek was aggressive, though understandable: he had a misfit and usually partner's 2♦ shows more values, even with a passed hand.

Alex Smirnov kicked off with the ♣Q. East took the ace and returned the suit. Next came ♠9: jack, king and ace. Piekarek accurately cashed the ♠Q as well and exited with his last spade. This left declarer with no chance. Eight tricks was the max; E/W +200 and 9 IMPs to Germany.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A8	♠ QJ63	♠ 1092
♥ AK1073	♥ 84	♥ QJ92
♦ K10542	♦ 98	♦ 63
♣ 7	♣ AQJ93	♣ K1064
		
	♠ K754	
	♥ 65	
	♦ AQJ7	
	♣ 852	

Open room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Fritsche	Wolpert	Rohowsky
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Dbl
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

The defence started in a dynamic way: ♥A (queen by East) and a club switch to the queen and king. East returned a club, which was ruffed. From there, West can cash the trump ace and exit with a heart to his partner's jack, with a diamond trick still to come. The play record, however, indicates that E/W took only five tricks on defense for +500 and 8 IMPs instead of 12 for +800 (the contract at the other table was 3♥, +170).

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ KJ853	♠ 9	♥ AK1043	♥ 2	♦ K82	♦ Q2	♣ KQ52	♣ Q10543
♥ 92	♥ AK1043	♦ K82	♥ 7	♣ KQ52	♦ Q10543		♣ A10976
♦ J6	♦ K82	♣ KQ52	♣ Q10543		♣ A10976		
♣ J843	♣ KQ52						
	♠ A10764						
	♥ QJ865						
	♦ A97						
	♣ —						

In the Open Room North/South reached 6♥, made with an overtrick. In the Closed Room Levin and Weinstein bid 7♥ against which East led his stiff trump. Bobby Levin first tested the spades, but when the suit turned out to be divided 5-2 he fell back on the ruffing finesse in clubs, which worked. Thirteen tricks meant another 11 IMPs to USA 1, now leading 29 to 9.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ —	♠ AKJ1065	♠ 98732
♥ AKQJ1064	♥ 2	♥ 3
♦ KJ6	♦ A	♦ Q1085
♣ KJ3	♣ Q9875	♣ A62
	♠ Q4	
	♥ 9875	
	♦ 97432	
	♣ 104	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Fritsche	Wolpert	Rohowsky
2♣*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥	Dbl	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing
5NT Pick a slam

After Gavin Wolpert's courageous 5NT, the Americans reached the lay-down slam. The double simply added 2 IMPs to the result.

Up to a certain point, the Closed Room showed similar bidding:

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
1♣*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

1♣ Strong (Polish)

When East passed over 5♥, USA1 picked up another 12 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10973	♠ AKQJ852	♠ 4
♥ 106	♥ 53	♥ 842
♦ 1063	♦ 5	♦ AK974
♣ 9643	♣ 1052	♣ KQJ7
	♠ 6	
	♥ AKQJ97	
	♦ QJ82	
	♣ A8	

Open room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
–	–	1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

5♦ Three key cards when hearts are trumps

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Fritsche	Wolpert	Rohowsky
–	–	1♦	Dbl
1♠ (!)	4♠	All Pass	

Kranyak's bid on no high-card points seemed to derail the Germans, who didn't even make a move toward slam.

Again, 11 IMPs to USA1, and when the smoked cleared, the final score was Germany 0.48 (17) to USA 1 19.52 (71). And, yes, in the rankings USA1 had climbed to 4th place and Germany dropped to 7th.

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Wham, Slam, Thank you, Ma'am

Brian Senior

Sometimes you can go through a 16-board match without a sniff of a slam. Other times, they seem to come thick and fast. Round 14 was one of the latter, with six deals out of 16 seeing at least one table get to slam in the Venice Cup match between USA2 and Poland.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ AK982		
	♥ 10852		
	♦ 53		
	♣ 75		
♠ J63		♠ 10	
♥ A97		♥ 643	
♦ QJ2		♦ AK10984	
♣ Q963		♣ J84	
	♠ Q754		
	♥ KQJ		
	♦ 76		
	♣ AK102		

West	North	East	South
Dufprat	Eythorsdottir	Taczewska	Molson
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Levin	Sarniak	Wolpert	Baldysz
—	—	3♦	Dbl
4♦	4♠	All Pass	

The first major swing did not come on a slam deal. For USA2, Jenny Wolpert opened 3♦ as East, which looks OK to me at favourable vulnerability, and Cathy Baldysz doubled for take-out. When Jill Levin raised to 4♦, Anna Sarniak tried 4♠, ending the auction. The hands fitted together perfectly for declarer, who lost the obvious three tricks and chalked up +620.

Joanna Taczewska did not open the East hand so Janice Seamon-Molson got to open 1NT (15-17) with the South cards and Hjordis Eythorsdottir could use Stayman. However, Taczewska now intervened with 2♦ and the relatively new American partnership had a misunderstanding. Molson thought that to bid a major here would also promise a diamond control, so passed, while Eythorsdottir thought her partner had denied a major so judged to go quietly. Three Diamonds was down two. Molson led a heart, ducked, and a second heart, won with the ace. Rather than draw trumps, Taczewska played a spade. Eythorsdottir won the king and returned a club to collect her ruff; 9 IMPs to Poland.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ AJ10532		
	♥ AQ42		
	♦ 7		
	♣ K6		
♠ 74		♠ Q9	
♥ KJ65		♥ 10873	
♦ 654		♦ J10	
♣ Q987		♣ 105432	
	♠ K86		
	♥ 9		
	♦ AKQ9832		
	♣ AJ		

West	North	East	South
Dufprat	Eythorsdottir	Taczewska	Molson
Levin	Sarniak	Wolpert	Baldysz
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Identical two-over-one auctions saw both Norths declare 6♠, making all 13 tricks for a push at +1460.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ —		
	♥ AQ106		
	♦ A1085		
	♣ AQJ86		
♠ KJ862		♠ 10743	
♥ J54		♥ K	
♦ Q764		♦ KJ932	
♣ 3		♣ K104	
	♠ AQ95		
	♥ 98732		
	♦ —		
	♣ 9752		

West	North	East	South
Dufprat	Eythorsdottir	Taczewska	Molson
—	1♣	1♦	Dbl
1♠	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Levin	Sarniak	Wolpert	Baldysz
—	1♣	1♦	1♠
3♦	6♥	All Pass	

Eythorsdottir's 1♣ was Standard, and Molson showed both majors with her double of the 1♦ overcall. Eythorsdottir simply jumped to the cold heart game, making exactly when she ruffed the opening diamond lead to play a heart to the queen and king and, on regaining the lead, played a second heart to the ace; +620.

Sarniak's 1♣ was either 11-14 balanced or any 17+, unbalanced club-based hands below 17 opening a Precision-style 2♣. One Spade showed hearts and, loving her controls, Sarniak jumped to 6♥, not wanting to go more slowly as that would have allowed the opposition more opportunity to get together and perhaps sacrifice at favourable vulnerability.

Seven people declared 6♥ in the Venice Cup and only one made it – Sarniak. She too ruffed the diamond lead but led a heart to the ace. When the king put in an appearance, she took a second diamond ruff, ran the nine of hearts and pitched her last diamond loser on the ace of spades before drawing the last trump and giving up a club; +1430 and 13 IMPs to Poland, who now led by 25-0 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ — ♥ KQ1076 ♦ A7652 ♣ 985	♠ AK9432 ♥ 3 ♦ J ♣ KJ642  ♠ QJ87 ♥ 85 ♦ K1043 ♣ Q107	♠ 1065 ♥ AJ942 ♦ Q98 ♣ A3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Taczewska</i>	<i>Molson</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	5♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dbl	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♠	4♠	All Pass	

Katarzyna Dufrat could open 2♥ with the West cards, weak with five hearts and a four-card or longer minor (usually 5-5 when vulnerable), which added considerable momentum to the auction as Taczewska could jump to 4♥ in response. When Molson in turn supported her partner's spades, Taczewska was unwilling to stop bidding just yet, with a known ten-card fit and some a useful-looking holding in whichever minor her partner held. When the bidding finally came to a stop, Eythorsdottir found herself doubled in 6♠. She had to lose a trick in each side-suit for down two and –500.

Levin did not have the two-suited opening in her bag so passed. However, at her next turn she cuebid to show hearts and a minor, so had promised much the same hand as had Dufrat at the other table – but Wolpert did not get involved, despite her five-card heart support, and Sarniak was allowed to declare the spade game. Wolpert led ace and another club so Sarniak could draw trumps and get dummy's hearts away on the clubs for an overtrick; +650 and 15 IMPs to Poland, whose lead was up to 40-5.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ QJ754 ♥ J ♦ K75 ♣ K1063	♠ 10863 ♥ Q95432 ♦ 8 ♣ 94  ♠ AK92 ♥ 1086 ♦ Q4 ♣ AQJ2	♠ — ♥ AK7 ♦ AJ109632 ♣ 875	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Taczewska</i>	<i>Molson</i>
–	–	1NT	Dbl
2♥	Pass	3♠	4♦
4♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
–	–	1NT	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass



Jenny Wolpert



Joanna Taczewska

Molson's double of the 1NT opening showed either one minor or both majors and, with extra playing strength, she followed up by introducing her suit at the four level. Of course, Eythorsdottir had no interest in competing in diamonds so Taczewska was left to play 4♠. Molson led the ace of diamonds then cashed the ace of hearts before reverting to diamonds. Eythorsdottir's ruff was the last trick for the defence; +620.

Baldysz simply overcalled 3♦ and Levin bid 3♠. Unfortunately, the partnership agreement was that to bid a major here showed the other major, hence Wolpert's conversion to 4♥. Levin tried to go back to spades then passed when a potentially playable contract was reached. Baldysz led ace then jack of diamonds, asking for a spade return. Sarniak duly ruffed and dealt her partner a spade ruff and the ace of hearts was the fourth defensive trick for two down and -200; 13 IMPs to Poland. The lead was up to 53-7.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10962	♠ A853	♠ QJ74
♥ 7	♥ AKJ52	♥ 3
♦ KQJ1076	♦ A	♦ 9542
♣ 65	♣ AJ4	♣ 10873

♠ K	♠ 10765
♥ Q109864	♥ 2
♦ 83	♦ J54
♣ KQ92	♣ 108632



West <i>Dufrat</i>	North <i>Eythorsdottir</i>	East <i>Taczewska</i>	South <i>Molson</i>
3♦	Dbl	5♦	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West <i>Levin</i>	North <i>Sarniak</i>	East <i>Wolpert</i>	South <i>Baldysz</i>
3♦	Dbl	5♦	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The E/W pre-emption did its job, with neither N/S pair being able to find their way to the cold grand slam. In the Venice Cup, nine pairs out of 22 reached 7♥, while one stopped in game and twelve played the small slam. I am not sure what North can do over South's 5♥ that has a chance for success. The trouble with Sarniak's 6♦ is that it is hard to see what hand South can hold where she will bid the grand when North has all five key cards, but I guess 6♦ is better than nothing.

Anyway, it was flat at +1460.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 4	♠ K93	♠ 10765
♥ QJ63	♥ A10975	♥ 2
♦ Q8632	♦ AK	♦ J54
♣ KJ7	♣ 954	♣ 108632

♠ AQJ82	♠ 10765
♥ K84	♥ 2
♦ 1097	♦ J54
♣ AQ	♣ 108632



West <i>Dufrat</i>	North <i>Eythorsdottir</i>	East <i>Taczewska</i>	South <i>Molson</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West <i>Levin</i>	North <i>Sarniak</i>	East <i>Wolpert</i>	South <i>Baldysz</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Janice Seamon-Molson

Both Norths transferred then jumped to 3NT to offer a choice of games. Baldysz simply gave preference to 4♥ and that ended the auction for +480. Baldysz won the spade lead in dummy and, reading it as being from shortage, started hearts by leading low to her eight. Levin had no effective play now and Baldysz could take the third-round heart finesse to hold herself to one trump loser.

Holding a hand with some potential, Molson made the more careful bid of 4♣, cuebidding on the way to 4♥ just in case Eythorsdottir had enough for slam to be in the picture, and that suited Eythorsdottir perfectly. She jumped to the small slam and Dufprat led a diamond. Molson won and played a heart to her king then a second heart to dummy's seven so had twelve tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to USA2, who needed them; 18-56.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10972 ♥ QJ82 ♦ J76 ♣ 107		♠ 865 ♥ K7653 ♦ — ♣ AQ654	♠ AJ4 ♥ A4 ♦ AQ109854 ♣ 2 ♠ KQ3 ♥ 109 ♦ K32 ♣ KJ983
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West	North	East	South
<i>Dufprat</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Taczewska</i>	<i>Molson</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dbl
3♥	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

By quite different routes, both N/S pairs bid to the diamond slam. Molson made a support double to show three diamonds and Eythorsdottir basically drove to slam. At the other table, Sarniak had to jump to 2♦ at her first turn as 1♦ would have been either a negative, a limited hand with one or more minors, or 16+ balanced. Eventually, Sarniak too bid the slam.

To beat the slam, East has to lead the suit bid and supported by her side but, knowing that they had nine hearts between them, both looked elsewhere, Wolpert leading a spade and Taczewska ace and another club. The heart loser went away on the club king and the deal was flat at +1370.

In the Venice Cup, 6♦ was bid 14 times, making eight times and being defeated six times.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 92 ♥ A1064 ♦ 7 ♣ KJ10632		♠ J73 ♥ 932 ♦ AQ84 ♣ A98 ♠ AKQ654 ♥ KJ7 ♦ 106 ♣ Q4 ♠ 108 ♥ Q85 ♦ KJ9532 ♣ 75	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Dufprat</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Taczewska</i>	<i>Molson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Wolpert made the simple value rebid of 3♠ and Levin had an easy raise to 4♠. After a club lead to the ace and heart switch, there were 12 tricks for +680.

Taczewska rebid 2NT, which suggested long solid spades as an 18+ balanced hand would have opened with a Polish Club. I am not convinced that this hand is quite worth 2NT, lacking as it does an outside winner, but maybe it is OK in the partnership style? It doesn't look right to raise to 3NT when holding two spades and a small singleton elsewhere, and Dufprat's decision was severely punished. A diamond lead meant three down for -300 and 14 IMPs to USA2.

The final match score was 56-32 IMPs to Poland, converting to 15.74-2.26 VP.



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Jos Jacobs

On Saturday, Germany had a testing schedule as all their three opponents were among the top eight when the day's play started. Elsewhere in our Daily Bulletins you can find a report on their first match against USA 1. Below, I will show you a few examples of their mixed fortunes in their other two matches of the day, in which they more or less recovered from the early blow handed to them in the morning match, to finish the day still within the top eight.

Their first match, against Poland, ended in an exact tie, 37-37. Here are the two most spectacular deals from that match, the two teams sharing the honours equally.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ KJ862 ♥ J54 ♦ Q764 ♣ 3</p>		<p>♠ — ♥ AQ106 ♦ A1085 ♣ AQJ86</p>	<p>♠ 10743 ♥ K ♦ KJ932 ♣ K104</p>
		<p>♠ AQ95 ♥ 98732 ♦ — ♣ 9752</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
—	1♣	1♦	DbI
3♦	6♥	All Pass	

After the jump support by West, Jassem, having opened the strong variety of the Polish Club, simply bid what he thought he could make. In a sense, he was right as, double dummy, 12 tricks are easy enough. At the table, it's a different story. Following a more practical line, declarer lost two hearts and a club as he decided he could not afford to take the club finesse first, hoping to find out if a trump safety-play was needed. Germany +200.

In the other room, E/W kept silent throughout:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Given a free run, the Germans had little trouble in landing on

their feet after the transfer 1♦ and the splinter, which did not please Rohowsky at all. When he took the safety play in the trump suit, Rohowsky was rewarded with 12 tricks, losing only to the ♣K; Germany +680 and 13 IMPs.

Two boards later, Poland recouped those IMPs in stylish fashion:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ KQ1076 ♦ A7652 ♣ 985</p>		<p>♠ AK9432 ♥ 3 ♦ J ♣ KJ642</p>	<p>♠ 1065 ♥ AJ942 ♦ Q98 ♣ A3</p>
		<p>♠ QJ87 ♥ 85 ♦ K1043 ♣ Q107</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When Rehder could not open his two-suiter, Jassem's 4♠ silenced everyone. Poland +620.

In the other room, West did in fact open the bidding:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	DbI	All Pass

Two Hearts showed at least ten cards in hearts and a minor, so whatever number of spades North would bid, East would know he might have to bid on with the certain double fit. On a spade lead, 5♥ might even make with an overtrick if declarer keeps his diamond losses to one trick, as he should do, so the Germans were right in taking the save. Still, one down and 13 IMPs back to Poland.

Over now to Germany's second match.

Monaco v. Germany

From this match too, I will show you two boards, on which the teams involved again shared the honours. On the first board, Monaco missed a chance in the Open Room:

Board: 12. Dealer. West N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ J2 ♦ A754 ♣ KJ107432	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K94 ♥ KQ10954 ♦ K82 ♣ 9	♠ J7653 ♥ A763 ♦ 6 ♣ Q86
♠ AQ1082 ♥ 8 ♦ QJ1093 ♣ A5			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
3♣	3♥	4♣	Dbl
Pass	4♥	5♣	Dbl
All Pass			

Although 4♥ is not the best of contracts, E/W nevertheless went for the save. An initial trump lead does in fact beat 5♣ but when Helness led a logical-enough ♥K instead, Rehder had no trouble in landing his contract with the help of three diamond ruff – Germany +550.

In the other room, Zimmermann opened one level higher, causing immediate trouble for the Germans:



Martin Rehder

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

It is difficult to understand why Piekarek did not overcall 4♥ immediately over 4♣. The explanation, however, turned out to be straightforward: he simply forgot – a lapse of concentration. Had he not tried to make up for it at his next turn, he might even have found the killing trump lead against 5♣ rather than paying 1100 for his four undertricks... Monaco 11 IMPs.

A few boards later, it was Multon's turn to be caught speeding:

Board: 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K75 ♥ Q1096 ♦ Q ♣ 109542	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQ92 ♥ AK ♦ K742 ♣ 876	♠ 106 ♥ 842 ♦ AJ10985 ♣ K3
♠ J843 ♥ J753 ♦ 63 ♣ AQJ			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Dbl	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Gromöller could show his one-suiter by means of the double. After that, N/S reached their normal 4♠ contract and scored +620. The damage was done in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	3♦	Dbl
All Pass			

Piekarek was happy to convert the double, even more so when Smirnov led a heart. North cashed his two top hearts and returned a club to get his heart ruff for down four. Plus 800 gave the Germans 5 IMPs back in a low-scoring match, eventually won by Monaco 27-20 or 12.03 – 7.97 in VP.

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 16

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Japan	Netherlands	43	4	17.97	2.03
2	India	Italy	17	27	7.20	12.80
3	Bahrain	Brazil	20	53	2.83	17.17
4	Egypt	USA 1	7	63	0.31	19.69
5	Germany	Argentina	32	28	11.20	8.80
6	Poland	Indonesia	14	34	5.00	15.00
7	Monaco	Australia	18	11	12.03	7.97
8	China	England	16	38	4.62	15.38
9	South Africa	Guadeloupe	15	45	3.27	16.73
10	Canada	Chinese Taipei	48	3	18.66	1.34
11	USA 2	New Zealand	48	31	14.39	5.61

Round 17

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Argentina	Canada	31	33	9.39	10.61
2	Chinese Taipei	South Africa	14	19	8.52	11.48
3	Guadeloupe	China	11	56	1.34	18.66
4	England	Monaco	40	29	13.04	6.96
5	Australia	Poland	22	36	6.25	13.75
6	Netherlands	Germany	40	14	16.09	3.91
7	New Zealand	Egypt	31	22	12.55	7.45
8	USA 1	Bahrain	60	20	18.09	1.91
9	Brazil	India	25	32	7.97	12.03
10	Italy	Japan	20	18	10.61	9.39
11	Indonesia	USA 2	17	28	6.96	13.04

Round 18

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Netherlands	Italy	25	40	6.03	13.97
2	Japan	Brazil	14	56	1.67	18.33
3	India	USA 1	38	50	6.72	13.28
4	Bahrain	New Zealand	19	68	0.93	19.07
5	Egypt	Indonesia	21	35	6.25	13.75
6	USA 2	Australia	68	23	18.66	1.34
7	Germany	Canada	27	46	4.70	14.30
8	Monaco	Guadeloupe	68	9	19.93	0.07
9	China	Chinese Taipei	54	31	15.56	4.44
10	South Africa	Argentina	32	31	10.31	9.69
11	Poland	England	22	67	1.34	18.66

Results — Venice Cup

Round 16

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	USA 2	Australia	51	33	14.60	5.40
2	India	Egypt	30	7	15.56	4.44
3	Guadeloupe	Netherlands	6	31	4.08	15.92
4	Philippines	New Zealand	29	39	7.20	12.80
5	France	Poland	24	21	10.91	9.09
6	China	Brazil	27	20	12.03	7.97
7	South Africa	Japan	19	39	5.00	15.00
8	Turkey	England	52	11	18.21	1.79
9	USA 1	Indonesia	29	43	6.25	13.75
10	Canada	Sweden	20	33	6.48	13.52
11	Pakistan	Argentina	19	63	1.45	18.55

Round 17

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Poland	Canada	36	20	14.18	5.82
2	Sweden	USA 1	17	37	5.00	15.00
3	Indonesia	Turkey	6	50	1.45	18.55
4	England	South Africa	81	20	20.00	0.00
5	Japan	China	58	50	12.29	7.71
6	Australia	France	33	23	12.80	7.20
7	Argentina	Philippines	48	8	18.09	1.91
8	New Zealand	Guadeloupe	45	17	16.42	3.58
9	Netherlands	India	68	20	18.97	1.03
10	Egypt	USA 2	15	61	1.23	18.77
11	Brazil	Pakistan	38	22	14.18	5.82

Round 18

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Australia	Egypt	39	35	11.20	8.80
2	USA 2	Netherlands	30	36	8.24	11.76
3	India	New Zealand	17	41	4.26	15.74
4	Guadeloupe	Argentina	29	50	4.81	15.19
5	Philippines	Brazil	53	17	17.59	2.41
6	Pakistan	Japan	11	37	3.91	16.09
7	France	Canada	43	18	15.92	4.08
8	South Africa	Indonesia	16	81	0.00	20.00
9	Turkey	Sweden	31	45	6.25	13.75
10	USA 1	Poland	34	28	11.76	8.24
11	China	England	47	32	13.97	6.03

Results — d'Orsi Trophy

Round 16

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Egypt	Canada	4	78	0.00	20.00
2	USA 2	Scotland	48	14	17.31	2.69
3	Denmark	USA 1	23	50	3.74	16.26
4	Bangladesh	India	25	51	3.91	16.09
5	Australia	Belgium	39	22	14.39	5.61
6	France	Guadeloupe	56	5	19.25	0.75
7	New Zealand	Netherlands	18	42	4.26	15.74
8	Chinese Taipei	South Africa	49	10	17.97	2.03
9	Poland	China Hong Kong	28	6	15.38	4.62
10	Germany	Brazil	25	15	12.80	7.20
11	Indonesia	Japan	44	36	12.29	7.71

Round 17

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Belgium	Germany	30	19	13.04	6.96
2	Brazil	Poland	12	38	3.91	16.09
3	China Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei	30	51	4.81	15.19
4	South Africa	New Zealand	15	58	1.56	18.44
5	Netherlands	France	23	58	2.55	17.45
6	Canada	Australia	38	33	11.48	8.52
7	Japan	Bangladesh	32	19	13.52	6.48
8	India	Denmark	27	21	11.76	8.24
9	USA 1	USA 2	13	26	6.48	13.52
10	Scotland	Egypt	34	13	15.19	4.81
11	Guadeloupe	Indonesia	11	75	0.00	20.00

Round 18

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Canada	Scotland	34	41	7.97	12.03
2	Egypt	USA 1	31	43	6.72	13.28
3	USA 2	India	51	18	17.17	2.83
4	Denmark	Japan	51	14	17.72	2.28
5	Bangladesh	Guadeloupe	35	11	15.74	4.26
6	Indonesia	Netherlands	25	40	6.03	13.97
7	Australia	Germany	19	50	3.12	16.88
8	New Zealand	China Hong Kong	4	56	0.66	19.34
9	Chinese Taipei	Brazil	55	26	16.58	3.42
10	Poland	Belgium	52	13	17.97	2.03
11	France	South Africa	46	27	14.80	5.20

Standings

After 18 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Trophy

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	USA 1	252.32	1	Netherlands	268.86	1	France	269.43
2	Italy	249.85	2	Poland	241.60	2	USA 2	241.13
3	Monaco	234.17	3	USA 1	235.75	3	Germany	235.70
4	Japan	216.97	4	USA 2	227.32	4	USA 1	221.44
5	Netherlands	215.26	5	England	219.84	5	Belgium	220.76
6	England	211.67	6	France	219.01	6	Indonesia	218.47
7	Canada	207.38	7	China	218.55	7	Poland	213.53
8	Poland	206.83	8	Turkey	209.59	8	Scotland	211.24
9	China	206.81	9	Japan	202.90	9	Canada	203.89
10	Germany	192.46	10	Sweden	195.66	10	Netherlands	198.77
11	USA 2	192.00	11	Argentina	184.58	11	Australia	198.67
12	Indonesia	181.72	12	Indonesia	179.63	12	Japan	192.99
13	Argentina	174.85	13	New Zealand	178.02	13	China HongKong	188.11
14	Brazil	171.89	14	Canada	174.04	14	India	186.56
15	New Zealand	156.48	15	Brazil	169.91	15	Chinese Taipei	176.60
16	South Africa	144.81	16	Australia	165.31	16	Denmark	156.62
17	Guadeloupe	140.66	17	Philippines	138.84	17	Bangladesh	127.38
18	India	135.51	18	South Africa	130.67	18	South Africa	119.60
19	Australia	129.53	19	Egypt	116.60	19	Brazil	119.31
20	Chinese Taipei	122.08	20	Pakistan	113.51	20	Egypt	112.42
21	Egypt	107.70	21	India	96.29	21	New Zealand	111.85
22	Bahrain	106.05	22	Guadeloupe	70.62	22	Guadeloupe	32.53

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