



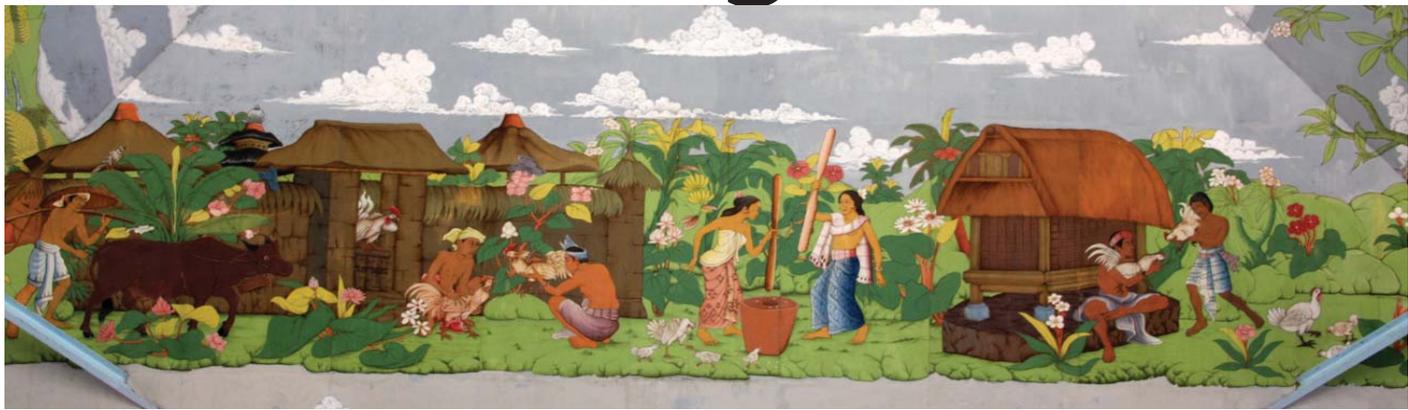
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Fall of giants



A scene from the ceiling of the lobby at the Melia Bali hotel

There will be new champions in the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup at the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships, but the defenders in the d'Orsi Seniors Cup are still alive.

The most exciting match of the day involved **France**, the Venice Cup holders, and **China**. The Chinese jumped out to a 109-58 lead after the second set but saw **France** draw even at 176 with one set to go. **China** won a tightly played sixth stanza to move into the semi-final round with a 204-192 win.

In the Bermuda Bowl, the **Dutch** champions from 2011 were thrashed by **Poland** and withdrew after five sets, trailing 242-119. In the Seniors, 2011 champs **France** finished play early when the **Netherlands**, resigned after the fifth set, trailing 251-91.

Semi-final matchups are **USA1-Monaco** and **Italy-Poland** in the Bermuda Bowl; **Netherlands-USA2** and **England-China** in the Venice Cup, and **France-Germany, Poland-USA2** in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, **Yeh Mix** has the lead with 150.81 victory points (out of a possible 200), followed by **Polish Students**, with 133.82.

The joy of playing bridge By Christina Lund Madsen

(Article continued on Page 2)



Meera Bakshi and Snehlata Singla

I met two women from the Indian women's team who were at that point in last position in the round robin. However, judging from their mood, you might think they were leading the event. Rarely have I met such positive participants.

"We are very happy to be here in Bali, that Bali is hosting the 41st World Championships here. It is an excellent arrangement," Meera Bakshi starts.

"I have come to Bali earlier, but this time I find the development is so nice and this center is absolutely out of this world. There is so much space here. Everything is arranged. You feel very comfortable. This kind of hospitality is only available in Asia. You go to Europe or to America, they don't give anything," Snehlata Singla says, laughing. "And Bali is a very pretty place. We would love to come here again. Please host the champi-

N.B. Start times for Friday September 27 are earlier – 10.00, 14.00, 16.50

BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Semi Finals Segment 1			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
USA 1	Monaco	BB	VG
England	China	VC	OC
Poland	Italy	BB	BBO 2
England	China	VC	BBO 3
USA 2	Netherlands	VC	BBO 4
France	Germany	SEN	BBO 5
Poland	USA 2	SEN	BBO 6
Semi Finals Segment 2			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
Poland	Italy	BB	VG
England	China	VC	OG
USA 1	Monaco	BB	BBO 2
England	China	VC	BBO 3
USA 2	Netherlands	VC	BBO 4
France	Germany	SEN	BBO 5
Poland	USA 2	Sen	BBO 6
			BBO 7
Semi Finals Segment 3			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
	TBD		VG
	TBD		OG
	TBD		BBO 2
	TBD		BBO 3
	TBD		BBO 4
	TBD		BBO 5
	TBD		BBO 6
			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.

Additional articles, team presentations and videos

Whilst the Daily Bulletins here in Bali have a wealth of information, you can find even more on the WBF website, where we are publishing interviews with the players, team presentations and some excellent video presentations from the event. Just go to www.worldbridge.org and you will see the links. Enjoy !

onships again.”

(Continued from Page 1) You qualified for Bali from trials in India. Can you tell about this?

“We qualified as pairs. The three best pairs qualified. One of our players unfortunately had to go back because of a death in the family. We had to get a substitute and change the partnerships. But we are trying to do our best.”

What do you think about your opponents here?

“Most of them are excellent. Regular partnership and I would not hesitate to say they have excellent bidding system, good play, good defense. Most of them are very good.”

Which team has impressed you the most?

“There are a number of teams. We started against England, France, USA1, USA2, Australia, Poland and all the top teams. We thought they were all very good. And also very pleasant,” Singla says.

“Very, very pleasant at the table. You would be surprised,” Bakshi adds in the middle of her partner’s sentence.

“Very pleasant, we were amazed. Sometimes in India the players are not so pleasant, but here they are. They made us very comfortable all the time and explained nicely if they had some hand.”

“So we are very happy and nice to meet you.”

Today's Schedule

Semi-Finals

Start Times

Segment 1	11.00
Segment 2	14.30
Segment 3	17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
USA 1	Monaco	0	0.7
Italy	Poland	7	0

Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
Netherlands	USA 2	3	0
England	China	0	7.5

d'Orsi Trophy

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
France	Germany	1	0
USA 2	Poland	10	0

Transnationals

Start Times

Five 10-Board Matches

Match 11 10.00

Match 12 11.50

Match 13 14.00

Match 14 15.50

Match 15 17.40

Closing ceremony victory banquet

• Preliminary information:

• The Prize Giving and Victory Banquet will be held at 8.30 p.m. at the Hotel Westin on Sunday 29th September.

• Before noon on Thursday 26th September:

• 1. Would the head of each delegation please go to the Hospitality Desk and inform them how many officials (President and Officers) will still be present in Bali for the Prize Giving Ceremony and Victory Banquet.

• 2. The captain of each team (national and transnational) please also go to the Hospitality Desk to let them know whether their team will still be present in Bali to attend the Prize Giving and Victory Banquet, and how many members there are in the team (players, NPC, coach).

• 3. The Daily Bulletin on Friday morning will carry full details of the Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet.

Computer Bridge Championships Cross Table after three rounds.

	Shark Bridge	Bridge Baron	Micro Bridge	Jack	WBridge5	Q-Plus Bridge	Total VPs
Shark Bridge	VPs	6.55	11.05	9.12			26.72
Bridge Baron	13.45	VPs	4.01			4.11	21.57
Micro Bridge	8.95	15.99	VPs		15.15		40.09
Jack	10.88			VPs	10.88	7.10	28.86
WBridge5			4.85	8.12	VPs	20.00	32.97
Q-Plus Bridge		15.89		12.9	0.00	VPs	28.79

Fantastic Four

Jan van Cleeff

After the penultimate round (No. 20) in the Seniors competition it appeared that two countries had to work hard to enter the quarter-finals: Scotland (eighth, 237.04 VIPs) and The Netherlands (ninth, 231.6 VIPs). USA1, for example were looking good in fifth position with 246,36 – or were they?

Scotland played their last match against Chinese Taipei and did a fine job by winning 17.17 to 2.83. The Netherlands played against China Hong Kong. For a long time nothing of particular interest happened in that match. Therefore the margin between the Dutchmen and the Scots remained more or less 6 VP's in favour of the latter. However, an unexpected loss by USA1 against Poland (1.45 to 18.55) and four consecutive fantastic boards created the miracle the Dutchies were hoping for.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ Q93	
	♥ 75	
	♦ K109	
	♣ 97532	
♠ AKJ54		♠ 6
♥ A62		♥ 98
♦ J		♦ AQ865432
♣ AKJ10		♣ 64

	♠ 10872	
	♥ KQJ1043	
	♦ 7	
	♣ Q8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Yeung	Maas	Cheng
–	–	–	3♥
Dbf	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

North led a trump but soon Anton Maas claimed 12 tricks for +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tse	Niemeijer	Ling	Verhees sr
–	–	–	3♥
Dbf	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led a heart and South returned a trump; N/S +100. The Netherlands won 14 IMPs on the board.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ J106	
	♥ 8543	
	♦ AK2	
	♣ J84	
♠ Q8742		♠ A953
♥ AK6		♥ Q9
♦ Q54		♦ 76
♣ 32		♣ AQ1076

	♠ K	
	♥ J1072	
	♦ J10983	
	♣ K95	

In the Open Room, North led a top diamond against 4♥ played by Bep Vriend. South contributed the jack. North switched to a heart and now the contract was made. Vriend won the queen, cashed ace and queen of trumps and pitched a diamond on the third heart; E/W +420.

In the Closed Room, Chris Niemeijer led a high diamond as well: six, jack and queen (!?). North simply cashed another diamond and 4♥ went down one; 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ QJ92	
	♥ QJ987	
	♦ J2	
	♣ A3	
♠ —		♠ A87654
♥ 10642		♥ K3
♦ 1098643		♦ K7
♣ Q109		♣ K76

	♠ K103	
	♥ A5	
	♦ AQ5	
	♣ J8542	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Yeung	Maas	Cheng
–	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

2♥ Weak with both majors
2NT Relay

N/S must have had a misunderstanding when they didn't bid game with 25 HCP. Anyhow, Anton Maas led the ♣6 to nine and ace. Declarer continued with ♥A and heart to the queen and the king. Now Maas switched to a low spade, ruffed by

West, who reached her husband in clubs. East cashed the ♠A and gave West a second ruff; for one down.

In the Closed Room North, having opened 1♥, ended up playing 3NT in the closed room. Niemeijer won the spade lead in his hand, advanced the ♥Q: king and ace, continued the suit and managed to make three spade tricks, four hearts, two diamonds and the ♣A; N/S +630 and another 13 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 98		♠ AQ64
♥ K75		♥ A8
♦ K10		♦ 9542
♣ K86542		♣ Q109
♠ 10753		♠ KJ2
♥ J642	♥ Q1093	
♦ 8763	♦ AQJ	
♣ 7	♣ AJ3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vriend	Yeung	Maas	Cheng
—	—	1♦	1NT
Dbl	2♣	All Pass	

North explained 2♣ to East as Stayman. When South passed he apparently thought differently. West wisely didn't consider a penalty double. As it turns out 2♥ is a make. 2♣ is not, and it went down five.

In the Closed Room E/W with only 21 HCP went over-board in 3NT. Two down brought another 8 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Nothing happened on the last two boards. The final result was Netherlands 16.73 – CHK 3.27. This meant that both Scotland (seventh) and The Netherlands (eighth) reached the next stage and that – very surprisingly – powerful USA1 missed the boat.

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If you lost a Blackberry at this tournament, check with the Hospitality Desk (no penalty involved).

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The IBPA Awards

On Monday, the International Bridge Press Association handed out annual awards at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center.

The full summary of the awards ceremony, including photos, can be found at <http://www.worldbridge.org/ipba-awards.aspx>

Winners

Personalities of the Year – Andrew Robson, England, and Bauke Muller, Netherlands. Earlier this year, Robson was named Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Last year, Muller was named Ridder (knight) in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau. Both have impressive achievements in high-level bridge play.

Parnis England Junior Sportsmanship Award – Justin Howard, Australia, and Emil Buus Thomsen and Frederik Skovly, Denmark.

Master Point Press Book of the Year – *Fantunes Revealed*, by Bill Jacobs, Australia.

Alan Truscott Memorial Award – *Duplicate Bridge Schedules, History and Mathematics*, by Ian McKinnon, Australia

Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year

Winner: **Chen Yuechen**, China

Journalist: **Fu Tsiang**, China

A textbook defence in a real match

By Fu Tsiang, Beijing

Suzhou, a city famous for its 2,500-year history and its gardens, is only 100 kilometres from Shanghai. The 2013 China National Youth Bridge Championships started in this beautiful city on April 28. Thirty-seven teams competed in four categories: Under-20/25/30 for men and Under-25 for women. U-25 was the largest group; there were 14 teams from different provinces, universities or clubs. A single round robin determined all rankings. Beijing and Shanghai were the favoured teams to take the championship. This deal appeared when they met.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J9632 ♥ A63 ♦ 76 ♣ 1063</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A105 ♥ J1094 ♦ J4 ♣ J752</p>	<p>♠ 84 ♥ Q87 ♦ 108532 ♣ Q94</p>
		<p>♠ KQ7 ♥ K52 ♦ AKQ9 ♣ AK8</p>	

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen Yuechen</i>		<i>Cao Jiahao</i>	
–	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6NT

All Pass

2♣	Strong
2♦	Waiting
2♥	Hearts or balanced
2♠	Forced
2NT	24-26 HCP balanced
3♣	Stayman
3♦	No major
4NT	Quantitative

West led the three of clubs, two from dummy, nine from East and the ace from declarer. At the second rick, declarer entered dummy with the diamond jack and ran the heart jack to West's ace. West exited with his remaining diamond. Declarer then played the club king and, when the queen did not drop, continued with the seven of spades.

West stopped to count declarer's points and tricks. Besides the king of hearts, the ace, king, queen of diamonds and the ace, king of clubs, he should have the king of spades. If his (minimum) remaining two points were the queen of clubs, he'd have 12 tricks by repeating the heart finesse. With both black queens, he'd also have 12 tricks. However, if declarer instead held the spade queen and no club queen, he needed three heart tricks with the aid of the finesse and a 3-3 break to ensure his slam.

This line became possible on the actual friendly layout. The only problem for this plan was a lack of entries to the dummy. Declarer needed two more entries to the dummy, one to finesse the heart queen again and the other to enjoy the fourth heart after the 3-3 break. Declarer denied a four-card major, so that spade seven should be the only low spade card in his hand. West was concerned that declarer would risk finessing dummy's spade ten to create an extra entry. Thus West decided to make the entry-killing second-hand-high play of the spade jack, destroying the potential channel to dummy. There was then no way home for the slam.

This is a typical textbook quiz! It was wonderful to find it at the table and for Chen to make the play. Congratulations to the smart young player: Chen Yuechen, from Beijing, who found such a splendid defence. He is only 25 years old.

In the end, the Anhui team won the Championship, with Beijing second and Shanghai third.

Keri Klinger Memorial Declarer Play of the Year

Winner: **Fulvio Fantoni**, Monaco

Journalist: **Toine van Hoof**, the Netherlands

Fantoni's fantastic

By Toine van Hoof, The Netherlands

Final. Session 1. Board 16. Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 106542 ♥ J643 ♦ 9 ♣ QJ4</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ K1072 ♦ 654 ♣ 109863</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div> <p>♠ AQJ ♥ AQ985 ♦ AK107 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ K873 ♥ — ♦ QJ832 ♣ K752</p>	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>de Tessières</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥*
Pass	3♥*	Dbl	3♠*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♥

All Pass

- 1♥ Natural, forcing
- 3♥ Weak
- 3♠ Cue-bid
- 4♠ Cue-bid
- 5♥ One key card and denying a cue bid in the minors

After their victory for Monaco in the Cavendish Teams, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes finished a somewhat disappointing eleventh in the Cavendish Pairs. Fantoni, however, signed for the best-played hand of the tournament.

West led the queen of clubs.

East's double at the three level, vulnerable, with a passed hand, had not eluded declarer. Fantoni correctly placed him with a void in hearts, the black kings and probably both diamond honours. Even double dummy, it's not easy to see how the contract should be played. After a long pause, Fantoni made the spectacular play of a low heart to the seven in dummy. As expected, East showed out (discarding the two of diamonds). Declarer continued with the ten of clubs, discarding a diamond when East played low. West won the jack of clubs and continued with a heart to the ten in dummy.

Now came the nine of clubs, covered by the king (ducking would not have made a difference) and ruffed with the queen of hearts. The rest was a piece of cake: ace of hearts, heart to the king, two established clubs for another diamond and a spade discard and a claim on the spade finesse (East had already been squeezed but that did not matter). A brilliant +980.

The first-round heart finesse seems unnecessary, but if declarer starts with the ace and then the five of hearts, West can ruin his plans by inserting the jack, killing a vital entry to dummy. It is not surprising of course, that Fantoni was the only player in the star-studded field to make the Six Heart contract. The gain of 62 cross-IMPs was reduced by a time penalty of 9 cross-IMPs, but I'm sure that didn't bother Fantoni at all.

Gidwani Family Trust Defence of the Year

Winner: **Agustin Madala**, Italy

Journalist: **Ana Roth**, Argentina

From another galaxy

By Ana Roth, Buenos Aires

Harry Houdini (born Erik Weisz; March 24, 1874 – October 31, 1926) was an Austro-Hungarian-born American stunt performer, noted for his extraordinary escape acts. He first attracted notice as 'Harry Handcuff Houdini' on a tour of Europe, where he challenged police forces to try to keep him locked up. This revealed a talent for gimmickry and audience involvement that characterized all of his work. Soon he extended his repertoire to include chains, ropes slung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water, and having to hold his breath inside a sealed milk can.

In September 2012, Campionati di Società (Italian Clubs Championships) were held in Salsomaggiore. The teams played the semi-finals and final for promotion to the upper league. The Open Final (six sets of 16 boards) found Associato Allegra and Bridge Reggio Emilia playing against each other. Associato Allegra consisted of Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Maria Teresa Lavazza, Agustin Madala and Antonio Sementa. Bridge Reggio Emilia was Mauro Basile, Andrea Buratti, Amedeo Comella, Gianfranco Facchini, Ezio Fornaciari, Carla Gianardi, Aldo Mima and Gianpaolo Ruspa.

On the first board of set three, Madala performed a sensational three-stage escape act.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ AK105 ♥ 1094 ♦ 108 ♣ K742</p>	<p>♠ 62 ♥ J8 ♦ QJ42 ♣ J8653</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div> <p>♠ QJ9873 ♥ KQ6 ♦ A976 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ A7532 ♦ K53 ♣ AQ109</p>	
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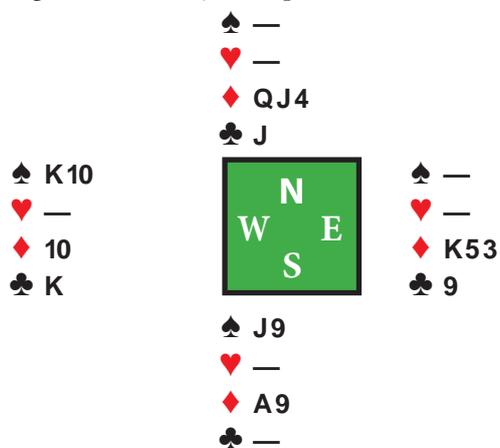
West	North	East	South
<i>Ruspa</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Mina</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♣	2♦
4♥	All Pass		

Madala led the jack of spades (Rusinow). Declarer won with the ace and continued with a low club to the ace... Madala realized that if he ruffed the trick he was going to be end-played (a diamond return would give a diamond trick and a spade return would give a spade trick to declarer). So he performed his first escape act: he pitched a low spade. Declarer

quickly realized he was in danger...and played he ace of hearts. Agustin performed his second escape act: he unblocked the heart king, saving a heart escape card.

Declarer continued with another heart and Madala performed his third escape act as he held his breath in perfect Houdini style and played the heart six, dreaming for a miracle...and all of his dreams came true when Bocchi won the trick with his heart jack and returned the diamond queen to defeat the contract by two tricks.

This three-stage escape act could function only with the play of a club at the second trick. If declarer had played the ten of hearts at the second trick, letting South win the trick if North played low, or winning with the ace if Bocchi played the heart jack, Madala-Houdini wouldn't have been able to escape. Finally, if Madala ruffs the first club with a heart honour and exits with his other heart honour, declarer ducks the first heart lead, wins the second, then runs hearts and clubs, ending in the dummy. This position is reached:



When declarer plays the nine of clubs to the king, South is squeezed without the count in spades and diamonds. Declarer must, of course, read the end position correctly.

After I wrote this article, I received some emails from bridge players talking about this deal. Luis Palazzo was one of them; his email begun with this words: "Agustin Madala is a player from another galaxy." ("Agustín Madala es realmente un jugador de otra galaxia.")...the same words people used to describe The Great Houdini.

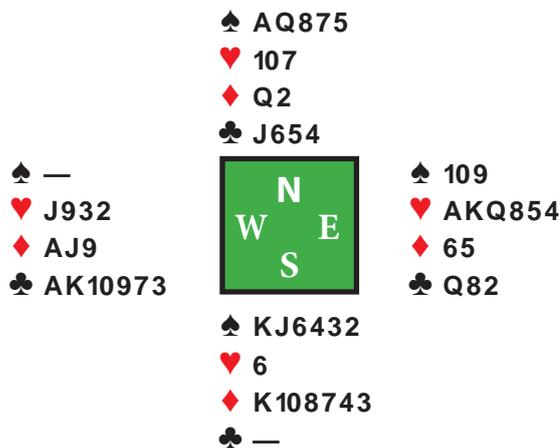


Yeh Bros Best Bid Hand of the Year

Winner: **Peter Bertheau**, Sweden
Journalist: **Micke Melander**, Sweden

This deal occurred during the 14th World Bridge Games in Lille, France, last year, and helped Peter Bertheau and his Swedish team to victory in the Rosenblum Cup.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Petersson</i>
—	—	1♥	3♣*
4♠2*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	6♠	Dbl	All Pass
3♣	Spades and diamonds		
4♠	Exclusion Key Card Blackwood (or a Splinter Bid)		

Here, Zmudzinski and Balicki weren't speaking the same language. Four Spades for Zmudzinski was Exclusion Key Card Blackwood, but for Balicki it was just a splinter. From there on the bidding went out of control and the Poles took the money when Ahlesved finally sacrificed against Six Hearts.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Buras</i>
—	—	2♥	4♦*
4♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♥	Dbl	All Pass	
1♦	Diamonds and spades		

In the Open Room, Bertheau set a trap for Narkiewicz when he knew that the other side probably had a huge fit in spades. First he tried to buy the hand in Four Hearts and when they bid Five Spades, he gave the impression of sacrificing in Six Hearts. Then, after Six Spades, he finally bid Seven Hearts, which he was certain would have a play whatever partner's holding in clubs. *Mamma Mia*, it was laydown when East was declarer and North couldn't give partner a ruff to beat the contract. Plus100 to the Poles in the Closed Room wasn't much to deliver when it was time to compare the scores and the Swedes at the other table had +2470! Twenty IMPs to Sweden and one of the highest scores in the championship.

Brian Senior

Poland finished third after being in the top four of the Venice Cup rankings for most of the qualifying stage, and would face USA2 in the quarter-finals. USA2 had qualified fifth, after being overtaken by China at the last gasp for fourth place. Poland had a useful 12 IMP carry-over advantage from the teams' round robin meeting.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9876 ♥ A54 ♦ J54 ♣ 765</p>		<p>♠ K104 ♥ Q92 ♦ AQ93 ♣ AJ9</p>	<p>♠ Q2 ♥ K1083 ♦ K87 ♣ Q1083</p>
<p>♠ AJ53 ♥ J76 ♦ 1062 ♣ K42</p>			

West	North	East	South
Levin	Sarniak	Wolpert	Baldysz
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Zur-Campanile	Zmuda	Meyers
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both 1NT openings were 15-17, but Migry Zur-Campanile went on to game when invited to do so. Anna Sarniak did not.

Jenny Wolpert led a low heart against 2NT, Jill Levin winning the ace and returning the five to the queen and ace, and Wolpert playing a third round to dummy's jack. Sarniak led a spade to the king then the four of spades to the queen and ace. That was a very good start for declarer, but the rest of the play went less well. Sarniak led a spade to her ten. She then played a club to dummy's king, cashed the spade jack and played a diamond to the queen, losing to what was by now a bare king (East had discarded two diamonds on spades). When Wolpert cashed the thirteenth heart, Sarniak chose to pitch the jack of clubs and a club exit to the now-bare ace put Sarniak in hand to cash the diamond ace but then concede the last trick to the jack; eight tricks for +120.

The stakes were somewhat higher in the other room, where Zur-Campanile was in game. Again the defence played three

rounds of hearts, declarer winning the queen in hand. She crossed to the king of clubs to lead a diamond to the nine and king, and Justyna Zmuda cashed the thirteenth heart. Zur-Campanile threw a club from each hand, as did Danuta Kazmucha, so Zmuda could exit safely with a deceptive club ten. Declarer cashed the diamonds and was down to the two-way spade finesse for her contract. Unfortunately, she knew that West had begun with at least three spades, East with at most three spades, so the odds-play was to lead to the ace then back to the ten. When that lost, Zmuda had the queen of clubs to cash for down two and –200; 8 IMPs to Poland.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ A86 ♦ AKJ ♣ KQ10942</p>		<p>♠ QJ987652 ♥ QJ ♦ Q85 ♣ –</p>	<p>♠ – ♥ K97432 ♦ 10972 ♣ J87</p>
		<p>♠ AK104 ♥ 105 ♦ 643 ♣ A653</p>	

West	North	East	South
Levin	Sarniak	Wolpert	Baldysz
–	–	–	1♣
2♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Zur-Campanile	Zmuda	Meyers
–	–	–	1♣
Dbl	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5♥	5♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Over a Polish Club, Levin could make a slightly heavy natural overcall of 2♣, over which Sarniak made the obvious jump to 4♠. Levin showed her extra values with a double and when Wolpert's 5♣ response came back to Sarniak she took the push to 5♠. With E/W cold for 12 tricks in a club contract, the save was a good one. Wolpert led a club so a heart loser went away on the ace and, with the ace and king of diamonds outside there were just two losers there and one heart; down one for –50.

In the other room, Kazmucha did not have a natural 2♣ overcall available over Meyers' Standard 1♣ opening so began with a double. Again, North jumped to 4♠ and Kazmu-

cha doubled again when that came back around. Zmuda responded 5♥, of course, as clubs had not been mentioned, and again North took the push to 5♠. Kazmucha doubled for a third time, ending the auction. Zmuda led the nine of diamonds so Kazmucha took two of those then switched to ace and another heart; down two for -300 and 6 IMPs to Poland, up by 27-0 including carry-over.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ -	♠ 10765432	♠ J8
♥ K10874	♥ 3	♥ AQJ952
♦ AQJ85	♦ 972	♦ K10
♣ A102	♣ KQ	♣ 853

	♠ AKQ9	
	♥ 6	
	♦ 643	
	♣ J9764	

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
-	2♦	Pass	2♥
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
-	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Sarniak opened 2♦, multi, and Baldysz responded 2♥, pass or correct. Levin's 4♦ was Leaping Michaels, showing at least five-five in diamonds and an unspecified major with sound values. Wolpert's 4♥ was pass or correct so, of course, it ended the auction. It does seem that Wolpert was over-cautious. Facing hearts and diamonds it would be unlucky to find that the five level was not safe, as partner must have something useful in a black suit if only five-five, so I would go for a 4♠ response, also pass or correct. That would surely get to slam, though the grand might still be tough to reach.

Zur-Campanile's style does not include ten-high vulnerable weak two bids, so she passed. Zmuda therefore got the opportunity to open 1♥ and Kazmucha's 3NT showed a spade void. That suited Zmuda quite well so she cuebid 4♦ and now Kazmucha checked on key cards, finding one, then asked for kings, 6♦ showing either the diamond king or the heart and club kings. Given that Zmuda would have cuebid 4♣ rather than 4♦ if holding the club king and a diamond shortage, she had to have the diamond king, so Kazmucha could jump to the grand slam.

There was nothing to the play, of course, so that was +510 to USA2 but +1510 and 14 IMPs to Poland, who now led by 41-0.

The boards were quiet for most of the rest of the match. After 14 boards Poland led by 42-8, when one more exciting deal came along.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ J75	♠ KQ42
	♥ QJ108	♥ A432
	♦ 1097	♦ 8
	♣ 1085	♣ AK32

♠ A109863		♠ KQ42
♥ 9		♥ A432
♦ 43		♦ 8
♣ QJ74		♣ AK32

	♠ -	♠ -
	♥ K765	♥ -
	♦ AKQJ652	♦ -
	♣ 96	♣ -

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>
-	-	-	1♦
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
-	-	-	1♦
3♠	Pass	4♦	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Both Wests overcalled 3♠, relying on their six-four shape to provide extra playing strength if they eventually became declarer. Both Wolpert and Zmuda made a slam try now. Levin's 4♥ cuebid was exactly what Wolpert was hoping for. She checked on key cards then bid the small slam, where there was just a diamond to be lost; +980.

Kazmucha was not given the option of cuebidding 4♥, as Jill Meyers saved in 5♦ in front of her. While Kazmucha could make a forcing pass, that was not sufficiently precise to enable her partner to bid a slam. Zmuda doubled, ending the auction. However, the loss was held to a minimum when Kazmucha led her singleton heart so received two ruffs to go with the four top winners; down four for -800 but 5 IMPs to USA2.

The first set ended with Poland ahead by 42-13.



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Sorry, Partner, I Endplayed Myself!

Micke Melander

When the quarter-finals got underway on Tuesday morning our teams could slowly work themselves into the match in a comfortable way when the first board of the match was a completely lay-down Three No Trump with nine or ten tricks in the bag without much to think about. Things were to change rapidly though, because as soon as Board 2 arrived the action really started!

the communications open in the heart suit and ducked it to dummy. That manoeuvre endplayed him instantly when Krzysztof Jassem just exited with a third round of hearts.

To put Muller on lead was also what Jassem intended because he too didn't know which suit to play next – so why not then get some help from the defenders? Muller cashed his established heart before going into the tank, thinking about how to defend... a thought that probably should have been done already at the second trick when he had learned that partner held the ace of hearts and probably not so much more. He finally returned the queen of spades and it was game over, Jassem simply cashed his spades and called for the ten of diamonds, De Wijs covered with the jack and next came the queen and king. Again Muller was endplayed and had to lead into Jassem's tenaces in the minors.

On the third board of the match, neither East/West pair could get in control of the board when their opponents preempted in spades. Instead of bidding their vulnerable game or even slam in clubs they chose to defend; 2 IMPs to the Netherlands.

The next board was a push, Sjoert Brink/Bas Drijver were looking for slam but stopped in five, which was what they could make, while the Polish pair at the other table had no ambitions to bid beyond game.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ K104		
	♥ Q92		
	♦ AQ93		
	♣ AJ9		
♠ 9876		♠ Q2	
♥ A54		♥ K1083	
♦ J54		♦ K87	
♣ 765		♣ Q1083	
	♠ AJ53		
	♥ J76		
	♦ 1062		
	♣ K42		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Brink</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10765432		
	♥ 3		
	♦ 972		
	♣ KQ		
♠ –		♠ J8	
♥ K10874		♥ AQJ952	
♦ AQJ85		♦ K10	
♣ A102		♣ 853	
	♠ AKQ9		
	♥ 6		
	♦ 643		
	♣ J9764		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Cezary Balicki led the three of hearts, Adam Zmudzinski won with the ace, declarer unblocked the queen from hand, and played back the five of hearts to the nine, king and seven. Balicki now exited with a heart to dummy and Bas Drijver couldn't really know which suit to attack to get some more tricks. He eventually decided to play on spades and played low to the ten. Balicki won with the queen, cashed his established heart and exited with a spade, giving nothing away!

Declarer, who already had lost four tricks, had nothing to hope for as Balicki was sitting there just waiting for a trick in either of the minors to take the contract down.

At the other table, Bauke Muller also led a heart, Simon De Wijs won with the ace and returned the suit. For reasons unknown to me, Muller decided that he wanted to keep

ruff. Balicki over-ruffed dummy's three of diamonds with the eight and played a high spade, declarer discarding a club, as did West. On the next spade, Brink ruffed with the ace of diamonds and played another round of diamonds, Zmudzinski got in with the queen, cashed the king of trumps and played a club and, when Brink tried the finesse, he only got one more trick because Balicki could safely play his last spade and declarer's small heart wasn't good enough. Three down was a lot in a contract that was cold if he had just played two rounds of trumps somewhere early in the play when he had the opportunity to do so; 6 IMPs to Poland who now led the match by 39-8.3, where 6.3 came from the carry-over.

Board 13. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 109		
	♥ Q		
	♦ AQJ4		
	♣ QJ1042		
♠ 7642		♠ KQ853	
♥ AK82		♥ J1096	
♦ 75		♦ K2	
♣ AK5		♣ 87	
	♠ J		
	♥ 7543		
	♦ 109863		
	♣ 963		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
—	1NT	All Pass	



Krzysztof Jassem



Sjoert Brink

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	1♣	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

When Muller didn't use his toolbox of conventions to overcall with Two Clubs for the majors, Jassem got to be declarer in One No Trump, a contract that eventually went two down when Muller led the king of spades. In the Closed Room, Balicki overcalled and was raised to game in spades and had no problems making eleven tricks when the queen of hearts fell and the aces in both diamonds and spades were located where he wanted them to be; 10 more IMPs to Poland.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ J75		
	♥ QJ108		
	♦ 1097		
	♣ 1085		
♠ A109863		♠ KQ42	
♥ 9		♥ A432	
♦ 43		♦ 8	
♣ QJ74		♣ AK32	
	♠ —		
	♥ K765		
	♦ AKQJ652		
	♣ 96		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
—	—	—	1♦
2♠	Pass	4♠	4NT
5♠	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Drijver	Balicki	Brink
–	–	–	1♦
2♠	Pass	4♦	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Jassem	Muller	Mazurkiewicz
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

This was another dangerous deal that was difficult to control when the opponents pre-empted. Neither of the teams got to the slam. Jassem even doubled them in five, allowing his opponents to score +750, which was no problem for the Polish team to cover when Balicki/Zmudzinski scored +800, taking their ruffs in hearts at the other table. That was another 2 IMPs to Poland, who also had gained 4 IMPs on the previous board.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Drijver	Balicki	Brink
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A953		♠ 1076
♥ 4		♥ J5
♦ J653		♦ AK872
♣ J986		♣ Q104
♠ KJ84		
♥ AQ32		
♦ 4		
♣ K532		

The Netherlands at least got some good news on the last board when Jassem/Mazurkiewicz didn't get things right and crash landed in Six Hearts missing two aces. Three No Trump was a splinter in diamonds. That gave 11 much-needed IMPs for the Netherlands when Brink/Drijver didn't bid higher than game. After the first segment the score was 53-19.3 in Poland's favour.

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Gladiators

Mark Horton

Frates, a week from now I will be pushing cards in the local club, imagine where you will be and it will be so. Hold the lines, stay with me. If you find yourself alone riding in green fields with the sun on your face, do not be troubled, for you are in Elysium and you're already knocked out. *The players laugh.* Brothers, what we do in life echoes in eternity.

At my signal, unleash hell.

That is a somewhat adapted version of the rousing speech that General Maximus delivers to inspire his cavalry before the battle in the opening scene of the movie *Gladiator*.

It may not be exactly what England's Captain Ben Green said before the second session of the Bermuda Bowl quarter-final, but his team were inspired.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 874		♠ A652
♥ 72		♥ AK983
♦ AQ98743		♦ —
♣ 5		♣ 8743
♠ KQJ1093		♠ —
♥ 106		♥ QJ54
♦ K		♦ J10652
♣ AQJ2		♣ K1096



Claudio Nunes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	1NT	2NT*	3♠*
4♠	5♦	5♥	6♣
Dbl	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	6♠	All Pass

1NT was ostensibly 15-18, and when East indicated a fit for spades South bid 3♠ as a general take-out. When North bid 5♦, it was clear to everyone that the initial overcall was based on a long suit and South's 6♣ was undoubtedly a lead indicator. When East bid 6♠, N/S did well to avoid the save, as E/W might well have advanced to 7♠.

North led his club and South put up the king. Declarer was already cold for 12 tricks for +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	3♦	4♦*	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♥	6♦
6♠	7♦	Pass*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

4♦ Cue bid, spade support
Pass First round ♦ control

North led the four of spades and declarer won in hand, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a club to the queen. The ten of hearts to the ace was followed by a club to the jack and, when North showed out, declarer ruffed a diamond, played a club to the ace and ran his trumps, squeezing South in hearts and clubs for a dramatic +2210 and 13 IMPs.

Monaco, who had already added 7 IMPs to their total, repeated the dose a couple of deals later, but then ran into a storm.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J4		♠ AK10952
♥ AQ72		♥ 854
♦ A108		♦ K
♣ 9654		♣ A32
♠ Q763		♠ —
♥ 1093		♥ 8
♦ J943		♥ KJ6
♣ K7		♦ Q7652
		♣ QJ108

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Robson	Nunes	Forrester
-	-	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

2NT ♠ support, 5+ high-card points

3♦ 14-16

South led the queen of clubs and declarer won in dummy, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a diamond. North put up the ace and declarer claimed nine tricks for +40.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Zimmermann	Bakhshi	Multon
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the queen of clubs and declarer won in dummy with the king and played a diamond. When North played low the king was declarer's tenth trick, +620 and 10 IMPs to England.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ K9	
	♥ 85	
	♦ QJ98654	
	♣ J4	
♠ 6		♠ QJ108743
♥ A63		♥ K92
♦ 107		♦ K3
♣ KQ107653		♣ 9
	♠ A52	
	♥ QJ1074	
	♦ A2	
	♣ A82	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Robson	Nunes	Forrester
-	-	-	1NT
Pass	2♠*	3♠	4♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

2♠ Balanced invitational or ♦/♣ invitational or ♦+♣ FG

Although he was minimum for the NT range (15-17), South's controls argued in favour of an aggressive approach. No doubt North would have passed with three hearts, but as it was he corrected to his suit.

East led the nine of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. When the king did not oblige he was two down for -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Zimmermann	Bakhshi	Multon
-	-	-	1NT
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the queen of clubs and continued with the king, East discarding the queen of spades. Declarer won with the ace and tried the ace of diamonds. This time the absence of the king was more serious and it was the defenders who made 3NT; -500 and 7 IMPs to England.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ J	
	♥ AQ76	
	♦ AQ962	
	♣ KQ10	
♠ 53		♠ Q98642
♥ K52		♥ J4
♦ 108753		♦ J
♣ 853		♣ AJ97
	♠ AK107	
	♥ 10983	
	♦ K4	
	♣ 642	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Robson	Nunes	Forrester
Pass	1♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

South led the king of diamonds and continued the suit, declarer ruffing North's nine. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs and played a club to North's queen. The ace of diamonds was ruffed by the eight of spades and over-ruffed by the ten and South switched to the ten of hearts. Declarer put up the king and North took the ace, cashed the queen and played the queen of diamonds. Declarer elected to pitch a club and so did South so now North cashed the king of clubs and played a diamond, ruffed by the nine and overruffed by the king. South exited with a heart and the defenders still had two trump tricks to come for down five; +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Zimmermann	Bakhshi	Multon
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dbl*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥

All Pass

- 3♠ Splinter for hearts
- 4♣ Cue bid



Franck Multon

West led the five of spades for the jack, queen and ace and declarer ran the ten of hearts to East's jack. He won the spade return pitching a diamond from dummy and ran the eight of hearts. He drew the outstanding trump and played the king of clubs. When it held he took the top diamonds for eleven tricks and +450 but another 12 IMPs to England.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
–	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♠ 9-12			
2NT Enquiry			

When North showed something in hearts, South bid the excellent game. There were 11 easy tricks for +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
–	Pass	1♣	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

South broke Meckstroth's Law – "When partner raises your six-card major, bid game" – and had North bid 3♣ he would certainly have done so.

The same eleven tricks (at one point declarer was in a position to take all 13) meant +200, but 6 IMPs to England.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
–	–	2♥*	All Pass
2♥	10-13 (good 9)	5+♥, unbalanced hand	

Declarer won the spade lead, ducked a heart, won the diamond switch and played ace of hearts and a heart. South won and played a club and North took the ace; +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
–	–	1♥	1♠
2♦	3♠	4♦	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♦	All Pass
4♠ Cue bid			
4NT RKCB			
5♠ 2 keys + ♦Q			

With a seven-card suit, West felt entitled to show the trump queen.

Declarer won the spade lead, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond to the king, claiming +1390 when the hearts broke and giving England another 15 IMPs.

Having run off 50 IMPs in a row, England had taken the lead, 86-76.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ AK3		♠ J9752
♥ AQ		♥ 10742
♦ 952		♦ K7
♣ K9743		♣ 85
♠ 86		♠ Q104
♥ J9865		♥ K3
♦ J106		♦ AQ843
♣ Q102		♣ AJ6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West led the six of spades and declarer won in dummy and ran the nine of diamonds. West switched to the five of hearts and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a diamond to the king and ace. In the fullness of time he took the club finesse and was one down for -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer won the heart lead and took a losing club finesse. When he cashed his black suit winners West threw a diamond and declarer took the diamond finesse for 12 tricks; +490 and 11 IMPs to Monaco.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ10972		♠ Q85
♥ 2		♥ 6
♦ Q10		♦ AK73
♣ Q732		♣ J8654
♠ A64		♠ 3
♥ QJ103		♥ AK98754
♦ J82		♦ 9654
♣ AK9		♣ 10

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
1♣	2♠	Dbl	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the three of spades and North won with the king and returned the two. Declarer won with the queen and played the jack of clubs, overtaking with dummy's king when South followed with the ten. The king and nine of clubs took the next two tricks, South pitching hearts, played a diamond to the ace and forced out the queen of clubs. North switched to a heart and South took the ace and king, but declarer claimed the rest, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
1NT*	Pass	2♠*	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass
1NT	14-16		
2♠	Invitational ♣/♦ or NT or ♣ NF		

West led the ace of clubs and switched to the queen of hearts, declarer winning with the ace. Declarer continued with the king of hearts and was now booked for three down, losing one club, three diamonds, two hearts and a spade; -800 and 9 IMPs to England.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 103		♠ K64
♥ J102		♥ Q64
♦ A973		♦ Q52
♣ J872		♣ AQ43
♠ A72		♠ QJ985
♥ K98753		♥ A
♦ J6		♦ K1084
♣ K6		♣ 1095

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
4♣	Hearts		

South led the queen of spades and declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the jack, queen and ace. There was no way home now, one down; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
–	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the queen of spades and declarer won in hand and played a heart. The appearance of the ace ensured ten tricks and 12 English IMPs.

England's remarkable run continued on the next deal when they picked up a couple of overtrick IMPs, but Monaco recovered a little ground on the penultimate deal:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the eight of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the queen of diamonds. He then played a heart and East took the king and continued with the ten. Declarer won and tried a spade to the ten, but East won, cashed the nine of hearts and exited with a spade. Declarer took West's king with the ace, cashed the queen and tried a low club. West won with the nine and returned the five for the king and ace, East exiting with his last club. Declarer had to lose a club at the end for two down and -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Multon</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ten of hearts and declarer won in hand with the ace and played the queen of diamonds. When East covered declarer could win, cash the jack and clear the diamonds. East exited with a spade to the king and ace and declarer played a heart. East won and played a spade, but declarer could claim ten tricks; +630 and 13 IMPs.

England had produced a bravura performance to win the set 86-39 and move into the lead, 109.33-101.

Hamman in the Transnationals by Jan van Cleeff

When the Richard Schwartz team played PD Times in round 8 of the World Transnational Open Teams, I grabbed the opportunity to kibitz Bob Hamman, one of the all-time greats. As a member of team Schwarz Bob was partnered to Sam Lev. At the table they played against Brad Moss and Joe Grue. PD Times won the match by a rather small margin (11.5 to 8.5). In it self not very exciting, so I was more or less obliged to select some interesting washes.

Board 13. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Moss</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ Two-way checkback
- 2♦ Forced
- 2♠ Five spades, invitational

On an unlikely diamond, lead 4♠ is two light, but Sam Lev kicked off with a more normal ♥J. Brad Moss pitched two diamond losers on the high hearts, in spite of the fact that Hamman had ruffed the third round of hearts with the ♠10. West won Hamman's trump return with his king and played the suit back. Declarer won in hand and played a club to the queen, ducked (!) by Hamman. Of course, he hoped his partner had the ♣J. Not this time, still defence scored the ♣A and a diamond. One down in 4♠ was a push as in the closed room the contract and the opening lead were the same.

The vulnerable truck driver

Christina Lund Madsen

Steve Weinstein grew up in a small town with a population of 500 in upstate New York. As a child, he dreamt about being a truck driver.

“There were no real jobs, most people were farmers and on our little road the trucks would go by and me and my friends would put our arms to make them do the air horn. And the guy would do the air horn and wave at us. There was nothing cooler than a truck driver.”

The closest Steve ever came to being a truck driver is the cap glued to his head.

Today, his name in combination with partner Bobby Levin is spoken in a whisper by opponents about to face them. However frightening Steve may appear at the bridge table, meeting him in person all you feel like doing is give him a hug and keep him safe from harm.

The parents

How did you start to play bridge?

“I was the youngest of four children. My sister moved out and my brothers had stopped playing with me. My parents played bridge, so I decided to start playing, and eventually my parents got divorced, my dad moved to California and bought a bridge club, so I played waaay too much bridge in eighth and ninth grades.

How long did you live there?

“I lived there for two years. Then I moved back to NY.”

How come?

“Because I wanted to be with both my dad and my mom. So I was with my dad for a couple of years then I was with my mom. Luckily, they both wanted me to be with them.” He laughs shyly.

How is your relationship with them? Are they still alive?

“No, they are not alive anymore. I really had parents that... you know, some people talk about having a hard childhood or difficult parents. My parents were supportive, loving, caring, you know... My dad was not wealthy at all, but still, no matter what, you will always be fine, you will always be able to make a living, to eat, to enjoy your life, don't worry about anything. My mom was more cerebral and passionate, but such a wonderful loving person. She took on many foster children. We had a huge house with lots of kids and no money and all scampered for food.”

When did they die?

“My mom died in 1995...” Steve's voice is throaty as he speaks the words, his glasses mercifully hiding his eyes. “My dad in '96. They both had different versions of cancer. I found out about my dad being really sick on a hotel answering machine. People who enter my hotel room and see the answering light blinking ask ‘Are you not gonna get your messages?’ ‘No.’ Anybody knows that if they leave a message on my hotel phone I won't get it. It is too bad of a memory.”

How much time passed from when they got sick till they died?

My mother was very sudden. I was working on Wall Street at the time. She had been sick, but she didn't know how sick. My wife called me and said, “You have to come home now.”

He continues to talk, though the air between us is heavy from the memories.

“My dad had an illness that lasted six to nine months. I went every



weekend to California to be with him. It got to a point where I was physically sick on the plane ride from New York to California because my dad was deteriorating. Every time I got off the plane he was worse.”

How was it for you after they both passed away?

“Intense atmosphere for a very long time. It was very hard to believe you could ever be happy again.”

Did you have someone with you?

“My wife. She is tremendous. We have been together since 1986 and married since 1993. She is incredibly supportive and strong and wonderful.”

After the divorce, Steve's mother remarried bridge star Fred Stewart, who became not only Steve's bridge partner but also a second father.

“My relationship with Fred has always been amazing. He helped teach me so much about life and competition that I have no idea who I would have been without him, but certainly not who I am.”

Which is the fondest memory of your father?

He pauses. “I can't think of one memory as much as I can think that... it was always OK. When I spoke to my father or was around him you just felt like the world was always gonna be OK.”

What kind of impact do you think their early death had on you as a person?

“I think that I may have been more serious faster and value life and appreciate friends and family. I am not sure I would have learned that so easily.”

The partners

How did you fall in love with your wife?

I fell in love with my wife in 1986. She was friends with a bridge player and they were in the lobby at the nationals. I went up to her and was like, wow, this girl is awesome. I was still in college and she came during my last semester and she helped me write my senior seminar of economics. I was like... this is the greatest girl in the world. She is beautiful, she is brilliant, she fixed my paper..." His voice proudly rises during the last sentence.

Steve begun to play with Bobby Levin in 1998.

What did you think about him when you first met him?

"He is a dynamic personality, charismatic. Great guy to be around and a great bridge player. He has sides to him that some people don't necessarily like. At the table he is a tough opponent. He has a reputation as being a difficult partner, but he has been a dream partner for me."

If Bobby had to describe you with three words, what would he say?

"I don't know. I really don't know. You have to ask him that."

What about your wife?

Long pause. "Loving, caring and respectful I would hope, but you have to ask her... Very competitive she would tell you. Hates to lose, miserably bad mood after losses, but besides that, pretty even tempered."

Which was the most challenging time in your partnership with Bobby?

"Psychologically the most frustrating was losing the Open Pairs in Verona 2006. We really felt we were going to win, it was a very hard loss. But there hasn't been a lot of downside. We really enjoy playing bridge with each other. I feel like I am the luckiest guy in the world to have him as my partner. I don't know if he feels the same way or not. At least he feels like it is not so bad." He shrugs his shoulders smilingly.

The team

Steve and Bobby originally played the American trials with their regular team, the powerful Nickell squad. After losing first the semi-final of the American trials to the Kranyak team and then the final to the Fleisher team, who went on to become USA2, Steve and Bobby were invited to join the USA1 team with the four youngsters John Kranyak, Gavin Wolpert, Kevin Dwyer and Kevin Bathurst.

Did you have any doubts entering USA1 since you played the trials with the Nickell team?

"I thought it would be okay, but we did call Nickell and asked if it was OK. He is a tremendous guy and said: 'You guys go win with that team.'"

What is it like playing on USA1?

"It is a very optimistic team. A lot of energy, they are cocky, which I like. 'We're gonna win easy, kill them, claimer.' It is how I like to talk. Bobby doesn't like talking like that, but Gavin and Kran (John Kranyak) do. The Kevins aren't so much like that. Kevin Bathurst is much more subdued and Kevin Dwyer is... well, if you get him drunk you never know what will happen... And Shane is the perfect captain for this team. Not only has he done a killer job of preparation, but he also manages to keep our gang of wackos all on the same page."

How is your relationship to your teammate Gavin Wolpert?

"Early in our relationship I felt he was sort of like a son to me. I really always cared about him, loved him. Now our relationship

went from what felt a little paternal to me, somebody wanted to care of, wanted to help in his life and always, and now I feel like it has grown to a full-blown friendship where we are absolutely each other's equals."

Besides being the godfather of Gavin's 4-year-old daughter, Steve is also Gavin's partner in the rapidly expanding project Bridgewinners.com, a web community for bridge players around the world from beginners to experts.

Gavin Wolpert and Jason Feldman started the website and Steve soon wanted in and was warmly welcomed. Since then more and more people have joined and a wide range of the world's foremost experts regularly contribute articles and posts.

What is your dream for the site?

"I don't have a clear picture of what it will be. I just know that if we really care about it and do a good job, we will work it out. I want a place where all bridge players can go, talk, learn. I want every bridge player to have to check Bridgewinners every day. That would be my goal."

The Past

Steve graduated college in 1986 and was in Wall Street in different position until after 9/11. He was seen as a golden boy, but after 9/11, being originally a country boy, he did not want to be in New York City anymore. He thought about his parents dying so young and did not feel he was enjoying his life as he should.

"I told my boss that I wanted to quit. He said, 'Why aren't you taking a few months off to think about it? I will pay you.' I said OK. So I took a couple of months off and came back to see him. He said, 'Are you ready to come back?' I said, 'I really don't wanna go back to work.' I just started to play poker and I realized there was a lot to the game. He said, 'Take a couple of months more off, I'll keep paying you.' I said OK. A couple of months later I went back to him. He said, 'Are you ready to go back to work?' I said, 'No, I'm really not.' He said, 'I can't keep (bleeping) paying you!' and I am like, 'I don't know why you keep paying me, I tried to quit!'"

After finally quitting Wall Street in 2002, Steve started to play poker for recreational purposes and soon became an amazing poker player. It was more of an income for him than bridge for several years until online poker was forbidden by law in the US.

The Present

Today Steve and Bobby are one of the world's most sought-after partnerships. Besides numerous American titles, they are particularly known for winning the Cavendish year after year. However, the partnership is short in world titles. Bobby Levin won the Bermuda Bowl in 1981 as the youngest player ever, but not since. Steve has never won it.

After their disappointment at the World Championships in Verona, they made up for it in 2010 in Philadelphia with an impressive win in the Generali World Open Pairs.

"When Bobby and I won the World Open Pairs, it was orgasmic, but the only thing missing was during the victory banquet when we couldn't hear the Star Spangled Banner because it was a trans-national event. I always wanted to hear the Star Spangled Banner when I won for the United States. Hopefully, we get to hear it after the Bermuda Bowl."



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13.00 - 19.00 : BBF Open Teams Championships
20.30 - 24.00 : BBF Swiss Pairs

Day 3 : Mon. April 7th

09.30 - 12.30 : Sunshine Pairs
13.30 - 19.30 : BBF Open Teams Championships
20.30 - 24.00 : BBF Continuous Pairs

Day 4 : Tue. April 8th

13.00 - 19.00 : BBF Open Teams Championships
20.30 - 24.00 : Happy Hours Pairs

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5	CHINA HYX	131.02
6	SAIC VW	128.89
7	BEIJING SHARESUN	126.84
8	DEUTSCHLAND	126.3
9	CHINA JIEGAO	124.89
10	GORDON	124.3
11	GROMOV	123.83
12	NADAR	123.3
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15	P D TIMES	118.81
16	HONG KONG SENIOR	118.14
17	HRG NETHERLANDS	117.63
18	DUTCH WORLD YOUTH CH	116.43
19	INA LADIES DJARUM LA	115.95
20	DORSI	115.86
21	DJARUM BRIDGE CLUB	115.71
22	BEIJING TRINERGY	115.12
23	TEXAN ACES	114.94
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34	CONSUS RED POLAND	108.82
35	PERTAMINA EP PAPUA	108.77
36	ANZAC	107.93
37	KING	107.23
38	BBO	106.62
39	MAGIC EYES THAILAND	105.41
40	HEMANT JALAN	105.37
41	TELKOM UNIVERSITY	104.02
42	JAPAN	103.74
43	SINGAPORE 88	103.57
44	CAPUCHO	102.86
45	INDIA LIONS	102.6
46	JLLIN CRE8IVE	101.54
47	WUHAN	101.29
48	PELLEGRINI	100.94
49	CHINA JUAN	100.72
50	BAHRAIN	99.74

51	SURPRISE	99.41
52	OZZIES	99.33
53	GILLIS	99.22
54	SARUNTAWAYA	98.04
55	HONG KONG GEN X	97.79
56	DSM	97.55
57	SINGARAJA BALI	96.84
58	PONCOL	96.8
59	VALLON	95.96
60	HEL	95.41
61	GHETARY	95.24
62	ASINDO INDONESIA	95.02
63	IT CENTER MANADO	93.61
64	REYNOLDS	92.16
65	MYXOZ	91.8
66	GEOLOGI INDONESIA	91.79
67	GABRIAL BLUESCOPE	91.53
68	GROSVENOR	91.5
69	88 RED	91.15
70	SHREE CEMENT	90.14
71	KANGAROOS	89.86
71	TELKOM WIFII ID	89.86
73	CLARK	88.87
74	AUSTRALIA YOUTH	88.62
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76	HUGHES	87.59
77	BRIDGE24PL	86.55
78	SOUTH AFRICA MIXED	85.24
79	JINCHENG BRIDGE	84.97
80	BOCA SENIORS	84.68
81	JAWA TIMUR YR	83.65
82	DELFT BREW	83.47
83	KELKAR	83.06
84	MILL	81.98
85	GROUP POPULAR	80.86
86	EPJ JUNIOR	79.67
87	BADUNG BRIDGE CLUB	79.64
88	DOLPHIN TNI-AL	77.91
89	ELEKTRIK P3B JB	77.84
90	CHILE	76.78
91	ASINDO YOUTH	74.58
92	CHENNAI ACES	74.29
93	PERTH AUSTRALIA	74.15
94	FINIKIOTIS	73.66
95	BANGALORE ACES	71.22
96	88 GREEN	70.55
97	GARUDAKENCANA	70.15
98	88 YELLOW	62.7
99	AIRLANGGA UNIVERSITY	40.95

Bermuda Bowl Quarter-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
CANADA	1.67	19	20.7	30	50.7	21	71.7	47	118.7	12	130.7	28	158.7
USA1	0	17	17	44	61	41	102	17	119	62	181	33	214
ITALY	0	61	61	54	115	42	157	44	201	41	242	0	242
CHINA	2.33	22	24.3	51	75.3	27	102.3	24	126.3	20	146.3	0	146.3
ENGLAND	4.33	19	23.3	86	109.3	10	119.3	30	149.3	34	183.3	43	226.3
MONACO	0	62	62	39	101	55	156	36	192	56	248	30	278
POLAND	0	53	53	62	115	38	153	32	185	57	242	0	242
NETHERLANDS	6.33	13	19.3	26	45.3	23	68.3	38	106.3	13	119.3	0	119.3

Venice Cup Quarter-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
NETHERLANDS	8	37	45	58	103	16	119	7	126	2	128	38	166
TURKEY	0	19	19	26	45	16	61	15	76	18	94	37	131
ENGLAND	0	66	66	35	101	38	139	12	151	17	168	35	203
USA1	8	15	23	23	46	9	55	17	72	18	90	48	138
POLAND	12	30	42	5	47	13	60	17	77	22	99	26	125
USA2	0	13	13	61	74	29	103	35	138	11	149	24	173
FRANCE	0	47	47	11	58	38	96	52	148	28	176	16	192
CHINA	2	29	31	78	109	9	118	36	154	22	176	28	204

d'Orsi Tropy Quarter-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
NETHERLANDS	0	20	20	15	35	12	47	28	75	16	91	0	91
FRANCE	16	30	46	60	106	19	125	42	167	84	251	0	251
USA2	16	50	66	65	131	59	190	64	254	34	288	0	288
SCOTLAND	0	35	35	39	74	23	97	19	116	23	139	0	139
INDONESIA	0	39	39	48	87	23	110	12	122	28	150	22	172
GERMANY	15	25	40	2	42	17	59	51	110	46	156	66	222
POLAND	13	30	43	44	87	45	132	38	170	31	201	35	236
BELGIUM	0	62	62	27	89	2	91	28	119	23	142	21	163

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