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The razor's edge



Naval manoeuvres off the coast of Bali

As expected, most of the semi-final matches in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy are relatively close, but two are very tight and one is threatening to get out of hand with 48 boards to play today in each of the events.

In the Seniors, **Germany** leads defending champion **France** by just 6 IMPs, and in the Venice Cup, **USA2** has a lead of just 12 IMPs against the **Netherlands**.

It's a different matter in the **Poland/Italy** match. After clobbering the defenders (**Netherlands**) in the quarter-final round, **Poland** ran into a hot **Italian** team and scored just 48 IMPs in the three sets from Thursday against 151 by Italy.

Margins vary in the other matches, but there is still time for those in arrears to make up ground. **USA1** in the Bermuda Bowl will have to make up 49 IMPs. In the Venice Cup **China** is behind by 37, and **Poland** has 51 to make up against **USA2** in the Seniors.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, **Yeh Mix** had such a huge lead going into the 15th and final round of the qualifying Swiss that they were given a bye – and still finished more than a match ahead of second-place **Fleisher**. **Yeh Mix** finished with 218.83 victory points to 193.66 for **Fleisher**.

Jean-Charles Allavena, Monaco, NPC

Jean-Paul Meyer

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Jean-Charles Allavena, president of the Monaco Bridge Federation, is non-playing captain of the Monaco team now in the Bermuda Bowl semi-final against USA1. He could not come to Bali because of his high responsibilities in the national council of Monaco. By email, we asked him a few questions as he is the successful organizer of the Cavendish Invitational Pairs in Monaco for the second year.



JPM: So, the Cavendish emigrates for the second time from Las Vegas to Monte Carlo

JCA: Yes, players love this place, and we try to offer them best conditions of play for the most prestigious tournament.

JPM: Is it too late to postulate for a place in Cavendish teams, 21st and 22nd October, or Cavendish pairs, 23rd to 25th October?

JCA: No, it is possible to ask for a seat up to the last moment, but beware that hotels in Monaco might be crowded that week. Finding a room could be a problem.

N.B. Today's start times, Friday September 27, are earlier – 10.00, 14.00, 16.50



BBO & VuGraph Schedule

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

Correction from the International Bridge Press Association

The bidding award presented by Yeh Chen will in future carry the name: 'The Yeh Bros Best Bidding Award'. We apologize for providing the Daily Bulletin with the wrong title.

WBF press conference

WBF President Gianarrigo Rona will host a press conference at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Indonesian Vugraph Theatre on the ground floor of the Bali Nusa Dua Conference Centre. All journalists are invited to attend, as are local press and media.

The Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet

The invitations to the Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet may be collected from the Victory Banquet Desk at Hospitality on Saturday (28th September)

The prize giving and Victory Banquet will be held at the Westin Hotel.

Details of the times of the buses will be posted at the Hospitality Desk on Saturday.

The three winning teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, the Transnational Open Teams and the Computer World Championships will have their tables reserved near the stage.

The other players and officials should sit at the table marked for their own country.

Water, tea and coffee will be served.

The prize Giving will start promptly at 8.30 pm so please ensure you are seated by then.

Today's Schedule

Semi-Finals

Start Times

Segment 4	10.00
Segment 5	14.00
Segment 6	16.50

Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team	Totals	
USA 1	Monaco	65	114.7
Italy	Poland	151	48

Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team	Totals	
Netherlands	USA 2	83	95
England	China	99	62.5

d'Orsi Trophy

Home Team	Visiting Team	Totals	
France	Germany	102	108
USA 2	Poland	120	69

Transnationals

Start Times

Quarter-final segment 1	10.00
Quarter-final segment 2	14.00
Semi-final Segment 1	16.50

Transnational quarter-final

Line-ups

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
Yeh Mix	White House	0	0
Fleisher	SAIC VW	0	0
P D Times	Indonesia	0	0
Gordon	Polish Students	0	0

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JPM: *Is the cost to participate high?*

JCA: Yes in a way. Entry fees for the Cavendish teams are high 7500 euros per team but for Cavendish pairs they are only 1500 euros with a minimum for the auction of 5000 euros. That means that without any bid on your pair you must finance yourself the 5000 euros. We saw last year that buyers were very active and most pairs were bought (and could rebuy part of their share). For the hotels, you can find very expensive ones, but one can also find very moderate prices.

JPM: *You give back an important part of the money collected?*

JCA: Yes, we give back 90% of the total receipts. It is possible, with a good organization together with the support of our partner and friend, Pierre Zimmermann

JPM: *We heard that poker star Gus Hansen will be in Monaco, following the example of Phil Ivy, who played successfully in the World Bridge Championships in Philadelphia three years ago.*

JCA: Good detective work! Yes, it is official. Gus Hansen will play in the Cavendish Teams, to our great pleasure, of course

JPM: *One can even play a whole week by also entering the Open Teams of Monte Carlo, October 18-19-20 (see Bali Daily Bulletin No. 9 for more information).*

JCA: It is the 25th edition of this event, and most Cavendish players take part and meet French and Italian national or regional champions.

But you forgot the most important part, Jean Paul. I am proud to present a new event – THE FIRST LADIES CAVENDISH – in Monaco during the Cavendish Invitational Pairs. It will be the same format but reduced entry fees: 750 euros for a pair and a minimum stake of 2000 euros for the auction. I had in mind and now that it becomes reality I am very glad, it is too early to know exactly the number of participants, but among them there will be women ranked number 1, our friend Catherine d'Ovidio, playing with the American Disa Eythorsdottir.


For play in any event, it is urgent to contact me: jcaconseil@libello.com

Jos Jacobs

Overnight, at the half-way point, Poland were leading Belgium 132-91 including the Poles' 13-IMP carry-over. Belgium therefore had to do well at the resumption on Wednesday morning to have a chance of staying in this match.

On the first board of the set, Belgium duly recorded an extra overtrick in a routine game but the next board proved a more serious affair.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AKJ6 ♥ Q10 ♦ AJ6 ♣ K1073		♠ 10854 ♥ A2 ♦ K1092 ♣ AJ2	♠ Q3 ♥ J9643 ♦ 8754 ♣ 95 ♠ 972 ♥ K875 ♦ Q3 ♣ Q864
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Johnson	Klukowski	Stas
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		



Julian Klukowski

A Polish Club, Two Diamonds showing a strong hand with at least three spades. Two Hearts showed a good balanced hand and 2♠ agreed spades. Three Clubs and Three Diamonds were natural, so after three more cuebids at the four-level West knew enough and jumped straight to the slam, a shaky one as three queens, including the trump queen, were missing.

When South led a trump, Julian Klukowski had little trouble in cashing the AK, felling the queen in the process and thus solving his first problem. He then crossed to dummy with a trump and led the ♦10 which was covered by South – another problem solved and the contract now in safe haven. As South discarded two clubs on the run of the diamonds, Klukowski ended up with an overtrick; Poland a remarkable +1010. Please note that he had not even opened the bidding.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Polet	Kowalski	Kaplan	Romanski
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the other room, the Belgians had a straightforward auction to a solid contract after East's minimum opening bid. A club lead solved the problem in that suit and after cashing two top trumps declarer lost only to the ♦Q; Belgium +480 but 11 IMPs to Poland.

Two boards later, the Poles in the Closed Room apparently had a misunderstanding:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AQ3 ♥ AQ10 ♦ J1082 ♣ A106		♠ 74 ♥ 6 ♦ AKQ53 ♣ KQ983 ♠ J1085 ♥ KJ42 ♦ 7 ♣ J742	♠ K962 ♥ 98753 ♦ 964 ♣ 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Johnson	Klukowski	Stas
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	2NT	Dbl	3♦
All Pass			

North showed his two-suiter at a later stage, so the Belgians reached a decent enough contract that might have been doubled and set a few tricks. However, when West made the unhappy lead of the ♠A and another, declarer could win his king and lead a club to dummy. At this point, it did not matter very much what West would do. If he takes his ace and returns a trump or a spade, declarer will win in dummy, ruff a club, cash two more top trumps and play on clubs. The defence will make a trick in each suit.

When West ducked the ♣A, dummy won the king, and a club was ruffed in hand. A spade ruff and another club ruff brought down the ♣A, setting up the suit in the process. Now, declarer could simply draw some trumps and cash his clubs. That was one overtrick, so Belgium +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Polet</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
1NT	2NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Dbl	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		

According to their convention card, 2NT should show minors, as it did. When West led the ♥A and continued a trump, declarer was locked in dummy. A top club went to West's ace and a trump came back. Declarer now could ruff just one club in his hand and thus lost two spades, a heart, a trump and two clubs for down four; Belgium +1100 and 15 IMPs to them.

The Polish lead had gone up to 44 again half-way through the segment. This was Board 25:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10	♠ —	♠ AQJ765
♥ KJ954	♥ AQ10763	♥ —
♦ K107	♦ Q42	♦ AJ8653
♣ Q1073	♣ J864	♣ 5
	♠ K98432	
	♥ 82	
	♦ 9	
	♣ AK92	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Markowicz</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Stas</i>
—	3♥	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Four Hearts showed spades and a minor and Five Clubs was pass or correct. South led top clubs and declarer ruffed the second round, led the ♦J to dummy's king and ducked the ♠10 to South's king when North discarded a heart. Declarer then ruffed the heart return and led a low spade, ruffed with dummy's seven and overruffed by North with the queen. North returned a trump so declarer had one more spade to

lose and went one down; Belgium+100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Polet</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
—	2♦	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	6♦	Dbl
All Pass			

On the same lead and continuation, declarer made the same number of tricks but the cost was 500 this time; Poland 9 IMPs.

Two boards later, the Belgians stole the contract in the Open Room:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K1065	♠ J942	♠ A87
♥ 107	♥ AJ84	♥ Q962
♦ AK7	♦ 985	♦ 6
♣ K975	♣ J2	♣ AQ1084
	♠ Q3	
	♥ K53	
	♦ QJ10432	
	♣ 63	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Markowicz</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Stas</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♦
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Unsure about the club fit, Klukowski carefully passed 3♦, only to find out that someone should have doubled this. Down three meant Poland +150. Declarer could not make more than four trump tricks and two top hearts.



David Johnson

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Polet	Kowalski	Kaplan	Romanski
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Johnson	Klukowski	Stas
—	2♦	Pass	2♥
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	Dbl
All Pass			

Well done by the Belgians. There are always nine top tricks. That gave Belgium +400 and 6 IMPs to them on a diamond lead by North.

Another two boards later, West was dealt an 8-4-1-0:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ AK8432	
	♥ 94	
	♦ 108	
	♣ 1065	
♠ 7		♠ 9
♥ AKQ107652		♥ J3
♦ KJ32		♦ Q76
♣ —		♣ KJ87432
	♠ QJ1065	
	♥ 8	
	♦ A954	
	♣ AQ9	

Two Diamonds was Multi. When West overcalled 4♥, South must have felt pleasantly surprised. He even went on to 5♠, though 5♥ should go down already, declarer having to lose two diamonds and a spade. Five Spades by North is equally easily defeated on an initial club ruff. With West on lead beating 5♠ is a different story, as it would require a triple heart underlead to obtain the club ruff.

At the table, Six Hearts doubled went only one down, as South immediately took his ace when North switched to the ♦10 after cashing a top spade; Belgium +200.

In the Closed Room, they exactly duplicated the Open Room auction. On correct defence, the contract went two down; +500 to Poland and another 7 IMPs to them.

Poland went on to win the segment 38-28 and thus increased their lead to 51 with 32 boards to play.

BALI PAIRS 2013

Two session MITCHELL

Registration Fee \$30

FOR FREE REGISTRATION

Players must have played in one of Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or d'Orsi Trophy

or

Have played in the Transnational event and be playing with a team member.

SCHEDULE

SESSION 1 – 14.00 Friday 27 September
SESSION 2 – 14.00 Saturday 28 September

in Singaraja Hall
Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre

Registration before 13.00 Friday at the Hospitality Desk

Brian Senior

The first session of the Venice Cup quarter-final between France and China saw France take a 47-31 IMP lead, including China's 2 IMP carry-over advantage. France added to their lead right at the start of the second session.

enough, Yu Zhang led the jack of spades in response to the opening bid and, when Feng played low, Willard grabbed her nine top tricks for an excellent start to the session; +400.

Catherine D'Ovidio did not open the South hand so Wen-fei Wang got to open a strong club and rebid 1NT over the negative response and spade overcall. Facing 17-19, Liping Wang now raised to 3NT. Joanna Neve too led the jack of spades in response to D'Ovidio's overcall but D'Ovidio saw that dummy's clubs were a danger, plus that declarer rated to have a double spade stopper for the 1NT rebid, so rose with the ace and switched to a low heart. Neve won the ace and returned the two, creating a risk that the suit would be blocked. No, D'Ovidio underled on the third round of the suit so the defence collected all its five heart tricks for down two and -100; 11 IMPs to France, who led by 58-31.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ J8		
	♥ A1092		
	♦ J872		
	♣ J43		
♠ K102		♠ Q65	
♥ 43		♥ Q5	
♦ AKQ5		♦ 943	
♣ AQ85		♣ K10976	
	♠ A9743		
	♥ KJ876		
	♦ 106		
	♣ 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	4♦	5♦	7♦
Pass	Pass	7♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	4♦	4♠	5♦
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

For China, Xuefeng Feng opened the South hand in third seat and Sylvie Willard overcalled 1NT, collecting a mildly aggressive raise to game from Benedicte Cronier. Naturally

Willard opened with a natural 1♠ and Zhang pre-empted with 4♦. Though looking at a diamond void and promising hand, Cronier settled for a quiet 4♠. However, when Willard could go on to the five level over Feng's 5♦ save, Cronier judged to add a sixth, ending the auction. Playing safely after a club lead to the king and ace, Willard drew trumps before starting on the hearts so did not have the communications to establish and cash the fifth round. That left her with a club loser at the end so just 12 tricks for +1430.




Sylvie Willard

Wenfei opened with a strong club and again there was a 4♦ pre-empt. Looking at good controls and facing a 16+ hand, Liping cuebid 5♦, and now D'Ovidio pre-empted to the maximum with 7♦. Wenfei was unwilling to bid a grand slam herself, but equally was unwilling to give up on seven, so made a forcing pass. Looking at three first-round controls, Liping tried 7♥, converted to 7♠ by Wenfei.

How should you play 7♠ on the lead of the ace of diamonds, ruffed in dummy? Wenfei played a spade to hand, discovering the three-nil split. That was actually good news, as finding North with three spades along with the diamond length to justify a four-level pre-empt strongly suggested that she would not hold a heart stopper and also could not have four clubs. Wenfei drew trumps ending in dummy and took the club finesse. When that won she ran the rest of her trumps and, to keep a heart stopper, D'Ovidio had to throw a club. Wenfei cashed the top hearts and took the club finesse and now the club king fell under the ace so the two of clubs won the last trick; +2210 and 13 IMPs to China, 44-58.

China picked up a partscore swing on Board 21 and on Board 22 the French E/W pair bid freely to a spade game that had four top losers, down one, while China stopped a level lower and made ten tricks to pick up 7 IMPs; France by 58-55. After the next deal we had a new leader.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
—	—	—	1NT
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	All Pass	


When D'Ovidio opened with 1NT, Wenfei did not come in on the West hand and Neve just raised to 3NT, hoping to see partner run the diamonds. Wenfei led the king of clubs and continued with the queen when that was ducked. D'Ovidio had only one dummy entry so was obliged to play ace and another diamond and when Liping won the king she played a heart to her partner's ace and there were five more clubs to

be taken plus the king of hearts; down five for -500.

At the other table, Willard jumped to 3♣ over 1NT and, as 3♦ would have been forcing, Zhang passed. However, when 3♣ came back around to Feng, she competed with 3♥ and now Zhang converted to her long diamond suit. Cronier led her singleton club and Zhang won the ace. The fortunate diamond position would have permitted her to make her contract by crossing to hand and running the diamond queen, but she instead played ace and another trump so lost to the king and the defence had two hearts and club to come for down one and -100. That gave China 9 IMPs and the lead at 64-58.

The score had only moved on to 65-58 when the next big Chinese swing came along.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A108 ♥ 4 ♦ AJ87643 ♣ 54</p>		<p>♠ 5432 ♥ Q107 ♦ 10 ♣ A10973</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ A96532 ♦ K92 ♣ KQ6</p>
		<p>♠ KQ976 ♥ KJ8 ♦ Q5 ♣ J82</p>	

West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♦	3♥	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♦	3♠	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

After identical starts to the auctions, Zhang made a pre-emptive jump raise of 3♠, while Neve preferred the more constructive 3♥ raise. Neither inconvenienced East, as both were happy to show diamond support at the four level. Now, however, there was a parting of the ways. Willard was content to just raise herself to game, and Cronier had no reason to go on, while Wenfei cuebid 4♠ and Liping promptly asked for key cards and bid the small slam.

Though E/W have quite limited values, what they do have is working overtime, with singletons facing both major-suit aces, making the small slam an excellent contract. There were no problems in the play and both declarers soon had 12 tricks stacked in front of them; +620 for Willard but +1370 for Wenfei and 13 IMPs to for China, ahead now by 78-58.

On the next deal, both N/S pairs were down one in a poor 6NT. The contract was a little unlucky, in the sense that they had a combined 32 HCP with two five-card suits, but

had king-doubleton facing ace-queen doubleton, which was rather a waste of some of those values.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A64 ♥ QJ103 ♦ J82 ♣ AK9</p>	<p>♠ KJ10972 ♥ 2 ♦ Q10 ♣ Q732</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q85 ♥ 6 ♦ AK73 ♣ J8654</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ AK98754 ♦ 9654 ♣ 10</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
1NT	2♦	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dbl	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
1NT	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	3NT	All Pass

Both Wests opened 1NT and both Norths overcalled 2♦, multi, showing one major. Cronier did not have a penalty double at her disposal so passed and, when North unwound to show spades opposite the pass or correct 2♥, still had only a take-out double in her armoury, so jumped to 3NT. The spade lead went to the ten and ace and Willard played three rounds of clubs, Zhang winning the third round and leading a heart. Feng took the ace and king of hearts, dummy pitching a heart and North a spade, then switched to a diamond and Willard put up the jack, covered by queen and ace. Declarer cashed the winning clubs then exited with king and another diamond to throw South in. However, Feng had two diamond winners to cash before she had to lead a heart so the contract was one down for -50.

The French N/S pair had a misunderstanding. Liping could double the 2♦ overcall and now D'Ovidio thought that redouble was a puppet to 2♥, giving her the opportunity to play in her own suit, while for Neve redouble asked her to unwind by showing her suit. D'Ovidio passed 2♠ but when Wenfei's penalty double came back to her she ran to what she hoped what be the safety of her seven-card suit, and Wenfei doubled again. Wenfei kicked off with the two top clubs, D'Ovidio ruffing and cashing the top hearts then leading her spade up. Wenfei grabbed the ace, cashed her heart tricks and played a diamond, the defence taking three tricks in that suit for down three and -800 and another 13 IMPs to China; 91-58.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K53 ♥ 852 ♦ 865 ♣ J1095</p>	<p>♠ AQ108 ♥ A43 ♦ Q ♣ KQ874</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J76 ♥ K1097 ♦ K102 ♣ A63</p>	<p>♠ 942 ♥ QJ6 ♦ AJ9743 ♣ 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	Dbl	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Neve opened a better-minor 1♣ in third seat and Liping doubled. D'Ovidio bid and rebid her long diamonds and Neve thought game unlikely so left her to play 2♦. Wenfei led the three of spades, ducked to Liping's jack, and back came the ten of hearts to the queen. A club went to the king and Liping ducked. D'Ovidio led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace, cashed the jack and took a spade finesse. When that held, she ruffed a club back to hand and played a diamond. Liping won the ten but D'Ovidio had the rest; 11 tricks for +150.

Zhang's 1♣ opening was strong, 16+, and the 2♦ response a natural positive, after which it was automatic to get to game. Cronier led the ten of hearts to dummy's queen and Zhang led a spade. Wanting to get on lead, Willard put up the king, losing to the ace, and Zhang continued with the queen of diamonds to the king and ace, cashed the jack and led a club to her queen. Cronier ducked that so Zhang played queen then ten of spades. Cronier won the jack and cashed the ten of diamonds, Zhang throwing a club, but was then endplayed. She played ace and another club but that gave Zhang her ninth trick for +600 and 10 IMPs to China; 101-58.

Cronier needed to win declarer's club queen with the ace and there would then have been only eight tricks as she would have had a safe club exit card.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A42 ♥ J98743 ♦ A ♣ 1054	♠ KQJ9 ♥ AQ1052 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; background-color: #008000; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 863 ♥ K ♦ KQ98753 ♣ 87
	♠ 1075 ♥ 6 ♦ J1064 ♣ AQ632	

West	North	East	South
<i>W Wang</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Feng</i>
Pass	1♣	2♦	Dbl
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	3♦	Dbl
All Pass			

Neve opened 1♥ and rebid in her three-card club suit rather than pass 1NT. That suited D'Ovidio very well and she hap-

pily passed. As the cards lay, there were always 11 tricks in a club contract and that is the number Neve made after the king of diamonds lead was overtaken for a low spade switch; +150.

While Liping had not been willing to make a weak jump overcall at the three level at adverse vulnerability, Zhang's strong club opening left open the possibility for Cronier to make a two-level pre-empt, which she did. Feng's double showed around 5-7 HCP and Willard introduced her heart suit and, when that came back to Feng, she doubled for take-out and Zhang left it in. Cronier ran back to her long diamond suit but that too got doubled, this time for penalties, and that ended the auction. Feng led a spade, ducked. Cronier won the spade continuation and played the diamond ace then a heart. Zhang took the ace and played the queen of spades then the thirteenth spade, both Cronier and Feng pitching clubs. The queen of hearts was ruffed and over-ruffed and now a low club to the king would have allowed Zhang to play another heart through to promote a second trump trick. If she assumes that declarer has the diamond honours, South should find this play as North is marked with the club king for her strong club opener. But Feng instead exited with her low diamond so Cronier had to lose just one club trick for down two and -500; 8 IMPs to China.

That made the final match score 109-58 in China's favour after two of the six scheduled sessions. After the adverse game swing on Board 17, China had scored 78 unanswered IMPs.

Offer by 'Our Game' to WBF

Jan van Cleeff

Nowadays, fans of bridge are used to watching bridge matches on line, from lesser tournaments around the world to major championships like those in progress in Bali.

Bridge Base Online (BBO) is the dominant player in online broadcasting (vugraph) at present, but a challenger to that position has arisen.

Last week, NewInBridge posted this message:

"Our Game, a Chinese Internet company with more than 50 online games, has made an offer to the World Bridge Federation for broadcasting bridge on the Internet. Our Game is prepared to pay the WBF a considerable amount of money to obtain the exclusive rights to broadcast vugraph matches of world bridge championships.

"WBF President Gianarrigo Rona confirmed that the WBF has received such an offer but points out that at the moment the offer is being studied. Mr. Rona: 'A lot of aspects are to be taken into consideration. It is about time to have a new mindset. In big sports such as soccer, it is not unusual that exclusive broadcasting rights are sold to third parties. We are thinking of creating a situation whereby broadcasting companies can bid to obtain rights.'

"At the Bali WC, two Internet companies broadcast online vugraph: BBO and Our Game. We soon hope to come back with reactions by both companies."

It is expected that Our Game President Yang Eric Qing soon will come with a statement. Asked for his reaction, BBO founder Fred Gitelman said, "For now, no comment."

If you have sufficient knowledge of Mandarin, it might be worthwhile to check <http://www.ourgame.com> and <http://i.ourgame.com/ysf/index.do> to have an idea what Our Game is all about.

Sanya 2014 ...

“A real World Championship”

**The 2014 World Bridge Series will be held in
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Come and enjoy playing in the biggest of the World Bridge Championships, being staged in a wonderful resort in China. The World Bridge Federation looks forward to welcoming players from all over the world to Sanya in 2014.

There will be no quota on the number of teams/pairs from each NBO and all events will be transnational, so players from different countries, in good standing with their own Federations, may form partnerships/teams

The first week will feature Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs and the second week will showcase the Rosenblum Open, McConnell Women’s and Rand Cup Senior Teams, plus the Generali Open and Women’s Pairs plus Hiron Senior Pairs.

The format of the event gives participants every opportunity to enjoy exciting and challenging bridge. Bridge lovers from all over the world can come and play alongside the top players who will undoubtedly be hoping to achieve a World Title.

More information about the World Bridge Series can be found on the website at www.worldbridge.org where more details concerning the exact programme will be published in due course.



Sanya is the southernmost city on the Chinese island of Hainan. It is renowned for its tropical climate and has emerged as a popular tourist destination.

It is said that Sanya has the most well-preserved and beautiful beaches in all of China. As so many of the local destinations are linked to water, hence it attains its reputation as being the ‘oriental Hawaii’.

Whilst we all appreciate that your main purpose in coming to Sanya is to enjoy the challenge of participating in the World Bridge Series, we hope that you will manage to make time to visit parts of this amazing tropical island, and to discover its beauty.

No action got rewarded


Micke Melander

Indonesia's only remaining hope in these World Championships is in the d'Orsi Senior Trophy, where they are battling Germany. The Germans started with a carry-over of 15 IMPs. Indonesia won the first segment and had almost leveled the score when they won that set with 39-25. After a heavy Indonesian second set, they even took the lead by 44 IMPs, putting the standing to 87-42. That's when we enter the third segment to see what happened. For all of you who want to see blood spilt and high-level bidding the set was a big disappointment. It was rather the opposite and it wasn't until Board 10 that things started to really spice up.


The king of clubs was led at both tables, but when declarer won, did what he could to draw trumps and had his red suits to survive on, the defense only could get four tricks bringing the contract one down for a push. A lot more were at stake from the beginning and the no-action reward was paid out on both tables.

We had to move all the way to Board 12, before we saw the first swing in the match.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J983	♠ AK642	♠ Q1075
♥ AJ72	♥ 109	♥ K5
♦ AQ4	♦ 95	♦ K10832
♣ A9	♣ KQJ2	♣ 76
		
	♠ —	
	♥ Q8643	
	♦ J76	
	♣ 108543	

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 103	♠ Q8
♥ 765	♥ AKQJ102
♦ QJ42	♦ 7
♣ 9842	♣ KQ105
♠ AJ9	
♥ —	
♦ 1098653	
♣ AJ73	
♠ K76542	
♥ 9843	
♦ AK	
♣ 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hendrawan	Elinescu	Polii	Wladow
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		



Memed Hendrawan

Two slightly different Stayman actions took both tables to Four Spades, neither Elinescu nor Lasut saw any reason to overcall over West's strong NT-opening even though they had a black two-suiter with very reasonable cards to be able to do so. Instead, they saw their opponent bid to game in a suit were they held ace-king-fifth, whereupon both put in their veto and doubled for business!



Michael Elinescu

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Hendrawan	Elinescu	Polii	Wladow
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Strater chose to open in the West seat and showed both minors with a cuebid in spades, the Germans were bound for Six Clubs, and when Lasut didn't lead diamonds the contract was safe, but Kratz should probably have corrected to Six Hearts with his solid suit to be on safe ground. Lasut started with the ten of spades and that went to the queen, king and ace. Declarer, who now had three good spades, six hearts and four clubs could claim when trumps weren't 5-0.

Polii, in the Closed Room, saw no reason at all to make any slam try when Hendrawan didn't open the bidding, and who can blame him, as you really need a lot of cards from a passed hand to cover the gaps in that East hand, especially when you have had a spade overcall behind you. Wladow led the ace and king of diamonds, declarer ruffed the second round, pulled trumps and, when the spade finesse later on was working, he had his twelve tricks.

That was 10 IMPs to Germany, who closed the gap between the teams. Germany even won another 6 IMPs on the next hand bringing them even closer when Lasut/Manoppo bid one level too high in a partscore.

The Indonesian team struck back on Boards 14 and 15, winning 5 and 4 IMPs in more partscores, then came the last board of the set;

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ KJ10964	
	♥ Q3	
	♦ A7	
	♣ 1075	
♠ Q8732		♠ A5
♥ 10764		♥ AJ82
♦ 10		♦ Q43
♣ J92		♣ K643

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Dbl	3♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hendrawan	Elinescu	Polii	Wladow
Pass	1♠	Dbl	Rdbl
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Lasut treated his hand as a Two Diamond Multi opening. Manoppo saw no reason to even try for game when partner showed spades. Not wanting to risk anything, he moved to Three Diamonds when Kratz made a delayed take-out double.

Wladow had better cards when Elinescu opened with One Spade and rebid Two Spades on the next occasion. The pair plays that their two in a major opening shows 7-10 and either a hand with 5M+4Minor or a weak two in M (but when vulnerable or neither side vulnerable 10-14). So apparently he should have been a little bit stronger than he was.

Dr Wladow jumped to Four Clubs asking for aces, Four Spades told him about two aces, and that was enough for him to hit another jump, this time to the six level. Six Diamonds looks at first sight to be completely hopeless, but when Hendrawan led the two of clubs and that went to five, six and declarer's eight, there was hope for Dr W. Being the last deal of the day, Polii might have been tired, to play the king seems obvious when he had two aces and queen-third of trumps also in his hand as possible winners, besides he had to secure a trick in clubs if partner had led away from the queen or jack.

Wladow continued with a heart to the dummy's queen and East's ace who now returned a second round of clubs which declarer finessed. When that worked he just had to ruff a heart in dummy, cash the ace of trumps, get to hand and try finding trumps 2-2 or the queen singleton. When neither was the case he was bound for one down. That hand closed the third segment which finally ended 23-17 to Indonesia who was up by 110-59 overall.

Jos Jacobs

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

♠ —	♠ —
♥ QJ54	♥ —
♦ J10652	♦ —
♣ K1096	♣ —

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	3♥	5♦
5♠	Pass	7♠	All Pass

How could East ever stop below a grand opposite his partner's strong club and 5♠ bid? West must have felt a little disappointed upon seeing the dummy but he showed his skills in the play. He ruffed the ♦A lead in dummy, drew three rounds of trumps and took the club finesse. Even more so after North shows up with three spades, this looks the best line. A 3-3 heart break is only 36% and, what is more, you would have to test hearts before drawing the last trumps as dummy has only the ♠A left as an entry. By playing for the club finesse to work, you can use dummy's ♥A as a second entry.

When Shi found out that the clubs were 4-1, his only remaining chance was that South would also hold the heart guard and thus, he played accordingly. He cashed the ♣A and played off his trumps, keeping the ♥K9 in dummy opposite his last heart and last club. South could not keep all three of his honours in these two suits; China a fine +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	4♦	5♦	6♦
Pass	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Theoretically speaking, the Italians' decision to take their sure plus score was entirely correct. The contract was down three for +500 to Italy but 17 IMPs to China.

After the first 16 boards, Italy led China by 36.7 IMPs (including the 2.3 IMP carry-over to China) so in the second segment, the Chinese would have to put up a good fight to keep the match alive. If they would be, say, 70-80 IMPs down after 32 boards, who would give a dime for their chances? On the first board of the segment, it looked as if we were set for this scenario as this is what happened:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K102	♠ J8	♠ Q65
♥ 43	♥ A1092	♥ Q5
♦ AKQ5	♦ J872	♦ 943
♣ AQ85	♣ J43	♣ K10976

♠ A9743	♠ —
♥ KJ876	♥ QJ54
♦ 106	♦ J10652
♣ 2	♣ K1096

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♥
Dbl	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Madala's 2♥ opening bid, showing both majors, made it difficult for the Chinese to find out there was no game on their way. On a heart lead, the contract soon went two off for Italy +100.

In the other room, hearts never came into the picture:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On this auction, Wang had no reason to lead anything but the ♠J. And Zhang, too had little reason to go up with his ace to return a heart, So Duboin could win the first trick with his ♠K and immediately rattle off eight more tricks. That was Italy +400 and 11 IMPs to them to lead by 50 (in this report, I will not take the carry-over into account until the end of the segment).

Two boards later, we had a grand slam that, at first sight, looked very much odds-against..

In some of the other matches, E/W went on to 7♠ over 7♦. I wondered whether this could be the most practical approach to this deal. If you settle for +500, you might lose heavily on the board if your team-mates don't take the save against the small slam. It also matters which opponent is taking the save. If it's North, East is first to speak...

A few boards later, the Chinese picked up another double-figure swing by leading partner's suit:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Madala</i>
–	–	–	1♥
2♣	Dbl	4♠	Dbl
Pass	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

East led the ♣9 and now, declarer had to lose a club trick as well as two inescapable top hearts; China +100.

In the other room, Sementa could not lead his partner's suit after this auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

When Sementa did not lead any black suit but led a low heart instead, Duboin's entry to a possible club trick was gone. So West elected to return his singleton spade which declarer won in hand with the king. Wang went on to run the ♦Q successfully and, when the next diamond brought down the king, he could lose no more than the other top heart. That gave China +600 and 13 IMPs more to them.

On the next board, however, the Chinese were caught speeding:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Madala did well to pass Bocchi's double and led the ♦K and another. Declarer ruffed and played ♣A and another. North won and returned the ♠J, covered by queen and king. From here, declarer could not lose more than four trump tricks, a diamond, two hearts and two club and thus was down four for +800 to Italy.

In the other room, we saw a transfer jump in action over the strong club:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
Pass	1♣	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Over 2NT, 3♣ was sort of Stayman so the 4-4 heart fit was reached in comfort for 11 easy tricks and Italy +450 but 8 IMPs more to Italy.

On Board 27, the Italians managed to stay out of a no-play slam:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Bocchi	Ju	Madala
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♣ showed a GF hand either with clubs or balanced. 2NT was a 15-17 NT and 3♣ showed at least four clubs in a balanced hand. When Madala denied both any four-card major and four-card club support with his 3NT rebid, Bocchi, who was looking at three low diamonds, had nothing more to say. That was well judged for 11 easy tricks and Italy+460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Wang	Sementa	Zhang
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Opposite a 15-17 NT, slam should have some play, North thought. This would probably have been right but for the nasty duplication in hearts. The slam was one down, +50 for Italy and 11 IMPs.

More IMPs went to Italy two boards later:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Bocchi	Ju	Madala
–	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbf	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

West's 2♥ bid certainly had something in reserve. When declarer played the overcaller for the ♥A, he easily came to 10 tricks so China +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Wang	Sementa	Zhang
–	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On this transfer auction, West could just afford one more try. Sementa, holding 4-3-3-3 distribution, then opted for nine rather than ten tricks. As he too had every reason to play South for the ♥A, making 10 tricks was easy enough on a spade lead. Even a diamond lead would not have set the contract, as that suit breaks 4-4. Italy had +630 and another 10 IMPs to them.

China hit back on the penultimate board, to tie the scores in this second segment:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Bocchi	Ju	Madala
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♠ was a diamond transfer. West led the ♥8 and Madala immediately put up dummy's ace, thus keeping his only entry to his hand intact. When Ju made the excellent play of not covering the ♦Q continuation at trick two, the chances of making the contract were gone. It was down two and China had a fine +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Wang	Sementa	Zhang
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

This was a standard strong club auction. Sementa's heart lead ran to declarer's ace and he too advanced the ♦Q. When East covered, it was all over...China +600 and 13 IMPs back.

At the end of the segment, the score stood at 115-75.3 (including the carry-over) to Italy. The match thus was still alive.

Roller-coaster ride

Brent Manley

After holding on to qualify eighth in the Bermuda Bowl round robin, defeating USA1 in the process, Canada's reward for their achievement was a rematch with the Americans, who hit their stride after a slow start to win the round robin in comfort.

The match ended with USA1 moving on, but Canada played tough through most of the match. Their undoing was the fifth of the sixth sets. This report will focus on Set Four, when Canada pulled to virtually even, and Set Five, when their fate was sealed.

USA1 – John Kranyak, Gavin Wolpert, Kevin Bathurst, Kevin Dwyer, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein – won a close first set in the quarter-final then increased the margin in the second and third sets. Canada rallied in the fourth set to win 47-17 to make the match nearly even.

Playing for Canada were Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis, Paul Thurston, Jeff Smith, Daniel Korbel and Darren Wolpert, Gavin's brother.

The fourth set started well for Canada.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Daniel Korbel

West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>D. Wolpert</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

This was not a challenging contract for Weinstein. He lost a spade and a heart for +450. At the other table, a frisky bid by Kranyak backfired for USA1.

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Wolpert</i>	<i>N. Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>J. Gartaganis</i>
–	1♣*	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
1♣ Strong (Precision)			

If you play an aggressive style, you must be prepared to take your lumps now and then. This was one of those occasions. Judith led the ♣A and continued with a club to her partner's king. A third round of clubs was ruffed. A diamond went to North's king and a fourth round of clubs was ruffed by the ♥J and overruffed by South with the queen. Kranyak ruffed the diamond return but still had two spades to lose. That was +800 and 8 IMPs for Canada.

Another swing came on this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 2	♠ 4 3	♠ K 8 6 5									
♥ A 10	♥ 7 4	♥ K J 9 5									
♦ A J 10 7 3	♦ 8 5 4	♦ Q 9 6									
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	♣ 6										
West	North	East	South								
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>D. Wolpert</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>								
–	–	–	1♠								
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass								
3NT	All Pass										

Weinstein started with the ♠J to Wolpert's king. The ♦Q was covered, so declarer had five tricks in that suit. He took no chances from there, cashing two hearts and the ♣A for nine tricks and +600.



Kevin Bathurst

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Wolpert</i>	<i>N. Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>J. Gartaganis</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

At unfavorable vulnerability, some players would always overcall with the West hand, some seldom or never. Bidding risks going for a big number. Passing risks missing game, as was the case this time.

North's 2♣ is super-light, but he was obviously prepared to pass any rebid by South.

Gavin Wolpert cashed the ♥A and the ♣A before continuing with a heart to Kranyak's king. A diamond went to the king and ace and a second diamond put Kranyak on lead again. Judith ruffed the next diamond and played the ♠A, followed by the ♠Q. Kranyak ducked but won the next spade trick. Declarer was one down for -100 but Canada had posted an 11-IMP gain.

There was more good news on this board:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ —	♥ AQ10763	♦ Q42	♣ J864
♠ 10	♥ KJ954	♦ K107	♣ Q1073
♠ AQJ765	♥ —	♦ AJ8653	♣ 5
♠ K98432	♥ 82	♦ 9	♣ AK92
West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>D. Wolpert</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	3♥	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	
All Pass			

Weinstein led the ♣K, switching to a diamond at trick two. Levin played low when declarer put in dummy's ♦10. Wolpert then played the ♠10, letting it run when North discarded. In with the ♠K, Weinstein played the ♥8 to the ten, ruffed by East. The ♠6 was ruffed by the ♦K and declarer re-entered his hand with a club ruff. The ♠7 was ruffed in dummy and overruffed by Levin. That was the third trick for the defense; +100 to USA1.

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Wolpert</i>	<i>N. Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>J. Gartaganis</i>
—	1♥	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

Kranyak took a view on the 6-6 freak and paid dearly for guessing wrong. Judith led the ♣K and switched to the ♦9:ten, queen and ace. Kranyak led a low spade from hand, taken by Judith with the king. She exited with a heart, ruffed by declarer. Kranyak's strategy from there was to take ruffs in hand while allowing South to ruff winning diamonds. The result was -800 and 12 IMPs to Canada.

The score was 37-9 when this deal came along:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 7	♥ AKQ107652	♦ KJ32	♣ —
♠ AK8432	♥ 94	♦ 108	♣ 1065
♠ 9	♥ J3	♦ Q76	♣ KJ87432
♠ QJ1065	♥ 8	♦ A954	♣ AQ9

West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>D. Wolpert</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	2♠	Pass	2NT
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Weinstein judged well not to bid on, doubling instead. Korbel could not avoid losing a spade and two diamonds, +200 to USA1.

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Wolpert</i>	<i>N. Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>J. Gartaganis</i>
—	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Kranyak started with the ♥J, switching to a low club at trick two. Wolpert ruffed and exited with a high heart, ruffed in dummy. Declarer could not avoid losing a diamond, finishing one off for -100 and 7 IMPs to the Americans.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J742 ♥ J3 ♦ QJ9432 ♣ 6	♠ 3 ♥ AQ95 ♦ 1065 ♣ AKQ32 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KQ1098 ♥ 10742 ♦ — ♣ 10985	♠ A65 ♥ K86 ♦ AK87 ♣ J74
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West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>D. Wolpert</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Double dummy, the contract can be made. Win the opening club lead, play a second club to the jack, followed by three rounds of hearts, ending in the North hand. A heart ruff follows and declarer will take five clubs in hand, three high hearts, a heart ruff in dummy plus three winners in spades and diamonds.

In actual play, Levin won the opening club lead in hand and pulled trumps. With the bad splits in the red suits, Levin was limited to 11 tricks, USA1 -50.

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Wolpert</i>	<i>N. Gartaganis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>J. Gartaganis</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

By stopping in game (making only 11 tricks), Canada picked up 10 IMPs to end the seat virtually tied. The final score of the set was 47-17 for Canada.



Judith Gartaganis

As the fifth set got underway, there was hope among Canadian partisans for an upset and those hopes were bolstered by the first swing of the set – Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 107532 ♥ QJ ♦ A95 ♣ A65	♠ AK64 ♥ A876 ♦ J10 ♣ QJ4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ QJ9 ♥ 543 ♦ 87 ♣ K9832	♠ 8 ♥ K1092 ♦ KQ6432 ♣ 107
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West	North	East	South
<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>D. Wolpert</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
—	—	—	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Wolpert started with a low club to Korbel's ace, and he ducked the club return to maintain communication. Levin had no choice but to try for tricks in diamonds. The ♦10 went to Korbel's ace, and the club return gave the defenders five tricks; +50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Smith took the opening lead of the ♠J (Rusinow) and played a heart to the king. The favorable lie of the trumps was revealed at the next trick. In hand with the ♥A, Smith cashed the ♠K to discard one of dummy's clubs. The defenders got only two tricks; +450 to Canada for an 11-IMP gain.

There was no more good news in the set for Canada.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K96542 ♥ 84 ♦ 52 ♣ 943	♠ Q87 ♥ A106 ♦ 10743 ♣ 865 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 103 ♥ KJ532 ♦ KQJ96 ♣ A	♠ AJ ♥ Q97 ♦ A8 ♣ KQJ1072
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Steve Weinstein

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
–	Pass	1♥	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This was a good deal for an intermediate jump overall (Weinstein's 3♣), leading to the vulnerable game that is cold if played by North. Wolpert lead the ♦Q, taken by Levin with the ace. He played the ♣K next, taken perforce by East. When East cashed two high diamonds, Levin could claim +600.

It would not have helped for Wolpert to exit with a spade. Levin simply goes up with the ace and runs his club winners, putting East under pressure to find discards.

If East retains a spade to reach his partner's hand, he would be down to doubletons in the red suits (declarer knows who has the ♥K, so barring it would not help). Declarer could then play dummy's ♠J, establishing his queen. West could return a diamond, but the defenders would get only two more tricks.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Smith	Dwyer	Thurston
–	Pass	1♥	2♣
Dbl	3♣	4♦	All Pass

Dwyer liked his hand when partner sort of promised the unbid suits. Unfortunately, the negative double was a prelude to bidding spades to show a hand not good enough to bid directly (all things considered, pass seems more prudent). Dwyer was two down for –200, but USA1 still gained 9 IMPs

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 1062		♠ J975
♥ K8		♥ AJ42
♦ A1043		♦ J95
♣ J987		♣ KQ
♠ 3		♠ AKQ84
♥ 109765		♥ Q3
♦ K872		♦ Q6
♣ 1065		♣ A432

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
–	–	1♦	1♠
3♦	All Pass		

Weinstein led the ♠A and followed with the ♠Q, Levin pitching a club. He threw another club on the ♠K. When Weinstein continued with a fourth spade, Wolpert discarded a club from dummy as North ruffed. Levin's now-singleton club went to the king and Weinstein's ace. A club ruff by Levin was the sixth trick for the defense and they still had a trump trick coming for +300 for USA1.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Smith	Dwyer	Thurston
–	–	1♦	1♠
1NT	All Pass		

Bathurst took the opening lead of the ♥10 in hand to play a club to dummy. After Thurston withheld the ♣A for two tricks, Bathurst played the ♦J to the queen and ace. A low diamond went to dummy's nine, which was followed by the ♠J. Thurston won the ♠Q, cashed the king and played a club to Bathurst's jack, felling the ten. A spade went to Thurston's ace and he cashed the ♣A. The defenders took three spades and a club, so USA1 was + 150 for a 10-IMP gain.

Board 12 put the exclamation point on USA1's effort in the set.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ AKJ108		♠ Q954
♥ KJ83		♥ 652
♦ 75		♦ Q3
♣ AJ		♣ Q1042
♠ 7		♠ 632
♥ AQ109		♥ 74
♦ 864		♦ AKJ1092
♣ 98653		♣ K7



Nicholas Gartaganis



Bobby Levin

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
2♥	Dbl	All Pass	

Bids like Korbel's 2♥ – in the middle of a game-forcing auction – can work, but not this time. Levin started with the ♠A and ♠K, ruffed by Korbel. He played a diamond to dummy's queen and inserted the ♥10 when Weinstein won the ♦K and switched to a low trump. Levin won the ♥J and played another diamond, Weinstein winning and continuing with a second heart. Korbel won the ♥A and played his third diamond, but Levin ruffed with the ♥8 and cashed the trump king, continuing with a spade to dummy's queen. Korbel took three tricks for five down and +1100 to the Americans.

The disaster might have been mitigated had Smith and Thurston managed +620 at the other table with the North/South cards, but their auction got out of hand and they landed in a no-play slam that was underplayed to boot.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Smith	Dwyer	Thurston
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The ♦Q was led to the ace, and Smith played a spade to his ace. The ♣J went to dummy's king and a spade was played from dummy, Smith winning the king. The ♥J was his next play, Bathurst winning with the queen to play a diamond to dummy. When Smith played a heart from dummy, Bathurst went up with the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. The ♠Q was still to come, so it was three down for +300 for USA1, recipients of a 16-IMP gift.

The next-to-last deal put the icing on the cake for USA1.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ 52	
	♥ K1087	
	♦ KQJ63	
	♣ AQ	
♠ AKQJ6		♠ 1097
♥ 94		♥ AQ653
♦ 85		♦ A4
♣ K763		♣ J102
	♠ 843	
	♥ J2	
	♦ 10972	
	♣ 9854	

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Levin led the ♦K, ducked by declarer. A second diamond went to dummy's ace, and Korbel pulled trumps in three rounds before taking the heart finesse. Now the ♣J went to the eight, 3 and queen. Korbel ruffed the diamond return and played a low club from hand, Levin playing the ace. Had Korbel unblocked the ♣10 from dummy, he would still have had a chance to make the contract thanks to Weinstein's play of the ♣8 earlier (with the right view, Korbel could enter dummy with the ♥A and play a low club to his seven). With the blocking ♣10 in dummy, there was no chance. Korbel ruffed the diamond return with his last trump and cashed the ♣K. When there was no good news, he had to concede one down for–50.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Smith	Dwyer	Thurston
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	1NT	Dbl	2♣
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Smith also led the ♦K, ducked, and continued the suit. Bathurst won and played the ♠10 then a spade to the jack before playing a low club from hand. Smith won the ♣Q and cashed the ♣A before continuing with the ♦Q. The ruff-sluff allowed Bathurst to discard a low heart from hand, so he cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart, pulled the last outstanding trump and could claim for +420 and 10 IMPs.

The final score in the set was 62-12, too much for the Canadians to overcome in the sixth and final set. USA1 had made it to the semi-final round and a date with Monaco.



Transnational Standings after fifteen rounds

1	YEH MIX	218.83
2	FLEISHER	193.66
3	GORDON	192.44
4	P D TIMES	192.13
5	SAIC VW	189.5
6	POLISH STUDEN	185.15
7	INDONESIA OPE	183.79
8	WHITE HOUSE	183.04
9	BEIJING SHARE	180.76
10	DEUTSCHLAND	180.52
11	INDONESIA SEN	179.84
12	CHINA OPEN	179.7
13	GROMOV	175.19
14	CHINA HYX	175.04
15	JLLIN CRE8IVE	174.51
16	INA LADIES DJ	173.85
17	BEIJING TRINE	172.21
18	DORSI	171.84
19	CHINA PINGAN	170.23
20	PERTAMINA EP	170.04
21	CHINESE TAIPE	170.04
22	SCHWARTZ	169.39
23	HRG NETHERLAN	168.59
24	DSM	168.31
25	DJARUM BRIDGE	167.61
26	SCOTLAND	167.5
27	TEXAN ACES	167.14
28	SARUNTAWAYA	166.28
29	NADAR	166.24
30	HONG KONG GEN	163.7
31	GILLIS	163.21
32	JAPAN	162.3
33	QUANZHOU FENG	161.84
34	TIANYA BRIDGE	161.59
35	USA1 LADIES	161.48
36	POLAND LADIES	161.19
37	CHINA JIEGAO	160.36
38	SYDNEY	160.13
39	TELKOM UNIVER	159.24
40	MACHALE	159.13
41	HONG KONG SEN	157.93
42	CANADA OPEN	156.07
43	SOUTH AFRICA	155.87
44	MYXOZ	155.8
45	HEMANT JALAN	155.77
46	ASINDO MAKASS	155.47
47	CHINA JUAN	155.45
48	CONSUS RED PO	153.89
49	MAGIC EYES TH	153.19
50	WUHAN	153.07
51	88 RED	152.63
52	PELLEGRINI	152.17
53	CANALIENS	151.74

54	BAHRAIN	151.7
55	GEOLOGI INDON	151.22
56	ASINDO INDONE	150.93
57	GHETARY	150.58
58	SINGAPORE 88	148.73
59	TELKOM WIFI	148.19
60	VALLON	147.83
61	GROSVENOR	146.68
62	CAPUCHO	145.84
63	SURPRISE	145.51
64	KING	145.44
65	CHILE	145.41
66	AUSTRALIA YOU	144.99
67	DUTCH WORLD Y	144.8
68	OZZIES	144.55
69	BBO	142.46
70	INDIA LIONS	141.6
71	PONCOL	141.37
72	KANGAROOS	140.66
73	IT CENTER MAN	139.37
74	DELFT BREW	139.32
75	SHREE CEMENT	137.98
76	EPJ JUNIOR	137.86
77	BRIDGE24PL	137.3
78	BERGER	137.11
79	HEL	136.33
80	SINGARAJA BAL	136.08
81	CLARK	135.98
82	ANZAC	133.6
83	JINCHENG BRID	133.12
84	CHENNAI ACES	133
85	REYNOLDS	132.79
86	FINIKIOTIS	132.51
87	HUGHES	132.24
88	BADUNG BRIDGE	131.53
89	PERTH AUSTRAL	131.51
90	BOCA SENIORS	131.4
91	BANGALORE ACE	129.79
92	SAMPANG FIELD	128.27
93	GABRIAL ENERG	127.28
94	JAWA TIMUR YR	126.78
95	KELKAR	126.56
96	MILL	125.08
97	GARUDAKENCANA	121.51
98	ASINDO YOUTH	121.19
99	DOLPHIN TNI-A	118.31
100	88 GREEN	117.81
101	GABRIAL BLUES	116.14
102	ELEKTRIK P3B	115.24
103	GROUP POPULAR	114.58
104	88 YELLOW	80.75
105	AIRLANGGA UNI	78.6

Bermuda Bowl Semi-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
MONACO	0.67	40	40.7	27	67.7	47	114.7	0	114.7	0	114.7	0	114.7
USA1	0	33	33	11	44	21	65	0	65	0	65	0	65
POLAND	0	8	8	14	22	26	48	0	48	0	48	0	48
ITALY	7	45	52	56	108	43	151	0	151	0	151	0	151

Venice Cup Semi-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
NETHERLANDS	3	22	25	21	46	37	83	0	83	0	83	0	83
USA2	0	25	25	32	57	38	95	0	95	0	95	0	95
ENGLAND	0	45	45	11	56	43	99	0	99	0	99	0	99
CHINA	7.5	17	24.5	12	36.5	26	62.5	0	62.5	0	62.5	0	62.5

d'Orsi Trophy Semi-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	4	Total	5	Total	6	Total
GERMANY	0	25	25	42	67	41	108	0	108	0	108	0	108
FRANCE	1	38	39	37	76	26	102	0	102	0	102	0	102
POLAND	0	16	16	31	47	22	69	0	69	0	69	0	69
USA2	10	46	56	37	93	27	120	0	120	0	120	0	120

Computer Bridge Championships Cross Table after four rounds.

	Shark Bridge	Bridge Baron	Micro Bridge	Jack	WBridge5	Q-Plus Bridge	Total VPs
Shark Bridge	VPs	6.55	11.05	9.12	0.71		27.43
Bridge Baron	13.45	VPs	4.01	3.09		4.11	24.66
Micro Bridge	8.95	15.99	VPs		15.15	2.28	42.37
Jack	10.88	16.91		VPs	10.88	7.10	45.77
WBridge5	19.29		4.85	8.12	VPs	20.00	53.26
Q-Plus Bridge		15.89	17.72	12.9	0.00	VPs	46.51

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