

Miracles do happen



The hard-working journalists in the Press Room

Trailing by 14 IMPs with four boards to go in the Venice Cup against a strong team from the **Netherlands**, **USA2** had their work cut out for them.

They came through in dramatic fashion, scoring 30 IMPs on the next three boards and a push on the last to turn a 165-151 deficit into a 181-165 victory. The comeback started with a doubled contract that was redoubled and defeated for a 7-IMP swing, followed by a doubled slam that went down for 11 IMPs and a misdefended 3NT for another 12. The victory earned **USA2** a date with **England**, easy winners over **China**, in the final.

There was less drama in the Bermuda Bowl, where **Poland** withdrew after four sets, down 201-79 to **Italy**, and **Monaco** took the measure of **USA1** 241.7-160. The Americans seemed to be mounting a rally midway through the sixth and final set, but **Monaco** pulled away.

In the d'Orsi Senior Trophy, **Germany** defeated **France** 222-195 to remove the last of the defenders from the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships. In the final, the **Germans** will face **USA2**, 241-178 winners over **Poland**.

In the World Transnational Open Teams, the semi-final match-ups are **White House** versus **Gordon**, **PD Times** versus **SAIC VW**. In the only close quarter-final match, **Gordon** rallied from 33 down with a set to go, winning the final set 63-20.



Bridge star in the making

By the end of the most prestigious event of these championships, the Nusa Dua Bali Pairs, a crowd gathered around one of the tables, all taking photos of the mysterious player. I went to see if Obama had arrived early to try his luck at the bridge table. Sitting on one side of the screen was Anders, eight years old (and a half), playing with his father, Boye Brogeland, and in this moment declaring a no-trump contract against an Indonesian Senior pair.

Anders won the first three tricks but the defense took the following seven. As the 11th card was played, Anders confidently showed his cards, claiming the last three tricks. *(Christina Lund-Madsen's article continues on Page 3)*

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.

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.

Team Rosters

The team rosters in PDF format are now at <http://www.worldbridge.org/bali-team-rosters.aspx>

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

Finals

Start Times

Segment 1	11.00
Segment 2	14.30
Segment 3	17.20

Bermuda Bowl

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
Italt	Monaco	6	0

Venice Cup

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
USA 2	England	0	2.3

d'Orsi Trophy

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
USA 2	Germany	1	0

Transnationals

Start Times

Semi-final segment 1	11.00
Semi-final segment 2	14.30
Semi-final Segment 3	17.20

Transnational Semi-final

Line-ups

Home Team	Visiting Team	Carry-over	
White House	Gordon	0	0
P D Times	SAIC VW	0	0

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After the picture taking and autograph writing was over (Boye Brogeland spelled his name two times to an Indonesian lady, eventually realizing she was not asking for the former World Champion's name, rather his son's), Anders climbed up on a chair. While hugging his son, Boye explained to Anders that, had he not taken the first heart but played a low, he would have gotten 11 tricks in his contract instead of six.

Anders attended one of his father's bridge classes one year ago without having played bridge before, but he has played other card games and, according to his father, knows how to take tricks. This summer, he attended a junior camp in Norway, playing 69 boards a day, then switching to other card games.

In his first international event, he finished at 48.24 %, beating a number of better-known players, which we have promised Daily Bulletin super star Brian Senior not to mention.

With about five rounds to go, the father and son were at more than 60%. In one round, they played this year's Spingold champions Jacek Kalita – Michal Nowosadzki. To put it in Kalita's words: "They are killing us. Boye's son beat us!"

Not an exact description, since he accidentally let through 7♥ on the first board, however on the second board the Polish stars doubled 4♠, perhaps after some somewhat shaky bidding, only to see Brogeland senior confidently land the contract.

Interview with Anders Brogeland (8)

"How is your dad playing?"

Bra ("good" in Norwegian)

Is he yelling at you while playing?

(Eager nodding, his father using the classic phrase "I am just trying to teach you something")

Is your mother yelling at you? (Tonje Brogeland of the Norwegian women's team, slightly more edgy than her mild-natured husband)

(Heavy nodding, his father eagerly supporting his son's "Yes, mommy surely yells more than I do")

Do you want to be a bridge player?

With a big smile, Anders nodded.

No Country for Old Men

Mark Horton

N*o Country for Old Men* is a 2007 American neo-Western thriller written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen, based on the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name. The film stars Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem and Josh Brolin and tells the story of an ordinary man to whom chance delivers a fortune that is not his, and the ensuing cat-and-mouse drama as three men crisscross each other's paths in the desert landscape of 1980 West Texas. Themes of fate, conscience and circumstance re-emerge that the Coen brothers have previously explored in *Blood Simple* and *Fargo*.

Among its four Oscars at the 2007 Academy Awards were awards for Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay, allowing the Coen brothers to join the five previous directors honored three times for a single film. In addition, the film won three British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) including Best Director, and two Golden Globes. The American Film Institute listed it as an AFI Movie of the Year, and the National Board of Review selected the film as the best of 2007.

The d'Orsi Trophy quarter-final between Germany and Indonesia turned into a classic, where it was hard to predict the outcome. It might not have won any Oscars, but there was plenty of drama.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K8 ♥ 9764 ♦ 1063 ♣ 10942</p>		<p>♠ Q952 ♥ AQJ5 ♦ 42 ♣ Q86</p>	<p>♠ 1076 ♥ K2 ♦ AKJ87 ♣ A75</p>
		<p>♠ AJ43 ♥ 1083 ♦ Q95 ♣ KJ3</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
–	1♦*	1NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dbl
All Pass			
1♦ Precision			

South led the three of hearts and North won with the ace and switched to the four of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the king, following with another spade when it held. North put up the queen and played another diamond but declarer could win with the king, ruff a spade,

play a heart to the king and give up a trump and two clubs for +180.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Henderson</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Polii</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	1NT	Dbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the two of spades and South won with the ace and switched to the three of clubs for the nine, queen and ace. Declarer played a spade to the king and a heart (a diamond is better) and North went in with the ace and would now do best to play a club, which should lead to two down. However, he played the queen of spades and declarer ruffed, cashed dummy's top diamonds and exited with a diamond. South won with the queen and returned a heart to dummy's king. Declarer pitched a heart on the jack of diamonds (ruffing with the ten saves a trick) and that was ruffed by North's six and the trump return gave South the rest for two down, –300 and 10 IMPs to Germany.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q84 ♥ 7 ♦ 98765 ♣ J1064</p>		<p>♠ 7 ♥ K93 ♦ AKQ3 ♣ 87532</p>	<p>♠ AKJ106532 ♥ AJ2 ♦ 2 ♣ A</p>
		<p>♠ 9 ♥ Q108654 ♦ J104 ♣ KQ9</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
–	–	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♣	Game-forcing/semi-forcing		
2♦	Negative		

South led the king of clubs and declarer ruffed two hearts in dummy for +480.

Time for a little theoretical interlude.

Imagine West's 2♦ showed 0-1 controls (the method recommended by Eric Kokish in *The Rabbi's Rules*). Now if East jumps to 3♠, in Acol style that would ask West, who is known not have an ace, to bid any king (the Acol Direct King Con-

vention). With three trumps and a singleton, could West bid 3NT, suggesting something useful? Then if East bids 4♣ West goes 4♥ and East can bid 6♠.

How's that for science?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Henderson	Elinescu	Polii	Wladow
-	-	1♣*	2♥
Pass	4♥	6♠	All Pass

Who need's science?

That was +980 and 11 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A96		♠ KQ7
♥ A32		♥ 109
♦ AKQJ4		♦ 10876
♣ Q3		♣ K1092
♠ J832		♠ 1054
♥ KQJ54	♥ 876	
♦ -	♦ 9532	
♣ J874	♣ A65	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
-	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the two of clubs and declarer won with the queen and claimed nine tricks, +400.

In *Winning Notrump Leads*, David Bird & Taf Anthias try to discover which opening lead is best from a given West hand against a particular auction. The authors use computer software to generate 5000 deals that match the North/South bidding. (The West hand remains the same and the other three hands are chosen randomly.) The software then plays these deals automatically, seeing which of the 13 possible opening leads works best at both IMPs (rubber bridge/Chicago) and matchpoint pairs. By analysing the results, the authors pass on to the reader the secrets of finding the best lead against no trump contracts on a wide range of different auctions.

My guess is that on this deal the computer would select the king of spades, or the ten of hearts, with a diamond as the third choice.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Henderson	Elinescu	Polii	Wladow
-	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♥	2♥*	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

1♣	ART, F1 (15+) 16 HCP or the equivalent
1♦	0-8

Once West had overcalled there was virtually no chance that 3NT would have made.

Barring a defensive mistake, declarer had only eight tricks; one was not forthcoming so he was one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the king of diamonds and declarer ducked, which on balance looks like the right play, although there are some situations where it might be a mistake.

North played a diamond to dummy's ace and declarer played a spade to the ace and a heart to the queen. When that held he ran the jack of clubs (the best line for two club tricks is to play low twice towards the ♣J102, which delivers 82.37% of the time).



Ulrich Kratz

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Henderson</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Polii</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl	2♦
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the king of diamonds and declarer won as South followed with the two (encouraging/even number). When declarer ran the jack of clubs, North won with the queen, cashed the ace and underled his diamonds, South winning with the nine and returning a club for North to ruff for one down; +50 and 10 IMPs to Germany.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ 102	
	♥ 98653	
	♦ A63	
	♣ AQ2	
♠ AQ9		♠ KJ87643
♥ AJ72		♥ K10
♦ KQ10		♦ 52
♣ 1085		♣ J3
	♠ 5	
	♥ Q4	
	♦ J9874	
	♣ K9764	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
1NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
4♥	Transfer		

North led the five of hearts and declarer took South queen with the ace, played a spade to the jack, cashed the king of hearts, came to hand with a spade, pitched a club on a heart and was +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Henderson</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Polii</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
1NT	Pass	4♥*	4NT*
Dbl	Pass*	Pass	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		

The German doctors are renowned for their eccentric bidding so it was no surprise to see South take a speculative view of his hand (at the other 23 tables only China's Shi and Ju reached 5♣). North's delightful holdings in the minors meant declarer had eight easy tricks for three down; –500 and 4 IMPs to Germany.

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Brian Senior

Both The Netherlands and USA2 had qualified for the knockouts in some comfort, with the Dutch topping the Round Robin, and both had seen off their quarter-final opponents in reasonable comfort. A close match could be expected between two teams in good form.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q1087652	
	♥ K4	
	♦ AQJ	
	♣ J	
♠ A3		♠ 94
♥ A982		♥ J53
♦ K3		♦ 10764
♣ Q10842		♣ A763
	♠ KJ	
	♥ Q1076	
	♦ 9852	
	♣ K95	



West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Simons</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	3♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Facing a passed partner, Jet Pasman chose to pre-empt with a North hand which would normally be handled in a stronger manner and Anneke Simons had no reason to raise. There was little to the play. With the diamond king inside, there were just the three aces to be lost; +170.

In the other room, Migry Zur-Campanile overcalled at the one level and, when Jill Meyers responded 1NT, jumped to the spade game. The same ten tricks meant +420 and 6 IMPs to USA2.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ Q	
	♥ 6	
	♦ K108432	
	♣ K10985	
♠ J107		♠ AK64
♥ J109873		♥ A4
♦ 976		♦ AQJ
♣ 6		♣ J743
	♠ 98532	
	♥ KQ52	
	♦ 5	
	♣ AQ2	



West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Simons</i>
Pass	3♦	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Pasman opened with a 3♦ pre-empt, as would I, and Wolpert overcalled 3NT, Levin transferring to 4♥. Simons led her singleton diamond to the jack and declarer played ace and another trump. Simons won the queen as Pasman threw her lowest club, encouraging. Simons duly underled her club holding and Pasman gave her a diamond ruff for the setting trick; down one for -50.

Zur-Campanile did not open the North hand, nor did she compete later in the auction, suspecting a big misfit after her partner's 1♠ overcall. Zur-Campanile led the queen of spades against 2♥. Marion Michielsen won the ace and played two rounds of trumps, won the diamond return and conceded a club. Zur-Campanile won the club and gave Meyers a diamond ruff; nine tricks for +140 and 5 IMPs to The Netherlands.

In the other semi-final, Susan Stockdale, for England, declared 4♥ from the West seat. She won the lead of the queen of spades and played ace and another heart. When South switched to her diamond singleton, Stockdale won and played a spade to the jack, overtook the spade ten with the king, and continued with the six of spades, pitching her singleton club as South won. There was no entry to the North hand now so the classic loser-on-loser play prevented the diamond ruff and Stockdale's doubled game was home for +590 and a big swing to England.



Meike Wortel



Jet Pasman

Note that an initial diamond lead defeats the contract even if declarer tries the loser-on-loser play. Declarer wins and cashes the major-suit aces then continues with three more spades, throwing the club as before. South can play ace of clubs, ruffed, win the next heart and play a second club, and win the next heart and play another black winner. That forces declarer for a third time and South has a third trump trick, plus another black-suit winner for two down.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K4 ♥ KQ4 ♦ 9743 ♣ 10964		♠ 975 ♥ AJ972 ♦ 102 ♣ KQ7	♠ AJ10632 ♥ 3 ♦ Q5 ♣ AJ85
	♠ Q8 ♥ 10865 ♦ AKJ86 ♣ 32		

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Simons</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsens Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Norths bid and rebid their spades, neither sequence being forcing. Simons passed while Meyers invited game, and

Zur-Campanile was happy to accept. Both Easts led the king of clubs and switched to a trump. That picked up the king and declarer had 12 tricks. That was worth +230 to Pasman but +480 to Zur-Campanile, so 6 IMPs to USA2.

Game would still have been successful had the trump finesse lost, so was an excellent contract.

On Board 12, Wolpert/Levin bid a thin slam which had no chance on the five-zero trump split and went two down for -100 while Michielsens/Wortel scored +450 in game to give 11 IMPs to The Netherlands. Unfortunately, we do not have the auction to slam. That gave the lead to the Dutch at 23-14.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J75432 ♥ K ♦ J1097 ♣ 104		♠ Q1086 ♥ AQ8 ♦ AQ3 ♣ A63	♠ A9 ♥ 764 ♦ 8652 ♣ KQ95
	♠ K ♥ J109532 ♦ K4 ♣ J872		

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Simons</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥
Pass	3♥	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsens Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Four Spades is cold on the E/W cards but it takes someone to make a good decision to get there in the face of a weak jump overcall and pre-emptive raise to 3♥.

The task proved to be too difficult for the Dutch pair, when Mieke Wortel passed as East and, though she had long spades and knew her partner must be strong, Michielsens could not really bid at the three level when her meager values included the bare king of hearts. Michielsens led the jack of diamonds against 3♥. Wortel won the ace and switched to a spade. Declarer won the king and led the jack of hearts to Michielsens's king and there were two more trumps and the club ace to be lost; down two for -50.

The task also proved to be too difficult for the American E/W pair, but Wolpert's brave (we might be describing her action as foolhardy, had it not proved to be successful) 3NT call did get them to game. Simons led the jack of hearts to dummy's king. Wolpert led a spade to the queen and king, and Simons needed to find a club switch to break the contract. No, she continued with a low heart, and Wolpert could win and knock out the spade ace to establish nine tricks for +600 and 11 IMPs to USA2.

At set end, the match was tied at 25-25 IMPs. We were getting just the sort of close match we had been expecting.

Lady Marion – princess of the bridge world

By Christina Lund Madsen

One of the first times I met Marion ten years ago, she was a young teenager with a big flower in her hair, almost too shy to say hello to me. Today she has an air of self-confidence that derives from being one of the brightest female stars of the bridge world.

Today she is a bridge professional and just swam her way to the top of the round robin in the Venice Cup in Bali as a member of the Dutch Women's team.

As a child, Marion loved to play all games and was from birth blessed with an extraordinarily competitive nature.

"I always want to win and perform well. If there is something I am not very good at, I usually stop doing it." She laughs a little before making a confession: "I even cheat in board games because I am such a bad loser."

"My father plays bridge reasonably well. I wasn't really interested at first, but then my younger brother learned to play, and I couldn't stand that he could do something I couldn't, so I wanted to learn."

Marion read all the bridge books and old magazines she could find and started to play with her younger brother at a club. They were a slight annoyance to their opponents, partly because they so quickly developed their bridge skills, partly because they always ate ice cream the table, making their opponents complain that the cards got sticky.

How was your relation to your brother?

"At the bridge table we were very eager to point out if one of us made mistakes. We both have a natural competitiveness. We grew out of that and became older and wiser and have a good relationship now."

Marion was first noticed when she played with her brother in the Dutch U15 championships. The Dutch spot talent from an early age, and there was a selection for the U20.

"We got selected because I yelled at my brother for making a take-out double and he yelled at me for making a finesse. It wasn't a good idea to yell at each other, but at least we had some spark."

During her teenage years, bridge was the tree she clung to in bad weather. Marion was a good student – although very light-working – but the teenage years presented challenges of a social character that endangered her self-esteem, had she not had her bridge life to escape to.

She went to her first camp for juniors in 2003 at 17.

"It was weird. A lot of people were older and smoking and drinking. It was fun to meet so many juniors and one of the



reasons I got so caught up in playing bridge. It is so much fun when you have friends somewhere in the world."

Not only did she quickly become confident as a bridge player; as a young girl at a bridge camp she also received a much-appreciated attention from young men.

"Bridge has done a lot for me. It gave me a lot of confidence. A way of living, freedom. Boyfriend. Good friends and memories. It also helps other things, my way of thinking, dealing with people."

For a year now, Marion is living in Sweden with her world champion boyfriend in more than one respect, Johan Upmark from the Swedish Open team.

What is wrong with Dutch men?

She reacts with surprise and starts to laugh, slightly embarrassed.

"Nothing, except I like my Swede better. Not that there is anything wrong with Dutch bridge players, but there was no match there, so I had to find it somewhere else. If you only play bridge you do not meet a lot of different men."

What was it like to leave your country to move to Sweden to live with him?

"He didn't want to move to the Netherlands. I have a few friends in Stockholm and been there many times. It would be difficult if I didn't know anyone. I love Johan, but don't like to follow him around every night – and he doesn't like

that either. I never saw it as a problem to move. I think you should decide together where you will be happiest.”

When did you decide to become a bridge professional?

“I never clearly decided from one moment to another. But during my law study I was supported by the Dutch Olympic Committee. After my study I didn’t look for jobs. I was a bridge pro since I didn’t do anything else.”

How did it start?

“In the beginning, Meike (Wortel) and I paid our own travel expenses and tournament expenses. If you do well you get more invitations. We never went after it ourselves. Since 2006 we have had the support of the Dutch Olympic Committee and it is has always been enough to support me.”

As a bridge player, what did your father think of your choice of career?

“He is proud of me now, but before he was not so happy about it. It was not so good for my study. He would have liked me pursuit some other career. With my school I never worked a lot. With bridge I put a lot of effort in it and it paid off. If you want to do well with something you have to work hard, but you also get a reward for it.”

What do you dream about?

“Being very happy for the rest of my life. And then I want to win the world championships.”

Short about Marion Michielsen

She is 28 years old, lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with her Swedish world champion boyfriend, Johan Upmark.

Plays with Meike Wortel, her partner when they were Juniors. For a few years, Marion had a break, playing with Laura Dekkers. She and Meike are now back together.

Has a law degree but went straight on to work as a bridge professional.

Her best bridge memory is winning the European junior teams in Jesolo. Fun and nice team. A lot of fun every night. Junior tournaments are a lot of fun. They are more social, people go out more.

Hobbies? “I played the piano, flute, in a youth orchestra, soft-ball, chess. I more or less stopped with everything as I started to play bridge.”

Bridge accomplishments: European Juniors 2007, Open European Women 2007, World Youth pairs 2009,

Mixed Teams at the Open European Bridge Championships in 2013.

Alles auf eine Karte setzen

Mark Horton

When the following deal flashed on to the screen in the vugraph theatre, one of the commentators checking the results in the various matches said, “I can see how you can go down in 4♥ after a diamond lead, but on a club lead it is impossible”.

Chief commentator Barry Rigal was quick to disabuse him, as were the well known doctors from Germany.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

	♠ 974		
	♥ K104		
	♦ Q542		
	♣ AJ3		
♠ AK532		♠ J8	
♥ QJ32		♥ 8765	
♦ A96		♦ KJ	
♣ 7		♣ KQ1094	
	♠ Q106		
	♥ A9		
	♦ 10873		
	♣ 8652		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hartono</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

With declarer marked with at least nine cards in the majors, North knew it was essential to attack in a minor. Weighing up the chances, he decided to ‘bet everything on one card’ and led the ace of clubs, South following with the two, promising an even number.

With no switch looking attractive (and if South held a doubleton club he might be able to score a ruff), North continued with the three of clubs and declarer won with dummy’s king, pitching a spade, and played a heart for the nine, jack and king. Back came the jack of clubs to dummy’s queen, declarer discarding another spade. South won the next heart with the ace and played his fourth club, promoting North’s ten of hearts into the setting trick.

Jos Jacobs

At the start of the final segment of the Seniors quarter-final, Germany were leading the host team by a mere 6 IMPs. With the exception of the Venice Cup match, France v. China, no other quarter-final had reached its closing stages with the match so much in the balance. So, no matter if the quality of the bridge would be good or not so good, an interesting match would be in prospect anyway as tension, too, would be an important issue.

On the first board, Germany more than doubled their lead, thanks to a premature double:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ J102 ♦ K105 ♣ 1098752		♠ 10 ♥ AQ54 ♦ J842 ♣ KQJ6	♠ KQ985 ♥ 63 ♦ AQ93 ♣ 43 ♠ AJ7643 ♥ K987 ♦ 76 ♣ A
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
–	1♠	Dbl	2NT
3♣	Pass	4♣	4♠
All Pass			

The normal contract. With all the finesses working for declarer, Lasut easily made 12 tricks.

Indonesia +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hartono</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	1♠	Dbl	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

One wonders why East doubled, holding only one pretty certain defensive trick. With the necessary finesses working for the German declarer, Elinescu, as well, he too had no trouble in making 12 tricks. This was worth +750 and 7 IMPs for his team.

On the next board, Indonesia immediately struck back when both North players were faced with a nasty problem, vulnerable against not:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q64 ♥ A5432 ♦ QJ8 ♣ QJ		♠ J10 ♥ KJ1087 ♦ AK94 ♣ 52	♠ AK732 ♥ Q ♦ 75 ♣ AK1098 ♠ 985 ♥ 96 ♦ 10632 ♣ 7643
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Lasut</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>
–	–	1♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♦	Pass
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

As neither 4♥ nor 4♠ can be made, North's best decision would be to pass 4♥. This is asking far too much, however, so we cannot blame Lasut for bidding 4♠. One can imagine Kratz believed his opponent's bidding, but this time there was no reason to do so. Five Hearts went two off for +300 to Indonesia.



Entsch Wladow

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Elinescu	Hartono	Wladow
–	–	1♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

At the other table, Elinescu also made the obvious 4♠ bid but when Hartono wisely passed, Munawar had the last word. One down, another +200 and 11 IMPs back to Indonesia, who now were trailing by only two.

On Board 20, both teams missed a great opportunity:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 942		
	♥ 98632		
	♦ 64		
	♣ J106		
♠ K		♠ A863	
♥ A1074		♥ KJ5	
♦ QJ7		♦ A53	
♣ Q8542		♣ AK7	
	♠ QJ1075		
	♥ Q		
	♦ K10982		
	♣ 93		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When West passed as dealer and East could open his four-card spades, West elected to show his values by jumping straight to 3NT, an unambitious contract.. Sträter easily made 12 tricks once he managed to find the ♥Q; Germany +690.

To me, it looks as though in the Closed Room E/W were having a serious disagreement about what was trumps and thus ended up in 4♥ on a Moysian fit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Elinescu	Hartono	Wladow
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In spite of the 5-1 trump break, this was a quite playable spot until declarer, after winning the spade lead perforce with his king, led a low heart to the jack and singleton queen...One down, Germany +100 and 13 IMPs to suddenly lead by 21.

Board 21 was a routine push but on Board 22, Lasut/Manoppo revived the Indonesian hopes in really remarkable fashion:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ AJ87		
	♥ 105		
	♦ Q5		
	♣ J9865		
♠ Q105		♠ 643	
♥ K76		♥ QJ94	
♦ 8742		♦ KJ10	
♣ 1032		♣ AK4	
	♠ K92		
	♥ A832		
	♦ A963		
	♣ Q7		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
–	–	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Sitting the double would certainly not have been everybody's choice but taking into account that 1♥ could be opened with four cards only according to the E/W methods, Manoppo chose the right moment. The defence, as so often by these Indonesian brothers-in-law, was perfect. Spade to the jack, club back to declarer's ace, heart to the king and heart to the queen, which was allowed to hold.

Locked in his hand, declarer could do little better than cash his ♣K and exit in clubs. North won the trick and returned a low spade to partner's king. Manoppo now cashed his ♥A and played his last spade. From this point onwards, Lasut could play winners until declarer ruffed with his last trump, which also would be declarer's last trick. Had declarer been clairvoyant, he might have led a diamond from dummy after winning his ♥K...but then we would have had a different story.

Anyway, down two and Indonesia +500 from nowhere.



Henky Lasut

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Elinescu	Hartono	Wladow
–	–	1NT	All Pass

At the other table, Hartono opened 1NT (12-14) in first position and played there. On the actual layout, declarer could not lose more than four spades and two red aces after the spade lead by East, which removed North's entry to his clubs when the defence first took their tricks in that suit. Indonesia +90 and 11 IMPs back to trail by 10 IMPs with 10 boards to play.

On the next board, the Indonesian E/W pair were overboard a little:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q83		
	♥ A9		
	♦ AJ1072		
	♣ 643		
♠ K10954		♠ A7	
♥ K65		♥ J842	
♦ 3		♦ K86	
♣ AKQ5		♣ J1087	
	♠ J62		
	♥ Q1073		
	♦ Q954		
	♣ 92		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

A quiet auction saw the Germans end up in a very good contract; ten tricks, Germany +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Elinescu	Hartono	Wladow
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

As 2♣ could be three cards only over the forcing NT, Hartono retreated to 2♠ and Munawar's 3♥ showed exactly three cards, just in case partner would hold five – not at all impossible in this type of auction. This time, it did not work: down two and another +200 and 8 IMPs to Germany on an innocent-looking deal.

When the Indonesians missed a game on the next board, the German lead went up to 24 so they were looking very much on their way to the semi-finals. Two boards later, they virtually made sure of this:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 9		
	♥ AQ6		
	♦ AK106		
	♣ A7653		
♠ KQ53		♠ AJ762	
♥ KJ3		♥ 5	
♦ Q975		♦ J432	
♣ 104		♣ KJ9	
	♠ 1084		
	♥ 1098742		
	♦ 8		
	♣ Q82		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sträter	Lasut	Kratz	Manoppo
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Against this ambitious contract, Sträter found the best defence of two rounds of spades, forcing dummy to ruff. Manoppo could have made the contract by throwing his last spade on a top diamond, ruffing a diamond in hand, taking a trump finesse and later hoping for something nice to happen in clubs, but the auction had sounded very much as if not too many favourable breaks were to be expected. When he therefore decided to first cash the ♥A, as a sort of semi-safety play in the suit, before throwing his last spade and playing another trump, he had to concede one down when West claimed two trump tricks; Germany +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawiruddin	Elinescu	Hartono	Wladow
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

In the other room, the Indonesians took the save which cost 800 when the defence duly got their two diamond ruffs alongside their four top tricks. So Germany gained 14 IMPs on this deal but would at least have gained five, which also would have been enough for them to sit back and quietly await the end of the match and their entry into the semis.

On Board 29, another Indonesian bidding misunderstanding brought Germany 9 IMPs more and the final score thus became a clear German victory: 222-172 IMPs. Their next match would be against the defending champions from France.

Brilliance by Jacobus

Micke Melander

USA2 had taken a comfortable lead over Poland with 56-16 after the first segment of the semi-finals of the d'Orsi Senior Bowl. The Poles needed to start picking up some IMPs if they wanted to be one of the finalists competing for the gold medal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ 3		
	♥ AK72		
	♦ A962		
	♣ 6532		
♠ KJ10864		♠ 972	
♥ 10954		♥ 8	
♦ 3		♦ KQJ854	
♣ KJ		♣ A109	
	♠ AQ5		
	♥ QJ63		
	♦ 107		
	♣ Q874		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Kowalski	Jacobus	Romanski
-	-	-	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Hayden	Russyan	Bates
-	-	-	1♦
1♠	Dbl	3♦	Pass
3♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Facing a passed partner, it wasn't a clear decision for Kowalski what action to take over Two Spades, weak, from Passell in front of him. When he finally passed it was all over for the Poles, who couldn't sort out who held the majority of the HCPs and whether or not to compete. In the long run you most probably have to compete with the North hand if you want to be a winner, not selling out too easily to the opponents. Another factor of importance is that if you are going to defend a double might give your partner some hints about how to do it correctly, though it might also help declarer, of course. Kowalski started with the ace of hearts and shifted to the five of clubs to the ten, queen and king. Passell could now ruff a heart, cash the ace and the nine of clubs in dummy, and discarding his losing diamond, before cross-ruffing diamonds and hearts back and forth then just giving up two tricks in trumps.

To be able to beat the contract, Kowalski would have had to return a spade at trick two, South then has to go up with the

ace and return a second heart. Declarer might ruff that trick, finesse in clubs, cash his king of clubs, ruff a heart in dummy and discard his losing diamond on the ace of clubs. Still he has a loser in both hearts and trumps that he can't get rid of.

Bates/Hayden competed all the way up to Four Hearts at the other table and had to go two down when the Polish pair got three clubs, a diamond and diamond ruff after a spade was led from Lasocki.

That was 11 IMPs for USA2, who increased the lead they already had from the first segment.

A couple of boards later on you hold:

♠ A964
♥ J72
♦ 10973
♣ K8

and have to lead against Three No Trump, knowing that declarer has 17-19 HCP with a balanced hand with no major and that the dummy is 5-7 HCPs and has shown interest in the majors. What do you lead?

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ A964		
	♥ J72		
	♦ 10973		
	♣ K8		
♠ 73		♠ K1085	
♥ AK6		♥ Q98	
♦ A64		♦ J2	
♣ AQJ65		♣ 9432	
	♠ QJ2		
	♥ 10543		
	♦ KQ85		
	♣ 107		



Roger Bates

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Bates</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Apolinary Kowalski

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Bates</i>
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Hayden in the Closed Room led the four of spades, Lasocki correctly went up with the king, which held the trick, and immediately finessed in clubs. When the spades were distributed as they were Lasocki had his nine tricks.

In the Open Room, Kowalski led the nine of diamonds, promising a higher card in the suit, Romanski went in with the queen, so nothing could happen, and he returned the king of diamonds, clarifying everything for his partner. Declarer ducked again and won the next round but was now bound to go down when the club finesse didn't work and the defense also had the ace of spades to cash. That was 12 much-needed IMPs for Poland.

One of the more interesting boards from the first day of the semi-finals was Board 29 in this second segment, where most played 3NT as East.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ K103	
	♥ 106	
	♦ K10985	
	♣ 754	
♠ Q752		♠ J96
♥ A754		♥ K2
♦ QJ		♦ A7632
♣ KJ9		♣ A106
	♠ A84	
	♥ QJ983	
	♦ 4	
	♣ Q832	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dbf	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Bates, in the Closed Room, led the jack of hearts (Rusinow) and Russyan went up with dummy's ace and called for the jack of diamonds from dummy, which went to the king, ace and four. Declarer then played another diamond and when South discarded he lost control of the hand when the diamonds split as badly as they did. Russyan was actually two down when he, in an attempt to make his contract, tried to find South with both the ace and the king of spades.

Jacobus had a big show at the other table; it was like watching someone playing double dummy, with open cards. Jacobus ducked the queen of hearts lead, South shifted to the four of diamonds and that went to dummy's jack and the king from North, whereupon declarer again ducked!

Kowalski, who didn't know what to believe, returned a diamond. Declarer won in dummy and South discarded a heart. Jacobus now continued with the two spades, the three, nine and ace followed. Romanski returned the eight of spades to the five, ten and declarer's jack. Jacobus cashed the king of hearts and played a spade to Kowalski's king. Declarer still only had eight tricks and had already lost four when North was to play from:

	♠ –	
	♥ –	
	♦ 1098	
	♣ 754	
♠ Q		♠ –
♥ A7		♥ –
♦ –		♦ A76
♣ KJ9		♣ A106
	♠ –	
	♥ J9	
	♦ –	
	♣ Q832	

Romanski now exited with the ten of diamonds, ace from declarer, and South discarded the eight of clubs when dummy parted with the jack of clubs. Jacobus next played a club to the king in dummy and called for the queen of spades, which squeezed South in clubs and hearts and it was game over for a very well deserved 13 IMPs to USA 2 for that brilliant declarer play by Jacobus in a very difficult contract.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J432 ♥ 9742 ♦ 7 ♣ AQ96		♠ A10 ♥ KQ105 ♦ A10853 ♣ J4	♠ KQ95 ♥ J83 ♦ KJ4 ♣ 1032
		♠ 876 ♥ A6 ♦ Q962 ♣ K875	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Bates</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	1NT
3♠	All Pass		

Two Polish actions that paid off, first Kowalski in the Open Room who opened 1NT with a 2-4-5-2 distribution and a bit weaker than most other pairs, which silenced their opponents, second Russyan who overcalled with One Spade on his four-card suit in the Closed Room and when Lasocki jumped to Three Spades no one had anything to add there either. Bates could have been able to compete if he knew that his partner had five diamonds, but One Diamond only promised two cards in the suit. Nothing could prevent Hayden/Bates from winning six tricks, putting Russyan two down. To pay out 100 was a pretty good investment when Jacobus found the three of hearts lead in the Open Room against Kowalski's Three No Trump and Passell followed suit with the two, allowing declarer to score with the six in dummy. Kowalski just cashed the ace of hearts played a diamond to the ace and a second round towards the queen and, when the king was onside, he had nine tricks for 11 IMPs to Poland.

USA 2 increased their lead in the match by 6 IMPs in the set.

Alles auf eine Karte setzen II

Mark Horton

We have already reported a superb defence from the fourth session of the d'Orsi Trophy quarter-final between Indonesia and Germany and the German doctors were at it again on this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ 102 ♥ A10 ♦ AJ1073 ♣ AQ87		♠ 43 ♥ 74 ♦ 854 ♣ KJ5432	♠ K865 ♥ KJ95 ♦ Q96 ♣ 109
		♠ AQJ97 ♥ Q8632 ♦ K2 ♣ 6	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hartono</i>	<i>Wladow</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South resisted the temptation to lead a heart, which would have simplified declarer's task and found the inspired choice of the six of clubs (a good lead if you are looking for a ruff!) and when declarer put in the seven North won with the jack and returned a spade, South winning with the jack.

Determined to steer clear of hearts, he tried the two of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the nine and played the ten of clubs. When South discarded a heart declarer correctly went up with dummy's ace and cashed the ace of hearts, following it with a heart to the king and a third heart.

Now it was time for South to complete his masterpiece and he exited with the king of diamonds!

Declarer could win in dummy, and unblock the queen, but after cashing his diamonds he had to lead a club and North could win and play a spade giving South the setting trick.

Brian Senior

After 80 boards of their Venice Cup quarter-final, France and China were tied at 176-176. With sixteen boards to play it was anyone's match.

As it turned out, this was another quiet set of deals with few opportunities for major swings. On Board 81, both N/S pairs played a 25% slam in game. With both the key cards outside there were 12 tricks; flat at +480.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q64 ♥ A5432 ♦ QJ8 ♣ QJ</p>	<p>♠ AK732 ♥ Q ♦ 75 ♣ AK1098</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>♠ J10 ♥ KJ1087 ♦ AK94 ♣ 52</p>	<p>♠ 985 ♥ 96 ♦ 10632 ♣ 7643</p>
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West	North	East	South
Feng	Reess	Zhang	Gaviard
–	–	1♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Willard	L Wang	Cronier	W Wang
–	–	1♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Playing Precision, Xuefeng Feng could see that her 'quacky' hand was unlikely to produce a slam so simply raised to 4♥. Vanessa Reess closed her eyes and overcalled 4♠ and, slightly surprisingly with those soft values, when that came back to Feng she went on to 5♥, doubled by Reess. There were four black-suit losers and there was no problem in cashing them after a spade lead for two down and –300.

In the other room, Sylvie Willard's 3NT response showed 11-14 with four-card heart support and now Liping Wang had the option of cuebidding 4♥ to show spades and a minor. No, she went quietly so Cronier got to declare 4♥. Wenfei Wang led a spade so again the first four tricks were taken without incident; down one for –50 but 6 IMPs to France, 182-176.

Four Spades would, of course, have failed by a trick.

The next three deals were all flat games with no IMPs changing hands. Then China picked up its first swing of the session.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q105 ♥ K76 ♦ 8742 ♣ 1032</p>	<p>♠ AJ87 ♥ 105 ♦ Q5 ♣ J9865</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>♠ 643 ♥ QJ94 ♦ KJ10 ♣ AK4</p>	<p>♠ K92 ♥ A832 ♦ A963 ♣ Q7</p>
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West	North	East	South
Feng	Reess	Zhang	Gaviard
–	–	1NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Willard	L Wang	Cronier	W Wang
–	–	1♣	Dbl
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

Yu Zhang's 1NT showed 14-16 and nobody had anything else to say. I am sure that most of us would choose between our two ace-to-four suits for our opening lead but Daniele Gaviard led a non-systemic nine of spades, which worked out very well. That went to the ten and jack and Reess returned the seven of spades, enabling the defence to cash the first four tricks, declarer pitching a club, Gaviard the heart eight (even number), and dummy a diamond. Reess switched to the ten of hearts to the jack and ace and won the heart continuation with dummy's seven. She played a diamond to the jack and ace and had the rest; seven tricks for +90.



Vanessa Reess

Cronier was playing a 15-17 no trump, so had to open 1♣ with the East cards, and Wenfei doubled. When Liping responded 1♠ to the double, everyone passed with varying degrees of contentment. Cronier started with the ace of clubs then switched to the heart queen. Liping ducked, won the continuation of the ♥4 with the ace and played the club queen. Cronier won the club and led the ♥9 to her partner's king. Willard switched to a diamond for the queen, king and ace, and Liping played spade king then the ♠2 to her ace. She cashed the jack of clubs and ruffed a club, Willard over-ruffing, and now Liping had the rest for +110 and 5 IMPs to China; 181-182.

Suppose that Willard does not over-ruff the club; declarer must ruff something back to hand but cannot then draw the missing trumps so her club winner is ruffed and she is a trick short.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K10954 ♥ K65 ♦ 3 ♣ AKQ5		♠ A7 ♥ J842 ♦ K86 ♣ J1087	♠ Q83 ♥ A9 ♦ AJ1072 ♣ 643
West <i>Feng</i> – 1♠ 2♣		East <i>Zhang</i> – 1NT 2♠	South <i>Gaviard</i> Pass Pass All Pass
West <i>Willard</i> – 1♠ 2♣ 3♥ 5♣		East <i>Cronier</i> – 1NT 3♣ 3♠	South <i>W Wang</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass

Cronier's 1NT response was wide-ranging, as was her partner's 2♣ rebid, and she felt that, with game still in the picture, the most descriptive thing she could do at her second turn was to raise clubs. Willard had some extras and also saw game as still being a possibility, so patterned out by bidding her three-card heart suit, and now Cronier showed the doubleton spade. Willard seems to have taken that as being a more positive action than was actually the case, as she now jumped to the poor club game and found her partner with an ideal spade holding but poor holdings in both red suits. Liping cashed the ace of diamonds then continued the suit and Willard ditched a heart on the king. However, though both black suits behaved as she required, she was dependent on the heart position for her contract and when the king lost to the ace she was down one for –100.

Playing strong club, Zhang was less optimistic about game prospects so just gave false preference back to 2♠ and Feng settled for the partscore, knowing that she could only be facing three-card support if partner was weak. Reess too started with ace and another diamond, so Feng took her heart pitch and played three rounds of spades. When Reess won the queen she continued with a third diamond so there were two hearts to be lost; nine tricks for +140 and 6 IMPs to China, 187-182.

Boards 88 and 89 were flat games for E/W so there was no change to the score. Then:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KQ53 ♥ KJ3 ♦ Q975 ♣ 104		♠ AJ762 ♥ 5 ♦ J432 ♣ KJ9	♠ 9 ♥ AQ6 ♦ AK106 ♣ A7653
West <i>Feng</i> – 1♦ Pass Pass All Pass		East <i>Reess</i> – Pass Dbl Dbl	South <i>Zhang</i> Pass 1♠ 2♠ Pass 3♥
West <i>Willard</i> – 1♦ 2♠ 3♠		East <i>L Wang</i> – 1NT Pass All Pass	South <i>Cronier</i> Pass 2♥ 3♦ Pass

Liping was willing to make the off-centre 1NT overcall to get her hand off her chest, while Reess was not. What that meant was that Reess felt obliged to double twice later in the auction to get her strength across, while Liping left her opponents in peace. Again, Zhang had less reason to hope for game than did Cronier, so the French player first transferred to spades then showed her diamond fit, while in the Chinese Precision style Feng had not promised diamonds so Zhang was happy to bid her spades twice but then let her opponents declare the final contract after Feng's pass of the 1♠ response.

Liping led ace, king and ten of diamonds against 3♠. Wang ruffed and returned a heart as requested and was given a second ruff. She exited with a heart and declarer ruffed, drew trumps and got the clubs right for two down and –200.

Feng led king and another spade against 3♥. Gaviard ruffed, cashed the ace of trumps and played ace and king of diamonds for a club pitch, ruffed a diamond and ruffed her last spade. She had to lose two hearts and a club so had nine

tricks for +140 but 2 IMPs to China, whose lead crept up to 189-182 with six boards to play.

Boards 91 and 92 were dull +450s for E/W – four boards to play and the Chinese lead was still 7 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ K87543 ♥ 10 ♦ 108752 ♣ 3</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J10 ♥ AK3 ♦ K643 ♣ AKJ6</p>	<p>♠ 962 ♥ J954 ♦ A ♣ Q10875</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Feng</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>W Wang</i>
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Zhang opened with a strong club and her rebid showed 17-19. Feng transferred and passed the conversion. Gaviard cashed her bare ace and Reess dropped the queen. Gaviard switched to the jack of hearts, won in hand to run the ten of spades to the queen. Playing the diamond queen at trick one meant



Xuefeng Feng

that Reess could not now lead a diamond to good effect as her partner's ruff would just be changing the way in which the second defensive trump trick would be taken, but there would be no third winner. The contract made an overtrick for +140.

Willard responded to the better-minor 1♦ and jumped to game over Cronier's 2NT rebid, hoping that the diamond fit would improve her chances. Liping led a heart, won the queen of spades at trick two and led a second spade. When she won the spade ace, she switched to the queen of diamonds but, needing the suit to be two-two with the ace onside, Willard covered so had three losers in the suit for down two and –200; 8 IMPs to China. The lead was up to 15 with three boards to play, at 197-182.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ QJ43 ♥ Q6 ♦ K43 ♣ KJ84</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K92 ♥ A1093 ♦ 652 ♣ 976</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ KJ52 ♦ QJ1098 ♣ Q105</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Feng</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>L Wang</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>W Wang</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

When N/S bid and raised spades, both Easts doubled, but the respective Wests found different responses to the double. Feng bid her longest suit, and declared 3♣, while Willard preferred to bid 2NT, presumably natural, and Cronier converted to 3♠.

Reess led the two of spades against 3♣. Gaviard won the ace and promptly switched to ace and another diamond. Feng won the king and led a heart up but Reess grabbed her ace and gave Gaviard the diamond ruff for one down; –50.

There was no ruff to be had in 3♦. Wenfei did well to underlead in spades so Liping could win and return the suit, forcing Cronier to ruff. Cronier led a heart to the queen and ace, ruffed the spade return and cashed the king and jack of hearts, throwing dummy's last spade, then played the queen of clubs and, when that was ducked, a second round. Wenfei won and gave a ruff and discard, but the three-two diamond split meant that Cronier was in control; +110 and 4 IMPs to France, keeping the match alive at 186-197.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



♠ Q 7 6	♠ Q 7 6
♥ 10 7 6 3	♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ A Q	♦ A Q
♣ 9 8 3 2	♣ 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
Feng	Reess	Zhang	Gaviard
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Willard	L Wang	Cronier	W Wang
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Different opening styles meant different final contracts, which was good news for the trailing team, but could they eke a swing out of this partscore board to leave themselves needing less from the final deal?

Cronier led the queen of clubs against 1NT. Liping won immediately and found the winning play of leading the nine of spades and running it. When that won the trick she continued with the eight, on which Cronier rose with the ace and played back a diamond in response to Willard's encouraging discard of the diamond eight. The diamond finesse lost and Willard cashed the king of clubs then returned a diamond to the ace. Liping could unblock the queen of spades and cross to hand with a heart to cash her tricks, eight in all for +120.

Zhang too led the club queen, this time against 2♠. Reess won the ace and led the two of spades to dummy's queen, then a spade back to the eight and jack. Zhang played a diamond and Reess spurned the finesse, going up with the ace to play a third spade. She had to lose that trick, and also two clubs and one in each red suit, so was down one for -100 and 6 IMPs to China; 203-186.

With only one deal to come, the match was effectively over. On Board 96, Reess/Gaviard stopped safely in 1NT making +150, while the two Wangs were going two down in game for -100 and 6 IMPs to France. That made the final score 203-192 in favour of China, who were through to a semi-final meeting with England.



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Seconds away, round one

Mark Horton

The match between these two giants was eagerly anticipated. Would the buccaneering style of the Americans sweep the opposition aside or founder on the rocks?

East led the three of hearts and when declarer put in dummy's ten West won with the ace and switched to the king of diamonds. That simplified declarer's task and he won with the ace, played a spade to the king and ace, won the heart return, crossed to dummy with a spade, pitched a club on the queen of hearts and claimed eleven tricks for +200.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q1087652		
	♥ K4		
	♦ AQJ		
	♣ J		
♠ A3		♠ 94	
♥ A982		♥ J53	
♦ K3		♦ 10764	
♣ Q10842		♣ A763	
	♠ KJ		
	♥ Q1076		
	♦ 9852		
	♣ K95		



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Facing a 3♠ overall South had an easy raise.

East led the four of diamonds for the king and ace and declarer played on trumps and was soon claiming ten tricks and 6 IMPs. First blood to the USA.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Multon</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	All Pass	
2♦ One major			
2♥ Pass or correct			

	♠ 42		
	♥ J963		
	♦ A8		
	♣ AQ962		
♠ K3		♠ QJ10987	
♥ A1042		♥ 7	
♦ 96		♦ QJ54	
♣ KJ873		♣ 104	
	♠ A65		
	♥ KQ85		
	♦ K10732		
	♣ 5		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Multon</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♠*	Dbl	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dbl	All Pass		

2♠ Good hand

Declarer took full advantage of West's speculative double.

East led the jack of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club to the queen. When that held, he cashed the ace of clubs, pitching a spade, and ruffed a club. A diamond to the ace was followed by another club ruff, East discarding a spade, and declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond as West threw the king of clubs. Declarer ruffed a club and West overruffed and exited with a trump, but after winning in dummy declarer simply played a diamond and scored both his trumps, the overtrick delivering +990.



Pierre Zimmermann

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Levin	Fantoni	Weinstein
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dbl
Rdbl	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

As before East led a spade and declarer won in dummy. He played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing as West discarded a club and then cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. This time the crossruff was worth only ten tricks for +420 but 9 IMPs to Monaco.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ Q	
	♥ 6	
	♦ K108432	
	♣ K10985	
♠ J107		♠ AK64
♥ J109873		♥ A4
♦ 976		♦ AQJ
♣ 6		♣ J743
	♠ 98532	
	♥ KQ52	
	♦ 5	
	♣ AQ2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Zimmermann	Wolpert	Multon
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the queen of spades and declarer won in dummy and, sensing no danger, played the jack of clubs. South took the ace and had only to play a spade to ensure the defeat of the contract. When he exited with the two of clubs declarer ruffed and ran the jack of hearts to South's queen. The diamond return went to dummy's jack and declarer unblocked the ace of hearts, played a spade to the jack followed by the ten of hearts. South won, but declarer claimed the balance for +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Levin	Fantoni	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	2NT*	Pass	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
1♣	14+ (good 12/13)	4+ clubs or 15+ balanced	
1♦	0+, 4+♥		
2NT	Minors		

Once again North led the queen of spades.

Steve Robinson, commentating on BBO, said he could not see how the contract could make – well, Nunes showed him how.

After taking the spade, he cashed the ace of hearts and

continued with a second round. South took the king and switched to a diamond. Declarer won with dummy's queen, played a spade to the jack, overtook the ten of spades with the king and played the six of spades, matching it with the six of clubs from his hand – a classic example of the scissors coup.

With the link to his partner cut off, South could take only the master trump; +420.

The Rueful Rabbit would have followed this line, perhaps mistaking the six of spades for the nine – 'These symmetrical cards are so confusing' – and would no doubt apologise later for not making the overtrick.

The way to defeat 4♥ is for North to lead a diamond. Declarer wins with dummy's jack, and after ace of hearts and a heart South must underlead his club honours so North can get in and lead a diamond for South to ruff.

In the unlikely event of declarer cashing just one heart and then playing four rounds of spades, a la Nunes, South wins and now plays a black card at every opportunity, which is just too quick for declarer, who eventually runs out of trumps.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 4	
	♥ 76	
	♦ J9765	
	♣ A10872	
♠ 82		♠ AJ65
♥ K8542		♥ AQJ103
♦ A843		♦ KQ2
♣ K5		♣ Q
	♠ KQ10973	
	♥ 9	
	♦ 10	
	♣ J9643	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Zimmermann	Wolpert	Multon
–	Pass	1♥	4♠
Dbl	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass



Gavin Wolpert

5NT Pass 6♥ All Pass

South led the ten of diamonds and declarer won with the king, drew trumps and played two more diamonds ending in dummy, South discarding the seven, three and nine of spades (standard count).

When declarer played the five of clubs from dummy, North, probably placing his partner with ♣Jxx, played low, and when the queen held declarer claimed; +1430.

Once South has overcalled 4♠ this disaster is hard to avoid unless South happens to lead a club, when North would undoubtedly win and try to give South a ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Levin	Fantoni	Weinstein
–	Pass	1♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

4♠ Cue-bid

South led the king of spades, and declarer won with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and tried three rounds of diamonds, South discarding the three and seven of spades and the three of clubs.

South's more restrained overcall meant North had a more or less perfect count, and when declarer played dummy's five of clubs he went in with the ace and declarer had to go one down; for -100 and 17 IMPs to USA I.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AKJ	♠ 5	♠ 987643
♥ 1042	♥ QJ9	♥ A3
♦ KQ83	♦ AJ7542	♦ 109
♣ J93	♣ 852	♣ K104



♠ Q102	♠ 987643
♥ K8765	♥ A3
♦ 6	♦ 109
♣ AQ76	♣ K104

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Zimmermann	Wolpert	Multon
–	–	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Rdbl*	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Rdbl 10+

If West leads a trump declarer will almost certainly finish two down, but when he started with the king of spades declarer was a little better placed. The defenders continued with two rounds of trumps and declarer won in dummy, played a club

to the ace, ruffed a spade and played another club. The combination of the king onside plus the 3-3 break meant he had escaped for one down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Levin	Fantoni	Weinstein
–	–	Pass	1♥
Dbl	3NT	4♠	All Pass

Notice that at both tables West was happy to double facing a passed partner, despite the absence of any shape.

South led the six of diamonds and North took the ace and returned the seven. South ruffed and returned the five of hearts to the jack and ace. Declarer drew trumps, discarded a heart on the queen of diamonds and played a club, but South claimed one down, for +100 and 7 IMPs for USA I.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ QJ1052	♠ A9764	♠ K83
♥ K1094	♥ Q63	♥ A7
♦ Q86	♦ 42	♦ AK9
♣ Q	♣ KJ2	♣ A10543



♠ —	♠ A9764
♥ J852	♥ Q63
♦ J10753	♦ 42
♣ 9876	♣ KJ2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Zimmermann	Wolpert	Multon
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

North led the two of clubs and declarer put up dummy's ace and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing with dummy's eight. A diamond to the queen was followed by a heart, ruffed with the three as North pitched the four of diamonds. When declarer played the king of spades North won and played a club and declarer conceded two down for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Levin	Fantoni	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ 14+ (good 12/13) 4+ clubs or 15+ balanced
 1♥ 0+, 4+♠

Declarer won the diamond lead, played three rounds of hearts ruffing with the eight, went to dummy with a diamond and played a heart, ruffed by the four and overuffed by the king. A spade to the queen and ace disclosed the 5-0 break and declarer claimed eleven tricks for +450 and 11 IMPs to Monaco.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ A9	
	♥ 764	
	♦ 8652	
	♣ KQ95	
♠ J75432		♠ Q1086
♥ K		♥ AQ8
♦ J1097		♦ AQ3
♣ 104		♣ A63
	♠ K	
	♥ J109532	
	♦ K4	
	♣ J872	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Multon</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ten of clubs and East took dummy's king with the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. Declarer claimed, conceding three trump tricks for two down; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ 14+ (good 12/13) 4+ clubs or 15+ balanced
 Dbl 15+ balanced

North led the seven of hearts and declarer won with the king and played a spade, claiming ten tricks for +620 and 11 IMPs to Monaco, who took the set 40-33 – but from the USA's point of view it could have been much worse.

Don't give away the show!

This board was played in the no-trump game or in the diamond slam at every table. Only one East/West pair went plus; here is how they did it.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ AJ	
	♥ AJ54	
	♦ K1053	
	♣ 952	
♠ Q95		♠ 106432
♥ Q9873		♥ K1062
♦ 98		♦ J6
♣ AJ3		♣ 108
	♠ K87	
	♥ —	
	♦ AQ742	
	♣ KQ764	

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Russyan</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT(F)	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Mike Passell did very well to stay out of the auction. Had he bid 1♥, East would have shown a pre-emptive raise and declarer would have known to take the spade finesse rather than play on clubs. He then selected the heart lead that gave declarer nothing. Jerzy Russyan won and led a club to the king, smoothly ducked by Passell, persuading declarer to draw trumps and lead a club to his hand. Down one!

The Past Comes Alive

Dutch players Frank van Wezel and Hans van de Konijnenberg both collect books, magazines and Daily Bulletins about bridge. They especially enjoy reading Daily Bulletins from the pre-internet era because these bulletins are a treasure trove of wonderful photographs, marvellous sketches, splendid deals, and tremendous stories and anecdotes.

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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	49	163.7	27	190.7	51	241.7
USA1	0	33	33	11	44	21	65	31	96	28	124	36	160
POLAND	0	8	8	14	22	26	48	31	79	0	79	0	79
ITALY	7	45	52	55	107	43	150	51	201	0	201	0	201

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	26	109	26	135	30	165
USA2	0	25	25	32	57	38	95	26	121	21	142	39	181
ENGLAND	0	45	45	11	56	43	99	45	144	41	185	45	230
CHINA	7.5	17	24.5	12	36.5	26	62.5	31	93.5	35	128.5	29	157.5

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	16	124	39	163	59	222
FRANCE	1	38	39	37	76	26	102	19	121	44	165	30	195
POLAND	0	16	16	31	47	27	74	37	111	24	135	43	178
USA2	10	46	56	37	93	27	120	42	162	42	204	43	247

Transnational Quarter-final scores

Segment	c/o	1	Total	2	Total	3	Total	
YEH MIX		0	3	3	19	22	18	40
WHITE HOUSE		0	69	69	51	120	42	162
GORDON		0	20	20	32	52	63	115
POLISH STUDENTS		0	69	69	16	85	20	105
P D TIMES		0	40	40	20	60	73	133
INDONESIA OPEN ME		0	42	42	41	83	13	96
FLEISHER		0	17	17	8	25	48	73
SAIC VW		0	57	57	71	128	52	180

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	Shark Bridge	Bridge Baron	Micro Bridge	Jack	WBridge5	Q-Plus Bridge	Total VPs
Shark Bridge	VPs	6.55	11.05	9.12	0.71	11.9	39.13
Bridge Baron	13.45	VPs	4.01	3.09	3.81	4.11	28.47
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WBridge5	19.29	16.19	4.85	8.12	VPs	20.00	69.45
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