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20<sup>th</sup> Venice Cup | 8<sup>th</sup> d'Orsi Trophy  
10<sup>th</sup> Transnational Open Teams

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# A LONG AND WINDING ROAD



*Players pass by the depiction of the Chariot of Victory at the top of the big stairway in the lobby of the hotel.*

The lobby of the Grand Chola Hotel features a depiction of the hallowed Chariot of Victory, inspired by the sculptures of the Chola dynasty of the ninth and twelfth centuries in Southern India. Players at this tournament may be inspired by figures or forces other than chariots, but their objective is clear. They want to win. On Sunday, teams settled in for the marathon that is the round-robin qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy. It's a long trip, but the reward for the winners is worth the effort. Just ask them.

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### WBF Women's Committee meeting

The WBF Women's Committee will meet on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 0930** in the WBF Meeting Room (Room Tanjore) on the second floor of the ITC Grand Chola near the WBF Secretariat Office.

**All members are kindly requested to attend.**



## BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

BBO 1 = VuGraph  
BBO 6 is also OURGAME

### 11:00

France v Bulgaria	BBO 1
Brazil v England	BBO 2
Sweden v South Africa	BBO 3
England v Indonesia (OT)	BBO 4
Italy v England (VC)	BBO 5
Poland v China	BBO 6

### 14:30

USA1 v Brazil	BBO 1
Canada v Bulgaria	BBO 2
New Zealand v Sweden	BBO 3
USA1 v USA2 (OT)	BBO 4
Netherlands v USA2 (VC)	BBO 5
China v Argentina	BBO 6

### 17:10

USA2 v England	BBO 1
Bulgaria v Egypt	BBO 2
Brazil v South Africa	BBO 3
India v China	BBO 4
USA2 v USA1 (VC)	BBO 5
China v USA1 (OT)	BBO 6



# Bermuda Bowl

## After Round 3

TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	47.87
2 BRAZIL	43.89
3 USA1	43.44
4 POLAND	42.56
5 BULGARIA	42.55
6 ENGLAND	37.32
7 AUSTRALIA	36.04
8 CHINA	34.18
9 NEW ZEALAND	33.58
10 INDIA	28.28
11 EGYPT	26.89
12 SWEDEN	26.86
13 DENMARK	26.35
14 JAPAN	25.87
15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	25.40
16 SINGAPORE	24.39
17 JORDAN	23.74
18 SOUTH AFRICA	23.15
19 USA2	19.95
20 CANADA	17.70
21 ARGENTINA	16.53
22 GUADELOUPE	12.46

## Medical Help Desk

A team of paramedics will be on hand every day to deal with any medical problems you may have. Their desk is located on the first floor close to the escalators.



## Venice Cup

### After Round 3

TEAM	VP
1 DENMARK	55.74
2 NETHERLANDS	55.55
3 USA1	46.83
4 ITALY	45.53
5 CHINA	43.99
6 EGYPT	41.55
7 CANADA	40.00
8 POLAND	39.03
9 USA2	36.76
10 FRANCE	35.31
11 CHINESE TAIPEI	34.07
12 VENEZUELA	29.54
13 PAKISTAN	26.94
14 JAPAN	24.58
15 BRAZIL	22.53
16 ENGLAND	19.62
17 NEW ZEALAND	16.50
18 GUADELOUPE	14.46
19 AUSTRALIA	11.91
20 INDIA	9.00
21 JORDAN	8.52
22 SOUTH AFRICA	2.04

## d'Orsi Trophy

### After Round 3

TEAM	VP
1 AUSTRIA	52.00
2 ENGLAND	47.95
3 USA2	46.52
4 POLAND	42.19
5 BULGARIA	39.56
6 INDIA	38.32
7 NORWAY	37.96
8 USA1	34.67
9 IRELAND	33.97
10 JAPAN	33.69
11 EGYPT	31.81
12 INDONESIA	26.42
13 SWEDEN	26.28
14 GUADELOUPE	25.97
15 NEW ZEALAND	25.20
16 AUSTRALIA	24.69
17 PAKISTAN	21.40
18 CHINA	20.44
19 TUNISIA	19.52
20 CANADA	15.48
21 CHILE	10.71
22 BRAZIL	1.25



## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 4 11:00 - 13:20

1	POLAND	CHINA
2	ARGENTINA	UAE
3	INDIA	NEW ZEALAND
4	SWEDEN	SOUTH AFRICA
5	AUSTRALIA	USA I
6	BRAZIL	ENGLAND
7	SINGAPORE	JORDAN
8	USA2	EGYPT
9	DENMARK	CANADA
10	FRANCE	BULGARIA
11	JAPAN	GUADELOUPE

### Round 5 14:30 - 16:50

1	CHINA	ARGENTINA
2	UAE	INDIA
3	NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN
4	SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA
5	USA I	BRAZIL
6	ENGLAND	SINGAPORE
7	JORDAN	USA2
8	EGYPT	DENMARK
9	CANADA	BULGARIA
10	POLAND	JAPAN
11	GUADELOUPE	FRANCE

### Round 6 17:10 - 19:30

1	INDIA	CHINA
2	SWEDEN	UAE
3	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND
4	BRAZIL	SOUTH AFRICA
5	SINGAPORE	USA I
6	USA2	ENGLAND
7	DENMARK	JORDAN
8	BULGARIA	EGYPT
9	FRANCE	CANADA
10	JAPAN	ARGENTINA
11	GUADELOUPE	POLAND

## Venice Cup

### Round 4 11:00 - 13:20

21	JORDAN	DENMARK
22	CANADA	USA I
23	VENEZUELA	NETHERLANDS
24	USA2	PAKISTAN
25	POLAND	GUADELOUPE
26	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI
27	CHINA	AUSTRALIA
28	ITALY	ENGLAND
29	SOUTH AFRICA	NEW ZEALAND
30	BRAZIL	EGYPT
31	JAPAN	INDIA

### Round 5 14:30 - 16:50

21	DENMARK	CANADA
22	USA I	VENEZUELA
23	NETHERLANDS	USA2
24	PAKISTAN	POLAND
25	GUADELOUPE	FRANCE
26	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA
27	AUSTRALIA	ITALY
28	ENGLAND	SOUTH AFRICA
29	NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT
30	JORDAN	JAPAN
31	INDIA	BRAZIL

### Round 6 17:10 - 19:30

21	VENEZUELA	DENMARK
22	USA2	USA I
23	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
24	FRANCE	PAKISTAN
25	CHINA	GUADELOUPE
26	ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI
27	SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA
28	EGYPT	ENGLAND
29	BRAZIL	NEW ZEALAND
30	JAPAN	CANADA
31	INDIA	JORDAN

# d'Orsi Trophy

## Round 4 11:00 - 13:20

41	JAPAN	BULGARIA
42	TUNISIA	POLAND
43	ENGLAND	INDONESIA
44	AUSTRIA	GUADELOUPE
45	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA
46	IRELAND	BRAZIL
47	SWEDEN	CANADA
48	NEW ZEALAND	USA1
49	USA2	INDIA
50	CHILE	CHINA
51	EGYPT	PAKISTAN

## Round 5 14:30 - 16:50

41	BULGARIA	TUNISIA
42	POLAND	ENGLAND
43	INDONESIA	AUSTRIA
44	GUADELOUPE	NORWAY
45	AUSTRALIA	IRELAND
46	BRAZIL	SWEDEN
47	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND
48	USA1	USA2
49	INDIA	CHINA
50	JAPAN	EGYPT
51	PAKISTAN	CHILE

## Round 6 17:10 - 19:30

41	ENGLAND	BULGARIA
42	AUSTRIA	POLAND
43	NORWAY	INDONESIA
44	IRELAND	GUADELOUPE
45	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA
46	NEW ZEALAND	BRAZIL
47	USA2	CANADA
48	CHINA	USA1
49	CHILE	INDIA
50	EGYPT	TUNISIA
51	PAKISTAN	JAPAN

## The Numbers Game

By Mark Horton

After six deals of their opening Venice Cup match, USA 1 trailed Japan 13-23.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room Jill Meyers opened the South hand 1♣ and raised her partner's response of 1♥ to 2♥, which concluded proceedings. After a spade lead to the ten and jack, declarer recorded ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Shimamura</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Sato</i>
1♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

1♣ Longest suit in an unbalanced hand with 11+ or BAL hand with 12-14/18-19.  
1♣ with 3-3 minors, 1♦ with 4-4 minors

2NT Game forcing  
3♥ Splinter  
4♠ Cue bid

North led the queen of hearts and continued with the jack, declarer ruffing and playing a club to the queen and ace. South returned the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed and played off her remaining trumps, North discarding in order the ♥6, ♥8 ♠8 and ♠3, South the ♥10 and ♠6.

NS were playing that the discard of a high card in a suit was discouraging, which suggested (barring some mendacity on the part of the defenders) that South held the king of spades.

Along with the two known aces that added up to eleven points, so declarer cashed the king of diamonds and followed it with a diamond to the ten for a well played +600 and 13 IMPs, handing the USA a lead they would not relinquish.

# Bermuda Bowl Round 1



## England v. India



By Brian Senior

After all that has happened in recent days and weeks, it was a relief to actually start the tournament. Match One on vugraph featured the Bermuda Bowl match between England, the highest-ranked team at last year's European Championships in Opatija still standing, and India, the host nation.

won the first trick with the nine of diamonds, leaving no flexibility within the suit. He passed the jack of hearts, which held the trick, then led a low heart, putting in the queen when South showed out. Justin Hackett won the king this time and returned a club. Banerjee won the ace and returned the jack, Justin winning the queen and playing back a diamond. Declarer could not get to dummy to ruff a club then get back to draw the last trump, so was down one for -50.

Forrester won the king of diamonds at trick one and ran the heart ten. Majumder ducked so Forrester continued with a low heart and he too put in the queen, losing to the king. Majumder returned the queen of clubs so Forrester won the ace and played back the jack. Manna won and played a diamond. Forrester was in control now and could win in dummy, ruff the third club and overtake the jack of hearts with the ace then draw the last trump; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to England, the perfect start to the championships.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 5 ♥ A Q 9 3 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 9 8 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">S</span> </div>	♠ K J 10 6 ♥ K 8 7 5 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ Q 2	♠ A 4 3 ♥ J 10 4 2 ♦ A K Q 9 ♣ A J
		♠ Q 7 2 ♥ 6 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ K 10 7 6 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
–	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Forrester opened 1♣, natural or balanced outside the no trump range, and the 1♦ response was a transfer to hearts. Forrester effectively raised hearts strongly and Robson went on to game. In the other room, Banerjee upgraded his normal 19-count to a 20-22 2NT opening, and was soon in the heart game via a Puppet Stayman auction. Both Souths led a diamond.

To defeat 4♥, the defence needs to attack spades either at trick one or when they next gain the lead in hearts or clubs. Otherwise declarer has time to take a club ruff for his tenth trick. However, Banerjee, no doubt nervous on the first board of a world championship, erred when he

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 8 3 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ 6 5 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">S</span> </div>	♠ A 4 ♥ J 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ A Q 4	♠ K 10 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 9 5 4 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 3
		♠ Q 7 6 5 ♥ A K 8 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ J 9	

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs bid confidently to the good heart slam.

Robson led a spade so Manna rose with the ace, cashed the top hearts and got rid of dummy's spade loser on the diamonds. The club finesse was for the overtrick but, of course, the king was offside so there were only 12 tricks for +1430.

Roy led a club and Jason Hackett ran it, losing to the king. He won the club continuation and, when the heart queen fell, had the rest for +1430 and a flat board.

Overtrick IMPs had moved the score on to 13-1 in favour of England when this next board hit the table.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ Q 10 9 6 ♣ A Q 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 6 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A J 5 2 ♣ K 10 9 2	♠ K Q 4 ♥ Q J 9 4 2 ♦ K 8 7 4 ♣ 8
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W		E										
	S											
♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ 3 ♣ J 7 5 4 3												

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
–	–	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
–	–	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both Easts opened 1♥. Roy responded with a semi-forcing INT and Banerjee left him to play there. Justin led the ten of clubs round to declarer's queen and Roy played on hearts. Jason won the second round and returned a club. Declarer won and could play on either spades or diamonds to establish his seventh trick but the defence had three clubs and two more aces to come so seven was all that was available; +90.

Robson's 2♣ response was either game-forcing or 9-11 with three-plus hearts, and the 2♦ rebid is described as "normally accepts the game try facing the invitational type". Manna led the three of diamonds and Forrester called for the ten. Majumder put in the jack so Forrester won the king and played on hearts. Manna won the second heart and tried a club so Forrester won the ace, drew the missing trump and led a spade to the king and ace. There was no way to avoid a second spade loser after the club return, so he was down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to India, closing to 6-13.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 10 7 ♥ 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ K J 10 9 8 6 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 8 3 ♥ Q J 8 6 5 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ 5	♠ Q 4 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ A Q 10 3 2 ♣ Q 7
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W		E										
	S											
♠ K 9 6 5 ♥ A 10 9 4 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A 4 2												

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Jason passed the 11-count as dealer and heard his opponents bid quickly to 3NT. The fate of the contract rested on his choice of which major to lead. One can easily see that on another day a spade could be the winning choice and that was Jason's choice on this day – but it was not successful. The five of spades ran to declarer's queen. Banerjee played the seven of clubs and, when that held, continued with the queen. Jason won and returned the nine of diamonds. Banerjee went up with the king and ran the



Andrew Robson and Tony Forrester, England

clubs. He cashed the ace of spades and, with nine tricks in the bag, could afford the small risk of finessing the ten of diamonds. That meant 12 tricks for +690.

Manna opened the South hand so knew that his partner had hearts. Accordingly, when Forrester took a shot at 3NT, he led the nine of hearts, promising the ten. Forrester won the king and led the seven of clubs for a phantom finesse. When that held, he switched his attention to diamonds. Had the suit come in for five tricks, he would have been up to eight and hoped for a spade position such as the actual one, where neither defender could afford to come down to a singleton so would have to discard heart winners and there might then be an endplay. When diamonds did not cooperate, however, he had established an extra winner for the defence and was down two for -200 and 13 IMPs to India, who led for the first time at 19-13.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A 9 7 3 ♥ A K 9 5 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 8 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 5 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ A K J 10 7 6	♠ J 8 4 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ K J 10 8 6 ♣ Q 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♦	Dble	2♥	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Forrester opened a 15-17 no trump on the East cards and the English pair never got close to the borderline slam. With both key suits behaving as required, there were 13 tricks for +710.

Banerjee opened 1♣ and made a simple rebid. When Roy completed his pattern by bidding 4♣ over the 3♥ preference, recognising the potential of the double fit and his controls, Banerjee showed his diamond ace, and Roy

was sufficiently impressed to take control with a 4NT Keycard bid. Banerjee appears to have assumed hearts to be agreed, as he showed two key cards plus the queen of trumps. Roy, however, always intended to play in clubs, and rightly so, as 6♣ can sometimes be made when 6♥ cannot. Again, there was nothing to the play – 13 tricks for +1390 and 12 IMPs to India; 31-13.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K 10 2 ♥ A K Q 10 2 ♦ 8 ♣ K Q 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 ♥ J 8 5 4 ♦ A Q 10 9 7 4 ♣ 7 4	♠ 9 7 5 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ J 10 8 5 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
–	–	–	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
–	–	–	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

Both Souths opened 1♠ and both Wests, of course, doubled. The difference in evaluation shown by the two Easts was remarkable. Banerjee made a simple 2♦ response, while Forrester was willing to cuebid.

Facing the 2♦ response, Roy jumped to 3♥ then admitted to a spade stopper. Now Banerjee showed that his 3♠ asking bid had actually been an advance cuebid for hearts. Thinking a mere 4♥ was insufficient after his original weak response, he jumped to 5♥ and Roy, who had controls in every suit, went on to slam. After a spade lead, Roy won, crossed to dummy's ace of diamonds and led a club up. Jason grabbed his ace and returned a trump, but it was easy for Roy to arrange two spade ruffs in the dummy for +980.

Robson started with a space-saving 2NT in response to the 2♠ cuebid. Forrester showed the diamonds then raised hearts and that was all Robson needed to hear. He checked

on key cards, found one and bid the small slam. Something about this auction encouraged Manna to think that a diamond lead might be key to beating the slam so he doubled, and Robson raised the ante still more with a redouble. He won the diamond lead and played a club. Manna took the ace and led a spade but, once again, declarer had no difficulty in taking two spade ruffs and 12 tricks in all. It proved to be an expensive double, as Robson scored +1620 and England were +12 IMPs; 25-31.

spade. Robson won the next heart also and this time played the queen of clubs, again ruffed by declarer, who had pitched too many clubs from dummy so that the jack fell under the queen. He was down to one losing trump and had yet to knock out the spade. When he did so, Robson won the ace and played his last diamond, forcing him to ruff as Forrester ditched his last spade. Though Manna made his heart jack via a ruff, the last two tricks were won by Forrester with the ace of trumps and ten of clubs for down one and -100, giving 6 IMPs to England; 31-32.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
3♦	3♥	All Pass	

The Hacketts had an uncontested auction to 2♥ and, with no pressure on his contract, Jason chalked up nine tricks for a painless +140.

At the other table, Robson balanced when 2♥ came back to him and Majumder first redoubled to show his maximum then took the push to 3♥. Three Diamonds would probably have been two down, but 3♥ was far from secure.

Robson led a diamond to the queen and ace so Manna took a diamond ruff, crossed back to hand with the king of clubs, and took a second diamond ruff, bringing down the king. However, despite the jack of diamonds now being a winner, he discarded it on the ace of clubs as he could see that otherwise it was likely to get ruffed by East. But this line was not good enough as Forrester/Robson found a nice defence to force declarer, though he was very much the architect of his own downfall. When Manna next played dummy's last trump, Robson won and played a winning diamond, forcing him to ruff as Forrester pitched a

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Roy	Justin H	Banerjee	Jason H
Pass	1♥	INT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Robson	Majumder	Forrester	Manna
Pass	1♥	INT	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both Easts overcalled INT but Manna then competed with 2♥ while Jason did not. Where South passed, Roy too passed as West. After a spade lead to the queen and king, Banerjee made nine tricks for +150.

Where South bid 2♥, Robson in turn competed with 3♣, a transfer to diamonds, and Forrester liked his diamond holding sufficiently to try 3NT. Again the lead was a spade. Majumder won the ace and returned the suit to declarer's king. Forrester ran the diamonds. Though it appeared that Majumder had shown that he held the top club - he unblocked the spade queen and also discarded two hearts and the jack of clubs, Manna did not read the position correctly and bared the king of hearts. Forrester, however, did read the position correctly and led a heart to his ace, dropping the king. The queen and jack of hearts followed and he had an overtrick for +630 and 10 IMPs to England, snatching a win on the final deal by 41-32 IMPs; 12.55-7.45 VPs.

# BB RI - Great Danish Start



Denmark v. USA2



By Micke Melander

One of the late entries for Chennai was Denmark, who replaced Monaco when that team withdrew from the Bermuda Bowl. Denmark kicked off against USA 2 and there was action on the first board. Would it be another success story where a team brought in in such circumstances goes all the way through and eventually wins? We have seen it happen before, and the match certainly started in a good way for the Danish team.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 5 ♥ A Q 9 3 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 9 8 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ K J 10 6 ♥ K 8 7 5 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ Q 2	♠ A 4 3 ♥ J 10 4 2 ♦ A K Q 9 ♣ A J
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
	Pass	1♣	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The Danes in the Closed Room went for game in hearts when South interfered in the bidding. Konow was unlucky when trumps broke 4-1 and there was no way to make the contract when South led a diamond. One off.

It was far more interesting in the Open Room, where South didn't overcall and West saw no reason to try to find a heart fit and just raised to Three Notrump. Christiansen led a low club – longest and strongest, right? The lead went

to the queen and ace. When the king of hearts was offside, the defense quickly brought the contract down two for the first 2 IMPs to Denmark.

One might wonder if North would have found the shift to spades if the queen of clubs had been allowed to win the first trick. A spade switch would certainly have defeated the contract. Declarer would have looked rather silly if he ducked the opening lead and saw the defence shift to spades, especially so if the clubs had been divided 4-4...

This was the first real swing of the match.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ J 9 8 3 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ 6 5 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ A 4 ♥ J 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ A Q 4	♠ K 10 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 9 5 4 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 3
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Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

An artificial auction from Schaltz-Christiansen in the Open Room led them to the excellent slam in hearts. Demuy led a club and declarer played low. When East produced the king, Declarer now to hope for 2-2 trumps or a singleton trump queen. When that was the case, Christiansen quickly wrapped up twelve tricks to make his slam.

Hurd also made a slam try in the Closed Room, but Wooldridge didn't accept and, when he passed Four Hearts, it was 13 IMPs to Denmark. He also collected twelve tricks on a spade lead.

A few boards later, there was another swing when South faced the following opening lead problem: ♠K965 ♥A1094 ♦96 ♣A42. You have opened the bidding in first seat with One Diamond (Precision) and LHO jumps to Three Clubs (constructive pre-empt) and RHO bid 3NT. What to lead?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Schaltz	Kranyak	Christiansen
3♣	Pass	3NT	1♦ All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Hurd	Konow	Wooldridge
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
3♣	Pass	3NT	2♥ All Pass

Christiansen led the four of hearts and declarer went into the tank for quite a while viewing the situation. Eventually, declarer played the two, which went to the jack and declarer's king. Kranyak immediately played a club to the king, which held, and cleared clubs when North pitched the eight of diamonds. That discard made life very easy for South, who cashed out the ace of hearts and continued the suit to bring the contract down.

One might believe that it would have been easier for South to find the heart led when both defenders had bid the suit. No, Wooldridge kicked off with a spade in the Open Room, Konow went up with the ace and cleared clubs, pitching a diamond from hand on the last one, North discarded the five of hearts and the eight of diamonds. South won the third round of the suit to lead back a low heart to try to defeat the contract, but declarer now had no problems scoring the remaining tricks for 690!

That was another 13-IMP swing to the Danish team, now ahead 29-1 half way through the match.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Schaltz	Kranyak	Christiansen
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Hurd	Konow	Wooldridge
2♦*	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3NT	Pass



Martin Schaltz, Denmark and John Kranyak, USA2

Kranyak's choice of INT with an almost solid six-card club suit was maybe not the best choice, when partner had not had a chance to bid. It certainly didn't take them to the right spot in Six Clubs.

Why Askgaard didn't drive on in the Open Room with all his controls and three-card club support remains a mystery. Both declarers quickly got their thirteen tricks, so there was no swing, but the board could easily have given both sides a nice swing.

The American team got their first swing on the following board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Schaltz	Kranyak	Christiansen
Dble	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Hurd	Konow	Wooldridge
Dble	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Kranyak bid Two Spades over West's take-out double and supported hearts, nothing could stop West from asking for aces and bidding slam. Konow never got the chance to bid Two Spades in the Closed Room because Hurd raised One Spade to Two with that garbage, making it difficult for the Danish players to find their way to slam.

Demuy made no mistake playing his slam. Schaltz led the five of diamonds. Declarer went up with the ace and played a club to the king which held the trick. The ace and king of spades followed, declarer pitching his losing club from dummy. West cross-ruffed between the hands and conceded a trump trick in the end after he decided to ruff

high protecting against the diamonds being 5-1 in the defender's hands.

Another 11 IMPs went to USA II when the Danish team got twelve tricks also in the Closed Room but only being in game.

Denmark got another 10-IMP swing to their account on board 14 when Kranyak went for the wrong endplay and unlucky went one down in 3NT.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Schaltz	Kranyak	Christiansen
Pass	2♥	All pass	1♥

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Hurd	Konow	Wooldridge
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

One might guess that Askgaard will think even two or three times before balancing with the West hand. When Hurd led a trump and South smoothly just followed low when declarer called for the king from dummy Askgaard had nothing to play for. Three down was 500 to the American team and 8 well-needed IMPs when the Danish declarer managed to make nine tricks in the Closed Room in the heart contract.

The final score was 42-21 for Denmark, getting them 15.19 of the available 20 VPs.

# Venice Cup Round 2



Australia v Poland



By Mark Horton

This second round match proved to be primarily a bidding battle.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 6 ♥ A Q J 10 7 2 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ A 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 9 8 7 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 4 3 2	♠ J 5 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 8 7 6 3 ♣ K J 5
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginsberg	Sarniak	Travis	Baldysz
4♥	2♠*	Pass	3♥*
2♠	5+♠ and 5+♣/♦, 4-11		
3♥	Invitational with spade support		

North led the two of diamonds (second and fourth) and South won with the ace and returned the nine. Declarer won, crossed to dummy with a club and played a heart to the queen and king. North switched to a low spade and South won and played a diamond, North's ruff and the king of spades giving the defenders five tricks, +100.

After the diamond lead, declarer's first problem is to decide who might be short in the suit. Would North have led a diamond from  $\diamond J542$ ? If you consider that to be unlikely then it must be long odds (given the bidding) that the club finesse will be right. If declarer plays three rounds of the suit, a spade can be discarded. Then the only remaining problem will be how to tackle the trump suit. The only situation that could lead to the defeat of the contract would be for South to have started with a doubleton diamond alongside king to three hearts, when playing the ace of hearts and a top heart would see South win and put North in with a spade for a diamond ruff.

North would have to be 5-1-4-3, so in this scenario North would have to play the queen of clubs on the third round of the suit in order to attempt to mislead the declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmuda	Lusk	Brewiak	Bourke
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	Dble*
	2♠	3♥	All Pass

North led the four of diamonds and South took the ace and returned the five. Declarer won with the ace and played the ace of hearts, followed by the queen. North won and returned the nine of spades, South winning with the ace and continuing with the jack of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and ran her trumps. South pitched her remaining spades, so when declarer played her last club North was squeezed in the black suits and declarer had an overtrick, +170 and 7 IMPs to Poland.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ K Q 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ 10 4 ♦ 3 ♣ 10 7 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 3 ♥ A K Q 9 3 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ K 9 4	♠ A J 7 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ Q 6
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginsberg	Sarniak	Travis	Baldysz
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the nine of spades. East won with the jack and switched to the queen of diamonds, whereupon declarer won in hand, ruffed a spade and cashed the top hearts, soon claiming eleven tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmuda	Lusk	Brewiak	Bourke
3♠	1♥	Pass	1NT
All Pass	Dble	Pass	4♣



## RESULTS

## Venice Cup

## Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK BRAZIL	49	6	18.44	1.56
22	USA1 JAPAN	44	24	15.00	5.00
23	NETHERLANDS INDIA	36	7	16.58	3.42
24	PAKISTAN JORDAN	42	18	15.74	4.26
25	GUADELOUPE CANADA	7	55	1.03	18.97
26	CHINESE TAIPEI VENEZUELA	55	8	18.87	1.13
27	AUSTRALIA USA2	14	34	5.00	15.00
28	ENGLAND POLAND	22	21	10.31	9.69
29	NEW ZEALAND FRANCE	49	38	13.04	6.96
30	EGYPT CHINA	43	42	10.31	9.69
31	SOUTH AFRICA ITALY	3	65	0.00	20.00

## Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	JAPAN DENMARK	15	63	1.03	18.97
22	INDIA USA1	22	48	3.91	16.09
23	JORDAN NETHERLANDS	8	84	0.00	20.00
24	CANADA PAKISTAN	80	16	20.00	0.00
25	VENEZUELA GUADELOUPE	71	16	19.61	0.39
26	USA2 CHINESE TAIPEI	44	25	14.80	5.20
27	POLAND AUSTRALIA	59	7	19.34	0.66
28	FRANCE ENGLAND	44	26	14.60	5.40
29	CHINA NEW ZEALAND	53	12	18.21	1.79
30	ITALY EGYPT	8	18	7.20	12.80
31	BRAZIL SOUTH AFRICA	67	13	19.52	0.48

## Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	DENMARK INDIA	48	6	18.33	1.67
22	USA1 JORDAN	58	34	15.74	4.26
23	NETHERLANDS CANADA	58	10	18.97	1.03
24	PAKISTAN VENEZUELA	28	24	11.20	8.80
25	GUADELOUPE USA2	29	18	13.04	6.96
26	CHINESE TAIPEI POLAND	34	34	10.00	10.00
27	AUSTRALIA FRANCE	19	33	6.25	13.75
28	ENGLAND CHINA	30	56	3.91	16.09
29	NEW ZEALAND ITALY	24	66	1.67	18.33
30	EGYPT SOUTH AFRICA	59	16	18.44	1.56
31	JAPAN BRAZIL	64	20	18.55	1.45

## d'Orsi Trophy

## Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA CHILE	37	33	11.20	8.80
42	POLAND EGYPT	43	24	12.80	5.20
43	INDONESIA PAKISTAN	25	37	6.72	13.28
44	GUADELOUPE JAPAN	27	31	8.80	11.20
45	AUSTRALIA TUNISIA	33	38	8.52	11.48
46	BRAZIL ENGLAND	8	61	0.57	19.43
47	CANADA AUSTRIA	15	74	0.07	19.93
48	USA1 NORWAY	36	41	8.52	11.48
49	INDIA IRELAND	37	42	8.52	11.48
50	CHINA SWEDEN	21	32	6.96	13.04
51	USA2 NEW ZEALAND	34	19	13.97	6.03

## Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	EGYPT BULGARIA	36	41	8.52	11.48
42	PAKISTAN POLAND	36	56	5.00	15.00
43	JAPAN INDONESIA	61	30	16.88	3.12
44	TUNISIA GUADELOUPE	29	51	4.62	15.38
45	ENGLAND AUSTRALIA	37	36	10.31	9.69
46	AUSTRIA BRAZIL	58	14	18.55	1.45
47	NORWAY CANADA	24	32	7.71	12.29
48	IRELAND USA1	39	56	5.61	14.39
49	SWEDEN INDIA	21	41	5.00	15.00
50	NEW ZEALAND CHINA	45	30	13.97	6.03
51	CHILE USA2	19	93	0.00	20.00

## Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BULGARIA PAKISTAN	41	10	16.88	3.12
42	POLAND JAPAN	33	16	14.39	5.61
43	INDONESIA TUNISIA	55	26	16.58	3.42
44	GUADELOUPE ENGLAND	15	56	1.79	18.21
45	AUSTRALIA AUSTRIA	20	33	6.48	13.52
46	BRAZIL NORWAY	27	73	-0.77	18.77
47	CANADA IRELAND	23	54	3.12	16.88
48	USA1 SWEDEN	31	25	11.76	8.24
49	INDIA NEW ZEALAND	56	37	14.80	5.20
50	CHINA USA2	18	27	7.45	12.55
51	EGYPT CHILE	61	21	18.09	1.91

# Bermuda Bowl

## Round 1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA FRANCE	13	47	2.69	17.31
2	UAE JAPAN	42	59	5.61	14.39
3	NEW ZEALAND GUADELOUPE	23	20	10.91	9.09
4	SOUTH AFRICA POLAND	6	24	5.40	14.60
5	USA1 ARGENTINA	77	27	19.16	0.84
6	ENGLAND INDIA	41	32	12.55	7.45
7	JORDAN SWEDEN	24	33	7.45	12.55
8	EGYPT AUSTRALIA	29	28	10.31	9.69
9	CANADA BRAZIL	22	51	3.42	16.58
10	BULGARIA SINGAPORE	66	21	18.66	1.34
11	DENMARK USA2	42	20	15.38	4.62

## Round 3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA GUADELOUPE	52	13	17.97	2.03
2	UAE POLAND	33	80	1.13	18.87
3	NEW ZEALAND ARGENTINA	31	25	11.76	8.24
4	SOUTH AFRICA INDIA	32	51	5.20	14.80
5	USA1 SWEDEN	36	35	10.31	9.69
6	ENGLAND AUSTRALIA	38	40	9.39	10.61
7	JORDAN BRAZIL	40	33	12.03	7.97
8	EGYPT SINGAPORE	52	27	15.92	4.08
9	CANADA USA2	45	31	13.25	5.75
10	BULGARIA DENMARK	42	30	13.28	6.72
11	JAPAN FRANCE	28	48	5.00	15.00

## Round 2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	JAPAN CHINA	31	44	6.48	13.52
2	GUADELOUPE UAE	24	69	1.34	18.66
3	POLAND NEW ZEALAND	50	64	6.25	13.75
4	ARGENTINA SOUTH AFRICA	33	42	7.45	12.55
5	INDIA USA1	29	44	6.03	13.97
6	SWEDEN ENGLAND	35	57	4.62	15.38
7	AUSTRALIA JORDAN	61	37	15.74	4.26
8	BRAZIL EGYPT	80	28	19.34	0.66
9	SINGAPORE CANADA	64	16	18.97	1.03
10	USA2 BULGARIA	38	40	9.39	10.61
11	FRANCE DENMARK	55	32	15.56	4.44

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