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SOLID SALVO WINS RED BULL MIXED TEAMS



Mixed Teams winners: Marion Michielsen, Nafiz Zorlu, Zia Mahmood, Anita Sinclair, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland

Playing nearly flawless bridge in the fourth quarter of the final, the Team Salvo came from behind for a 103-90 victory over Geely Automobile in the Red Bull Mixed Teams final.

The squad is captained by Anita Sinclair (England). She played with Nafiz Zorlu (Turkey). Their teammates were Roy Welland and Sabine Auken (Germany), Marion Michielsen (Netherlands) and Zia Mahmood (USA).

Geely Automobile is a Chinese team captained by Shen Yue Gui. The rest of the team is Jianming Dai, Hongli Wang, Liping Wang, Lixin Yang and Yu Zhang. Wang Wen Fei is the coach.

Geely took a 26-19 lead after the first set and led 48-41 at the halfway point. The lead was 6 IMPs after three sets, but Geely could not hold off Salvo, who won the final set 37-18.

The Mixed Pairs will begin the A and B finals today, both playing two sessions. The B winners will be determined today. The A final will conclude on Friday.

OurGame for tablets

It is easy to watch OurGame on tablets.
To view on an iPad, visit the Apple store and search for Ourbridge and simply install the application.
For viewing on an Android device, you need Adobe Flash Player.



Ourgame and BBO will broadcast 6 tables each of the Mixed Pairs

Today's Schedule Mixed Pairs

Final A	Final B
10:00 - 11:30	10:00 - 11:30
11:50 - 13:20	11:50 - 13:20
14:30 - 16:00	14:30 - 16:00
16:20 - 17:50	16:20 - 17:50
18:10 - 20:20	18:10 - 19:40





MIXED TEAMS



	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
SALVO	0	19	19	22	41	25	66	37	103
GEELY AUTOMOBILE	0	26	26	22	48	24	72	18	90

WBF CONGRESS MEETING

The WBF Congress Meeting will be held today, 16th October 2014 at 09 :00 at the Hotel Sheraton.

Coffee, tea and pastries will be served prior to the meeting.

NBOs are kindly requested to ensure that the President or a designated delegate attends this important meeting.



Press Outing

At this tournament, there will be a press outing for IBPA members on Monday, Oct. 20. Participants will visit the Tropical Paradise Forest Park (lunch included). Bus pickup is at the MGM Grand at 10:45 a.m., returning before 4 p.m. You must sign up to take part in the Press Room by noon on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President



Video Corner

now online:

Interview with Catherine D'Ovidio, France



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvnpOzVYhJl>

Knock Knock Out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MchBe5ICP9Q>

A Defence Tale by Zia



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAectYuTBg8>

Mixed Vibrations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqQtq762L68>

Find all the links on www.worldbridge.org

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7.2 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices



Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be taken into the playing area and toilets.

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Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and or electronic device into the playing area and toilets will cause his team to be fined 2 VPs, (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match) or, in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the matchpoints available on a board during the session, plus in all cases, a monetary fine, the amount of which will be announced to the participants before the start of the event. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

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See also Section 27.2 for restrictions pertaining to spectators.

The Head Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of players, captains and coaches to ensure that there is compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will bar the individual concerned from entry to the playing area and toilet area, and from remaining there.

Refusal to submit to these checks will result in the individual being barred from the playing area and toilet area for the duration of the match or until such time as the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the Championship Committee, shall decide.

The Duplimates used for the duplication here in Sanya are sold for Eur 1999. For more information see www.jannersten.com/newsletters/Sanya_specials.pdf or Per Jannersten.

WBF Systems Committee

The members of the WBF Systems Committee are **Fulvio Fantoni, Eric Kokish, Chip Martel, Krzysztof Martens, P.O. Sundelin and Paul Janicki.**



There will be a meeting of the committee in the WBF Meeting Room at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.
- John Wignall, chairman



No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions. If you do, an automatic penalty of 2VPs plus 100US\$ will be applied.



Classical Themes Part I

By Mark Horton

The quarter finals of the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series Mixed Teams Championships contained more than one deal that replicated themes that have been frequently discussed in the text books.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ 9 6 4 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ 10 9 4 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 7 5 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ A 10 6 3 2 ♣ J 7
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
2♣*	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♣ Stayman 2♦ No major			

What to lead from the South hand?

Suppose you decide you best chance is to start with a club - which one do you go for?

I think I am right in saying that in one of his books Hugh Kelsey advocated that with an outside entry you should start with an honour, while with no entry a low card is



Ewa Miszewska

best, catering for partner, or possibly declarer or dummy, holding Ax.

Whatever the merits of that argument it is clear that on this layout leading a low club will be catastrophic.

The alternative to a club is a heart - here I suspect the universal choice would be a low card. If you lead a heart here and declarer takes partner's king with the ace and then ducks a diamond to North then a club switch will be essential. Pairs playing Smith Peters should be in a position to get that right.

Here South led a club.

It was the three.

That gave declarer a second club trick and with the heart finesse onside and the diamonds breaking declarer had nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
2♣*	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♣ Stayman 2♦ No major			

Here South led the five of clubs. Declarer won with the jack and ducked a diamond to North, who switched to the king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with the king of diamonds and ran the queen of spades, so she took ten tricks, +630 and 1 IMP to Salvo.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 6 5 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 ♣ A K Q 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 7 3 ♥ A Q J ♦ 7 3 ♣ 10 9 8 6 4 3
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S					
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦*
3♦	5+♠, 4+♥ game forcing		

East led the nine of clubs and declarer won with dummy's jack and played a diamond, winning with the ace when West put up the king. A spade went to the king and ace and West returned a club to declarer's ace. A spade to dummy allowed declarer to run the eight of diamonds and when it held he claimed, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Vainikonis	Sinclair	Gulevich
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Perhaps South should rebid 2NT with this type of hand. Missing the game cost Vitas 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Welland	Miszewska	Auken
	1♣*	Pass	INT*
Dble	Pass	2♥	3♦
4♥	All Pass		

- 1♣ Any balanced hand including any other 5 card suit, also 5422
- INT Balanced, 5-11, 4 card major possible

South led the nine of spades and declarer won in hand with the king, cashed the ace and king of hearts and played a club. North went up with the ace and returned a club and declarer put in the ten and claimed when South won with the queen, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Vainikonis	Sinclair	Gulevich
	Pass	Pass	4♦
Dble	5♦	Dble	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

North led the queen of diamonds and declarer could not avoid the loss of a trump and two clubs, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to Vitas.

Board 12. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Welland	Miszewska	Auken
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the five of spades and declarer won with the queen and played a heart to the three, eight and jack. South returned the ten of diamonds and North allowed that to run to dummy's queen (difficult for North to win and switch to a club). Declarer cashed four rounds of spades followed by two rounds of hearts, but when the suit failed to divide he was one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Vainikonis	Sinclair	Gulevich
INT	Pass	3♣*	Dble
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ace of diamonds and when South followed with the jack he accurately switched to the four of clubs. Declarer took South's jack with the king, cashed the queen and jack of spades, played a spade to the king and a low club. When South nervously went up with the ace declarer had been handed a life-line. North won the diamond return, but dummy's queen of clubs could take care of declarer's losing heart, +420 and 10 IMPs to Salvo.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Welland	Miszewska	Auken
	Pass	Pass	1♦
2NT*	3♣*	4♥	4♠
Dble	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		
2NT ♥+♣			
3♣	Good raise in diamonds		

With two apparently well-placed defensive cards, North might have doubled 5♥.

North led the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed and played a club. West took the ace and continued with the two of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade to the jack and king. Declarer ruffed the heart return, laid down the ace of spades and conceded one down when the queen did not appear, -200.

(I will refrain from mentioning the hackneyed phrase 'the five-level belongs to the opponents'.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Vainikonis	Sinclair	Gulevich
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	Dble	3♥	5♦
5♥	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ace of clubs and then tried to cash the ace of hearts. Even though that was ruffed, declarer could not avoid the loss of two spade tricks. Two down, -500 and 7 IMPs to Salvo.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Welland	Miszewska	Auken
		2♠*	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	
2♠	Spades and a minor		

South led the jack of hearts for the queen and king and North cashed the ten of hearts and switched to the two of spades for the four and South's jack. The ace of clubs and a club put North on lead and he accurately played the ace of hearts. When declarer ruffed with the queen of spades South pitched the two of diamonds. Now declarer does best to play a diamond, escaping for four down; when she played the five of spades South went up with the king and played the king of diamonds. A diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff meant four down, -800.

After cashing the king of diamonds South can play a trump. If declarer wins and draws the outstanding trump North takes the rest; if she wins in dummy and plays a winning heart South ruffs and plays a club; finally if declarer wins and plays a diamond North wins and plays a club.

In all three cases declarer is held to three tricks for -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Vainikonis	Sinclair	Gulevich
		Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

I'm guessing 2♣ was game forcing (was it an inverted raise?)

West led the four of hearts and declarer went up with dummy's ace, played the ten of clubs to the ace and a club to the king. Returning to hand with a club declarer played the jack of hearts, covered by the queen and king and played a spade. East went in with the ace and played the queen of diamonds and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the nine. +490 but 7 IMPs to Salvo, well ahead at half time, 49-39.



Anna Gulevich

Killing lead

By Micke Melander

Vytautas Vainikonis for the Vitas team made a killing lead against Brink in the Round of 16. Vainikonis held;

♠ A K 10
♥ 6 2
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ 10 9 5 2

and had to kick off after watching the following bidding sequence that took place in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

What to lead and why?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open & Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Dubinina</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Vainikonis led the nine of clubs on which Brink did the best he could by jumping up with the ace from dummy to create some fog into what was going on. A heart to the ace was followed by the eight of diamonds to the jack and Gulevich's ace. Gulevich was not tempted to continue with clubs and instead played the queen of spades overtaken by Vainikonis with the king and another attack on clubs through dummy's jack! Brink could no longer make the contract whatever he did because Vainikonis made sure to win the next diamond and immediately return a third club, collecting the fourth trick for the defense.

You could, of course, lead the ace of spades, and shift to a club to also defeat the contract. This is provided that you jump up with the king of diamonds and again attack clubs. This leaves partner with the ace of diamonds to be able to collect that along with her established winner in clubs.

At the other table, Dubinin led the natural ace of spades to take a peek at the table. But when he returned a passive trump he let the game through. Declarer could pull trumps and set up a club discard on the diamonds...

10 IMPs to Vitas, who in the end won this match by 16 IMPs.

World Championship Book 2014

The official book of these championships will be available around April next year. With analysis from our regular team of writers – John Carruthers, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and Geo Tislevoll, it will again be in the full colour format first used for the 2013 edition and will comprise at least 336 large pages. There will be a full results listing, many photographs, and all the best of the action.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35-00. For the same price, you can pre-order while at these championships and have the book sent to you post free as soon as it is available.

In previous years the discount for buying at the championships has been greater. I should explain that the reason why I can no longer afford to be quite so generous is that it now costs something like US\$14 to send a single copy from England to anywhere else in the world (surface mail).

You can place your pre-order with Jan Swaan in the Press Room one floor up from the playing area in the MGM Grand. You may pay: US\$35-00, 200 Chinese Yuan, £20-00 British pounds, or 25 Euros.

Great comeback

By Micke Melander

Team Atabey had taken a lead over SAIC by 40-21 at halftime in their Mixed Teams quarterfinal. We have seen great comebacks before - so maybe also this time?

Board 21. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	F. Wang	Zobu	Liu
	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhuang	Atabey	W. Wang	Semerci
	1♦	Pass	2♦
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

Wen Fei Wang in the Open Room received the seven of hearts as the opening lead. The four and eight followed to declarer's queen. Wang cashed the ace of diamonds and finessed successfully in diamonds. Declarer then cashed the king of diamonds, noticing a spade discard from West and cashed the ace of spades before running the jack of spades, on which West now discarded a club. With five tricks already won, two spades and a diamond established it was just a question where the defense would give declarer the ninth trick. Eventually it came in hearts, when Zobu returned that suit after winning the queen of spades.

It didn't go so well for Atabey, declaring the same contract in the Closed Room. Wang led the six of hearts and Atabey was allowed to win it with dummy's jack. Declarer then played the king of clubs. East won and returned the ten of hearts, ducked by Zhuang to declarer's queen. Declarer couldn't read who had the long heart suit, so he played a spade to the ace and a spade to the king, no queen arriving. Declarer then went wrong in diamonds, playing low to the king and finessing West for the queen. This maneuver led to two down because East could cash the queen of spades before playing a heart to partner, who could cash out the remaining three hearts.

13 IMPs to SAIC, who had gained 1 IMP on the first board of the set and 5 IMP on the fifth board, setting the score to 19-0 to level the match. So 40-40 was the standing in the match with seven boards to play.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	F. Wang	Zobu	Liu
			1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			



Wen Fei Wang



Team ATABEY

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhuang	Atabey	W.Wang	Semerci
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Dble	4NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	Rdbl

Both teams did extremely well avoiding playing in Six Spades, a contract that most probably would depend on whether declarer could find the queen of trumps. Also, the defense might have a diamond ruff.

Switching the trump suit after setting another suit and using that one for Blackwood isn't always that easy. But they did it brilliantly on both tables, so no swing. Gawel – Brewiak for Rossard bid 6NT to take the lead in another close match against Moss where Sanborn – Zhao had played Five Spades. Atabey, however, won 2 IMPs on the hand before and was in the winning position again, but not for long...

SAIC scored 5 IMPs on board 24, then came:

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	F. Wang	Zobu	Liu
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Dble	Pass	1♠
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhuang	Atabey	W.Wang	Semerci
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Liu in the Open Room received a club from Aronov in the opening lead. The ace and king of spades followed, West discarding the ten of hearts on the second round of trumps. Declarer then cashed the king of clubs and led a diamond towards dummy. West jumped up with the ace, and returned another diamond. Declarer won with dummy's king, cashed the queen of clubs pitching a losing diamond from hand then called for a trump from dummy, East winning it with the queen, leaving:

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

If East now had played either minor instead of leading hearts, the contract would have gone down. But the five of hearts to the king and ace and another heart to declarer's queen gave declarer the tempo needed to pull trumps and claim ten tricks.

Semerci in the Closed Room played in the only game that could make, but went wrong as declarer. West kicked off with the ten of hearts, which went to declarer's queen she then cashed the ace and king of spades. West wrongly discarded a diamond on the second spade. This allowed declarer to make the contract by guessing everything right, but when she instead cashed out clubs and lead a heart towards dummy, West simply went up with the ace and played another round of hearts to set up that suit for the defense, while still having the ace of diamonds, allowing him to get in to cash his winners. (Bill Pollack for Moss made the same error and his declarer now made no mistake.)

The way of making the contract should be to aim for

three clubs, one diamond, two hearts and three spades. Question: once you realize this, are there any threats? Yes, if spades break 4-1 or worse. You lack entries to dummy and you know that almost for sure that the defense can block you out from getting an entry in hearts, so you have to believe that the ace of diamonds is onside.

You have your three tricks in clubs as soon as West has the ace of diamonds. Even if the queen of spades fell under the ace-king of spades you have only eight tricks! So after a heart to the queen, unblock ace-king of clubs, cash ace of spades and play the queen of hearts. West will most probably duck whereupon you may play any red suit towards dummy, giving you the entry you need to set up another red winner, cash the queen of clubs and then finesse in spades for nine tricks.

With this game swing SAIC was 13 IMPs ahead in the match. Another 6 IMPs came on the next hand, moving them 19 IMPs in front of Atabey with only two boards to play.

With ♠AQJ8753 ♥AKJ3 ♦10 ♣K, would you dare open with one spade, taking the risk that the board might be passed out?

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 6 2 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ A Q 6 4 ♣ A 10 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 4 ♥ Q 9 8 4 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ 8 7	♠ A Q J 8 7 5 3 ♥ A K J 3 ♦ 10 ♣ K
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	F. Wang	Zobu	Liu
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
All Pass			4♣

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhuang	Atabey	W. Wang	Semerci
All Pass			1♠

All Pass

Semerci opened with one spade and was left to play there scoring nine tricks after receiving a heart lead. In fact, Semerci was right with her opening bid since there only were eight tricks available against perfect defense.

Liu also got a heart led in the Open Room, which went to the queen and king. Declarer won the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart in dummy and exited with a club to the king and ace. Now came the moment of truth. Was Aronov going to find to underlead his ace of diamonds to get partner in to give him a ruff in hearts? He did it – down on the table came the six of diamonds which went to East king. But when East mysteriously returned a diamond instead of the last heart, declarer was allowed to ruff and just play on trumps to score the ten needed tricks, giving SAIC another 6-IMP swing.

SAIC won the second half of the match by 46-2! That was the great comeback they needed to get through to the semifinals.



Team SAIC: Jihong Hu (coach), Weimin Wang, Yong Mei Zhou, Wen Fei Wang, Mao Yuan Hu, Yi Qian Liu, Zejun Zhuang, Rong Huang (npc)

Classical Themes Part II

By Mark Horton

With Salvo leading by 30 IMPs Vitas was hoping for some early swings, but after 8 boards of the second half the score had advanced to 69-31, mainly as a result of this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
		INT	2♦*
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♥
Dble	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Diamonds and a major

South led the ten of spades and declarer won performance with dummy's king and played the queen of hearts. North put up the king and when that held, he switched to the queen of diamonds. When declarer ducked, South won with the king and cleared the diamonds. Now the best declarer could do was take her winners for one down, but she played a heart and South won and cashed her diamonds for three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
		INT	Dble*
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

South led the jack of diamonds and declarer won the second round of the suit and cashed her winners, +120 and 10 IMPs to Salvo.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♣*
Pass	6♦	Pass	5♣*
All Pass			6♠
2♦	5♥+4♠, 17-19		
2NT	Relay		
3♣	Shortage		
5♣	First round control		

I'm guessing about the meaning of 4♠, 5♣ and 6♦, but they led to a contract that needed declarer to locate the trump queen. (4♠ might have been RKCB for spades with 5♣ showing 3 key cards and then 6♦ offered an alternative contract).

East led the two of diamonds and West won and returned the suit. When declarer misguessed trumps he was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>
			1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
4♣	Cue bid		

There was nothing to the play, 16 IMPs to Vitas, back in the match.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Welland	Miszewska	Auken
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the two of diamonds (low from a doubleton) and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played the king of clubs. East won with the ace as West pitched the four of hearts and continued diamonds. West won and cleared the suit and declarer had only eight tricks, -100.

Notice that if declarer plays low from dummy at trick one and West is tempted to make the expert play of ducking, leaving East with a diamond to play when she gets in with the ace of clubs then there is a risk. East might duck the first round of clubs, then declarer will realize that it is necessary to play on hearts to drive out West's potential entry to the diamonds.

Best for West would be to win the diamond lead with the king and switch to spades, leaving declarer with no chance. (This was the defense found by the Pollacks in their match against Rossard. Voltaire HAD ducked the diamond king but his partner ducked the first club, and declarer astutely worked out who had the club ace, so drove out the heart ace and made 3NT. It was just too little too late, as Rossard held on to win by 3 IMPs.)

Finally I should point out that if declarer had guessed to play on hearts at trick two he would have made the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mahmood	Vainikonis	Michielsen	Gulevich
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the five of spades and declarer won with the king and played a heart. West went in with the ace and played a second spade, but now declarer could force out the ace of clubs and come to nine tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs to Vitas, too little too late and Salvo advanced to the semifinal.

WBF and the Great Wall

By Jean-Paul Meyer

The Great Wall is the most well-known place for tourism in China. On the photo below, WBF President Gianariggo Rona is not doing any tourism and the wall at his back is not the Great Wall, but it is important. It is THE WALL OF SPONSORS.

As with other sporting events – Formula 1, tennis, golf and football, for example – bridge can proudly present on this wall no fewer than 19 sponsors.

The first one is **OURGAME**, a Chinese company based in Beijing and quoted on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Their business is online games – 56 of them, including draughts, chess, poker and, of course, bridge.

Red Bull, the energizing soft drink, is also an important sponsor interested in bridge after Formula 1 racing and cliff diving.



Other sponsors are hotels, restaurants, an insurance company, bridge-article retailers, a maker of massaging arm chairs, and others.

The most exciting question was about the new contract between the WBF and OurGame.

Rona notes: "This contract is valid only for this championship. We received important support from OurGame and they have the exclusive rights for broadcasting the Mixed Teams final plus the semifinals and final of the Rosenblum. I do not know what the future will bring with OurGame, but I know OurGame intends to organize online bridge tournaments.

"I also know that the future of bridge is connected to the Internet, not to television. The rhythm of play at bridge is too slow for appearing regularly on television.

"Concerning television, you must know that the last session of the main competitions here will be broadcast on three Chinese channels. This is, of course, very good news.

"The WBF's aim is not to make money on sponsoring but to reduce costs so players will have to pay less. BBO will remain a partner to bridge as other online companies may do. All I wish is to build a longer wall."

Big comeback

By Brent Manley

Although it can be nerve-wracking, coming from behind for a win can be very satisfying for the winning team and, of course, frustrating for the players who fail to hold a lead.

In the Red Bull Mixed Teams, the semifinal match between Salvo and Rossard had lots of twists and turns, including a rally from behind by Salvo, Rossard pulling even after giving up the lead, then Salvo finally putting the match away.

Salvo (Zia Mahmood, Marion Michielsen, Anita Sinclair, Nafiz Zorlu, Roy Welland and Sabine Auken) started well, scoring an 11-IMP gain on the first board of the 32-board match. Their opponents were Martine Rossard, Jerzy Romanowski, Danielle Avon, Grazyna Brewiak, Wojciech Gawel and Jean-Michel Voldoire.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ J 8 6 5 4 ♦ A Q J 10 7 3 ♣ A 3	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ K 7 2 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ K 9 8 6 4 2 ♣ J	♠ J 10 8 6 5 ♥ A K 2 ♦ — ♣ 10 9 7 5 4
N	E						
W	S						

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Zia	Brewiak	Michielsen
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠	4♦	5♦	Dble
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Had Gawel found the killing lead of the ♣A, his team would have gained 4 IMPs on the board instead of losing 13 – plus 50 and plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Rom'ski	Sinclair	Rossard
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠	4♣	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

Rossard could have taken a heart ruff with his singleton trump for plus 300, but she started with the ♠A, so all the defenders could get were two heart tricks for plus 100.

Things were looking good for Salvo through the first 10 boards, but their 21-9 lead quickly evaporated.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A 10 ♣ Q 10 7 3	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ J 9 6 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K 8 7 5 3 ♣ 9 8 2	♠ K 4 3 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ K J 6
N	E						
W	S						

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Zia	Brewiak	Michielsen
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
2♦	Pass		
3NT	All Pass		

Any lead but a spade was good enough to defeat the contract provided the defense was accurate. Michielsen started with a low diamond, Zia ducking when declarer played the 10 from dummy. Brewiak played a low club from dummy to Michielsen's ace. At that point, it was necessary for her to continue with a diamond, but she apparently did not read Zia's signal at trick one. Instead, she exited with a club. Declarer won in dummy and ran the ♥J and was soon claiming with three hearts, three clubs, one spade and two diamonds. Plus 400 for Rossard.



Martine Rossard

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Rom'ski	Sinclair	Rossard
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Against 3NT from the other side of the table, Romanowski started with a low diamond to the queen and ace. Rossard took the ♣A when Zorlu led to dummy's king. She returned a diamond, ducked by Romanowski to maintain communication. Declarer overtook his ♦10 with the jack and played a heart to his jack. When that lost, he was two down, losing three diamonds, two black aces and a heart. That was 11 IMPs to Rossard, now trailing 21-20. Rossard took the lead on the next board.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

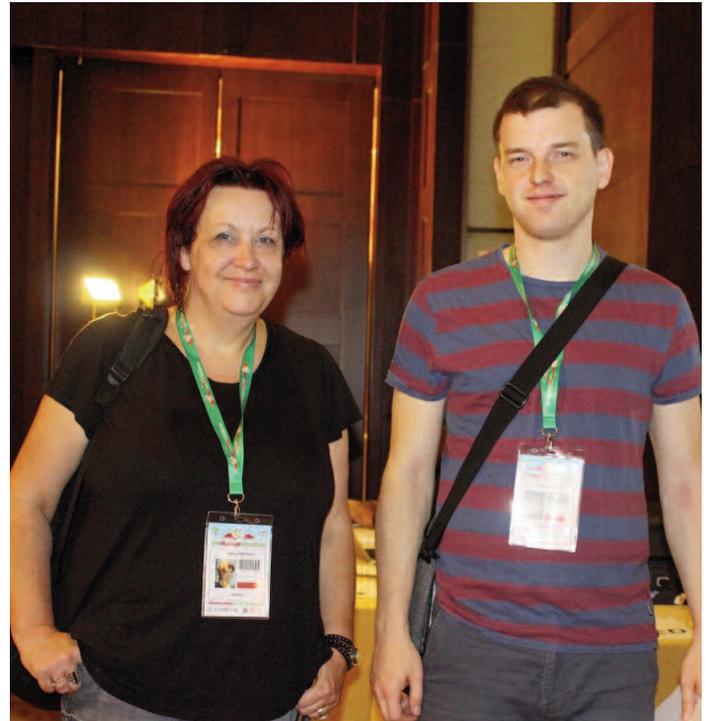
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Zia	Brewiak	Michielsen
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Brewiak had no trouble taking 12 tricks after Michielsen started with a low spade. At the other table, Zorlu and Sinclair landed in 5♣ by West, an odd contract considering the superior fit in diamonds. Even after a spade lead, 5♣ could have been made: ♠A, ♥A, ♥J to king, ♥Q, spade pitch, ♥10, spade pitch. South can ruff the fourth round of hearts with a natural trump trick or not, but declarer is in control either way thanks to the ♣9 in hand. Zorlu did not play along those lines, however, going minus 50 for an 11-IMP loss.

Rossard outscored Salvo 39-6 over the final six board to take a 48-27 lead with 16 boards to play.

Second half

In the second semifinal session, Salvo wasted little time scoring a swing, earning 11 IMPs for bidding and making 6♥ at the Auken-Welland table while Voltaire and Avon stopped in 4♥, taking 11 tricks. That was 11 IMPs to Salvo.



Grazyna Brewiak and Wojciech Gawel

You know it's your night when you pull the wrong bidding card out of the box to end up playing a 4-2 fit in a minor when, with careful play, you can come to 12 tricks in spades . . . and you win IMPs! That's what happened to Zia and Michielsen on the following board.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Voltaire	Zia	Avon	Michielsen
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	All Pass!	

Zia meant to bid 2♣ – fourth-suit forcing to game – but pulled the wrong card, a non-forcing 2♦. Michielsen managed 10 tricks for plus130 after West started with a trump. It looked like a loss of at least 10 IMPs, more if North-South bid and made 6♠ at the other table.

As it happened, Gawel and Brewiak did bid the slam, but Brewiak did not manage 12 tricks.

Welland started with the ♠J. Brewiak went up with the ace and ruffed a heart. She played a club to the ace and a club to the king, pitching a diamond from dummy on the ♣Q.

Instead of ruffing her last club, the winning play, followed by a diamond finesse, she erred by cashing the ♦A and ruffing a diamond then ruffing a heart, felling the king. In the end, she was down to two trumps in each hand and West still had all four of his spades. When Brewiak played the good ♥Q from dummy, East ruffed, South overruffed and West did the same. West was then on lead with three trumps. Dummy had two and declarer one. On the trump exit, West could not be prevented from taking another trick. That was plus 100 and, given what happened at the other table, an unlikely 6 IMPs to Salvo.

On the next board, the Voltaire-Avon methods wrong-sided the final contract – to their detriment.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ 9 8 6 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A 10 7 6 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 5 ♥ A Q J 5 ♦ K J 9 6 4 ♣ 9 3 2	♠ 9 6 ♥ K 10 7 4 3 ♦ A 8 3 2 ♣ Q J
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

2♦ Strong hand, game force

2♠ Major-suit ace

Michielsen found the killing lead of the ♣Q. When that held, she cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♣J. Zia read the position correctly, overtaking with the ♣A to give his partner a ruff. That was two down, plus 100 for Salvo.

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Gawel led the ♥8. Welland won in dummy, pitching a club from hand. He had to lose the ♦A and two clubs, but he had plus 420 and 11 IMPs for his side. (After a diamond lead and club shift, declarer might still have been thinking.) Salvo was now ahead 62-49.

After three pushes, the match tightened up again.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 5 3 2 ♥ J 9 7 4 2 ♦ A Q 7 6 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 9 8 6 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ K 10 7	♠ A 4 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A 8 6 5 4 3 2
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Avon led a spade, giving Zia no chance to make the contract. He did well to finish only one down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>
1♥	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Auken started with the ♦10, taken by Welland with the ace. Welland had his chance to defeat the contract by switching to a spade (the king would have been best), but he got out with a heart. That was all Gawel needed. He lost one club and one diamond for plus 660. That was 13 IMPs to Rossard. The score was tied at 62-62. The tie was broken on the next deal, however.

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ 9 5 4 2 ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ 10 8	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 10 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ K J 9 5 3	♠ A Q 8 3 ♥ A 9 7 6 ♦ 10 7 ♣ 7 6 4
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
All Pass	1♥	Pass	INT

Voltaire started with a low spade, taken in dummy by the

ace. Michielsen called for the $\diamond 10$ and Avon erred by playing low. West won the $\diamond A$ and played the $\heartsuit K$, ducked. Michielsen won the continuation of the $\heartsuit Q$ with the ace, finessed in diamonds and cashed that suit, eventually finessing in spades (the 8) and clubs for 11 tricks and plus 210.

At the other table, the auction was the same, but Welland started with the $\heartsuit K$ and a low heart, taken in dummy with the ace. Auken covered the $\diamond 10$ and declarer scrambled home with seven tricks for plus 90. That was 3 IMPs to Salvo.

On the next board, Voldoire and Avon both took aggressive positions and got too high.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 7 2 \heartsuit J 6 \diamond A K Q J 9 4 \clubsuit K 5</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit A 8 \heartsuit K Q 9 5 2 \diamond 6 3 \clubsuit J 8 4 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit K 6 5 3 \heartsuit 10 7 3 \diamond 10 7 \clubsuit A 10 6 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>\spadesuit Q J 10 4 \heartsuit A 8 4 \diamond 8 5 2 \clubsuit Q 9 7</p>												
<p>West Voldoire</p>	<p>North Zia</p>	<p>East Avon Pass</p>	<p>South Michielsen Pass</p>									
<p>1NT 2\diamond 3NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>2\clubsuit 2NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass</p>									



Jerzy Romanowski

Nothing wrong with the INT opening, but Stayman on the East hand seems a bit much. Zia started with the $\heartsuit Q$ and the defenders quickly took six tricks in the majors for plus 100.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gawel	Auken	Brewiak
		Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Welland also liked his hand for a INT opener. The level suited Auken, who passed.

Gawel also started with the $\heartsuit Q$. Brewiak took the second trick with the $\heartsuit A$ but mysteriously switched to a diamond. North-South had discarding problems on the run of the diamonds and Welland ended up with nine tricks for plus 150 and a 6-IMP gain.

The penultimate board sealed the deal for Salvo.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 6 4 3 \heartsuit K 10 9 2 \diamond 7 6 \clubsuit J 10 9 5</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit K J \heartsuit 7 \diamond Q J 10 8 4 3 2 \clubsuit 7 6 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit A Q 9 \heartsuit A Q J 8 \diamond K 9 \clubsuit A K 3 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>West Voldoire</p>	<p>North Zia</p>	<p>East Avon</p>	<p>South Michielsen</p>									
<p>Pass 3\heartsuit</p>	<p>3\diamond Pass</p>	<p>Dble 4\heartsuit</p>	<p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>									

Zia started with the $\diamond Q$, ducked by declarer. Michielsen won the continuation with the $\diamond A$ and exited with a heart. It all came down to the club suit, and Voldoire eventually made the percentage play, losing to the doubleton queen. That was plus 50 to Salvo.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gawel	Auken	Brewiak
		2NT	Pass
Pass 3NT	Pass All Pass		Pass

As Mark Horton pointed out upon seeing the deal, 3NT by East cannot be defeated – and Welland astutely didn't bother with Stayman over Auken's 2NT, showing 22-24 high-card points. Auken won the opening spade lead in hand, entered dummy with a heart and ran the $\clubsuit J$. South got the $\clubsuit Q$ but Auken had four hearts, two spades and three clubs for plus 400 and 10 IMPs. The final board was a push, so Salvo had rallied for a berth in the Mixed Teams final with an 81-62 victory.



MIXED PAIRS SEMIFINAL A



Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	LIU Yi Qian	WANG Weimin	CHN - CHN 59.14
2	KORBEL Daniel	SHI Sylvia	CAN - USA 57.38
3	WANG Nan	ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN 57.11
4	CHEEK Curtis	DEAS Lynn	USA - USA 56.76
5	SANBORN Kerri	ZHAO Jie	USA - CHN 56.58
6	ASBI Taufik Gautama	BOJOH Lusje Olha	INA - INA 56.48
7	TAO Shiyong	ZHAO Yan	CHN - CHN 56.21
8	LIU Shu	SHEN Yu Xiong	CHN - CHN 56.1
9	TIAN Wei	SHI Bin	CHN - CHN 56.07
10	GAN Lin	CHEN Yunlong	CHN - CHN 55.89
11	DUBININ Alexander	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS 55.84
12	KOWALSKI Apolinary	MISZEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL 55.45
13	PSZCZOLA Jacek	WORTEL Meike	USA - NED 55.2
14	GEORGE Julius Anthonius	SUMAMPOUW Conny	INA - INA 55.13
15	TOBING Robert Parasian	TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA 54.86
16	ELLINGSEN Kristian	NILSEN Louise	NOR - NOR 54.68
17	NEHMERT Pony Beate	YUEN Michael	GER - CAN 54.61
18	CALLAGHAN Brian	DUCKWORTH Christine	ENG - ENG 54.26
19	BJERKAN Cheri	WEINSTEIN Howard	USA - USA 54.2
20	LI Hui	BI Shuguang	CHN - CHN 54.19
21	BROCK Sally	MYERS Barry	ENG - ENG 54.18
22	LIU Jing	WANG Jian-Jian	CHN - USA 54.11
23	ARONOV Victor	ZOBU Ahu	BUL - TUR 53.99
24	BLOOM Valerie	EBER Neville	RSA - RSA 53.93
25	HE Xinmei	GAN Xinli	CHN - CHN 53.9
26	CHUA Gang	SEET Choon Cheng	SIN - SIN 53.87
27	STANSBY JoAnna	STANSBY Lew	USA - USA 53.59
28	KISSINGER John	KISSINGER Susan	USA - USA 53
29	BILDE Dennis	MADSEN Christina Lund	DEN - DEN 52.82
30	MILNER Reese	SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	USA - USA 52.73
31	BERKOWITZ David	BERKOWITZ Dana	USA - USA 52.66
32	CICHOCKI Miroslaw	HOCHER Danuta	POL - POL 52.47
33	GANZER Craig	PICUS Sue	USA - USA 52.39
34	BERTHEAU Peter	LARSSON Jessica	SWE - SWE 52.23
35	GROMOV Andrey	GROMOVA Victoria	RUS - RUS 52.21
36	MCGARRY Dennis	MCGARRY Linda	USA - USA 52.1
37	BERTHEAU Kathrine	UPMARK Johan	SWE - SWE 52.05
38	NG Kelvin	TAN Gemma	SIN - PHI 51.85
39	CRONIER Philippe	WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA 51.76
40	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	ROSSARD Martine	FRA - FRA 51.74

41	GILLIS Simon	HARDING Marianne	ENG - NOR	51.63
42	GUNEV Rossen	POPOVA Desi	BUL - BUL	51.6
43	CHAGAS Gabriel	PAIN Leda	BRA - BRA	51.58
44	LEI Li	YAO Jiangtao	CHN - CHN	51.56
45	XUE Xiao Li	TAO Jian Hua	CHN - CHN	51.43
46	DELMONTE Ishmael	WEINGER Lindsey	AUS - USA	51.15
47	WU Jian	ZHOU Tao	CHN - CHN	51.08
48	JOEL Geeske	WEINSTEIN Steve	USA - USA	51.03
49	WANG Wei	CHEN Yichao	CHN - CHN	51
50	ROMANOVSKA Maija	RUBINS Karlis	LAT - LAT	50.94
51	LARA Maria Joao	OREY CAPUCHO Manuel d'	POR - POR	50.83
52	ARNOLDS Carla	BAKKEREN Ton	NED - NED	50.76
53	SONG Yan	YANG Hua	USA - USA	50.74
54	HU Chunlan	SHI Xiao	CHN - CHN	50.7
55	POLLACK Bill	POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA	50.56
56	GONG Wangying	LONG Hao	CHN - CHN	50.52
57	FANTONI Fulvio	PISCITELLI Francesca	MON - ITA	50.49
58	YANG Qing	TIAN Hai Qing	CHN - CHN	50.48
59	LIOSIS Georgios	SIRAKOPOULOU Christina	GRE - GRE	50.42
60	LIAO Zhengjiang	XIE Zhaobing	CHN - CHN	50.28
61	ENGEL Berthold	VECHIATTO Claudia	LUX - GER	50.11
62	HU Wen	ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	50.08
63	DAWSON Jane	GILL Peter	AUS - AUS	50.04
64	EGGELING Marie	GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	50.02
65	YING Hong	LEI Liangshui	CHN - CHN	49.84
66	HAN Bing	DING Jingheng	CHN - CHN	49.77
67	BLAAGESTAD Lise	BREKKA Geir	NOR - NOR	49.77
68	NUNES Claudio	QUINN Shawn	MON - USA	49.77
69	CHEN Ying	CHEN Sheng Hong	CHN - CHN	49.72
70	FISCHER Doris	SAURER Bernd	AUT - AUT	49.72
71	AVON Danielle	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	FRA - FRA	49.57
72	KUANG Ye	ZHAO Haibo	CHN - CHN	49.46
73	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	49.26
74	CRONIER Benedicte	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	FRA - MON	49.2
75	DIAMOND John	WOLPERT Jenny	USA - USA	49.06
76	ZHOU Yong Mei	HU Mao Yuan	CHN - CHN	48.85
77	WANG Shiling	HUANG Haiqing	CHN - CHN	48.81
78	HONG Lihui	ZHENG Jiangping	CHN - CHN	48.8
79	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	SAELENMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	48.79
80	CHEN Yanqing	ZHI Jun	CHN - CHN	48.68
81	BARR Ronnie	GINOSSAR Eldad	ISR - ISR	48.61
82	ZHU Ping	JIN Ke	CHN - CHN	48.58
83	GU Ling	WANG Yuanwei	CHN - CHN	48.43
84	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	RIVERS Loretta	USA - USA	48.37
85	ZHENG Zuanpei	SHEN Jia Xiang	CHN - CHN	48.35

86	HAUGE Rune	MALINOWSKI Anna	NOR - NOR	48.33
87	WENNING Karin	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	48.24
88	CHEN Wenmin	TANG Yi	CHN - CHN	48.15
89	GLASSON Bob	GLASSON Joann	USA - USA	47.39
90	MA Junshan	WU Zhonghua	CHN - CHN	47.11
91	HAMMAN Petra	LALL Hemant	USA - USA	47.06
92	GU Song	YANG Zhaokun	CHN - CHN	46.79
93	GRUDE Marian	GRUDE Tor Eivind	NOR - NOR	46.74
94	SHEN Lili	LI Jianwei	CHN - CHN	46.68
95	JACOBUS Brenda	JACOBUS Marc	USA - USA	46.68
96	DEWI Suci Amita	KARWUR Franky Steven	INA - INA	46.43
97	MCALLISTER John	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA	46.36
98	HAMPSON Geoff	MEYERS Jill	USA - USA	46.34
99	VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	WILSON Alison	NED - USA	46.09
100	KHANDELWAL Himani	KHANDELWAL Rajeev	IND - IND	46.05
101	CHEN Dawei	SUN Ming	JPN - CHN	46.03
102	CHINMANAS Virat	SVANGSOPAKUL Vallapa	THA - THA	45.65
103	YANG Qing	LIN Le	CHN - CHN	45.56
104	SUN Yanhui	HOU Xu	CHN - CHN	45.44
105	LOO Choon Chou	WU Hongjun	SIN - SIN	45.23
106	WU Shaohong	WU Haotian	CHN - CHN	45.04
107	INO Masayuki	NISHIDA Natsuko	JPN - JPN	44.08
108	LIN Ya Fu	WEN Jing	CHN - CHN	44
109	KOVACHEV Valentin	MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	43.65
110	MOSS Sylvia	SEAMON Michael	USA - USA	43.58
111	LEWIS Linda	LEWIS Paul	USA - USA	43.39
112	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	43.28
113	FUJIMOTO Takako	HACKETT Paul D	JPN - ENG	43.23
114	DEY Bharati	HOODA Major Surendra Kumar	IND - IND	42.43
115	JIANG Haiyan	XU Fang	CHN - CHN	41.91
116	ROSSLEE Diana	STEPHENS Robert	RSA - RSA	41.08
117	GULEVICH Anna	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	RUS - LTU	40.78
118	LI Zhenpeng	JING Ya Ping	CHN - CHN	40.63
119	LIANG Yiyi	WANG Hanlan	CHN - CHN	40.34



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Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	SEGENSKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN 58.92
2	SHAN Xingxing	WU Zhen	CHN - CHN 56.74
3	IMAKURA Tadashi	ITO Midori	JPN - JPN 56.62
4	ZHANG Yulan	YIN Men Liang	CHN - CHN 56.41
5	MA Aiyue	WANG Cheng	CHN - CHN 56.04
6	YOU Suhua	GAO Peicheng	CHN - CHN 56.01
7	CHEN Qi	REN Yuandong	CHN - CHN 55.41
8	KIM Hye Young	YOKOI Hiroki	KOR - JPN 55.39
9	ISPORSKI Vladislav Nikolov	TOKCAN Merih	BUL - TUR 55.25
10	KAZMUCHA Danuta	SEREK Cezary	POL - POL 55.11
11	RAYNER John	THOMPSON Jill	CAN - CAN 54.69
12	BODELL Michael	GU Belinda	CAN - USA 53.79
13	LIU Bin	ZHANG Yan Mei	CHN - CHN 53.39
14	SURIYA Auraya	SURIYA Chaitad	THA - THA 53.3
15	CHEN Rong	ZHOU Haihong	CHN - CHN 52.9
16	ZHANG Yanmei	CHEN Jun	CHN - CHN 52.9
17	BANERJI Nita	BANERJI TAPAS KUMAR	IND - IND 52.69
18	LAMPORT Anne	LEWIS Marshall	AUS - CRO 52.59
19	LI Xiaoyan	ZHU Hongwei	CHN - CHN 52.53
20	BAO Linchun	ZHOU Qiang	CHN - CHN 52.11
21	TITOW Joanne	TITOW Kenneth	FRA - FRA 51.58
22	CHAN Pek See Nancy Marie	GOH Leng Hock	SIN - SIN 51.1
23	BURGESS Stephen	DJUROVIC Nevena	AUS - AUS 50.98
24	LI Leqing	LOU Hongguang	CHN - CHN 50.73
25	CHAN Chung Wai Terence	CHEUNG L. Fu	HKG - HKG 49.69
26	CHEN Linzhong	WANG Yuanluo	CHN - CHN 49.3
27	YUE Wuyuan	LI Xiao Yang	CHN - CHN 49.26
28	CHAN Eugene	NOURS Eurydice	CAN - CAN 48.92
29	WANG Huijun	GU Xuehai	CHN - CHN 48.55
30	WANG Jian	ZHOU Yuedong	CHN - CHN 48.23
31	WANG Xuezhua	WANG Yanhua	CHN - CHN 48.2
32	LING Pauline	LING Roger	HKG - HKG 48.19
33	WANG Shigang	LIU Yan	CHN - CHN 48.04
34	RETEK George	RETEK Mari	CAN - CAN 47.87
35	KARMAKAR Marianne	PURUSHOTTAM Andrey	IND - IND 47.81
36	BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	POL - POL 47.46
37	FOK Wing Hung	HO Irene	HKG - HKG 47.42
38	YANG Jiahong	CHEN Liulin	CHN - CHN 47.01
39	XU Peifeng	ZHANG Haixiong	CHN - CHN 46.96
40	HE Xi Mei	SHEN Longhua	CHN - CHN 46.86
41	SUGINO Masakatsu	TANAKA Hiroko	JPN - JPN 46.69
42	GU Yan	SHAO Ruibing	CHN - CHN 46.25
43	YANG Weiguo	QIN Huiyun	CHN - CHN 45.87
44	CHILD Christine	HINGLE Gregory	RSA - RSA 45.78
45	GU Jennifer	ROSENFELD Jason	USA - USA 45.64
46	WU Xia	SU Nan	CHN - CHN 44.72
47	HU Yihong	LI Xiaoyi	CHN - CHN 44.33
48	FURUTA Kazuo	OH Hye Min	JPN - KOR 43.59
49	LIU Guihua	CHEN Qiang	CHN - CHN 43.47
50	ZHANG Jian	YANG Hongmei	CHN - CHN 39.64
51	DU Bing	WANG Dade	CHN - CHN 37.33