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# **EUROPE ASCENDING**



Italy, bronze medalists in the Bermuda Bowl.

With 48 boards to play in the Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl, plus 80 in the Bermuda Bowl, European teams are leading for the prizes sought by all – the gold medals.

On Thursday, the Dutch Bermuda Bowl team outscored their American opponents 63-21 in the third of eight sets to lead 130-108.

In the Venice Cup, France has a 70-IMP lead over the Cinderella team from Indonesia, and the French Senior team is ahead of USA2 89-45.3. Both are at the halfway point.

In the playoffs for bronze medals, Europe dominated there as well, Italy thrashing USAI in the Bermuda Bowl, the Netherlands beating England in the Venice Cup and Poland topping USAI in the Senior Bowl.

As this issue went to press, the World Transnational Open Teams was in the first set of two in the round of eight, which will be completed today along with the semi-finals.

### **Bronze Medal Winners**



The Venice Cup bronze medal winners from the Netherlands.



The Polish Senior Bowl bronze medal winners.

















# **RESULTS**



## **Bermuda Bowl**

Final / Play-off											
ТЫ		c/o	Boards I - 16	<b>B</b> oards 17 - 32	<b>Boards</b> 33 - 48	<b>Boards</b> 49 - 64	<b>Boards</b> 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	<b>B</b> oards 97 - 112	<b>B</b> oards 113 - 128	Total
1	USA 2	0	44	43	21						108
	Netherlands	-1	31	35	63						130
2	USA I	0	19	24	26	_	_	-	-	-	69
	Italy	3	54	36	74	_	_	_	_	-	167

# **Venice Cup**

	Final / Play-off								
ТЫ		c/o	Boards I - 16	<b>Boards</b> 17 - 32	<b>Boards</b> 33 - 48	<b>Boards</b> 49 - 64	<b>Boards</b> 65 - 80	<b>B</b> oards 81 - 96	Total
21	Indonesia	0	13	24	19				56
	France	0.3	46	41	39				126.3
22	England	12	24	25	30	_	_	_	91
	Netherlands	0	19	49	41	_	_	_	109

## d'Orsi Senior Bowl

	Final / Play-off								
ТЫ		c/o	Boards I - 16	Boards 17 - 32	<b>Boards</b> 33 - 48	<b>B</b> oards 49 - 64	<b>Boards</b> 65 - 80	<b>B</b> oards 81 - 96	Total
41	USA 2	6.3	8	- 11	20				45.3
	France	0	45	21	23				89
42	Poland	10	25	32	51	-	_	-	118
	USA I	0	10	18	8	-	-	-	36

## **WTOT**

Round of 16						
ТЫ		Boards I - I2	Boards 13 - 28	Total		
61	China Open	56	27	83		
	Piedra	24	15	39		
62	Israel Juniors	49	23	72		
	Smirnov	7	21	28		
63	Gordon	18	19	37		
	Blund	20	12	32		
64	Angelini	35	35	70		
	Het Witte 2	3	19	22		
65	Pigot	12	31	43		
	Teramoto	55	27	82		
66	Het Witte I	37	4	41		
	Oz Open	41	27	68		
67	Mahaffey	33	4	37		
	T Onstein	32	23	55		
68	Parimatch	51	-	51		
	Consus Oil	1	-	I		



### **VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS**



#### Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Bowl Final sessions 4 (10.30), 5 (13.45) and 6 (16.45)

VuGraph (BBO I) USA 2 - Netherlands (BB)
BBO 2 Indonesia - France (VC)
BBO 3 USA 2 - France (SB)

# World Transnational Open Teams BBO 4, BBO 5, BBO6, OurGame

 10.00
 BBO 4, BBO 5, BBO6, OurGame

 Quarter-final 2
 Semi-final I

 13.00
 BBO 4, BBO 5
 Semi-final I

 15.40
 BBO 4, BBO 5
 Semi-final 2

 18.40
 BBO 4
 Final I

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# **RESULTS**



# World Transnational Open Teams

				Swiss ranl	king a	after	15 sessions			
I	China Open	279		Pie	238	79	Joel	222	Beter Zicht	207
2	Parimatch	276		Rom Coldea	238	80	Rayner	221	119 Munster	206.5
3	Teramoto	272	42	Egypt	237		Dutch Seniors	221	120 Towers	206
4	Angelini	268.5	43	Leroumain Boys	236	82	Latvia	220	121 Respond	205.5
5	Blund	267		Poland	236	83	Belgium Cooreman	219.5	122 Delft Brew	204
6	Oz Open	264	45	Bc70	235		Lantaron	219.5		
7	T Onstein	262		Vallon	235	85	Australia Seniors	219	123 Ferlema	203
8	Pigot	261	47	Bilal	234		Ndc Den Hommel	219	Philharmonie	203
	Israel Juniors	261		Denmark	234		Vm I	219	125 Bowles	202.5
10	Het Witte 2	260		Dsm India	234	88	Zeerob Blauw	218.5	126 Schuttersveld	200
П	Consus Oil	259.5		Italia Vinci	234	89	Rossard	218	127 Rio	199
12	Gordon	259		Gargoyle Oranje	233.5		Aarts	218	Harris	199
13	Smirnov	256	52	Lara	233		Bites	218	Opal	199
14	Mahaffey	255		Nep	233		Ruiten 7	217	·	199
15	Het Witte I	253		Brazil Open	233		Bulgaria Seniors	216	Totojack	
16	Piedra	252		Indonesia	232	94	Dhondy	215	131 Italy Cbc Gentili	197
	Swedenplus	252	56	Chateau Rossenovo			Leidschenhage	215	132 Coppens	195
	Consus Red	251.8		China Trinergy	231.5		Prio I I 2	215	Sportief	195
	A J Diament	251	58	Texan Aces	231		Cornell Nz Norwa	•	Pakistan Seniors	195
	Kasper Konow	248.5		Pegasus 2	231		Bc Gorkum	213.5	135 Indian Ladies	194
	Iceland	248.2		Mpe	230.5	99	Wanzac	213	Bco Z	194
22	Italy Senior	247		Jantien	230		Van Den Hoek	213	137 2 Klaveren	193.5
	Azs Poland	247	62	Gillis	228	101	Fergani	212		
	Onstein 2	246.5		China Hong Kong	228		Titow	212	138 Stepbridge	193
25	Bulgaria	246		Hanlon	228		D N Kelkar	212	139 Argentina	192.5
	Damianova	246		Hrg Nederland	228	105	De Mijnstreek	212	140 Tango Argentino	191
	Jolly Lombard	246		Frank	227.5		Van Den Boom	211	Aloc	191
	Monaco Z	244		Mossop	227		Villa Fabbriche	211	Winksys	191
29	Begijntje	243	68	China Ladies	226		De Meer	211 211	143 Alma	190
	Shanghai Hyx Ltd	243		Payen	226 226	100	Wijman	211	144 Honest 1	189
22	Bamruhe	243		Italy Women Gehaktmolen Roo			Wrang Dobbels	209		
	Star I The Honbel Shock	242 241	72	Siwik Mragowo	225		Buenos Aires	208.5	145 Swinkels	187
33	Hok 2	241		Fandouraboul	224		Germany Green	208.3	146 Pune Blues India	186
	Zeerob Rood	241	73	Indonesia Senior	224	112	Geel Green	208	147 Gayet	185
36	De Botton	239		Italy Fioretti	224		De Ruiter	208	Commercion	185
36	Hok	239		Oni	224	115	Frencken	207	149 Gold Coast Austra	alia 184
	Harding	239	77	Zeerob Wit	223	113	Pan China	207	150 Leusden	155
39	Amoils	238	,,	Singapore	223		Wuhan	207	151 Heksentoer Oudewa	
	Allions	230		Jiligapol e	223		v v u i ai i	207	131 Hersentoer Oudewa	TC1 157

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## Just the Facts

A new feature designed to tell you more about some of the best known players here in Eindhoven.

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Who is your favourite author? lan McEwan.

Do you have a favourite actor? Brad Pitt.

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What kind of music do you like to listen to? Adele, Muse, Editors.

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What do you see as your best ever result? Winning the European Champions Cup 2010.

Do you have a favourite hand? 4♠-9 against 7♠ making at the other table.

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influ-

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Rustig en onrustig bridge (Heldring).

What is the best bridge country in the world? USA.

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?

Games.

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Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?

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#### **Robots down to Final KO**

by AI Levy

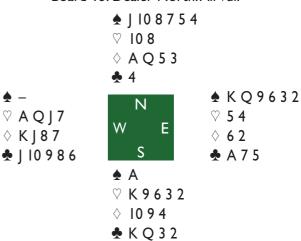
It's Q-Plus Bridge (Germany) versus Shark Bridge (Denmark).

The round robin stage ended with Wbridge5 topping the field with 135 VPs. The other three top finishers advancing to the semifinal KO stage were Jack (127), Q-Plus Bridge (118) and Shark Bridge (101). Out of the money were Micro Bridge (95), Bridge Baron (93) and RoboBridge (54).

In two close 64-board semifinal matches, Q-Plus Bridge defeated Jack 130-128 and Shark Bridge defeated Wbridge5 172-165. For the first time in 11 years, the champion will be a robot other than Jack or Wbridge5.

In an oddity, the last round of the round robin saw Wbridge5 (against Micro Bridge) and Bridge Baron (against Q-Plus Bridge) playing in 2♠ doubled at both tables.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Wbridge5	Micro Bridge	Wbridge5	Micro Bridge
Bridge Baron	Q-Plus Bridge	Bridge Baron	Q-Plus Bridge
	Pass	2♠	DЫ
All Pass			

Down I, N/S +200

Micro Bridge Wbridge5 Micro Bridge Wbridge5
Q-Plus Bridge Bridge Baron
2♠ Pass Pass

Dbl All Pass

Wbridge5 down 4 EW +1100; Bridge Baron down 2 EW +500

Micro Bridge picking up 16 IMPs, but not enough to finish in the final qualifying spot. Q-Plus Bridge picked up 12 IMPs and comfortable took the fourth semifinal spot.

The final KO will start at 09:00 in room 63.

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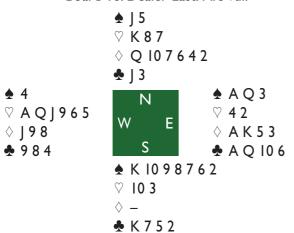
Poland – France USA I – USA 2

# Semi-final

by Brian Senior

At the midpoint in their semi-finals matches, Poland led France by 103.7-99 and USA2 led USA1 by 106.5-54. The all-European match still looked too close to call, while USA1 needed to build on the third set, where 14 IMPs had been recovered, and try to put some pressure on — one good set could see USA2 into the final.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



#### Poland v France

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Klukowski	Vanhoutte	Markowicz
		I ♦	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2.2.5			
West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Leenhardt	Romanski	Piganeau
		♣	2♠
2NT	Pass	♣ 4♣	2♠ Pass
2NT 4◊	Pass Pass	. –	

#### **USAI v USA2**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Robinson	Morse	Boyd
		I ♦	3♠
<b>4</b> ♡	Pass	6NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Fisher	Kasle	Hamilton
		I♦	3♠
4.00			
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass

Jacek Romanski opened a Polish Club, the other Easts a natural 1♦. Victor Markowicz and Patrice Piganeau overcalled 2♠, Peter Boyd and Fred Hamilton 3♠. I prefer the

bigger pre-empt and, while 2♠ caused problems in the European match, 3♠ created havoc in the American match.

For France, Patrick Grenthe doubled 2 then passed Philippe Vanhoutte's jump to 3NT rather than introduce his long heart suit. Knowing that the spades were held on his right, Markowicz tried a low club lead instead. That went to the nine, jack and queen and Vanhoutte took the heart finesse. Declarer can still come to nine tricks if North ducks this, but he has to work a lot harder. However, Julian Klukowski won the king immediately and led the jack of spades through. Vanhoutte rose with the ace and led a low club from hand. Markowicz won the club king and returned a club and, with the hearts breaking kindly, Vamhoutte had the rest for +460.

I assume that Apolinary Kowalski's 2NT at the other table was the start of a Lebensohl sequence. Romanski jumped to 4♣, to show that he had the strong version of the Polish Club, and again the meaning of Kowalski's 4♦ is unclear – his hand suggests that he was trying to transfer to hearts but...

Five Clubs would not be the contract you would want to reach if seeing the E/W hands, but Romanski managed to come home with eleven tricks.

Piganeau led the ten of spades round to the queen and Romanski ruffed his low spade in the dummy then ran the nine of clubs to Piganeau's king. A third spade would have allowed Leenhardt to make his jack of clubs but Piganeau no doubt put declarer with more than four clubs. Instead, he switched to the ten of hearts. Romanski rose with the ace and drew trumps, pitching hearts. Next, he cashed the ace of spades, throwing a diamond from dumm,y before leading his low heart. Leenhardt could win the king but then had to either lead a heart to dummy or away from the queen of diamonds. When he chose the latter, Romanski ran it to the jack and had the rest for +400 but 2 IMPs to France; 105–107.

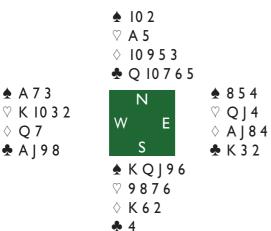


Dan Morse, USA

After the  $3 \triangleq$  overcall, both Wolff and Kozlove bid 4 % with the West cards – the sort of overbid that you just have to make sometimes. Morse jumped to 6NT over that and played there. The play went very badly for him as he tried for miracles and he ended up down five for –250.

Kasle only bid 4NT over 4% then signed off in 5%. Presumably, Kozlove showed one key card and Kasle wasn't feeling lucky. Even 5% proved to be too high as the defence collected a heart, a club and a diamond ruff – spade to the ace, heart finesse, diamond ruff; –50 and 5 IMPs to USA2; 111.5–54.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



#### Poland v France

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Klukowski	Vanhoutte	Markowicz
			Pass
♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<b>West</b> Kowalski	<b>North</b> Leenhardt	<b>East</b> Romanski	<b>South</b> Piganeau
			Piganeau

#### **USAI v USA2**

<b>West</b> Wolff	<b>North</b> Robinson	<b>East</b> Morse	<b>South</b> Boyd 2♦
Dbl 3NT	2♥ All Pass	2NT	Pass
West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Fisher	Kasle	Hamilton Pass
♣	Pass	1♦	I♠
Pass	Pass	DЫ	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl



Bobby Wolff, USA

Kowalski upgraded to a INT opening and Romanski raised directly to game. Kowalski got a club lead round to his nine. He led a heart to the queen, ducked, then a diamond towards his queen. Seeing that the king was his only entry, Piganeau ducked the diamond so the queen scored. Now Kowalski switched his attention back to hearts. Leenhardt won the ace and switched to the ten of spades but it was too late. Kowalski won the second spade and cashed the hearts then clubs. He could have played a spade now to endplay Piganeau to lead into the  $\Diamond$ A-J for an overtrick but played ultra-safe, cashing the ace of diamonds for nine tricks and +600.

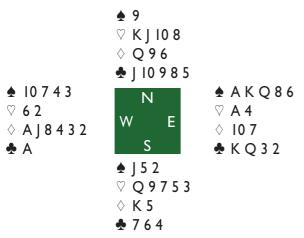
Grenthe opened I♣ and raised Vanhoutte's 2NT response to game. Alas, this put the spades on lead. Vanhoutte won the third spade and played on hearts, Klukowski winning and returning a diamond. Vanhoutte won the ace, hoping for some good fortune in the club suit but there was no joy there and he had to go down two for −200 and 13 IMPs to Poland; 120–105.

Boyd opened 20, weak with both majors, and Steve Robinson gave heart preference. East again became declarer so Boyd led the king of spades. Morse won the second spade and led a heart to the queen then a second round to the ace and Robinson switched to a diamond. Morse took the ace and cashed his hearts then led the queen of diamonds. Robinson won and had three spades to cash for down two. The board was scored as down one so, for the moment, we will go with that, but...

At our final table, Hamilton was given the room to overcall I♠ and did so. He then doubled 3NT to ensure that he received a spade lead, having heard his opponents follow an invitational sequence and hoping to find that the ◇A was in the hand that had bid the suit. Arnold Fisher duly led the ten of spades and Hamilton overtook with the jack then continued with the queen. Larry Kozlove won the second trick and played on hearts and Fisher won the ace. He switched to a low club. Hamilton had several orders in which he could have played to the two rounds of spades and jack then queen looked low, so asking for a club, to Fisher. Hamilton presumably saw things differently, arguing that he had to hold the ♠9 for his overtake, so that leading the queen next was the middle option — diamonds.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the defence, the bottom line was that the club switch gave Kozlove a third club trick and, after cashing the club and heart winners, he could exit with a spade to force a lead away from the king of diamonds for his contract; +750 and 13 IMPs to USA2, 124–54.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



#### Poland v France

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Klukowski	Vanhoutte	Markowicz
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6◊	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Leenhardt	Romanski	Piganeau
	Pass	♣	Pass
I♠	Pass	3◊	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

#### **USAI v USA2**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Robinson	Morse	Boyd
	Pass	l ♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Fisher	Kasle	Hamilton
	Pass	l ♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Philippe Vanhoutte, France

Each match saw one pair in slam, the other in game. Vanhoutte opened with the French semi-forcing 2♣ and got to slam despite the initial negative response. Romanski opened a Polish Club then showed a strong club opener with spade support opposite the natural response, but stopped in game. In the other match, both Easts opened I♠ and received a 2♦ response. Kozlove next supported spades but was unwilling to cuebid having forced to game with a nine-count so Kasle played in game. Wolff jumped to 4♠ at his second turn, the old delayed game raise, and this strong combination encouraged Morse to go on with a 5♥ cuebid. Looking at the other two aces, Wolff bid the slam now.

Both players in game made 12 tricks for +480.

Boyd led the three of hearts against 6♠, third and fifth leads. Dan Morse won the ace and played a club to the ace then a spade to hand. He threw dummy's heart loser on the king of clubs, cashed a second top trump then led the ten of diamonds, ducking when Boyd covered with the king. How should Boyd defend to defeat the contract?

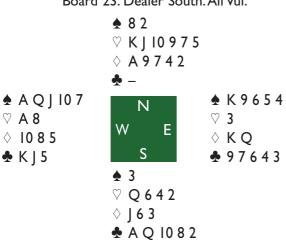
A trump is no good as declarer wins and ruffs out the diamonds while there is still a trump entry to dummy. Boyd therefore returned a heart to force dummy to ruff. But that proved not to be good enough either. Morse ruffed the heart and ran all the spades to squeeze Robinson in the minors. At trick 12 he led his remaining diamond then thought for a while when Boyd played low. Unfortunately for the defence, the opening length lead was the clue as to the position of the missing heart, so Morse rose with the ace of diamonds, dropping the queen and making his slam for +980 and 11 IMPs to USA1; 71–1124.

The winning defence is for South to return his remaining diamond. Declarer cannot ruff out the diamonds now as South is over-ruffing, and if he draws trumps he no longer has the entries to set up and cash the diamonds. And neither does he have the communications to take both a heart and a club ruff then get back to hand to draw the last trump.

Is there any way to make 6♠ after a heart lead? There is, but it takes a double dummy line of play. Declarer wins the heart and cashes both minor-suit aces before coming to hand with a trump to take the heart discard on the club king. The play diverges according to whether South retains the king of diamonds. If he does so, then declarer can ruff a heart, cross to hands with a spade, and ruff his low club. Now he plays a diamond and South is forced to win the trick and give declarer a safe entry to hand to draw the last trump. If South unblocks the diamond, declarer can draw trumps and play the ten of diamonds. One of the ♦J-10 is his twelfth trick.

Markowicz led a cunning five of diamonds. Vanhoutte grabbed the ace, fearing a ruff, and cashed the ace of clubs. With the ace of hearts intact in hand, he had the entries to take both the heart and club ruffs and get back to draw trumps; +980 and 11 IMPs to France, who closed to 116–132.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### Poland v France

Wast

<b>vv</b> est	North	⊏ast	South
Grenthe	Klukowski	Vanhoutte	Markowicz
			Pass
♠	2♠	4♠	5♡
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dbl
All Pass			
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West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Leenhardt	<b>East</b> Romanski	Piganeau
			Piganeau
Kowalski	Leenhardt	Romanski	Piganeau Pass
Kowalski	Leenhardt 2♦	Romanski Pass	Piganeau Pass 2♠
Kowalski INT Pass	Leenhardt  2♦ 3♡	Romanski Pass	Piganeau Pass 2♠ 4♡

#### **USAI v USA2**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Robinson	Morse	Boyd
			Pass
INT	2♦	DЫ	2♠
DЫ	2NT	4♠	5♡
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<b>West</b> Kozlove	<b>North</b> Fisher	<b>East</b> Kasle	<b>South</b> Hamilton
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			Hamilton
Kozlove	Fisher	Kasle	Hamilton Pass

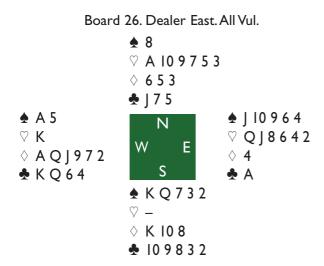
There were three INT openings and I guess we should not be surprised that the odd-one-out, preferring to open in the chunky five-card major, was the Frenchman. Not surprisingly, with so much distribution around, the auction got very competitive at all four tables, eventually stopping at the five level. Only Kowalski/Romanski were willing to defend 5%, the rest all going on to  $5\clubsuit$ . Markowicz doubled that while the two American N/S pairs had had enough.

None of the three declarers in 5♠ had much option, after a heart lead, than to play for the ace-queen of clubs to be onside, after drawing trumps, of course, so both made II tricks; +650 and no swing in the all-American match, +850 for Grenthe.

Romanski led the king of diamonds against 5% doubled. Leenhardt won and played a trump, won by Kowalski who cashed the ace of spades then played a diamond; down one for -200 but 12 IMPs to France, who were in the lead at 133-132.



Patrick Grenthe, France



#### Poland v France

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Klukowski	Vanhoutte	Markowicz
		Pass	2♠
3♦	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♡	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<b>West</b> Kowalski	<b>North</b> Leenhardt	<b>East</b> Romanski	<b>South</b> Piganeau
		Romanski	Piganeau

#### **USAI v USA2**

<b>West</b> Wolff	North Robinson Pass	<b>East</b> Morse Pass I♡	South Boyd Pass I♠
2 <b>♣</b> 2 <b>♠</b> 3NT	Pass Pass All Pass	2♡ 2NT	Pass Pass
<b>West</b> Kozlove	<b>North</b> Fisher	<b>East</b> Kasle Pass	South Hamilton 2♠
3NT 4♡	Pass All Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass

This was another wildly distributional deal but, apart from a couple of 2♠ openings – weak two from Hamilton, spades and a minor from Markowicz – it was all about where E/W would get to.

Wolff/Morse bid to 3NT and Boyd led a club. Morse won the bare ace and led a diamond to the queen then cashed the diamond ace and led a third round. Boyd won and continued the club attack. Morse cashed the diamonds then played the king of hearts. He won the club return and cashed the ace of spades; nine tricks for +600.

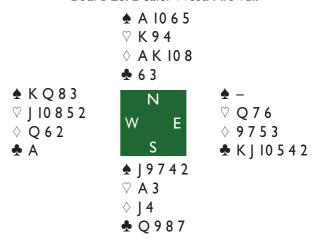
Four Hearts looks to be hard work, given the horrendous trump split. However, Deep Finesse assures us that it is unbeatable, so how did our three declarers do?

Fisher led his singleton spade to the queen and ace and Kozlove led the king of hearts, which Fisher won. He switched to a diamond now and Hamilton played the king. Kozlove won and threw all dummy's spades on the minorsuit winners then ruffed a spade and had two top hearts for +620 and I IMP to USA2; 125–72.

Piganeau led the ten of clubs. Romanski won the ace and led a heart to the king and ace. Leenhardt returned the eight of spades, covered all around. Romanski threw two spades on the top clubs then ruffed a club, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond. Now he exited with a spade and Leenhardt, down to nothing but hearts, was forced to ruff his partner's winner. He was endplayed now to give three more heart tricks to declarer; +620.

Markowicz led the king of spades, which Vanhoutte won with the ace. He led the king of hearts and Klukowski won the ace and returned a club. Vanhoutte won the ace and led a diamond to the queen then threw three spades on the minor-suit winners, ruffed a diamond and exited with his last spade. He could not be prevented from making three more heart tricks so the same +620 and no swing.

Board 28. Dealer West, N/S Vul.





Arnie Fisher, USA

#### **Poland v France**

<b>West</b> Grenthe  I♥  All Pass	<b>North</b> Klukowski Dbl	East Vanhoutte 3♣	South Markowicz 4♠
West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Leenhardt	Romanski	Piganeau
ΙŸ	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

#### **USAI v USA2**

West	North	East	South
Wolff	Robinson	Morse	Boyd
2♦	Pass	2♡	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Kozlove	Fisher	Kasle	Hamilton
Ι♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	DЫ	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Of the three North seeing a  $1^{\circ}$  opening on their right, only Julian Klukowski took immediate action — a take-out double — the others not liking that they had the wrong shortage. The two passers came in at their next turn but neither balancing action ever rated to get to game. Vanhoutte jumped to the three level (clubs and hearts) over the take-out double and now Markowicz in turn jumped to  $4\Phi$ , where he played. Wolff/Morse won the board at their table by opening with a Flannery  $2\Diamond$ , proclaiming ownership of both majors and thereby silencing N/S.

Boyd led ace and another heart against  $2\heartsuit$  and Robinson won and played the third round. Morse won in hand and played a club to the ace then a diamond towards the concealed hand, a nice play. Robinson went up with the king of diamonds and led a low spade to the jack and king. Morse played the queen of diamonds next, another nice play, and Robinson ducked. Robinson won the next diamond with the ten and continued with the ace, ruffed. A low spade ran round to the nine and a spade back meant two more spade losers: down two for -100.

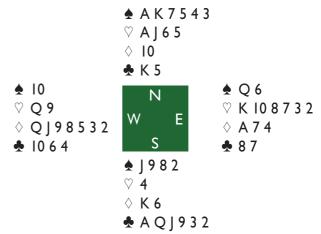
In 2♠, Hamilton won the heart lead in hand and ran the nine of spades then played a diamond to the ace, took his heart ruff and crossed to the king of diamonds then led a club to the ten, queen and ace. Back came the king of spades to dummy's ace. A second club was won by the jack and a diamond return ruffed with the jack. When declarer now led a club, West ruffed high and that meant ten tricks for +170 and 2 IMPs to USA1; 74–125.

The play was exactly the same at Piganeau's table up to the point where he won the ace of spades. Now, however, he did not play a second club, preferring to ruff a diamond with the jack. Now he played a club and Kowalski ruffed and cashed his spade queen; +170.

The stakes were higher at our final table, where Grenthe cashed the ace of clubs, Vanhoutte signaling with the jack,

before switching to a heart. Markowicz won the heart in hand and led the jack of spades to the queen and ace then a low spade back to the nine, ducked by Grenthe. Markowicz played a third spade, won by Grenthe, who played the fourth round. Markowicz cashed the king of hearts then led a club up, Vanhoutte winning the king and returning a diamond to the jack, queen and ace; ten tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to Poland, back in the lead at 142–137.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



#### Poland v France

Pass

All Pass

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Klukowski	Vanhoutte	Markowicz
		2♡	Pass
3♡	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Leenhardt	Romanski	Piganeau
		2◊	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣

USA2 gained I IMP for the overtrick in 6♠. The set closed with USA2 up by 127-81.

**Pass** 

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5♦

There was a major swing in the European match. Vanhoutte opened  $2^{\circ}$  and Markowicz did not come in with the South cards. However, that left him well-placed to take control when his partner could jump to  $4^{\bullet}$  on his own. Markowicz found out that one key card was missing and bid the small slam; +980 after Vanhoutte cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a heart.

Romanski opened with a  $2\Diamond$  multi and Piganeau did come in, overcalling  $3\clubsuit$ . He raised quietly to  $4\spadesuit$  at his next turn when he might have cuebid  $4\heartsuit$ , showed one key card, then denied the spade queen. With no reason to expect fourcard spade support, and knowing of potential uneven breaks, Leenhardt settled for  $5\spadesuit$ ; +480 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

The Poles led by 153-138 with 32 boards to play.

# **VENICE CUP**

### Semi-final 4



# **England**

# ' Indonesia



### The English are Best

by Mark Horton

The British duo Flanders and Swann were the actor and singer Michael Flanders and the composer, pianist and linguist Donald Swann, who collaborated in writing and performing comic songs.

Between 1956 and 1967 they performed some of their songs in their long-running two-man revues At the Drop of a Hat and At the Drop of Another Hat.

One of their most famous pieces, The Gas Man Cometh was performed by Barry Rigal and this writer at the Junior Camp in Sportilia in 1997.

It is traditional to play another of their songs in the Bulletin Room at least once in every Championship. It is entitled A Song of Patriotic Prejudice. This is an extract from the introduction:

You know, it's a curious thing, I don't know if you've ever thought of this, but England hasn't really got a national song, you know, just for England; there's plenty for Great Britain. That's quite different. You have to be very careful how you use these terms, too. The rule is: if we've done anything good, it's "another triumph for Great Britain" and if we haven't, it's "England loses again". Have you noticed that?

What English national song have we got? "Jerusalem"... "There'll always be an England." Well, that's not saying much, is it? I mean, there'll always be a North Pole, if some dangerous clown doesn't go and melt it.

I think that the reason for this is that in the old days - you know, the good old days when I was a boy - people didn't, we didn't bother in England about nationalism. I mean, nationalism was on its way out. We'd got pretty well everything we wanted and we didn't go around saying how marvellous we were - everybody knew that - any more than we bothered to put our names on our stamps. I mean, there's only two kinds of stamps: English stamps in sets at the beginning of the album, and foreign stamps all mixed at the other end.

This song starts with, I think, a very typical English under-

The English, the English, the English are best, I wouldn't give tuppence for all of the rest.

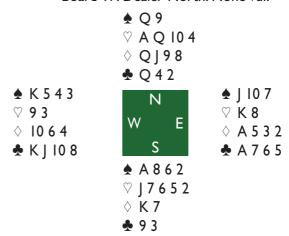
It also contains the classic couplets:

The English are noble, the English are nice, And worth any other at double the price. The English are moral, the English are good, And clever and modest and misunderstood.

England's women were hoping to get to another World Championship final and justify my title, but they faced redoubtable opposition from the well prepared Indonesians (see Page 28 in yesterday's issue).

The great shuffler (a phrase I picked up from EOK) delivered a spicy set of deals, and there was action right from the word go:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



#### **Open Room**

INT 12-14

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
	INT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass
DЫ	Pass	2NT	DЫ
3♣ All Pass	Pass	Pass	3♡



Susan Stockdale, England

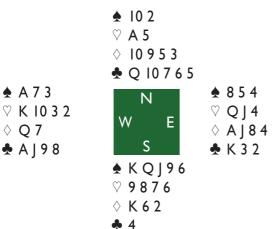
West's entry into the auction had the effect of pushing N/S to the three level. East led the five of clubs à la Fredin and West wisely put up the king (it is not unknown for a player to put in the jack or ten in this situation) and returned the jack for the queen and ace. East switched to the jack of spades and when declarer played low from dummy West fell from grace by withholding the king. With the spade loser having vanished declarer could afford to lose a herat and a diamond, +140.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
	♣	Pass	I
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

The defenders took all their tricks in this room, -110 and a lucky IMP for Indonesia.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
			Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♣	DЫ	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

INT was (11) 12-14 so it was a little surprising East made no move (3NT is likely to make on the assumption that North would lead a club). That lulled South into a false sense of security and her decision to protect did not work as well as her opponents' on the previous deal. West led a trump and declarer could take only four trumps, a heart and a diamond for -300.

#### **Closed Room**

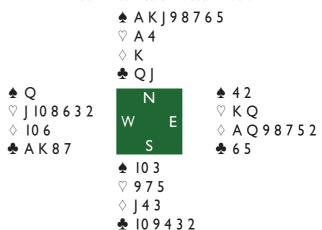
West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
Pass	2 <b>♠</b> *	All Pass	2♡*
2♡ Wea	k with both ma	jors	



Lusie Olha Bojoh, Indonesia

There is no obvious way to get into the auction and in any event E/W would be very unlikely to make 3NT – even if North led ace of hearts she would be sure to switch to a spade. The same two down, but -100 gave England 5 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
Ι♡	DЫ	2♣*	Pass
2♡	3♠	All Pass	
2♣ Diamo	onds		

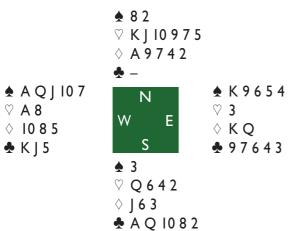
There were nine tricks, so that might be considered a triumph, but if South had held one useful card (say a king in one of the round suits) would she have gone on to game? Declarer recorded an overtrick, +170.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2◊*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Senior decided to treat her hand as game forcing, but she did not find a trick in the dummy, -100 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
			Pass
I ♠	2♠*	4♠	All Pass

2♠ Hearts and a minor

Declarer won the heart lead, drew trumps and eliminated the red suits before playing a club to the jack, claiming +650 when North showed out.

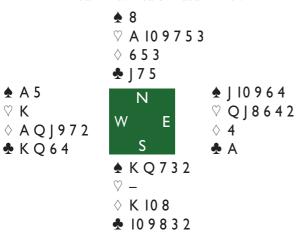
For my money (and Tacchi's) South should do something -5 is one possibility.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
			Pass
l <b>♠</b>	2♡	3♡*	3♠*
4♠	5♡	Dbl	All Pass

Here North kept some of her assets hidden and when her partner showed a good raise she went on to the five level. She had to go one down, but -200 was good for 10 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



#### Open Room

We	est	North	East	South
Stoc	kdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
			Pass	2♠*
3N7		All Pass		
2♠ Spades and a minor, 7-10				

West's practical approach paid a huge dividend.

North led a club and declarer won in dummy, took a diamond finesse, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond. The position in the majors meant she had to score a heart trick at the end, +630.

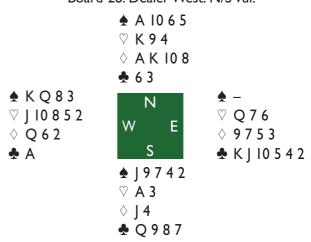
#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
		Pass	Pass
♣*	2♡	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass

You can see why West bid  $3\Diamond$ , but a reopening double might have netted a huge penalty (at many tables E/W made  $4\heartsuit$ , but with East to lead you can hold declarer to two tricks for +1700).

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won and played a heart to the king and ace, South discarding the two of clubs. North switched to the eight of spades and dummy's nine held the trick. Declarer played a spade to the ace, and cashed two clubs, discarding hearts. Declarer now had to decide who had the king of diamonds. When she played the ace of diamonds and then ran the queen she was one down, -100. 12 IMPs for England.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
I	DЫ	2◊*	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2≎ Good	heart raise		

Should East have left well alone? Easy to be wise after the event and in any case it would not be consistent with the aggressive game that had already paid a number of dividends.

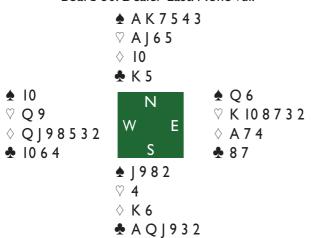
West cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a heart, declarer winning with the ace and running the nine of spades. When East discarded a club declarer played a spade for the queen and ace and a club. East withheld the king and declarer put up the king, ruffed by West who cashed the king of spades and got off play with a heart. Declarer won, ruffed a heart and advanced the jack of diamonds. West covered and declarer claimed +620.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
Ι♡	DЫ	INT*	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♡	3♠
All Pass			
INT Clubs			

When North saw no reason to advance, Indonesia had 10 IMPs, as declarer recorded +140.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
		2♡	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5◊*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

4% looks a very good bid to me, presumably showing four card spade support and a heart control. North knew an ace was missing, so asking about the queen of trumps was perhaps not strictly necessary (but would be in you thought partner might have less than four spades). All would have been well, but South took quite a long time to bid  $5 \triangleq$  and subsequently the contract was moved back to  $5 \triangleq$  making +480.

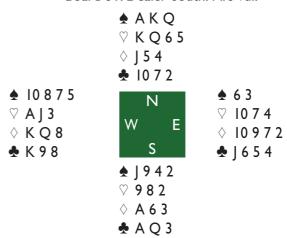
#### **Closed Room**

North	East	South
Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
	2♡	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5◊*
5♡*	Pass	6◊*
6♠	All Pass	
	Senior  3♠  4NT*  5♡*	Senior         Murniati           2♥           3♠         Pass           4NT*         Pass           5♥*         Pass

5♥ Trump queen? 6♦ Yes, and the ♦K

No cue bid raise here, so North was obliged to ask about the queen of trumps. Now South did very well, deciding that a fourth trump was as good as the queen and the slam was reached. +980 and 11 IMPs to England.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Bojoh	Brown	Tueje
			Pass
INT	Dbl	All Pass	

North cashed three spades and switched to a heart for the four eight and jack. Declarer tried the queen of diamonds and South won, cashed her spade and played a heart. There was no escape for declarer, down three, -500.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
INT	All Pass		

When North decided against making a penalty double E/W escaped with -150 and 8 IMPs.

England led 148.5-116 IMPs – a useful lead with two sets to go.









# BERMUDA BOWL

### Semi-final 4



## USA 1

### V

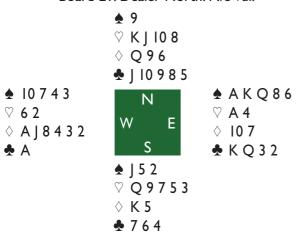
## USA 2

by Phillip Alder

USA 2 had built up a useful 51-IMP lead over USA 1. Could USA1 regain ground?

Yes! They won 4 IMPs on the first four boards. Then came one of the most interesting deals of the tournament.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Grue	Levin	Lall
	Pass	I♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT (I)	Pass
4♣ (2)	Pass	4♡ (2)	Pass
4NT (3)	Pass	<b>5</b> ♦ <b>(4)</b>	Pass
5♡ (5)	Pass	6 (6)	Pass
6♦ (7)	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (I) Serious slam-try
- (2) Control-bid
- (3) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (4) 3 key cards
- (5) Asking for the spade queen
- (6) Showing it and the club king
- (7) Asking for the diamond king for seven



Joe Grue, USA

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Martel	Hurd	Stansby
	Pass	I <b>♠</b>	Pass
2NT (I)	Pass	3♦ (2)	Pass
3♡ (3)	DЫ	Rdbl (4)	Pass
4♣ (5)	Pass	4♡ (5)	Pass
4NT (5)	Pass	5♣ (5)	Pass
5♦ (5)	Pass	6♣ (5)	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

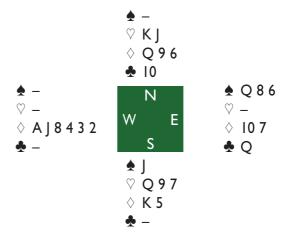
- (I) Game-invitational or stronger spade raise
- (2) A slam-try opposite a limit raise
- (3) Asking
- (4) First-round control
- (5) As above

In the Open Room against Bobby Levin, Justin Lall tried a deceptive diamond five lead. Declarer called for dummy's ace and Joe Grue, also fooled, tried his own deceptive play, dropping the queen!

Levin played a trump to his ace and claimed when everyone followed, establishing dummy's diamonds.

At the other table, Lew Stansby found the best lead, a heart.

John Hurd won with his ace, played a club to dummy's ace, led a spade to his king, and discarded dummy's remaining heart on the club king. He continued with a heart ruff, a spade to the ace, and a club ruff to give this position:



When declarer cashed dummy's diamond ace, South carefully unblocked his king. North took the next trick with his diamond queen and led another diamond to promote South's spade jack for down one.

That gave USA I a huge I4 IMPs.

Was 6♠ makable on a heart lead?

Yes. After crossing to the club ace at trick two, declarer must cash the diamond ace! How does South defend?

If he sacrifices his king, declarer draws trumps, discards dummy's last heart on the club king, and leads the diamond

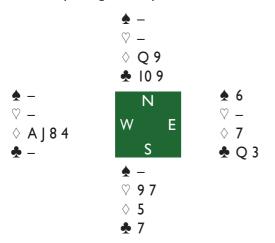
ten. If North takes his queen, dummy is high and has a trump entry. If North ducks, declarer takes one ruff in the dummy and loses only a heart or a club.

If South keeps his diamond king, declarer continues like Hurd, but after ruffing the low club, the diamond exit from the dummy must be won by South's king. East ruffs the heart return, draws the missing trump, and claims.

Did anyone find that play?

No, but two declarers made the contract after a heart lead following misdefenses. You can read how Bauke Muller did elsewhere in this bulletin. In the D'Orsi Senior Bowl match between USAI and USA2, Dan Morse won with his heart ace, played a club to the ace, crossed to his spade ace, discarded the heart on the club king, cashed the spade king, and led his diamond ten, ducking in the dummy when South covered with his king.

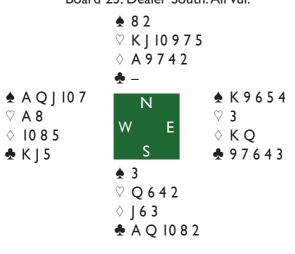
Now South should have led his remaining diamond, but he tried the heart queen. Declarer ruffed in the dummy and ran his trumps to give this position:



The last spade squeezed North, but he smoothly discarded the diamond nine. Then, after East cashed his club queen and led a diamond, he went up with dummy's ace to drop the queen and make his slam.

USA 2 gained 5 IMPs by doubling a hopeless 4♠ contract reached at both tables. Then:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.











West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Grue	Levin	Lall
			Pass
INT	2♡ (1)	3♦ (2)	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

- (I) Natural
- (2) Five spades, at least game-invitational values

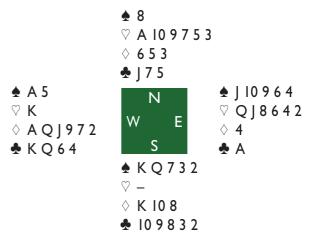
West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Martel	Hurd	Stansby
INT	2♡ (1)	3♦ (2)	4♡
4♠	5♡	DЫ	All Pass

- (I) Hearts and a minor
- (2) Five spades, at least game-invitational values

4♠ by West made with an overtrick, and 5♥ doubled went down one, declarer losing one spade, one heart and one diamond. That gave 10 IMPs to USA 1, down by 26 now.

After a couple of quiet deals, another big swing appeared.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Grue	Levin	Lall
		Pass	Pass
I ♦	Pass	Ι♡	INT (I)
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5◊	All Pass		

(I) Black suits

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Martel	Hurd	Stansby
		Pass	Pass
I ♦	2♡	Pass	Pass
DЫ	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2NT	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

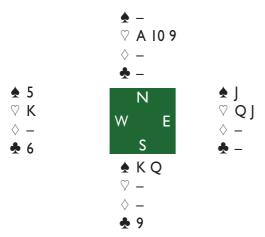
When North-South entered the auction, East-West should have just sprinkled red double cards onto the table! Weinstein, though, could not double INT, because that would have shown three hearts. And he was not willing to pass.



John Hurd, USA

Against 5 $\diamondsuit$ , Grue led his spade. Declarer won and played his heart, North ducking to let his partner ruff. South then cashed the spade king and played another spade. West ruffed with his diamond jack, crossed to the club ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, cashed the club king, and led the club queen. North ruffed, and South had to score his trump king for down two.

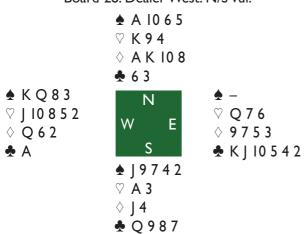
Joel Wooldridge was never in danger in 3NT. He won the club lead with dummy's ace, took a diamond finesse, and continued the suit. South returned a club, West winning, running his diamonds, and cashing the club queen and spade ace to give this position:



When West led his heart king, North played low to save a second overtrick, but plus 200 and plus 630 gave 13 IMPs to USA 2.

There was one more big swing.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Grue	Levin	Lall
2◊ (1)	DЫ	2♡	2NT
Pass	3♣	DЫ	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
DЫ	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Flannery: four or more spades, five or more hearts, 11-16 points

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Martel	Hurd	Stansby
ΙŸ	DЫ	3 <b>♣</b> (I)	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

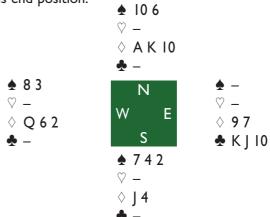
#### (I) Fit-jump

Weinstein's Flannery opening picked off his opponents' 5-4 spade fit; although perhaps Lall should have tried 3♠ instead of 3NT. (And, interestingly, North can escape for down one in 3♦ doubled.

3NT looked as though it could be expensive, but the defensive communications were not good. West led a low heart, East winning with his queen and returning the suit to South's ace.

Now surely declarer should have led a sneaky spade seven, trying to get past West. Note that if West did not cover the seven with his eight, the contract could have made. But when South the nine, it was easier for West to cover with his king.

Declarer took dummy's ace and ducked a club to West's bare ace. West led the heart jack to dummy's king. After a spade the jack and queen, West cashed his hearts to give this end position:



South had to take the rest by playing West for the diamond queen. That was down one.

Against 4\(\Delta\) doubled, West led his club ace, then switched to the spade king. South won in the dummy and played its remaining club, East taking the trick and shifting to a heart. Declarer won with his ace, ruffed a club in the dummy, and led the spade ten. West conceded.

Plus 200 and plus 790 gave 14 IMPs to USA 1. The match margin was down to 23.

There were minimal gains on the last four boards, the session ending with the score 132–112 to USA 2.

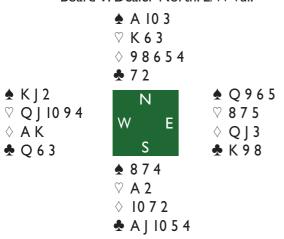
### **Junior Success**

by Patrick Jourdain

There is one team from Wales here in the Transnationals. "How did you get on in your first match?" I enquired. "We drew a junior team," came the reply "but they seemed very good. Too good for us, certainly." That Junior team was the Israeli team that after ten matches was lying third of the I53 teams.

Here was one deal from that first match:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Maddocks	Swartz	Hogg	Fisher
	Pass	Pass	♣
I	Pass	INT	Pass
3NIT	All Pacc		

Even if South leads a club, as happened at the other table, 3NT can be defeated provided South's heart entry is not removed before his suit is good. But the game came home.

At our featured table Lotan Fisher as South hit on a spade lead. North, Ron Swartz, ducked and declarer, Alex Hogg, won with the nine. Declarer was conscious he needed to



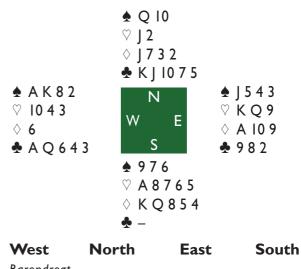
Rosaline Barendregt, Netherlands

keep North off lead so at trick two he crossed to a diamond and led the heart queen off dummy.

Swartz, North, was in there at once with the king. A club came through to the nine, ten and queen. A second heart was won by South. Now Fisher switched back to spades. North won and a second club gave South four tricks in the suit. The game had gone three light for a swing of 930 to Israel or 14 IMPs.

There are many good Dutch Juniors in the Transnational. One in her last year as a Junior is Rosaline Barendregt. She faced a tough task as West on this deal from the second match:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Barendregt

2♦\*

3♣ Dbl All Pass

South's opening showed hearts and a minor. Barendregt made a natural overcall that North quite reasonably doubled for penalties.

Against West's Three Clubs doubled North led  $\heartsuit$ J which was covered by the king and ace. The second heart was won in dummy and Barendregt made a good move when she decided to reduce her trumps by playing ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff. A third heart was ruffed by North who was endplayed for the first time into helping declarer. A spade lead gives dummy an entry to ruff the third diamond so North did no wrong in playing that suit himself.

Barendregt ruffed the diamond, cashed two top spades and when the queen fell led a third spade. North could ruff again but was down to one diamond and three club honours. He chose to exit with the fourth diamond. Declarer ruffed this in dummy throwing a spade from hand. Now a spade from dummy was ruffed by West and over-ruffed by North who found himself endplayed for the third time in the same deal, to lead away from the  $\clubsuit$ K J at trick twelve.

The defence had made the heart ace and three trump tricks, but nothing else. The Dutch team scored up +670 and a healthy gain.

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### Semi-final 4



# **Italy**

# **Netherlands**

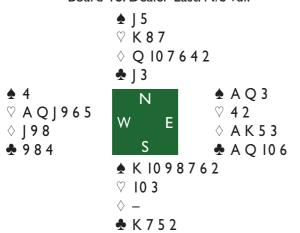


### **Blunder and Beauties**

by Micke Melander

Going into the last days of the World Championships we can see more and more mistakes being made, which generally cost a lot of IMPs. But since the IMPs are going in all directions most of the contest are still close. Italy vs Netherlands in BB the semifinals has been a tight game all the way so far, and actually still is after the fourth segment, even though 90 IMPs was distributed over the 16 boards in play.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



In both rooms East played in 40 after South had bid spades. In the Closed Room Brink led the nine of spades, which went to the four, jack and Lauria's queen. Counting his tricks he knew that he had five tricks outside the trump suit, with the strong holding in the trump suit he more or less safety played it (since South had bid spades he wasn't really in a position to hold all five of them) by playing a heart to dummy's ace and continued with the queen. When the ten of hearts fell Lauria was safe, it was just a matter of over-tricks. Drijver returned a club, declarer playing low from hand, the trick won by South's king. When North didn't have a ruff, Lauria easily could claim his contract for II

Muller in the Open Room got the five of clubs led from Madala, which went to the four, jack and queen. Declarer



then played a heart to dummy's queen and North's king. Bocchi then returned a club on which declarer again tried the queen, this time losing to South's king. Madala continued with another club ruffed by Bocchi, a diamond came back and when declarer put up the king declarer had created a position where he also would have to lose another diamond in the end. All in all, two down and 11 IMPs to

Muller and Wijs bid beautifully on board 21, but since the full board will be reported in several other articles we shall leave the play out in this article.

Muller had:

**★** AKQ86 ♡ A 4 ♦ 10.7 ♣ K Q 3 2

#### Open room

West	North	East	South
Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Madala
	Pass	<b>  ♣</b> ¹	Pass
♡²	Pass	♠³	Pass
2♡⁴	Pass	<b>2</b> ♠³	Pass
3♡⁵	Pass	<b>3</b> ♠³	Pass
<b>4</b> � <sup>6</sup>	Pass	6♠	All Pass

<sup>1</sup> Strong,

<sup>2</sup> Game forcing 4+♠,

<sup>3</sup> Relays asking for more information

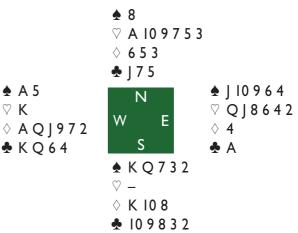
4 4♠ and 5+♦

5 4-2-6-1

 $\Diamond$  K

With all that information in hand Muller had no problem placing the contract in 64. A very nice sequence.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 4 controls (ace are two and king one)

#### **Open room**

West	North	East	South
Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Madala
		Pass	Pass
♣*	Pass	<b>I</b> ♡*	Pass
♠*	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2 <b>♠</b> *	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3◊*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
<b>4</b> $\diamond$ *	Pass	4♡*	All Pass

#### **Closed room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
		Pass	Pass
I ♦	2♡*	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

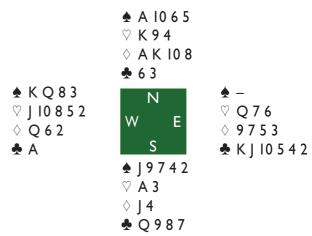
Another long relay auction brought the Dutch pair to 4%. 3NT or 4% are actually the only contracts that are possible to make with the combined hands which had a huge misfit. Madala led the ten of diamonds, declarer winning in dummy with the ace. Muller played a club to the ace and a heart to dummy's king, revealing the bad break in trumps, North won the trick with the ace. When declarer didn't shorten himself in trumps by ruffing diamonds immediately he was doomed to go down when Bocchi returned a spade to dummy. If declarer had ruffed a diamond in trick two, cashed the ace of clubs, and continued with a spade to the ace. He cashes out king and queen of clubs while discarding spades from hand and finishes that off with a last diamond ruff. Now he can strip North down to his six trumps and has to get another three trump tricks from the remaining cards regardless of what the defense will do.

Drijver in the Closed Room decided that this was the right hand to preempt on. Brink tried to escape with an SOS redouble, but they were caught in 34 doubled. That actually went 5 down and 1400 to Italy. When the Dutch pairs managed to have bad decisions on the same board on both tables it didn't cost as much as it probably could have done. Now it was 17 IMPs thrown away in the sea.



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



#### **Open room**

West	North	East	South
Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Madala
IŸ	DЫ	4♣	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

#### **Closed room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	Drijver	Lauria	Brink
ΙŸ	DЫ	2♡	2♠
Pass	3♠	4♣	Dbl
All Pass			

It isn't very often you see the great Italians making such bad decisions at the table. Lauria-Versace crashed into  $4\frac{1}{2}$  doubled in the closed room, going four down for -800. In the Open Room the Dutch pair took the commando and quickly bid to game leaving the Italians with very little space to explore that they actually should be the pair playing in game.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  was in fact cold on North-South. 12 IMPs to Netherlands.

Another expensive action was taken on board 29. Madala in South had:

♠ 10 7 3
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ A 10 5 3
♠ 7 4

#### Open room

West	North	East	South
Wijs	Bocchi	Muller	Madala
	I ♦	Pass	ΙŸ
Pass	l <b>♠</b>	Pass	?

When Madala forgot the system and bid 2♣ (Game forcing) there was nothing that could keep the pair out of game. Finally they manage to stop their bidding in 5♦, Wijs decided that he had heard enough with the ace of spades and the ace-king of hearts he doubled the contract. Eventually it went three off for 800. When the Dutch played in 3♦ in the Closed Room and just made their contract it was 14 more IMPs to Netherlands.

### Waiting for the weighty woman

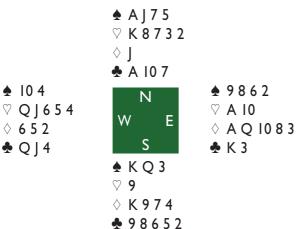
by Phillip Alder

Whatever your nationality, you probably have an expression for the sentiment that a contest is not over "until the fat lady sings," a reference to the final aria of an opera, typically performed by an overweight soprano. Until she sings, do not assume everything is decided. Baseball great Yogi Berra's maxim is also useful: "It's not over 'til it's over."

The fat lady and Yogi would have appreciated the last board of the D'Orsi Senior Bowl match between France and Poland on Wednesday.

After 95 boards, the score was Poland 196.67 France 191. This was the final deal:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



In the Closed Room, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Kowalski	Poizat	Romanski
Pass	I 🛇	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♣	2♦	3♣
All Pass			

Apolinary Kowalski would have done best to pass out his partner's double of INT. That contract would surely have failed by one trick.

It is hard to argue with Jacek Romanski's raise to 3 with five-card support. But as we will see in a moment, he had a more successful choice.

East led the spade eight. North took the trick with his jack and played his diamond, East winning with his ace and leading a second spade. What next?

It looked natural to declarer to ruff a diamond, cash the club ace, and play another trump. However, East won and gave his partner a spade ruff. Guy Lasserre switched to the heart queen, and a second round of hearts stranded declarer in the dummy, forced to concede the last trick to East's diamond queen. The defenders had taken one heart, two diamonds and two clubs for down one.

At trick four, declarer would have done better to duck a heart (he can even play his king). Then he would have had



Guy Lasserre, France

the communications to arrive at nine tricks one way or another.

To win the match, the French North-South had to be at least plus 170.

This was the bidding sequence:

West	North	East	South
Russyan	Leenhardt	Lasocki	Piganeau
Pass	I 🛇	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

With a singleton in his partner's suit, four reasonable trumps, and vulnerable opponents, it was sensible for Patrice Piganeau to go for a penalty.

South led his heart, probably disappointed to see Krzysztof Lasocki take the trick with his ten.

Declarer led his club king, South signaling an odd number with his two. So North, Francois Leenhardt, ducked the first club, took the second, and pushed through the diamond jack, covered by the queen and king.

I was expecting South to continue with the diamond nine or seven to keep declarer out of the dummy. Instead, after a lot of thought, he led a low spade. North won with his ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. South then exited with a trump.

East won and played a spade, but South took that trick and led his last trump. Declarer won and played another spade. After South won, he had to lead a club to dummy's queen, on which East's last spade evaporated, but the contract had gone down one, the defenders taking three spades, one diamond, one club and one heart ruff.

Plus 50 and plus 200 was worth 6 IMPs to France and victory by 0.33.

Strains of a woman singing "La Marseillaise" could be heard in the background.

# Welcome to the Beijing Organizing Committee for the SportAccord World Mind Games 8/17 December 2011



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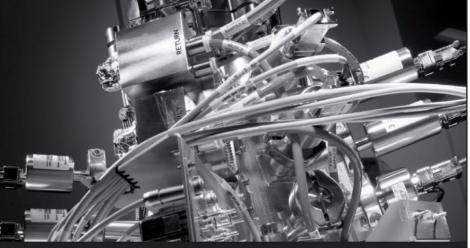
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You will find the running scores on each match, and you will be able to follow the play of the 12 tables equipped with cameras.

There is more to discover, but finding out what will be your surprise.

All this is the work of a team of young men on the Netherlands Bridge Federation together with the men working at **Brainport** (www.studiodiip.com).

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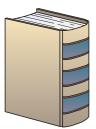
During the event a photographer is available to take photos, for free.

Upon request he provides the journalists with the photos they need for their articles. The photographer is also available to take team or individual photos.

Photographer Louk Herber can be reached in the NBB communication office (office number 58, yellow zone). Phone +31(0)6-83571931.

### 2011 World **Championship Book**

The official book of these championships will be available in late March/early April next year. As usual, it will



consist of 336 large pages. There will be coverage of every deal in both the finals and semi-finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, plus substantial coverage of the earlier stages of those two events, the Seniors Bowl, and the Transnational Championship. The book will include a full results service,

including Butler rankings, and many photographs.

Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll. Justin Lall will be this year's guest contributor.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35.00. For the duration of these championships, you can pre-order and pay at the special price of US\$25.00 or Euros 18.00. Your copy will then be sent direct from the printers.

To order please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room -Room 82 in the Green section.

## Championship Diary



In a tournament of this size many stories go untold. In Round 12 of the Transnational a player held: **★**1098642 ♥- ♦|8752 **♣**64 and heard his right hand opponent (North) open a game forcing 2♣. For some reason this resulted in N/S missing the available grand slams (South having a 16 count)

and stopping in game. Joy unconfined was subsequently somewhat muted when it transpired that at the other table East had failed to find the overcall and N/S had reached 7% – which ran into a 5-0 trump break!

The clocks go back on Sunday – good news for Bauke Muller should he encounter a tough deal on Saturday.

BBO transmission of the first session of the Bermuda Bowl final was beset by technical problems. When the Editor covering the set suggested that 'there must be a way of retrieving the information from the VuGraph' Barry's photographic memory was quickly called into

Jan Swaan came in to check who would be attending today's Press Conference. Encountering difficulty with one miscreant he said 'You're an illiterate'.

'I don't think he's as clever as that', was our observa-

Having observed an unfortunate defence by a member of the English women's team we asked Brian if he might be prepared to seek an explanation. Having examined the deal he said, 'It's clearly the indicated defence but its beyond me to know why'.

#### **Notice**

Please be advised that it is not allowed to consume your own food or drinks in the hotel's restaurants or the WK Plaza. The hotel serves a wide variety of snacks, drinks and food for every taste and palette!

Also be aware that it is prohibited to smoke within the walls of the entire hotel (guest rooms, public areas, restaurants, meeting rooms); ONLY outdoor-smoking is allowed. Thank you for adhering to this.

## **Duplimate Discounts**



The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit

the Jannersten book store in the Bridge Plaza.

# WBF NOTICES

# WBF President's press conference today

A World Bridge Federation Press Conference will be held on Friday morning, at II am, in Parkzaal, in the Green section, next to Dutch Vugraph auditorium.

WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and IMSA President José Damiani will be present at the Press Conference to speak about the organizations they head and answer questions about their plans and initiatives.



All journalists present in Veldhoven and WC participants are invited to attend.

Panos Gerontopoulos WBF Spokesman

### **Anti-betting regulation**

It shall be a violation for any player, team captain or official, or any other persons associated with or related to a player, team captain or official participating in any WBF event to wager on the results of any such event or part thereof.

Any violation will be subject to charges to be presented to a hearing before the WBF Disciplinary Commission.





# Transfers Koningshof – Schiphol Airport, Oct. 30

For players and officials, buses wil drive to Schiphol Airport on Oct. 30.

Tickets for your trip from Veldhoven to Schiphol Airport are available at € 20 - at the NBB-Info/Transport desk in the lobby of NH Koningshof. Buy your ticket in time to make sure you will have a seat in the bus. It takes almost two hours to travel by bus to Schiphol Airport.

Departure times Oct. 30 at 05.00, 06.30, 08.00, 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16:00 hrs.

On other days, we will bring you to Eindhoven train station. Every hour, two trains go directly, without changing trains, to Schiphol Airport. Travel time: 90 minutes.

# Prize-giving and Closing Ceremony



The 40th Bridge Team Championships prize-giving and closing ceremony will be held on Saturday 29th October at 19.00 in the VuGraph Theatre. A buffet dinner will follow.

Awards:

Medals will be awarded to the

first three teams in the World Transnational Open Teams.

Medals, trophies and replicas will be presented to the first three teams in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, the Venice Cup and the Bermuda Bowl.

#### Restaurant information



#### **Restaurant Binnenhof**

In the restaurant Binnenhof, we serve an extended daily changing threecourse dinner buffet. Our chef created dishes from several different countries with enough choice for everybody. Vouchers can be bought at the WK

Bridge plaza and the reception.

During the championships, restaurant Binnenhof is opened for:

Breakfast: 07:00 - 10:30 (11:30 on Sundays)

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00 Dinner: 18:30 – 22:00

Reservations can be made at the restaurant itself. Vouchers can be bought at the WK Bridge plaza and the reception.

#### **Brasserie Porticato**

This brasserie offers real authentic Italian dishes. A lunch or dinner in Porticato is enjoyed on a cozy terrace in a relaxing environment. The dishes are prepared with fresh ingredients. Fine wines are especially selected for these championships.

Brasserie Porticato is opened every day from 11:00 – 22:00

#### **Restaurant Uithof**

This restaurant provides a wide choice of excellent dishes. In a warm comfortable environment our chef prepares dinners of a high standard. Everyday he and his team present a delicious menu of the day. Our service staff will serve you the best wines of the hotel. Reservations are required, either at the restaurant or call +31 (0)40 2581988

This restaurant is open for dinner between 18:00 and 22:00.

## The Smiling Assassin

by Mark Horton

Everyone has been impressed by the performance of the Indonesian women. On this deal from their semi final against England Grace Tueje made a brilliant play:

Dealer South, N/S Vul **♠** 10 7 3 ♥ Q753  $\Diamond$  A K J 4 **9** 9 7 ♠ Q | 9 6 5 ♥ 108642 ♡ K 9 ♦ 1086 ♦ Q952 ♣ 10842 **♣** | 3 ♠ A K 8 2 ♡ A I ♦ 73 ♣ AKQ65

#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Dewi	Senior	Murniati	Dhondy
			2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3◊*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ I or 2 four card majors
- 3♠ 4 hearts



Julita Grace Tueje, Indonesia

West led the four of spades and under no pressure declare took ten tricks, +630.

#### **Closed Room**

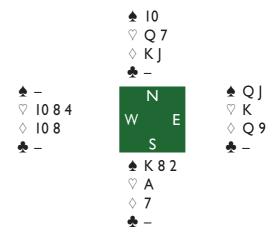
West	North	East	South
Brock	Bojoh	Smith	Tueje
			2♣*
Pass	2♠*	DЫ	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

2♣ Almost game forcing

2♠ 3 controls

The K&R Hand Evaluator suggests that the South hand is worth around 23.55 points, and South's upgrade meant North was happy to let her partner try for the slam bonus.

West led the four of spades covered by the seven nine and ace. Declarer went after the clubs and things did not look good when East discarded the five of spades on the third round. A fourth round saw declarer pitch a diamond (a heart had gone on the third club) and East let go the six of spades. West switched to the six of diamonds and declarer put up dummy's ace and played a heart to the jack. When that held she cashed the last club, West discarding the six of hearts, dummy the three of spades and East the five of diamonds. These card remained:



Reading the position perfectly declarer cashed the ace of hearts and, rejecting the finesse, played a diamond to the king. Now the queen of hearts put East to the sword, her spade discard allowing dummy to take the last two tricks in hand, for  $\pm 1440$  and  $\pm 13$  IMPs.



