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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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Tbl |  | clo | Boards $\text { I - } 16$ | Boards 17-32 | Boards 33-48 | Boards 49-64 | Boards 65-80 | Boards 81-96 | Boards $97-112$ | Boards <br> 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Final / Play-off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tbl |  | clo | Boards $1-16$ | Boards $17-32$ | Boards 33-48 | Boards $49-64$ | Boards 65-80 | Boards $81-96$ | 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Final / Play-off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tbl |  | c/o | Boards I-16 | Boards $17-32$ | Boards $33-48$ | Boards $49-64$ | Boards 65-80 | Boards $81-96$ | 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 |


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| Round of 16 |  |  |  |  |
| Tbl |  | Boards $1-12$ | 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 | I | - | I |



## VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Bowl
Final sessions 4 (IO.30), 5 (I3.45) and 6 (I6.45)

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\text { VuGraph (BBO I) USA } 2-\text { Netherlands } \\
\text { BBO } 2 & \text { Indonesia - France } \\
\text { BBO } 3 & \text { USA } 2 \text { - France } \tag{SB}
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## World Transnational Open Teams

 BBO 4, BBO 5, BBO6, OurGame Quarter-final 213.00 BBO 4, BBO 5 Semi-final I
15.40 BBO 4, BBO 5 Semi-final 2

I8.40 BBO $4 \quad$ Final I


## World Transnational Open Teams

| Swiss ranking after I 5 sessions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 | China Open | 279 |  | Pie | 238 |  | 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 |  |
| 6 | Oz Open | 264 | 45 | Bc70 | 235 |  | Lantaron | 219.5 | 22 Delft Brew | 204 |
| 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 |
| 11 | Consus Oil | 259.5 |  | Italia Vinci | 234 | 89 | Rossard | 218 | 127 Rio | 199 |
| 12 | Gordon | 259 | 51 | Gargoyle Oranje | 233.5 |  | Aarts | 218 | Harris | 199 |
| 13 | Smirnov | 256 | 52 | Lara | 233 |  | Bites | 218 |  |  |
| 14 | Mahaffey | 255 |  | Nep | 233 | 92 | Ruiten 7 | 217 | Opal | 199 |
| 15 | Het Witte I | 253 |  | Brazil Open | 233 | 93 | Bulgaria Seniors | 216 | Totojack | 199 |
| 16 | Piedra | 252 | 55 | Indonesia | 232 | 94 | Dhondy | 215 | 131 Italy Cbc Gentili | 197 |
|  | Swedenplus | 252 | 56 | Chateau Rossenovo | 231.5 |  | Leidschenhage | 215 | 132 Coppens | 195 |
| 18 | Consus Red | 251.8 |  | China Trinergy | 231.5 |  | Prioll2 | 215 | Sportief | 195 |
| 19 | A J Diament | 251 | 58 | Texan Aces | 231 | 97 | Cornell Nz Norw | 214 | Pakistan Seniors | 195 |
| 20 | Kasper Konow | 248.5 |  | Pegasus 2 | 231 | 98 | Bc Gorkum | 213.5 |  |  |
| 21 | Iceland | 248.2 | 60 | Mpe | 230.5 | 99 | Wanzac | 213 | 135 Indian Ladies | 194 |
| 22 | Italy Senior | 247 | 61 | Jantien | 230 |  | Van Den Hoek | 213 | Bco Z | 194 |
|  | Azs Poland | 247 | 62 | Gillis | 228 |  | Fergani | 212 | 1372 Klaveren | 193.5 |
| 24 | 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 |  | De Mijnstreek | 212 | 140 Tango Argentino | 191 |
|  | Jolly Lombard | 246 | 66 | Frank | 227.5 |  | Van Den Boom | 211 | Aloc | 191 |
| 28 | Monaco Z | 244 | 67 | Mossop | 227 |  | Villa Fabbriche | 211 |  |  |
| 29 | Begijntje | 243 | 68 | China Ladies | 226 |  | De Meer | 211 | Winksys | 91 |
|  | Shanghai Hyx Ltd | 243 |  | Payen | 226 |  | Wijman | 211 | 143 Alma | 190 |
|  | Bamruhe | 243 |  | Italy Women | 226 |  | Wrang | 210 | 144 Honest I | 189 |
| 32 | Star I | 242 |  | Gehaktmolen Rood | 226 |  | Dobbels | 209 | 145 Swinkels | 187 |
| 33 | The Honbel Shock | 241 | 72 | Siwik Mragowo | 225 |  | Buenos Aires | 208.5 | I46 Pune Blues India | 186 |
|  | Hok 2 | 241 | 73 | Fandouraboul | 224 |  | Germany Green | 208 | 147 Gayet | 185 |
|  | Zeerob Rood | 241 |  | Indonesia Senior | 224 |  | Geel | 208 |  | 185 |
| 36 | De Botton | 239 |  | Italy Fioretti | 224 |  | De Ruiter | 208 |  | 185 |
|  | Hok | 239 |  | Oni | 224 |  | Frencken | 207 | 149 Gold Coast Austr | lia 184 |
|  | Harding | 239 | 77 | Zeerob Wit | 223 |  | Pan China | 207 | 150 Leusden | 155 |
| 39 | Amoils | 238 |  | Singapore | 223 |  | Wuhan | 207 | 151 Heksentoer Oudew | er 154 |

## World Transnational Open Teams Rosters

2 KLAVEREN
A J DIAMENT
AARTS
ALMA
ALOC
AMOILS
ANGELINI
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA SENIORS
AZS POLAND
BAMRUHE
BC GORKUM
BC70
BCO Z
BEGIJNTJE
BELGIUM COOREMAN
BETER ZICHT
BILAL
BITES
BLUND
BOWLES
BRAZIL OPEN
BUENOS AIRES
BULGARIA
BULGARIA SENIORS
CHATEAU ROSSENOVO
CHINA TRINERGY
CHINA HONG KONG
CHINA LADIES
CHINA OPEN
COMMERCION
CONSUS OIL
CONSUS RED
COPPENS
CORNELL NZ NORWAY
D N KELKAR
DAMIANOVA
DE BOTTON
DE MEER
DE MIJNSTREEK
DE RUITER
DELFT BREW
DENMARK
DHONDY
DOBBELS
DSM INDIA
DUTCH SENIORS
EGYPT
FANDOURABOUL
FERGANI
FERLEMA
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| PIGOT | Thomas MacCORMAC, Micheal O'BRIAIN, Padraig O'BRIAIN, Peter PIGOT (irl) |
| POLAND | Jakub KOTOROWICZ, Marcin KRUPOWICZ, Pawel MIECHOWICZ, Slawek ZAWISLAK (pol) |
| PRIO112 | Fon BEERENS (pc), Marlies BUSKENS, Piet WIJEN, Guus van WINKEL-WAALWIJK (ned) |
| PUNE BLUES INDIA | Sudhir CHOUDHARY, Satish GOLE , Bhalchandra OGALE (pc), Ramesh REVANKAR (ind) |
| RAYNER | Karen CUMPSTONE, John RAYNER (pc), Michael ROCHE, Barbara STEWART (can), Jan CORMACK, Kris WOOLES (ned) |
| RESPOND | Rinus CABRI, Willem DUBACH, Paul MEIJER, Jacques PALINCKX, Martin van WIERINGEN (pc) (ned) |
| RIO | Paula DAVID, Sylvia Figueira DE MELLO, Amilcar MAGALHAES, Leda PAIN, Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE (bra) |
| ROM COLDEA | lonut COLDEA, Filip FLORIN, Marius IONITA, Bogdan MARINA (rou) |
| ROSSARD | Jerzy ROMANOWSKI, Martine ROSSARD (pc) (fra), Tomasz GOTARD (ger), Rafal JAGNIEWSKI (pol) |
| RUITEN 7 | Jaap van den BERG, Anne-Marie van den BERG-TEN HAVE (pc), Peter KROEZEN, Maria van der LIST, Jack WAGEMAKERS (ned) |
| SCHUTTERSVELD | Kamiel CORNELISSEN, Jan HAVERKATE, Erik-Jan KRIJGSMAN (pc), Ziena PELLE (ned) |
| SHANGHAI HYX LTD | Jingsheng BIAN, Renxia DING, Xinli GAN, Yong LIAN, Yi Xing LV (pc), Jia Hong ZHOU, Mingrong ZHU (chn) |
| SINGAPORE | Kien Hoong FONG, Cheng Yen LAM, Choon Chou LOO, Kelvin NG, Hua POON, Yukun ZHANG (sgp) |
| SIWIK MRAGOWO | Miroslaw CICHOCKI, Boguslaw GIERULSKI, Krysztof PIKUS, Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK (pol) |
| SMIRNOV | Sabine AUKEN, Josef PIEKAREK, Alexander SMIRNOV (ger), Zia MAHMOOD, Roy WELLAND (usa) |
| SPORTIEF | Gerrit BOUWLAND, Pim ENGELSMAN (pc), Erik De JONGE, Frans LOTH, Felix SLEZAK, Simone STRATINGH (ned) |
| STAR 1 | Rob van den BERGH, Remco BRUGGEMANN, Bert DAEMEN, Ed FRANKEN (pc), Henk WILLEMSENS (ned) |
| STEPBRIDGE | Loekie AHRENS,Vera FELLINGA (pc), Massenzio HOOGSTEDEN, Peter van MONTFOORT, Hanny VROOM (ned) |
| SWEDENPLUS | Kathrine BERTHEAU, Peter BERTHEAU, Jan KAMRAS, Jessica LARSSON, Johan UPMARK (swe), Shane BLANCHARD (usa) |
| SWINKELS | Kees GUNTER, M. MOMMERS, Marianne SEISENER, Ine SNEPVANGERS, Annemarie SWINKELS, Dries SWINKELS, Dries SWINKELS (npc) (ned) |
| T ONSTEIN | Frank BAKKEREN, Ton BAKKEREN, Ton BAKKEREN (npc), Huub BERTENS, Berry WESTRA (ned) |
| TANGO ARGENTINO | Silvia Elena BOLDT, Diana BUDKIN, Irene ELKIN, Gloria IRIBARREN, Fernando Alfredo LEMA (pc), Maria Celia PAILHE (arg), Maria Lujon AMARAL (bra) |
| TERAMOTO | Hiroaki MIURA, Kyoko SHIMAMURA, Tadashi TERAMOTO, Hiroki YOKOI (jpn) |
| TEXAN ACES | Keyzad ANKLESARIA, Ramratnam KRISHNAN, Jyotindra SHAH, Padmanabhan SRIDHARAN, Srinivasan SUNDERRAM (ind), Maddhav PRABHU, Gopal VENKATESH (pc) (usa) |
| THE HONBEL SHOCK | Geert ARTS, Steven DE DONDER, Steve DE ROOS, Els TOUTENEL, RafVERMEIREN (bel), Krisztina ORMAY (hun) |
| TITOW | Denys BRUNEL, Francois CHAMPION, Joanne TITOW, Kenneth TITOW, Kenneth TITOW (npc) (fra) |
| TOTOJACK | Chris ACKERLEY (pc), Anthony Peter LENART, Judy Annette McLEOD, Tony THOMSON (ned) |
| TOWERS | Alexander Stephen HOGG (eng), Alex MADDOCKS, Simon RICHARDS, Trevor TOWERS (wal) |
| VALLON | Jean Paul VIS (pc), Dafydd WILLIAMS, Jasper WILLIAMS, Peter ZWART (ned) |
| VAN DEN BOOM | Loek FRESEN, Waltraud VOGT (ger), Joost van den BOOM (pc), Johan van DIJK (ned) |
| VAN DEN HOEK | Aris BREMER, Jan Van Den HOEK (pc), Paul SWART, Laura VELTHUIZEN, Nils VERHOEVE (ned) |
| VILLA FABBRICHE | Massimiliano DI FRANCO, Guiseppe FAILLA, Alberto GULLOTTA, Giampao JELMONI, Filippo PALMA (pc), Gianpaolo RINALDI, Stefano SABATINI (ita) |
| VITO | Vladislav Nikolov ISPORSKI, Kalin KARAIVANOV, Tony RUSEV, Roumen TRENDAFILOV (bul) |
| VM 1 | Marvin BOUVRIE, Andor van MUNNEN (pc), Koos VRIEZE, Rob WAGENVOORD (ned) |
| WANZAC | Candice BERMAN, Barbara TRAVIS (aus), Shirley NEWTON, Jenny WILKINSON (ned) |
| WIJMAN | Onno JANSSENS, Mas KOEKENBIER, Rob van LEEUWEN, Rob WIJMAN (pc) (ned) |
| WINKSYS | Carlo INDRI, Herald KLEUVER, George SCHIPPER, Tim SCHOTTEN, Annette Van STAVEREN, Rob Van WEES (pc) (ned) |
| WRANG | Juan Carlos VENTIN (arg), Ishmael DELMONTE (aus), Ashley BACH (ned), Bjorn FALLENIUS, Peter FREDIN, Frederic WRANG (pc) (swe) |
| WUHAN | Derun GAN, Jingcheng LI, Zhengdong LI, Shiwen ZHOU (chn) |
| ZEEROB BLAUW | Erwin BOELENS, Jan FERINGA (pc), Bert PAPING, Hauke de VRIES, Sjoerd ZANDVOORT (ned) |
| ZEEROB ROOD | Ivar BEIJL, Niels de GROOT, Bert KRANENBORG (pc), Jaap STOMPHORST (ned) |
| ZEEROB WIT | AdVan 'T HOENDERDAL (pc), Engbert KRIST, Joost LOBSTEIN, Maaijke MEVIUS, Anton SCHELTINGA, Martijn TERMAAT (ned) |

## 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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What kind of food makes you happy?
Italian.
And what drink?
Wine.
Who is your favourite author?
Ian McEwan.
Do you have a favourite actor?
Brad Pitt.

## Actress?

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

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?
Kandinsky.
What do you see as your best ever result?
Winning the European Champions Cup 2010.
Do you have a favourite hand?
49-9 against 74 making at the other table.
Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?
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.
What is it you dislike in a person?
Boredom.
Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge? No.

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?
Gregory House.
Which three people would you invite to dinner? Richard Dawkins, Michel Houellebecq, Quentin Tarantino.

Is there something you'd love to learn?
To play the piano, Spanish.

## 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), QPlus Bridge (II8) and Shark Bridge (IOI). 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 I30-I28 and Shark Bridge defeated Wbridge5 I72-I65. For the first time in II 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 $2 \Phi$ doubled at both tables.

Board I3. Dealer North. All Vul.

- J 108754
- 108
$\diamond$ A Q 53
- 4

| - | N | - KQ9632 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ A Q J 7 |  | $\bigcirc 54$ |
| $\checkmark$ KJ 87 | W E | $\checkmark 62$ |
| \% 10986 | S | 2 475 |
|  | - A |  |

®K9632
$\diamond 1094$

- K Q 32

West North East South
Wbridge5 Micro Bridge Wbridge5 Micro Bridge Bridge Baron Q-Plus Bridge Bridge Baron Q-Plus Bridge
Pass 24 Dbl

All Pass
Down I, N/S +200

Micro Bridge Wbridge5 Micro Bridge Wbridge5 Q-Plus Bridge Bridge Baron Q-Plus Bridge Bridge Baron

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.

Poland - France

## USA I - USA 2

## Semi-final

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by Brian Senior

At the midpoint in their semi-finals matches, Poland led France by 103.7-99 and USA2 led USAI by 106.5-54. The all-European match still looked too close to call, while USAI 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 I8. Dealer East. N/S Vul.
© J 5
-K 87
$\diamond$ Q 107642
\& 3

| 1. 4 | N | 4 A Q 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PAQJ965 |  | $\bigcirc 42$ |
| $\diamond$ J 98 | W E | $\checkmark$ AK 53 |
| -984 | S Q | 9 A Q 106 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \& K 1098762 \\ & >103 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | $\diamond-$ |  |
|  | \& K 752 |  |

Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte <br> $1 \diamond$ | Markowicz | 2¢

USAI v USA2

| West | North <br> Robinson | East <br> Morse | South <br> Boyd |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wolff |  |  |  |

Jacek Romanski opened a Polish Club, the other Easts a natural $\ \diamond$. Victor Markowicz and Patrice Piganeau overcalled 24, Peter Boyd and Fred Hamilton 3s. I prefer the
bigger pre-empt and, while 24 caused problems in the European match, 3s created havoc in the American match.
For France, Patrick Grenthe doubled 2s then passed PhilippeVanhoutte'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 $4 \diamond$ 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-I07.


Dan Morse, USA

After the 3s overcall, both Wolff and Kozlove bid $4 \checkmark$ 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 $4 \oslash$ then signed off in 5 『. Presumably, Kozlove showed one key card and Kasle wasn't feeling lucky. Even 58 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; |l|.5-54.

Board I9. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

- 102
$\checkmark$ A 5
$\diamond 10953$
2 Q 10765

| - A 73 | N | ¢ 854 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc \mathrm{K} 1032$ |  | $\bigcirc$ Q J 4 |
| $\diamond$ Q 7 | W E | $\checkmark$ AJ 84 |
| 2 AJ9 8 | S | 2-K 32 |
|  | ¢ K Q J 96 |  |
|  | ¢9876 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 62 |  |
|  | 2 4 |  |

## Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte | Markowicz <br> Pass |
| 10 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |
| West | North | East | South <br> Kowalski |
| Leenhardt | Romanski | Piganeau <br> Pass |  |
| INT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

USAI v USA2

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wolff | Robinson | Morse | Boyd |
|  |  |  | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Db | 28 | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kozlove | Fisher | Kasle | Hamilton |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| 1\% | Pass | $1 \diamond$ | 14 |
| Pass | Pass | Dы | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Dы |
| All Pass |  |  |  |



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 19 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; I20-I05.
Boyd opened $2 \triangleleft$, 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 14 and did so. He then doubled $3 N T$ to ensure that he received a spade lead, having heard his opponents follow an invitational sequence and hoping to find that the $\diamond A$ 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.

> \& 9
> K J 1088
> $\diamond$ Q96
> N J 10985

- 10743
$\bigcirc 62$
$\diamond$ AJ8432
- $A$

- AKQ 86
$\triangleright$ A 4
$\diamond 107$
* K Q 32
-Q 9753
$\diamond$ K 5
- 764

Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte | Markowicz |
|  | Pass | 29 | Pass |
| $2 \checkmark$ | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| $3{ }^{1}$ | Pass | 4* | Pass |
| 4 | Pass | 48 | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 52 | Pass |
| 5NT | Pass | $6\rangle$ | Pass |
| 61 | All Pass |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kowalski | Leenhardt | Romanski | Piganeau |
|  | Pass | 14. | Pass |
| $1{ }^{1}$ | Pass | $3 \diamond$ | Pass |
| 3 | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4\% | Pass | 49 | All Pass |

USAI v USA2

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wolff | Robinson | Morse | Boyd |
|  | Pass | 19 | Pass |
| $2 \diamond$ | Pass | 30 | Pass |
| 4 | Pass | 5 | Pass |
| 64 | All Pass |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kozlove | Fisher | Kasle | Hamilton |
|  | Pass | 11 | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 320 | Pass |
| 31 | Pass | 48 | 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 29 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 IS and received a $2 \triangleleft$ 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 44 at his second turn, the old delayed game raise, and this strong combination encouraged Morse to go on with a 58 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 64, 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 II IMPs to USAI; 7I-II24.

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 6s 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 $\diamond \mathrm{J}-10$ 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 II IMPs to France, who closed to 116-I32.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

|  | - 82 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc \mathrm{KJ} 10975$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 9742 |  |
|  | - - |  |
| - A Q J 107 | N | ヘ K 9654 |
| $\bigcirc$ A 8 |  | $\bigcirc 3$ |
| $\checkmark 1085$ | W E | $\diamond \mathrm{KQ}$ |
| - KJ5 | S | \& 97643 |
|  | - 3 |  |
|  | Q Q 642 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 63 |  |
|  | - A Q 1082 |  |

Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte | Markowicz |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| $1{ }^{1}$ | 24 | $4{ }^{4}$ | 5 |
| Pass | Pass | 54 | D |
| All Pass |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kowalski | Leenhardt | Romanski | Piganeau |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| INT | $2 \checkmark$ | Pass | 2 |
| Pass | 38 | $3{ }^{1}$ | 4 |
| $4{ }^{4}$ | Pass | Pass | 5 |
| Dы | All Pass |  |  |

## USAI v USA2

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wolff | Robinson | Morse | Boyd |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| INT | $2 \diamond$ | Db | 24 |
| Db | 2NT | 49 | 5 |
| Pass | Pass | 59 | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kozlove | Fisher | Kasle | Hamilton |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| INT | 28 | 34 | 49 |
| 49 | Pass | Pass | 5 |
| 5 | All 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 $5 \vee$, the rest all going on to 54. 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 $5 \checkmark$ 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

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

- 8
$\bigcirc$ A 109753
$\diamond 653$
2 75

| ¢ A 5 | N | Q J 10964 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ K |  | $\bigcirc$ Q J 8642 |
| $\diamond$ A Q J 972 | W E | $\diamond 4$ |
| \&KQ64 | S | \% A |
|  | ¢ K Q 732 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ - |  |
|  | $\diamond$ K 108 |  |
|  | 2109832 |  |

Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte | Markowicz |
|  |  | Pass | 2 |
| 3 | Pass | 38 | Pass |
| $3{ }^{1}$ | Pass | 48 | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kowalski | Leenhardt | Romanski | Piganeau |
|  |  | $2 \bigcirc$ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 38 | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 48 | All Pass |
| USAI v USA2 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Wolff | Robinson | Morse | Boyd |
|  |  | Pass | Pass |
| $1 \diamond$ | Pass | 18 | 19 |
| 2000000 | Pass | 28 | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kozlove | Fisher | Kasle | Hamilton |
|  |  | Pass | 2 |
| 3NT | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ | Pass |
| $4 \bigcirc$ | All 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; I25-72.
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.

|  | ¢ A 1065 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc$ K 94 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ AK 108 |  |
|  | 2 63 |  |
| ¢ K Q 83 | N | 9- |
| QJI0852 | $W^{\text {c }}$ | $\bigcirc$ Q 76 |
| $\checkmark$ Q 62 |  | $\diamond 9753$ |
| \& A | S | \& KJ10542 |
|  | ¢ J 9742 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 3 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 4 |  |
|  | 2 Q 987 |  |



Arnie Fisher, USA

## Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte | Markowicz |
| I $\varnothing$ | Dbl | $3 \%$ | 49 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kowalski | Leenhardt | Romanski | Piganeau |
| I $\varnothing$ | Pass | $2 \varnothing$ | Pass |
| Pass | $2 \Phi$ | All Pass |  |

## USAI v USA2

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wolff | Robinson | Morse | Boyd |
| $2 \triangleleft$ | Pass | $2 \triangleleft$ | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kozlove | Fisher | Kasle | Hamilton |
| $1 \varangle$ | Pass | $2 \otimes$ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl | Pass | 24 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Of the three North seeing a $1 \vee$ 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 44, 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 $2 \triangleleft$ 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 -I00.
In 24, 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 +I70 and 2 IMPs to USAI; 74-I25.
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 I42-I37.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

| - AK7543 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| QAJ65 |  |
| $\checkmark 10$ |  |
| - K 5 |  |
| N | - Q 6 |
| W E | ¢K108732 |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 74 |
| S | -87 |
| - 1982 |  |
| $\bigcirc 4$ |  |
| $\checkmark$ K 6 |  |
| * A Q 932 |  |

Poland v France

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grenthe | Klukowski | Vanhoutte | Markowicz |
|  |  | 2 | Pass |
| 38 | 49 | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 59 | Pass | 6s |
| All Pass |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Kowalski | Leenhardt | Romanski | Piganeau |
|  |  | $2 \diamond$ | 3\% |
| Pass | 39 | Pass | 49 |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5\% |
| Pass | $5 \diamond$ | Pass | 59 |

All Pass
USA2 gained I IMP for the overtrick in 64. The set closed with USA2 up by I27-8I.
There was a major swing in the European match. Vanhoutte opened $2 \triangleleft$ 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 4s 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 $2 \triangleleft$ multi and Piganeau did come in, overcalling $3 \boldsymbol{2}$. He raised quietly to 4s at his next turn when he might have cuebid $4 \Omega$, 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 54; +480 and II IMPs to Poland.
The Poles led by I53-138 with 32 boards to play.

## VENICE CUP

## Semi-final 4



## England

# 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 understatement.

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).

## Indonesia

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 I7. Dealer North. None Vul.
, K 543
$\bigcirc 93$
$\checkmark 1064$
K K 108

| - Q 9 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ A Q 104 |  |
| $\checkmark$ Q 198 |  |
| \% Q 42 |  |
| N | ¢ J 107 |
|  | $\bigcirc$ K 8 |
| W E | $\checkmark$ A 532 |
| S | \% $A 765$ |
| ¢ A 862 |  |
| Q J 7652 |  |
| $\diamond$ K 7 |  |
| \& 93 |  |

## Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stockdale | Bojoh | Brown | Tueje |
|  | $1 N^{*}$ | Pass | $2 \mathbf{e}^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \varnothing$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | Pass | $2 N T$ | Dbl |
| 39 | Pass | Pass | 3 |

All Pass
INT 12-I4


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 |
|  | 12 | Pass | 18 |
| Pass | 28 | All Pass |  |

The defenders took all their tricks in this room, - I 10 and a lucky IMP for Indonesia.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/WVul.

- 102

PA5
$\triangleleft 10953$
\& Q 10765


## Open Room

| West <br> Stockdale | North <br> Bojoh | East <br> Brown | South <br> Tueje <br> Pass |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| INT | Pass | Pass | Dbl |
| Pass | $2 \&$ | Dbl | $2 \Lambda$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

INT was (II) I2-I4 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 <br> $2)^{*}$ |
| Pass | $22^{*}$ | All Pass |  |

2 Weak with both majors


Lusje 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.
AKJ98765
© A 4
$\diamond K$
Q
$\perp$ Q

- J108632

106

- AK 87

- 42
$\bigcirc \mathrm{K}$ Q
$\diamond A$ Q 98752
265
$\bigcirc 975$
$\diamond$ J 43
- 109432

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stockdale | Bojoh | Brown | Tueje |
| 18 | Dbl | $2 \boldsymbol{Q}^{*}$ | Pass |
| $2 \boxtimes$ | $3 \infty$ | All Pass |  |
| 28 | Diamonds |  |  |

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, +I70.

## Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dewi | Senior | Murniati | Dhondy |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{e}^{*}$ | Pass | $2 \diamond{ }^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \Phi$ | Pass | $2 N^{*}$ |
| Pass | $4 \Phi$ | 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.

- 82

คKJIO 975
$\diamond A 9742$
2-

| - A Q J 107 | N | ¢ K 9654 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ A 8 | W E | $\bigcirc 3$ |
| $\diamond 1085$ | W E | $\diamond$ K Q |
| ¢ K J 5 | S | 497643 |
|  | ¢ 3 |  |
|  | Q Q 642 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 63 |  |
|  | \& A Q 1082 |  |

## Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stockdale | Bojoh | Brown | Tueje <br> Pass |
| 24 | $2 \boldsymbol{Q}^{*}$ | $4 \boldsymbol{4}$ | All Pass |

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 |

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.


## Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stockdale | Bojoh | Brown | Tueje |
|  |  | Pass | 2 ® $^{*}$ |

3NT 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 |
| $10^{*}$ | $2 \triangleleft$ | Pass | Pass |
| $3 \diamond$ | Pass | $3 Q$ | 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 $4 \oslash$, 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. I2 IMPs for England.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

- A 1065

PK 94
$\triangleleft A K 108$
\& 6

| , K Q 83 | N | - - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - J 10852 |  | $\bigcirc$ Q 76 |
| $\checkmark$ Q 62 | W E | $\diamond 9753$ |
| \& A | S | \& KJ10542 |
|  | - J 9742 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 3 |  |
|  | $\diamond{ }^{\prime} 4$ |  |
|  | - Q 987 |  |

## Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stockdale | Bojoh | Brown | Tueje |
| I | Dbl | $2 \diamond *$ | $2 \AA$ |
| Pass | Pass | $3 \dot{*}$ | $3 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | $4 \uparrow$ | All Pass |  |

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 |
| I | Dbl | INT* | $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ |
| Pass | Pass | $3 \odot$ | $3 \uparrow$ |
| 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. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - AK7543 |  |  |
| ¢AJ 65 |  |  |
| $\diamond 10$ |  |  |
| - K 5 |  |  |
| -10 | N | - Q 6 |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 9 |  | PK108732 |
| $\checkmark$ QJ98532 | W E | $\checkmark$ A 74 |
| -1064 | S | ¢ 87 |
| -1982 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 4$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 6 |  |
|  | - A Q 932 |  |

## Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stockdale | Bojoh | Brown | Tueje |
|  |  | 28 | 3\% |
| Pass | 34 | Pass | 4 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 5\%* |
| Pass | 5 $\checkmark^{*}$ | Pass | 54 |
| Pass | 68 | 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 5s and subsequently the contract was moved back to 5s making +480 .

## Closed Room



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 II IMPs to England.

Board 3I. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

- AKQ

『KQ65
$\diamond$ J 54
\& 1072

- 10875
©AJ3
$\checkmark \mathrm{KQ} 8$
-K 98
$W^{2} \mathrm{~S}$
- 63
- 1074
$\diamond 10972$
*) 654
- 1942

ค982
$\checkmark$ A 63
\& A Q 3

## Open Room

| West <br> Stockdale | North <br> Bojoh | East <br> Brown | South <br> Tueje <br> 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 -I50 and 8 IMPs.

England led I48.5-II6 IMPs - a useful lead with two sets to go.



by Phillip Alder

USA 2 had built up a useful 5I-IMP lead over USA 1. Could USAI 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.

|  | - 9 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc \mathrm{KJ} 108$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ Q 96 |  |
|  | ¢ J 10985 |  |
| -10743 | N | - AKQ 86 |
| $\bigcirc 62$ |  | $\bigcirc$ A 4 |
| $\checkmark$ Aj8432 | W E | $\diamond 107$ |
| - A | S | \& K Q 32 |
|  | - J 52 |  |
|  | -Q9753 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 5 |  |
|  | - 764 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Weinstein | Grue | Levin | Lall |
|  | Pass | $1{ }^{1}$ | Pass |
| $2 \triangleleft$ | Pass | 30 | Pass |
| 30 | Pass | 3NT (1) | Pass |
| 4\% (2) | Pass | $4 \bigcirc(2)$ | Pass |
| 4NT (3) | Pass | $5 \diamond(4)$ | Pass |
| $5 \bigcirc$ (5) | Pass | 6\% (6) | Pass |
| $6 \diamond$ (7) | Pass | 69 | 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

USA 2

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wooldridge | Martel | Hurd | Stansby |
|  | Pass | $1{ }^{1}$ | Pass |
| 2NT (1) | Pass | $3 \diamond(2)$ | Pass |
| $3 \bigcirc(3)$ | Dы | Rdbl (4) | Pass |
| 4e (5) | Pass | $4 \bigcirc$ (5) | Pass |
| 4NT (5) | Pass | 50 (5) | Pass |
| $5 \diamond$ (5) | Pass | 6* (5) | Pass |
| 64 | 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 14 IMPs.
Was 6s 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 4s contract reached at both tables. Then:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

## - 82

คKJIO 975
$\diamond A 9742$

*     - 

| - AQJ 107 | N | ¢ K 9654 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ A 8 |  | $\bigcirc 3$ |
| $\diamond 1085$ | W E | $\diamond$ K Q |
| \% KJ 5 | S | 997643 |
|  | $\pm 3$ |  |
|  | Q Q 642 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 63 |  |
|  | * A Q 1082 |  |


| West <br> Weinstein | North <br> Grue | East <br> Levin | South <br> Lall |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| INT $2 \triangleleft(1)$ $3 \diamond(2)$ | 49 |  |  |
| 49 | All Pass |  |  |

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

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wooldridge | Martel | Hurd | Stansby |
| INT | $2 \vee$ (I) | $3 \diamond(2)$ | $4 \bigcirc$ |
| 49 | 5 | Dbl | All Pass |

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

49 by West made with an overtrick, and $5 『$ doubled went down one, declarer losing one spade, one heart and one diamond. That gave IO IMPs to USA I, down by 26 now.
After a couple of quiet deals, another big swing appeared.
Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

- 8

คA109753
$\diamond 653$

- J 75


| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Weinstein | Grue | Levin | Lall |
|  |  | Pass | Pass |
| $1 \diamond$ | Pass | 18 | INT (I) |
| 2\% | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | 49 | Pass |
| 5 | All Pass |  |  |

(I) Black suits

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wooldridge | Martel | Hurd <br> Pass | Stansby |
| I $\diamond$ |  | Pass |  |
| Dbl | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | $2 N T$ | Rdbl |  |
| 3NT | All Pass |  | 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 $5 \diamond$, 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.

- A 1065
- K 94
$\diamond$ AK 108
63

| ¢ K Q 83 | N | Q - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q J 10852 | $W^{\text {E }}$ | $\bigcirc$ Q 76 |
| $\checkmark$ Q 62 | W E | $\diamond 9753$ |
| 2 A | S | \& KJIO542 |
|  | - J 9742 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 3 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ J 4 |  |
|  | \% Q 987 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Weinstein | Grue | Levin | Lall |
| $2 \triangleleft(I)$ | Dbl | $2 \triangleleft$ | $2 N T$ |
| Pass | $3 』$ | Dbl | Pass |
| Pass | $3 \diamond$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | Pass | Pass | $3 N T$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

(I) Flannery: four or more spades, five or more hearts, II-16 points

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wooldridge | Martel | Hurd | Stansby |
| I | Dbl | $32(1)$ | 3 |
| Pass | $4 \uparrow$ | 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 34 instead of 3NT. (And, interestingly, North can escape for down one in $3 \triangleleft$ 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 4s 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 I. The match margin was down to 23.
There were minimal gains on the last four boards, the session ending with the score I32-II2 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 I 53 teams.
Here was one deal from that first match:
Board 9. Dealer North. E/WVul.

- A 103

PK63
$\diamond 98654$
\& 72

| - KJ2 | N | - Q 965 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QQJ 1094 |  | ¢ 875 |
| $\checkmark$ AK | W E | $\checkmark$ QJ 3 |
| 2 Q 63 | S | - K 98 |
|  | - 874 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 2 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 1072$ |  |
|  | \& AJ10 54 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maddocks | Swartz | Hogg | Fisher |
|  | Pass | Pass | 12 |
| I | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

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 lsrael 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/WVul.

- Q 10
- J 2
$\diamond J 732$
2KJIO 75

| ¢ AK 82 | N | ¢ J 543 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 1043$ |  | $\bigcirc$ K Q 9 |
| $\diamond 6$ | W E | $\checkmark$ A 109 |
| 2 A Q 643 | S | 2982 |
|  | ¢ 976 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 8765 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ K Q 854 |  |
|  | 9 - |  |


| West <br> Barendregt | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 39 | Dbl | All Pass | $2 \diamond *$ |

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 $\vee \mathrm{J}$ 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 2 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.

## 

## Italy

## 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.


In both rooms East played in $4 \checkmark$ 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 tricks.
Muller in the Open Room got the five of clubs led from Madala, which went to the four, jack and queen. Declarer

## v Netherlands

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 II IMPs to Italy.
Muller and W ijs 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:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \qquad \text { AK Q } 86 \\
& \vee A 4 \\
& \diamond 107 \\
& \& K Q 32
\end{aligned}
$$

## Open room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wijs | Bocchi | Muller | Madala |
|  | Pass | 101 | Pass |
| $18^{2}$ | Pass | $1{ }^{3}$ | Pass |
| $2 \bigcirc^{4}$ | Pass | $2{ }^{3}$ | Pass |
| $3{ }^{5}$ | Pass | $3{ }^{3}$ | Pass |
| $4\rangle^{6}$ | Pass | 64 | All Pass |

' Strong,
${ }^{2}$ Game forcing 4+ ,
${ }^{3}$ Relays asking for more information
${ }^{4} 4{ }^{4}$ and $5+\diamond$
${ }^{5}$ 4-2-6-1
${ }^{6} 4$ controls (ace are two and king one)
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.

- 8
$\bigcirc$ A 109753
$\triangleleft 653$
* 175



## Open room

| West | North <br> Bocchi | East <br> Muller | South <br> Madala |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass |  |  |  |


| Closed room <br> West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Versace | Drijver | Lauria <br> Brink |  |
| $1 \diamond$ | $2)^{*}$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbs | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Rdb\|* |  |  |  |
| Pass | $3 \&$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All Pass |  |  |

Another long relay auction brought the Dutch pair to 4 『. 3 NT or $4 \oslash$ 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 3\% 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.

- A 1065

K 94
$\diamond A K 108$
\& 6

- K Q 83

PJ 10852
$\diamond$ Q 62

- A

© -
Q 76
$\diamond 9753$
\& KJIO 542
\& J 9742
- A 3
$\diamond$ J 4
\& Q 987
Open room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wijs | Bocchi | Muller | Madala |
| I | Dbl | $4 \boldsymbol{e}$ | Pass |
| $4 \varnothing$ | All Pass |  |  |

## Closed room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Versace | Drijver | Lauria | Brink |
| $1 \varnothing$ | Dbl | $2 \otimes$ | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ |
| Pass | $3 \stackrel{2}{2}$ | $4 \boldsymbol{e}$ | Dbl |

All Pass
It isn't very often you see the great Italians making such bad decisions at the table. Lauria-Versace crashed into 4e 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. 44 was in fact cold on North-South. 12 IMPs to Netherlands.
Another expensive action was taken on board 29. Madala in South had:

- 1073

ค Q 743
$\diamond$ A 1053
\& 74
Open room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wijs | Bocchi | Muller | Madala |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | Pass | $1 /$ |
| Pass | $1\rangle$ | Pass | $?$ |

When Madala forgot the system and bid $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ (Game forcing) there was nothing that could keep the pair out of game. Finally they manage to stop their bidding in $5 \diamond$, 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 $3 \diamond$ 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: "lt'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/WVul.

|  | - AJ 75 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -K8732 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 1$ |  |
|  | - A 107 |  |
| -104 | N | +9862 |
| Q QJ 654 |  | $\bigcirc$ A 10 |
| $\diamond 652$ |  | $\diamond$ A Q 1083 |
| * QJ 4 | S | \& K 3 |
|  | , K Q 3 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 9$ |  |
|  | $\diamond$ K 974 |  |
|  | * 98652 |  |

In the Closed Room, this was the auction:

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lasserre | Kowalski | Poizat | Romanski |
| Pass | $1 \otimes$ | Dble | Pass |
| INT | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 2 | $2 \diamond$ | 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 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 | $1 /$ | $2 \diamond$ | 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/|7 December 20||



Left to right : Mrs. Li Siyu, Mr. Hai Zhenwen, Mrs. Li Juan, Mr. He Bin, Mr. Zhang Qiang, Mrs. Li Yuan and Mr.Wang Feng

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Pay a visit to www.Wkbridge2011.nl and you arrive at the Virtual Bridge Stadium. You will be amazed at how rich it is.
You will have live videos from Bridgeplaza and from playing rooms.
You will also, as with VuGraph, enjoy diagrams as the play proceeds, plus video images of the players.
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 young men working at Brainport (www.studiodiip.com).

## Photographer



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 $+3 \mathrm{I}(0) 6-8357$ I 93 I .

## 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 - - J 8752 2nd heard his right hand opponent (North) open a game forcing 2e. 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 78 - 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 play.

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 observation.

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!
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 smoke within the walls of the entire hotel (guest rooms, public areas, restaurants, meeting rooms); ONLY out-door-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 an-
 swer questions about their plans and initiatives.
Snacks and drinks will follow, as usual, after the end of the Press Conference.
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 $16: 00 \mathrm{hrs}$.

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

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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 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -1073 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ Q 753 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ AKJ4 |  |
|  | \& 97 |  |
| ¢ 4 | N | Q Q 965 |
| $\bigcirc 108642$ |  | 8 K 9 |
| $\checkmark 1086$ | W E | $\diamond$ Q952 |
| -10842 | S | 2 13 |
|  | - AK 82 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc \mathrm{AJ}$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark 73$ |  |
|  | * AKQ65 |  |

## Open Room

| West | North <br> Dewi | East <br> Senior | Surniati |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | South <br> Dhondy |  |
| 2NT |  |  |  |


| $3 ¢$ | Puppet Stayman |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3 \diamond$ | I or 2 four card majors |
| $3 \Delta$ | 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 |
|  |  |  | 20* |
| Pass | 2** | D ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 32 |
| Pass | 3 | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 6NT | All Pass |  |

## 2e 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 +1440 and I3 IMPs.


