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CHAMPIONSHIP DREAMS



Players get down to business in the round robin phase of the three championship events

The round robin phase has begun for three events at the World Team Championships in Veldhoven, and all competitors still have their eyes on the big prizes.

With only three matches played so far, even those at the bottom of the standings can remain hopeful in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl.

As the magician who performed on opening night at the tournament said, "Anything is possible in Veldhoven." Teams from around the world are working hard to make that statement a reality.

At this early point, some teams have a rosier outlook than others. In the Bermuda Bowl, pre-tournament favorite Italy is where observers expected them to be – at the top of the standings after dispatching Chile, Japan and Bulgaria by an average margin of more than 47 IMPs, enough to earn them 72 victory points out of a possible 75.

Right behind the Italians are the favorites of the hosts – the Netherlands, also undefeated through three matches.

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Line-ups online

Captains can submit their line-ups online at <http://lineup.bridgechamp.com>



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RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup



ROUND 1

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Italy | Chile | 90 - 20 | 25 - 1 |
| 2 | USA 1 | USA 2 | 38 - 58 | 10 - 20 |
| 3 | Pakistan | Canada | 32 - 21 | 17 - 13 |
| 4 | Singapore | Guadeloupe | 48 - 52 | 14 - 16 |
| 5 | South Africa | Netherlands | 25 - 59 | 7 - 23 |
| 6 | Australia | Israel | 30 - 35 | 14 - 16 |
| 7 | Sweden | Iceland | 17 - 50 | 7 - 23 |
| 8 | New Zealand | China | 44 - 44 | 15 - 15 |
| 9 | India | Bulgaria | 11 - 54 | 5 - 25 |
| 10 | Poland | Egypt | 53 - 28 | 21 - 9 |
| 11 | Brazil | Japan | 45 - 32 | 18 - 12 |

ROUND 1

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-----------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | Morocco | Germany | 8 - 56 | 4 - 25 |
| 22 | France | New Zealand | 48 - 49 | 15 - 15 |
| 23 | Egypt | Australia | 46 - 11 | 23 - 7 |
| 24 | India | Sweden | 21 - 56 | 7 - 23 |
| 25 | USA 2 | USA 1 | 43 - 44 | 15 - 15 |
| 26 | Brazil | Poland | 42 - 49 | 14 - 16 |
| 27 | Canada | England | 47 - 45 | 15 - 15 |
| 28 | Italy | Indonesia | 8 - 77 | 1 - 25 |
| 29 | Venezuela | Trinidad & Tobago | 68 - 21 | 25 - 4 |
| 30 | Jordan | Netherlands | 34 - 33 | 15 - 15 |
| 31 | Japan | China | 46 - 24 | 20 - 10 |

ROUND 2

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Canada | Guadeloupe | 10 - 8 | 15 - 15 |
| 2 | New Zealand | Iceland | 30 - 32 | 15 - 15 |
| 3 | Chile | Israel | 17 - 68 | 4 - 25 |
| 4 | Italy | Japan | 35 - 4 | 22 - 8 |
| 5 | USA 1 | China | 39 - 17 | 20 - 10 |
| 6 | Pakistan | Bulgaria | 14 - 48 | 7 - 23 |
| 7 | Singapore | Egypt | 29 - 26 | 16 - 14 |
| 8 | South Africa | Sweden | 20 - 53 | 7 - 23 |
| 9 | Australia | Poland | 33 - 22 | 17 - 13 |
| 10 | Brazil | India | 22 - 25 | 14 - 16 |
| 11 | USA 2 | Netherlands | 23 - 25 | 15 - 15 |

ROUND 2

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | USA 1 | Poland | 64 - 33 | 22 - 8 |
| 22 | Brazil | Australia | 38 - 29 | 17 - 13 |
| 23 | China | Indonesia | 10 - 17 | 14 - 16 |
| 24 | New Zealand | Trinidad & Tobago | 39 - 12 | 21 - 9 |
| 25 | Germany | Netherlands | 31 - 5 | 21 - 9 |
| 26 | Morocco | Egypt | 32 - 51 | 11 - 19 |
| 27 | France | Jordan | 65 - 23 | 25 - 5 |
| 28 | Japan | Venezuela | 39 - 15 | 21 - 9 |
| 29 | India | Italy | 49 - 28 | 20 - 10 |
| 30 | USA 2 | Canada | 48 - 28 | 20 - 10 |
| 31 | Sweden | England | 30 - 38 | 13 - 17 |

ROUND 3

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Guadeloupe | Netherlands | 16 - 81 | 1 - 25 |
| 2 | Canada | Israel | 32 - 30 | 15 - 15 |
| 3 | USA 2 | Japan | 24 - 29 | 14 - 16 |
| 4 | Brazil | Iceland | 39 - 16 | 20 - 10 |
| 5 | Italy | Bulgaria | 66 - 14 | 25 - 4 |
| 6 | USA 1 | Egypt | 20 - 30 | 13 - 17 |
| 7 | Pakistan | Sweden | 29 - 41 | 12 - 18 |
| 8 | Singapore | Poland | 38 - 34 | 16 - 14 |
| 9 | South Africa | India | 31 - 31 | 15 - 15 |
| 10 | Australia | New Zealand | 12 - 16 | 14 - 16 |
| 11 | Chile | China | 22 - 25 | 14 - 16 |

ROUND 3

| | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----|-------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Poland | England | 17 - 37 | 10 - 20 |
| 2 | USA 1 | Indonesia | 40 - 30 | 17 - 13 |
| 3 | Sweden | Trinidad & Tobago | 36 - 27 | 17 - 13 |
| 4 | USA 2 | Australia | 14 - 32 | 11 - 19 |
| 5 | New Zealand | Egypt | 36 - 18 | 19 - 11 |
| 6 | Germany | Jordan | 29 - 25 | 16 - 14 |
| 7 | Morocco | Venezuela | 26 - 57 | 8 - 22 |
| 8 | France | Italy | 19 - 39 | 10 - 20 |
| 9 | Japan | Canada | 11 - 64 | 3 - 25 |
| 10 | India | Brazil | 31 - 37 | 14 - 16 |
| 11 | China | Netherlands | 25 - 47 | 10 - 20 |



RESULTS

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

Ranking after 3 rounds



ROUND 1

| Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 41 Japan | Reunion | 33 - 43 | 13 - 17 |
| 42 Poland | New Zealand | 93 - 15 | 25 - 0 |
| 43 USA 1 | USA 2 | 30 - 47 | 11 - 19 |
| 44 Australia | Pakistan | 32 - 58 | 9 - 21 |
| 45 Guadeloupe | Indonesia | 35 - 22 | 18 - 12 |
| 46 Bulgaria | Netherlands | 17 - 56 | 6 - 24 |
| 47 Brazil | India | 10 - 48 | 6 - 24 |
| 48 China Hong Kong | France | 48 - 33 | 18 - 12 |
| 49 Denmark | Italy | 19 - 40 | 10 - 20 |
| 50 Egypt | Germany | 27 - 74 | 4 - 25 |
| 51 Canada | Argentina | 24 - 35 | 13 - 17 |

Bermuda Bowl

| | | | |
|----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| 1 Italy | 72 | 12 Australia | 45 |
| 2 Netherlands | 63 | 13 Canada | 43 |
| 3 Israel | 56 | USA 1 | 43 |
| 4 Brazil | 52 | 15 China | 41 |
| Bulgaria | 52 | 16 Egypt | 40 |
| 6 USA 2 | 49 | 17 India | 36 |
| 7 Iceland | 48 | Japan | 36 |
| Poland | 48 | Pakistan | 36 |
| Sweden | 48 | 20 Guadeloupe | 32 |
| 10 New Zealand | 46 | 21 South Africa | 29 |
| Singapore | 46 | 22 Chile | 19 |

ROUND 2

| Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 41 Netherlands | India | 29 - 37 | 13 - 17 |
| 42 Guadeloupe | Reunion | 32 - 25 | 16 - 14 |
| 43 Pakistan | Italy | 28 - 46 | 11 - 19 |
| 44 USA 2 | Germany | 54 - 16 | 24 - 6 |
| 45 New Zealand | Japan | 22 - 53 | 8 - 22 |
| 46 Argentina | Egypt | 49 - 35 | 18 - 12 |
| 47 Canada | Denmark | 16 - 12 | 16 - 14 |
| 48 Poland | China Hong Kong | 22 - 18 | 16 - 14 |
| 49 USA 1 | Brazil | 30 - 16 | 18 - 12 |
| 50 Australia | Bulgaria | 31 - 25 | 16 - 14 |
| 51 Indonesia | France | 12 - 61 | 4 - 25 |

Venice Cup

| | | | |
|---------------|----|----------------------|----|
| 1 Germany | 62 | 12 USA 2 | 46 |
| 2 Venezuela | 56 | 13 Japan | 44 |
| 3 New Zealand | 55 | Netherlands | 44 |
| 4 Indonesia | 54 | 15 India | 41 |
| USA 1 | 54 | 16 Australia | 39 |
| 6 Egypt | 53 | 17 China | 34 |
| Sweden | 53 | Jordan | 34 |
| 8 England | 52 | Poland | 34 |
| 9 Canada | 50 | 20 Italy | 31 |
| France | 50 | 21 Trinidad & Tobago | 26 |
| 11 Brazil | 47 | 22 Morocco | 23 |

ROUND 3

| Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 Australia | USA 1 | 35 - 32 | 16 - 14 |
| 2 Guadeloupe | Poland | 38 - 35 | 16 - 14 |
| 3 Bulgaria | Canada | 54 - 43 | 16 - 13 |
| 4 Brazil | Argentina | 10 - 43 | 7 - 23 |
| 5 Reunion | France | 16 - 71 | 3 - 25 |
| 6 Denmark | USA 2 | 31 - 13 | 19 - 11 |
| 7 Egypt | Pakistan | 24 - 43 | 11 - 19 |
| 8 Japan | Indonesia | 32 - 42 | 13 - 17 |
| 9 Germany | Netherlands | 30 - 54 | 9 - 21 |
| 10 Italy | India | 9 - 29 | 10 - 20 |
| 11 China Hong Kong | New Zealand | 51 - 1 | 25 - 4 |

d'Orsi Senior Bowl

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|----------------|----|
| 1 France | 62 | 12 Denmark | 43 |
| 2 India | 61 | USA 1 | 43 |
| 3 Argentina | 58 | 14 Canada | 42 |
| Netherlands | 58 | 15 Australia | 41 |
| 5 China Hong Kong | 57 | 16 Germany | 40 |
| 6 Poland | 55 | 17 Bulgaria | 36 |
| 7 USA 2 | 54 | 18 Reunion | 34 |
| 8 Pakistan | 51 | 19 Indonesia | 33 |
| 9 Guadeloupe | 50 | 20 Egypt | 27 |
| 10 Italy | 49 | 21 Brazil | 25 |
| 11 Japan | 48 | 22 New Zealand | 12 |

by Simon Cochemé

Just the Facts

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

Name Jill Meyers.

Date of Birth 13 February.

Place of Birth New York City.

Place of Residence Santa Monica, California.

What kind of food makes you happy?

I have never met a carb I didn't like.

And what drink?

Red wine.

Who is your favourite author?

Stig Larsson.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Nicolas Cage.

Actress?

Meryl Streep.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Rock & Classical.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Van Gogh.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Marrying my husband.

Do you have a favourite hand?

Not really.

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?

I don't know if profound, but Watson's 'Play of the Hand'.

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Depends on the day, but in general the USA, Italy, Poland & The Netherlands.

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

It really depends where they are from.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Dishonesty.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

Maybe the one that irks my partner the most is that I think Section A is unlucky

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

One of my cats.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

My three closest friends, and then Jack Nicholson, Bruce Springsteen & Oprah Winfrey.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Quantum Physics, seriously, find it fascinating.



VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS



Round 4 (10.30)

| Match | Room | Teams | Series Table |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| BBO 1 | 8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed | USA 2 – South Africa | BB/8 |
| BBO 2 | 12 Open 24 Closed | Italy – Pakistan | BB/10 |
| BBO 3 | 13 Open 23 Closed | Israel – India | BB/11 |
| BBO 4 | 16 Open 22 Closed | Japan – Poland | BB/3 |
| BBO 5 | 17 Open 21 Closed | Indonesia – Poland | OSB/48 |
| BBO 6 | 18 Open 9 Closed | China – France | VC/29 |
| OurGame | 19 Open 11 Closed | China – Sweden | BB/2 |
| StepBridge | 14 Open (studio) 10 Closed | Netherlands – USA 1 | OSB/47 |

Round 5 (13.45)

| Match | Room | Teams | Series Table |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| BBO 1 | 8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed | China – Italy | BB/7 |
| BBO 2 | 12 Open 24 Closed | Bulgaria – USA 1 | BB/6 |
| BBO 3 | 13 Open 23 Closed | Poland – South Africa | BB/11 |
| BBO 4 | 16 Open 22 Closed | Israel – USA 2 | BB/9 |
| BBO 5 | 17 Open 21 Closed | England – USA 1 | VC/30 |
| BBO 6 | 18 Open 9 Closed | France – Netherlands | OSB/50 |
| OurGame | 19 Open 11 Closed | Venezuela – France | VC/24 |
| StepBridge | 14 Open (studio) 10 Closed | Netherlands – Canada | BB/10 |

Round 3 (16.45)

| Match | Room | Teams | Series Table |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| BBO 1 | 8 Open (VG Studio) 50 Closed | Bulgaria – Poland | BB/2 |
| BBO 2 | 12 Open 24 Closed | Iceland – Italy | BB/6 |
| BBO 3 | 13 Open 23 Closed | Netherlands – Australia | BB/11 |
| BBO 4 | 16 Open 22 Closed | Israel – Brazil | BB/5 |
| BBO 5 | 17 Open 21 Closed | USA 1 – France | VC/28 |
| BBO 6 | 18 Open 9 Closed | Egypt – Sweden | BB/1 |
| OurGame | 19 Open 11 Closed | China – Germany | VC/30 |
| StepBridge | 14 Open (studio) 10 Closed | Netherlands – Canada | VC/23 |

VENICE CUP

Round I



USA 1

v

USA 2

Suddenly, nothing happened!

by Mark Horton

USA I v USA II is always a match to savour, given that they both have an excellent chance of winning the tournament, but cannot meet in the final. If the players were hoping for a quiet start to the Championships they were soon disappointed.

Dealer South. E/W Vul

♠ A 10 7 3

♥ A

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ A 8 2

♠ K J 9 6

♥ 10 7

♦ 8 7

♣ K J 7 5 4

♠ Q 8 4 2

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ J 4 2

♣ 10 9

N

W

E

S

♠ 5

♥ J 8 5 4 3 2

♦ A 6 5

♣ Q 6 3

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Four Spades is a perfectly reasonable contract, but the 4-1 break is impossible to overcome. (If North were to lead a heart declarer could win and play a spade, when North would need to go up with the king and switch to a club.) Here North led the four of clubs and declarer was dead in the water. She took the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and played a spade but North correctly went in with the king and cashed a club before playing a heart. Declarer had to lose two more tricks, -100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| Pass | 2♥* | Pass | 2♦* |
| Dbf | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |
| 2♦ | Multi | | |
| 2♥ | Pass or correct | | |

Faced with a Multi 2♦ West passed and then doubled for take out. The spade fit was immediately discovered, but when East suggested the nine-trick game West was more than happy to concur.

South led the three of clubs and declarer won the third round, discarding a diamond from hand. South took the king of diamonds with the ace and fatally switched to a heart. Now declarer could win in dummy, cross to the jack of diamonds, cash two hearts and then go back to dummy with a spade to cash the diamonds, +600 and 12 IMPs to USA II.

Dealer West. Both Vul

♠ Q 10 9 7 3

♥ 10 4

♦ J

♣ Q 7 4 3 2

♠ A K 5 2

♥ A 5 3

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ A 9

♠ J 8 6 4

♥ Q J 8 7

♦ 10 2

♣ K 10 5

N

W

E

S

♠ —

♥ K 9 6 2

♦ K Q 9 8 7 4

♣ J 8 6

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|----------|--------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣* |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |



Janice Seamon-Molson, USA

South looked for a heart fit and then showed her diamonds. That was enough for North, who jumped to the lay-down slam, +1370.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| Pass | 1♣* | Pass | 1♥* |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♣* |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♣* |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♠* |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

1♣ Strong

1♥ 8-11, all hands except those with 5 spades

Here too South looked for a heart fit and then (I think) introduced the diamond suit via a transfer. It looks as if 3♠ was a cue bid, with North deciding the duplication of controls in that suit was a negative factor. Regardless of the veracity of that interpretation, the slam was missed and USA II added another 12 IMPs.

Dealer North. N/S Vul

| | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| ♠ K | | |
| ♥ 6 5 3 | | |
| ♦ 10 9 5 3 | | |
| ♣ J 7 6 5 4 | | |
| ♠ J 10 6 4 3 | | ♠ Q 8 |
| ♥ J 8 4 | | ♥ Q 10 7 2 |
| ♦ Q 4 | | ♦ A J 8 6 2 |
| ♣ 10 9 3 | | ♣ Q 2 |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | |
| ♠ A 9 7 5 2 | | |
| ♥ A K 9 | | |
| ♦ K 7 | | |
| ♣ A K 8 | | |



A view in the Open Room

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | Dbl |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦* |
| Dbl | Pass | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

The 5-2 trump split was more than declarer could cope with. Once North had raised spades South might have tried 3NT along the way, but that hardly looks right with only one diamond stopper.

Declarer was allowed to win the diamond lead, after which she crossed to the king of spades, came to hand with a club and played ace of spades and a spade. That was down two, -200.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | Dbl |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

In this room North/South stopped safely for +110 and 7 IMPs to USA I.

Dealer East. E/W Vul

| | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| ♠ A Q J 3 | | |
| ♥ J 8 7 | | |
| ♦ K 4 3 2 | | |
| ♣ 10 4 | | |
| ♠ 9 | | ♠ 10 2 |
| ♥ A K Q 10 9 4 3 2 | | ♥ 6 5 |
| ♦ 10 5 | | ♦ Q 9 8 6 |
| ♣ Q 5 | | ♣ A K J 8 6 |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | |
| ♠ K 8 7 6 5 4 | | |
| ♥ — | | |
| ♦ A J 7 | | |
| ♣ 9 7 3 2 | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| 3♥ | 4♠ | Pass | 2♦* |
| | | 5♥ | All Pass |

Having co-authored a book on the Multi one might be expected to give an authoritative answer to the question of what West should bid. I am not sure there is one, but as I intend to review this deal in another article I could choose to procrastinate. I would bid 4♥, but only if that is the bid which suggests little in the way of defence.

North cashed the ace of spades, South following with the eight, and switched to the two of diamonds – one down, +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| | | Pass | 2♦* |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♠ | Dbl | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | Pass | 5♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

With the queen of diamonds onside declarer was not hard pressed to take eleven tricks, +650 and 11 IMPs to USA I, now right back in the match.

Dealer West. None Vul

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| 1♠ | Pass | 1NT* | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 5♣ | All Pass | | |

1NT Forcing

South won the heart lead and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed, crossed to the king of clubs, unblocked the queen of spades, came to hand with the ace of clubs and cashed two spades pitching diamonds. A spade ruff was followed by a heart ruff, the ace of diamonds and a spade, +400.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| 1♠ | Pass | 1NT* | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♠ | Dbl |
| Rdbl | 3♥ | Dbl | All Pass |

1NT Forcing

When East elected to go back to spades rather than raise clubs South was seduced into entering the fray. East led the queen of spades and switched to the three of hearts. When declarer played low West won with the queen, cashed the king of spades and in response to East's signal, switched to a club, East winning with the king and returning the six of

hearts. Declarer won in hand and played a diamond for the jack, king and ace, West cashing the ace of spades and playing another spade for East to ruff. Declarer overruffed and played the ten of diamonds but East won and exited with a heart. Declarer had to lose a club, down four, -800, 9 IMPs for USA II.

With boards running out USA I was heading for a morale-sapping defeat. Cometh the hour, cometh the woman.

Dealer North. Both Vul

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| | 1♣ | Pass | 2NT* |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♦* |
| Pass | 4♦* | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 6♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All Pass | | |

2NT Natural, game forcing
3♦ values in diamonds, slam interest



Migry Zur-Campanile-Albu

Whatever the meaning of 4♦ North was soon jumping to slam. On the surface 6♣ has no play, but that is not quite true; say East leads a spade; declarer takes West's jack and plays trumps. West can, provided declarer reads the position, be strip squeezed. All speculation was ended when West alertly doubled for a diamond lead – that was a fast one down, +200.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| All Pass | 2♣* | Pass | 3NT |

Declarer took the opening lead of the queen of spades in dummy and claimed, +660 and 13 IMPs.

Dealer West. E/W Vul

| | | |
|-------------|---|------------------|
| ♠ Q 10 9 8 | ♠ 6 2 | ♠ 5 |
| ♥ J 8 6 5 4 | ♥ Q | ♥ A K 10 9 7 3 2 |
| ♦ 8 3 | ♦ Q J 7 5 | ♦ 10 6 2 |
| ♣ A Q | ♣ K J 10 8 6 5 | ♣ 7 3 |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | |
| | ♠ A K J 7 4 3 | |
| | ♥ — | |
| | ♦ A K 9 4 | |
| | ♣ 9 4 2 | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Stansby | Levin | Migry | Meyers |
| Pass | Pass | 3♥ | 3♠ |
| 4♥ | Dbf | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Declarer had to lose two trumps and a club, +420.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| Rosenberg | Palmer | Molson | Deas |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 6♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Here it was North who pre-empted and South bid what she hoped her partner could make. Right she was! +920 was worth 11 IMPs, and an exact tie, 43-43 IMPs, which gave both teams 15 VP. If the matches that follow this one are half as exciting we are in for a thrilling event.



This Sporting Life

Rugby Union



New Zealand moved a step closer to ending their 24-year World Cup wait as they overpowered archrivals Australia with a controlled semi-final display.

The Wallabies had beaten the All Blacks in the semis of both 2003 and 1991 but were rocked by a blistering start and never truly recovered.

An early try from Ma'a Nonu and six points from the misfiring boot of Piru Weepu gave the home side a 14-6 lead at the interval.

And with the All Blacks forwards in the supremacy and Australia's key men Quade Cooper and David Pocock unable to exert a decisive influence, two second-half penalties sent a capacity Kiwi crowd away into the Auckland night in delight.

Formula 1

Sebastian Vettel won the Korean Grand Prix from McLaren's Lewis Hamilton to help Red Bull wrap up a second consecutive constructors' championship.



Vettel jumped Hamilton on the first lap to take the lead and was unchallenged on his way to a 10th win of the season.

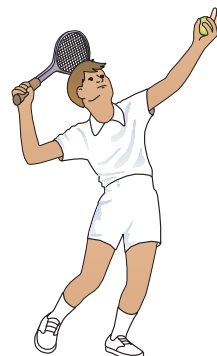
Hamilton defiantly fended off Mark Webber's Red Bull to hold on to second.

McLaren's Jenson Button saw off Fernando Alonso's fast-finishing Ferrari for fourth place.

Tennis

Andy Murray moved up to number three in the world rankings, overtaking Roger Federer, after winning the Shanghai Masters final against David Ferrer.

Defending champion Murray won 7-5 6-4 to take his fifth title of the year.



D'ORSI SENIOR BOWL**Round 2****Indonesia****v****France***by Brian Senior*

In the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, both Indonesia and France would be favoured on previous world championship form to make the knockout stages of these championships. However, both started with a loss, Indonesia by 13-17 to Guadeloupe and France by 12-18 to China Hong Kong. While it was still very early days, both were therefore keen to get a solid win under their belts in Round 2.

France had an 11 IMP windfall on the first board of the match when Eddy Manoppo failed to realize that his suit was cashing and allowed a notrump game which had gone two down in the other room to succeed. The French lead was up to 20-0 IMPs after five boards and things got even better on Board 22.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

| | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| <p>♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K J 10 6 3 ♣ Q 3 2</p> | | <p>♠ 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 ♦ 8 ♣ 9</p> | |
| <p>♠ A K 7 5 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ Q 7 4 2 ♣ J 10</p> | <p>N W E S</p> | <p>♠ J ♥ 5 2 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ A K 8 7 6 5 4</p> | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Grenthe | Lasut | Vanhoutte | Manoppo |
| | | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| Dble | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Tuerah | Poizat | Djajanegara | Lasserre |
| | | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| 2♥ | 3♣ | 3♠ | 5♣ |
| 5♥ | All Pass | | |

Both Souths overcalled 2♣. Patrick Grenthe made a negative double and Henky Lasut went quietly with the North hand – not a style that I favour, particularly at favourable vulnerability. Philippe Vanhoutte jumped to the spade game and played there. There was little to the play and Vanhoutte soon had ten tricks for +620.

In the other room, Donald Tuerah preferred to raise hearts and now Philippe Poizat competed with 3♣. Arianto Djajanegara introduced his second suit to help Tuerah to

judge how far to compete and that was enough to convince Tuerah to go on to the five level over Guy Lasserre's 5♣. Tuerah can hardly be blamed for bidding 5♥ when holding ace-king to four spades, but it turned out that there were three losers for either side, so that passing or doubling would have been more successful. Of course, had both majors split 3-1 he would have been correct, as 5♣ would have been making, while 2-2 spades and 3-1 hearts would make 5♥. As it was, one down for -100 meant 12 IMPs to France, stretching the lead to 32-0.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| <p>♠ K ♥ K Q 2 ♦ Q 10 6 5 ♣ 10 5 4 3 2</p> | | <p>♠ A Q 10 ♥ A 10 8 5 ♦ K J 4 2 ♣ K 6</p> | |
| <p>♠ J 8 6 4 2 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A Q 7</p> | <p>N W E S</p> | <p>♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ J 9 7 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ J 9 8</p> | |



Guy Lasserre, France

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Grenthe | Lasut | Vanhoutte | Manoppo |
| | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Tuerah | Poizat | Djajanegara | Lasserre |
| | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | INT | All Pass |

In their Precision style, the Indonesian E/W pair bid quietly to INT after a loose 1♦ opening and 15-17 rebid. Lasserre led the seven of hearts to the queen and ace and Djajanegara's shot of the queen of spades at trick two was not the best available as the cards lay. However, it didn't matter. Poizat won the king and cashed the king of hearts then, seeing his partner's nine, switched to the ten of diamonds. Djajanegara put in the jack and Lasserre ducked. Declarer cashed the top spades then three rounds of clubs and two more spades so had nine tricks for +150.

Vanhoutte opened INT, strong, and broke the transfer at his next turn. Grenthe raised to game and Manoppo led the nine of clubs. Declarer's problem is a shortage of entries to the dummy. Rather than play on trumps immediately, Vanhoutte played a diamond at trick two, getting it right by inserting the jack. That lost to the ace and back came a low heart. Vanhoutte ducked the queen so Lasut returned the

♥2. Vanhoutte won and ruffed a diamond to dummy. A low spade now would have brought home the contract for another 10 IMPs to France, but Vanhoutte was concerned that he might not have another entry to dummy if he led a spade to the queen and it held. He therefore led the spade jack and had to lose a trick to South's nine for one down and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

The trailing team certainly needed those IMPs but it did not indicate a change in momentum in the match. On the next deal...

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|
| Grenthe | Lasut | Vanhoutte | Manoppo |
| | | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Tuerah | Poizat | Djajanegara | Lasserre |
| | | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♠ | Pass | 6♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

In the context of a strong club system where the 1♥ opening is limited, it may be a long-term winner to simply raise to game on the North hand, giving away as little as possible to the defenders. Clearly Lasut believes so, as I have seen him bid in similar fashion at previous championships. But Manoppo passed, having no way to know that he was facing two key cards plus the trump queen, and the cold slam had been missed. Grenthe's trump lead allowed Manoppo to make all thirteen tricks for +710.

It is, of course, an entirely separate issue whether it is a winning approach to open 1♥ with the South hand. Lasserre, playing natural methods, preferred to open his longer and stronger suit. Poizat's 1♥ response was excellent news so Lasserre showed a game raise with long diamonds on the side. When Poizat could make a spade cuebid, Lasserre asked for key cards and settled for the small slam upon discovering that there was one missing. Djajanegara also led a trump so that was +1460 and 13 IMPs to France.



Henky Lasut, Indonesia

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Grenthe | Lasut | Vanhoutte | Manoppo |
| 1♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Tuerah | Poizat | Djajanegara | Lasserre |
| 1♣ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

The simple natural approach, which made the strong hand declarer, worked out rather better than the artificial Indonesian auction which began with a strong club and balanced positive response, making the weaker hand declarer.

Against the unrevealing French auction, Lasut led the king of clubs. Grenthe won the ace, led a spade to the king, back to the ace and a third spade. Lasut won the queen and tried a diamond switch. Grenthe hopped up with the queen, crossed to the ace and drew the last trump before playing the club jack. He just lost a heart at the end; +420.

Even after the unfortunate opening lead, it looks as though Lasut could have beaten the contract by switching to a heart instead of a diamond, partner switching to diamonds when in with the heart king.

Lasserre led a diamond from the South hand and Djajanegara had no option but to run it. He won the diamond return and tried the two of clubs from hand. Poizat hopped

up with the queen and led a heart through. Lasserre won the king and returned a heart. Djajanegara won in dummy and ran the spade jack then led a low spade to the eight. He cashed the king of spades and finessed the jack of clubs but, when that lost, was one down; -50 and 10 IMPs to France.

The French had built up a big lead, 61-7, but were lucky to concede only 5 IMPs on the next deal.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|
| Grenthe | Lasut | Vanhoutte | Manoppo |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| 5♣ | Dble | All Pass | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Tuerah | Poizat | Djajanegara | Lasserre |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 2♦ |
| All Pass | | | 3NT |

Lasserre/Poizat did well to bid and make 3NT on this deal. When Tuerah led a club there were ten tricks for +630. Of course, a spade lead or heart lead and spade switch would beat the game.

In the other room, Vanhoutte made a natural 2♠ overcall and, I assume, Grenthe had simply not noticed the 1♦ opening so imagined that his partner had cuebid 2♠ over a 1♠ opening bid. Anyway, Lasut was more than happy to double that, ending the auction.

Manoppo's 1♦ opening was Precision so did not have to deliver genuine diamonds. Lasut led a heart. Grenthe won and played a club and now Manoppo won and returned a diamond. Grenthe won and played a second club. Manoppo underled in diamonds to put Lasut in and Lasut cashed his two remaining trump winners before playing his last diamond. Grenthe ruffed and knocked out the ace of spades; down four for -800 and 5 IMPs to Indonesia.

Of course, there were a number of opportunities to get a larger penalty.

France won the match by 61-12 IMPs, converting to 25-4 VPs.



By a Head of a Horse (Por una Cabeza...)

by Ana Roth

By a Head of a horse is a term that describes an almost tie in a horse race. **"Por una Cabeza"**, meaning "by a head of a horse" in Spanish, is one of the most famous and popular tango songs by Carlos Gardel (composer) and Alfredo Le Pera (lyricist), written in New York City in 1935. The tango has been performed by numerous tango orchestras and is commonly featured in films and television. Tango scenes with "Por una Cabeza" appear in *Scent of a Woman*, a 1992 drama film directed by Martin Brest that tells the story of a preparatory school student who takes a job as an assistant to an irascible, blind, medically retired Army officer, performed by Al Pacino.

From 2011, October 11 to 13, the Fédération Monégasque de Bridge (FMB) organized the **"Coupe Prince Albert II"** first edition, an event of the highest social level. SAS Prince Albert II himself met participants at the opening cocktail. This prestigious event brought together ten international teams, most of them with world champion players. At the end of the qualifying Round Robin the teams: Gladys (with Krasnoselskiy, Gromov, Dubinin) and Zimmermann (with Multon, Fantoni, Nunes, Helgemo, Helness) ranked in positions 1 and 2 respectively and faced each other in a 48-deal final.

With just one board to play the teams were neck and neck, separated by a 1 IMP margin, when the board hit the table:

Dealer West, None Vul.

| | | | |
|---|---|--|--------------|
| <p> ♠ A K Q J 10 4 ♥ K 5 4 2 ♦ ♣ 10 5 2 </p> | | | |
| <p> ♠ 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ A 8 7 6 5 2 ♣ </p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | <p> ♠ 9 ♥ 10 9 7 3 ♦ K Q 9 3 ♣ 9 7 6 4 </p> | |
| <p> ♠ 2 ♥ A J 6 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ A K Q J 8 3 </p> | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Helgemo | Gladys | Helness | Krasnosels |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 5NT | Pass | 7♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Cool contract... any lead.

At the other table, sitting North-South were Fantoni-Nunes. Fantoni, feeling his enemies' breath on his neck, knowing that the match was close and that each IMP could be the difference, decided to make one last effort:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Dubinin | Fantoni | Gromov | Nunes |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ (1) |
| Pass | 2♦ (2) | Pass | 3♣ (3) |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 5♥ (4) |
| Pass | 7♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble (5) | All Pass | | |

- (1) Relay
- (2) Hearts
- (3) Clubs
- (4) Odd number of keycards (in ♣) including ♥ control
- (5) A Lightner Double

Gromov led a club... the Cup went to Russia and Fantoni lost his head...

Championship Diary



When I spotted a leaflet offering 'De Telegraaf voor €17.50 per maand' I was reminded of a story from the 1992 Olympiad in Salsomaggiore. Terence Reese was staying in our hotel and when he arrived to check in he was asked if he wanted a newspaper in the mornings. 'The Telegraph', said Terence.

Next morning we were sitting in the lobby as an obviously irate Terence made his way to the reception desk.

'Madam', he said, yesterday when I ordered a newspaper I asked for The Telegraph – not De Telegraaf.

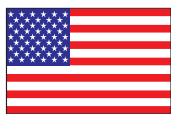
An early visitor to the Bulletin Room was Press Room supremo Jan Swaan. He had the misfortune to step on some important wires, causing Tacchi to remark, 'There's a cloud to every silver lining'.

We have equipped every member of the Bulletin team with a pedometer. The person covering the most distance during the Championships will win the jackpot (not quite on a par with Euro Millions, but if there is a tie it will roll over to the next tournament.)

During the Venice Cup match between the teams representing the United States the VuGraph operator in the Open Room reported that East was reading a book. We asked Jean-Paul Meyer if it could be a bridge book – 'of course not', was his immediate reply. 'Surely', observed Barry Rigal, 'it should depend on who the author is'.

BERMUDA BOWL

Round I



USA 1

v

USA 2

Civil War

by Brent Manley

The round robin phase of three championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Senior Bowl – opened with the six USA teams playing against each other.

The opening round of the Bermuda Bowl, USA 1 (Martin Fleisher, Mike Kamil, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby) met USA 2 (Kevin Bathurst, Joe Grue, John Hurd, Justin Lall, Joel Wooldridge, Daniel Zagorin). In a swing-filled match, the younger team – USA 2 – prevailed by 20 IMPs.

It was 21-0 USA 2 after three boards, the following deal providing 13 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | ♠ K J 9 6 | |
| | ♥ 10 7 | |
| | ♦ 8 7 | |
| | ♣ K J 7 5 4 | |
| ♠ A 10 7 3 | <div>N W E S</div> | ♠ Q 8 4 2 |
| ♥ A | | ♥ K Q 9 6 |
| ♦ K Q 10 9 3 | | ♦ J 4 2 |
| ♣ A 8 2 | | ♣ 10 9 |
| | ♠ 5 | |
| | ♥ J 8 5 4 3 2 | |
| | ♦ A 6 5 | |
| | ♣ Q 6 3 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-------|------|-----------|
| Wooldridge | Levin | Hurd | Weinstein |
| | | | 2♥ |
| Dbl | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

The story would have been different had Weinstein found the club lead, but he started with a low diamond. Hurd put up dummy's king and followed with the queen to Weinstein's ace. When Weinstein switched to a low club, Hurd could see nine tricks, so he didn't mess around. He went up with the ♣A, unblocked the ♥A, got to his hand with the ♦J and soon was claiming nine tricks for plus 600.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| Stansby | Grue | Martel | Lall |
| | | | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Grue got off to the best lead for his side – a low club. Stansby took the ace and followed with the ♠A and a low spade. When Grue followed with the ♠6 and ♠9, Stansby played low from dummy. The defenders were soon adding up their tricks (five) and writing plus 200 on their scorecards. That was 13 IMPs to USA 2.

The next board was a push, but USA 1 forged ahead on the following three deals, starting with board 5.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

| | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| | ♠ K | |
| | ♥ 6 5 3 | |
| | ♦ 10 9 5 3 | |
| | ♣ J 7 6 5 4 | |
| ♠ J 10 6 4 3 | <div>N W E S</div> | ♠ Q 8 |
| ♥ J 8 4 | | ♥ Q 10 7 2 |
| ♦ Q 4 | | ♦ A J 8 6 2 |
| ♣ 10 9 3 | | ♣ Q 2 |
| | ♠ A 9 7 5 2 | |
| | ♥ A K 9 | |
| | ♦ K 7 | |
| | ♣ A K 8 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-------|------|-----------|
| Wooldridge | Levin | Hurd | Weinstein |
| | Pass | 1♦ | Dbl |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Wooldridge started with a low spade, taken in dummy perforce. Weinstein cashed his top clubs, gratified to see the queen fall on the second round of the suit. He was up



Joe Grue, USA

to nine tricks, and based on the bidding he could be certain of the location of the $\diamond A$. It was an easy 10 tricks for plus 630.

The bidding at the other table was not available, but Stansby was allowed to play in $2\spadesuit$, going three off for minus 150 and gain of 10 IMPs for USA I.

The next board provided even more IMPs for USA I.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| | | \spadesuit A Q J 3 \heartsuit J 8 7 \diamond K 4 3 2 \clubsuit 10 4 | |
| \spadesuit 9 \heartsuit A K Q 10 9 4 3 2 \diamond 10 5 \clubsuit Q 5 | <div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | \spadesuit 10 2 \heartsuit 6 5 \diamond Q 9 8 6 \clubsuit A K J 8 6 | |
| | | \spadesuit K 8 7 6 5 4 \heartsuit — \diamond A J 7 \clubsuit 9 7 3 2 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Wooldridge | Levin | Hurd | Weinstein |
| | | Pass | $2\spadesuit$ |
| $4\heartsuit$ | $4\spadesuit$ | $5\clubsuit$ | Pass |
| $5\heartsuit$ | All Pass | | |

Levin started with the $\spadesuit A$, on which Weinstein played a suit-preference 8. Making sure there was no confusion, Levin played the $\diamond K$ at trick two and continued the suit for one down and plus 100 for USA I.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| Stansby | Grue | Martel | Lall |
| | | Pass | $2\spadesuit$ |
| $3\heartsuit$ | $4\spadesuit$ | Dbl | Pass |
| $5\heartsuit$ | All Pass | | |



Players in action in the Closed Room

Grue also started with the $\spadesuit A$, and he, too, switched to a diamond at trick two. Lall won the diamond, but then tried to cash a second spade. Stansby ruffed and was able to claim 11 tricks for plus 650.

The 13-IMP gain put USA I ahead 23-21.

On this board, Levin faced a tough decision as declarer at trick one.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| | | \spadesuit A K Q 10 8 6 5 \heartsuit A K 9 \diamond 9 6 \clubsuit A | |
| \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit Q 8 7 5 4 \diamond Q 3 \clubsuit Q 10 7 4 3 | <div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | \spadesuit J 9 \heartsuit J 2 \diamond A 7 5 4 2 \clubsuit J 9 6 5 | |
| | | \spadesuit 7 3 2 \heartsuit 10 6 3 \diamond K J 10 8 \clubsuit K 8 2 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| Wooldridge | Levin | Hurd | Weinstein |
| | $2\clubsuit$ | Pass | $2\diamond$ |
| Pass | $2\spadesuit$ | Pass | $3\spadesuit$ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | $4\clubsuit$ |
| Pass | $4\heartsuit$ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | $5\clubsuit$ | Pass | $5\diamond$ |
| Pass | $5\heartsuit$ | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

The auction made it clear to Hurd that his opponents' diamond control was in dummy, so he made the testing lead of the $\diamond 4$. Levin studied the dummy for some time before getting it right, rising with the king. The 2-1 split in spades meant that he could get to dummy's $\clubsuit K$, his 12th trick. It was a well-earned plus 990.

At the other table, Grue played in $6\spadesuit$ on a low club lead. After picking up trumps, he had to guess correctly in diamonds, which he did for plus 980 and a push.

Board 11 turned the tide against USA I yet again.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

| | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| | | \spadesuit A 7 6 \heartsuit K 9 8 6 \diamond K Q 9 4 \clubsuit 8 2 | |
| \spadesuit K 10 8 5 4 \heartsuit J 7 2 \diamond 6 \clubsuit Q 7 6 5 | <div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> | \spadesuit J 2 \heartsuit A Q 5 4 3 \diamond 10 8 7 \clubsuit 9 4 3 | |
| | | \spadesuit Q 9 3 \heartsuit 10 \diamond A J 5 3 2 \clubsuit A K J 10 | |

Grue and Lall stopped in 3NT, played by Lall (South). On Stansby's lead of the ♠5, 12 tricks were easy.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Wooldridge</i> | <i>Levin</i> | <i>Hurd</i> | <i>Weinstein</i> |
| | 1♣ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Wooldridge started with a passive club, taken in dummy with the king. With a peek at all four hands, Weinstein could have made the contract by winning the opening lead in hand and playing a low spade at trick two. If West splits his honors, declarer takes the ace and runs his winners, coming down to this ending

♠ 9
 ♥ —
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 4

♠ immaterial
 ♥
 ♦
 ♣

♠ K 10
 ♥ —
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ —

♠ A 9
♥ A 6
♦ 8 5
♣ K Q J 9 5 4 2

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ A Q J 4
♣ 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 2
♥ K 10 2
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ A 8 7


♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ Q 9 8 5 3
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10

All that, of course, requires West to be in possession of the key cards needed for a strip squeeze. Only a person with X-ray vision would play for that situation over the 50% chance that East holds the $\diamond A$. Accordingly, Weinstein played a diamond to his king at trick two and was quickly two down. The score was 58-24 in favor of USA2 and would have stayed there had Grue and Lall not had an accident, bidding to 7 \clubsuit with an opponent holding the ace of trumps. Levin and Weinstein did not make the same mistake, earning 14 IMPs in the process to close the final margin to 20 IMPs.



Steve, Weinstein, USA

Lost Property



If you found a Mount Blanc Pen after the first match on Sunday morning, it belongs to Vinay Mohan Lal of the Indian Seniors team. The pen has special value to Vinay so please, if you found it or picked it up by mistake, could you look for him to return it.

Thank you

The Morning Line

by John Carruthers

We were intrigued to see that a couple of betting sites had bridge listed among their sports wagers. Both sites had Italy listed as favourite and USA1 as second favourite. The Netherlands, Sweden and Poland were next, followed by USA2, Brazil, Israel and Bulgaria, with all other teams being listed at quite long odds. Betting on a 'league' winner, as these bets are characterized, is a bit of a mug's game because their total probabilities (on the betting sites) add up to a good deal more than 1.

In all league bets, the true probability of some team winning is 1, or certainty. So the total of the probabilities for each team's winning must add to 1; except that, in the bookmaking world, the bookies force the probability to total more than 1. The precise amount more than 1 is called the amount 'over the round' and is the bookmakers' vigourish.

Here's a simple example to show how this works: suppose there are four teams entered in an event and they are all considered to be equal. The true probability of any of them winning would be 0.25, thus giving odds of 3:1. In the bookmaking world, these odds would be shortened to, let's say, 2:1, giving each a (manufactured) probability of

winning of 0.33. That adds up 1.33 and means that if the bookmaker received four equal bets, say €100, one bet on each team, he'd take in €400. In the payout, he'd only have to surrender €300 to the bettor who picked the winning team. Thus he'd make €100 profit. This is the bookmaker's goal, to balance the betting so that he makes a certain profit. If all four bettors chose to bet on the same team, the bookie would have an exposed position, essentially himself betting on the other three teams, something to be avoided.

Another thing to remember is that the odds the linemakers devise are also a reflection of the action expected by the betting public. Thus, to bet on England in the FIFA World Cup, you'd receive worse odds in England than you would in, say, Brazil and vice versa. Here in the Netherlands, the Dutch team in the Bermuda Bowl might be listed at 7:1, but 8:1 elsewhere, for example. The idea is to balance the books, not represent the true odds, whatever they may be...

Having said all that, how about trying to establish a true set of odds for our championships? There are my own (somewhat subjective) odds:

Bermuda Bowl

| | | |
|-------------|------|-------------|
| Italy | 3:1 | France |
| USA1 | 4:1 | China |
| Netherlands | 9:1 | USA1 |
| Sweden | 12:1 | USA2 |
| Poland | 14:1 | Netherlands |
| Iceland | 17:1 | Germany |
| USA2 | 17:1 | England |
| Brazil | 19:1 | Sweden |
| Israel | 19:1 | The Field |
| Bulgaria | 24:1 | |
| The Field | 25:1 | |

Venice Cup

| | | |
|------|-------------|------|
| 4:1 | USA1 | 3:1 |
| 5:1 | USA2 | 3:1 |
| 6:1 | Indonesia | 9:1 |
| 6:1 | Netherlands | 14:1 |
| 9:1 | Denmark | 16:1 |
| 12:1 | France | 17:1 |
| 15:1 | Japan | 19:1 |
| 18:1 | Italy | 24:1 |
| 25:1 | Canada | 24:1 |
| | India | 24:1 |
| | The Field | 25:1 |

d'Orsi Bowl

Do I think the first eight listed teams in each event will make the knockout round? No, absolutely not. The one

thing we can say with certainty is that there will be surprises.

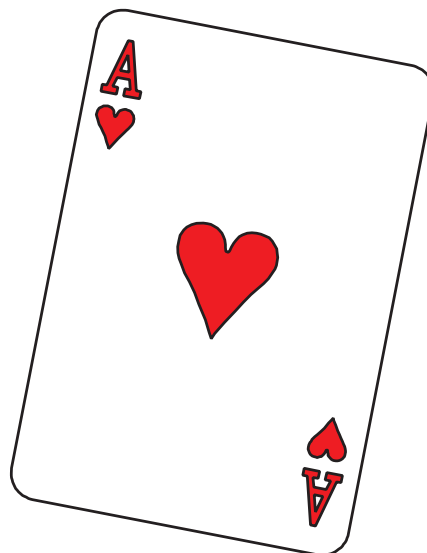


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In the Venice Cup, Germany won all three matches on opening day to accumulate 62 VPs, enough to put them ahead of Venezuela, sitting second with 56, with New Zealand only 1 VP behind in third.

It is much tighter at the top in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl, with France ahead, but only 1 VP clear of India, with Argentina and the Dutch team tied for third at 58.

Round robin play continues through Saturday, with the top eight teams in each of the events advancing to the quarterfinal knockout stage.



Aggressive Icebidding Pays Off

by Micke Melander

Iceland took off early in their opening match against Sweden, securing a 45-0 lead in IMPs after only six boards. They finally won the match by 23-7 VPs (50-17 IMPs) when the Swedes managed to get a few IMPs back in the later stages of the match. One of the reasons is clearly that the skilled Icelandic players know how to stir the pot by being very aggressive, but also playing solid bridge in general.

Some examples:

1. You have in the second hand with none vulnerable:

♠ 10 3
♥ A 10 9 5 3
♦ J 10 8 7 6
♣ 8

First hand to your right opens 1♣, showing a) an 11-13 NT, b) a 17-19 NT, or c) a natural unbalanced 5+♣ opening. Any bid?

2. Now you are in the opening seat with all vulnerable and have to pass, according to your system, having:

♠ Q 10 9 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ J
♣ Q 7 4 3 2

The bidding goes Pass from you, 1♣* to the left, Pass from partner and 1♦* to the right. 1♣ was as above and 1♦ a transfer, showing at least four hearts, could be several hands from very weak variations to slam tries. Any action now after knowing what your partner 'can't have'?

3. South opens 1♦ (natural) in first seat, you have:

♠ K 10 8 5 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ 6
♣ Q 7 6 5

Any bid this time when no-one is vulnerable?



Thorlakur Jonsson, Iceland

On the first hand, Jørgensen for Iceland overcalled 1♥. Einarsson, his partner, just showed that he had a good raise and managed to put on the handbrake to stop in 2♥ holding:

♠ K Q 9 6
♥ Q J 8 6
♦ K 4
♣ K 10 6

The Swedes did well, managing to stop in 2NT when either that or 3♣ was what they could make.

On the second example mentioned above, the full layout was:

Board 4. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Einarsson | Fredin | Jørgensen | Fallenius |
| Pass | 1♣* | Pass | 1♦* |
| 1♠ | INT | 2♠* | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Bertheau | Baldursson | Jørgensen | Jonsson |
| Pass | 1♣* | Pass | 2♣* |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 3♣* |
| Pass | 3♦* | Pass | 4♣* |
| Pass | 4♦* | Pass | 4♥* |
| Pass | 4♠* | Pass | 5♥* |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

Here the World famous Ice-relay was in action. Baldursson had the following information: game-forcing values, 0-4-6-3 distribution, and the king of hearts, denying the king of clubs. In other words, he could count twelve tricks. Very well done.

In the other room Einarsson overcalled 1♠ and Jørgensen wasn't slow in making a pre-emptive raise. That created enough damage to leave the Swedes in 3NT which was worth 12 IMPs to Iceland. Nice Icelandic actions at both tables.

In the third example Einarsson again overcalled 1♠. The Swedes finally managed to get to the right contract, but had a little bit more of a problem than just going via fourth suit and ending up in 3NT. This is the kind of constant pressure that might be a reason why you eventually win a championship when you tire out your opponents even when they don't really have any genuine problems. However, this was Round One, and the players were certainly not tired yet.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

♠ 7 3 2

♥ 10 6 3

♦ K J 10 8

♣ K 8 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Einarsson</i> | <i>Fredin</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Fallenius</i> |
| | 2♣* | Pass | 2♦* |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT* | Pass | 4♣* |
| Pass | 4♥* | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 5♣* | Pass | 5♦* |
| Pass | 5NT* | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

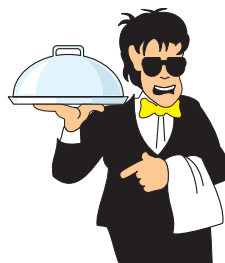
| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Bertheau</i> | <i>Baldursson</i> | <i>Jorgensen</i> | <i>Fallenius</i> |
| | 1♣* | Pass | 1♦* |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♣* |
| Pass | 6♠ | All Pass | |

Baldursson set spades as trumps and asked for controls, he was pretty sure that 4♣ suggested the ace of spades so, when he saw that in his own hand he knew that something was happening. And since partner probably had something, he used fast arrival to the final destination, not exploring any more and closing the auction in 6♠.

In the other room things were more difficult. Fredin was most probably thinking about making a classic 'Zia Cuebid' in hope of preventing a diamond lead when he knew that he was going to be declarer. However he didn't do it and got his paycheck when Jorgensen chose to underlead the ace of diamonds against 6♠. Fredin thought for a while and jumped up with the king! When that held the trick he turned to Jörgensen and told him 'what an excellent lead he had found', but probably more likely patted himself on the shoulder for making such an expert play. Well done.

WBF NOTICES

Restaurant information



Brasserie Porticato

During the Championships this restaurant does not take reservations.

Kitchen opened from 12:00 - 22:00 hrs.

Restaurant Binnenhof

During the Championships this restaurant will be open for breakfast from 07:00 - 10:30 hrs (11:30 on Sundays).

In the evening this restaurant serves a daily changing three-course dinner buffet from 18:30 - 22:00 hrs. This restaurant does not take reservations.

Restaurant Uithof

During the Championships this restaurant will be the most luxurious restaurant at the venue. It serves à la carte lunches and dinners of high standard and has a fine choice of wines.

Reservations required, either at the restaurant or call +31(0)40-2581988 / +31(0)6-52018028.

Lunch from 12:00 - 14:00 hrs, dinner from 18:00 - 22:00.

Women's Committee meeting



The WBF Women's Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October at 09.15 am.

It will be in Room 7 – the sign on the door says WBF Meeting Room 2.

Systems Committee meeting

The WBF Systems Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October at 11:00 am.

It will be in Room 7 – the sign on the door says WBF Meeting Room 2.





The 7th Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Congress

FUKUOKA, JAPAN, 2012

August 25th – September 2nd, 2012



The Japan Contract Bridge League would like to welcome all our bridge friends from Zones 4, 6 and 7 to participate in the 7th APBF Congress which will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, from August 25th to September 2nd, 2012.

Fukuoka, a historical city located in the Kyushu island, has developed as the Asian Gateway, connected with direct flights from/to various Asian cities and with ferries from/to Busan, Korea. The venue of the 2012 Congress will be the Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk, the hotel well known as the largest convention and resort hotel in West Japan. We believe that all our friend players, coaches, and officials would love the relaxing atmosphere of the venue and the warmest welcome from the people of Fukuoka.

We look forward to seeing you all and share wonderful moments of bridge and friendship at the 2012 APBF Congress!

Japan Contract Bridge League
2012 APBF Congress Organizing Committee

Venue : Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk

*20 minute drive from Fukuoka International Airport .

Tentative Schedule **Details to be announced on the "2012 APBF" website, in fall, 2011 .*

| | | |
|------------------|-------|--|
| August 24 (Fri) | 19:00 | APBF Delegates Meeting (1) |
| August 25(Sat) | 10:00 | APBF Delegates Meeting (2) |
| | 11:00 | Captains' Meeting |
| | 12:30 | Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception |
| | 14:30 | APBF Open Pairs (Qualifications) |
| August 26(Sun) | 10:00 | APBF Open Pairs (Finals) |
| August 27(Mon) | 10:00 | APBF Team Championships (Qualifications) |
| – 31(Fri) | | |
| September 1(Sat) | 10:00 | APBF Team Championships (Semi-Finals) |
| | 10:00 | Consolation Open Teams (Qualifications) |
| September 2(Sun) | 10:00 | APBF Team Championships (Finals) |
| | 10:00 | Consolation Open Teams (Finals) |
| | 10:00 | Consolation Open Pairs |
| | 19:00 | Victory Dinner |

"2012 APBF" website
<http://www.jcbl.or.jp/apbf2012/>

Entry Fees ... Entry starting date will be announced in fall, 2011, on the "2012 APBF" website.

APBF Championships

*Teams: Open series, Women series, Senior series ... US\$1,000 each team

*Youth teams: US\$200 each team

*Pairs: US\$120 each pair

Side games: details to be announced in fall, 2011, on the "2012 APBF" website.

Accommodation ... Reservations will start in fall, 2011, via "2012 APBF" website.

Three Hotels are of our recommendation for participants' convenience with special APBF room rates. The one is our host Hotel – the Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk – and two other hotels, both only 7 minutes walking from the APBF venue. **All the youth teams participating in the APBF Championships, will be offered 2,000 yen aid per player (excluding NPC/coach) from the Organizing Committee.**

◆ **Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk** - *Stay at the APBF venue!* <http://www.fukuokaseahawk.hilton.com/>

* Special APBF room rates: Prices not including breakfast/taxes.

| | <u>Weekdays/Sundays</u> | <u>Saturdays</u> | *Breakfast 1,700 yen/person |
|-------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Single room | 10,500 yen | 12,500 yen | |
| Twin room | 15,500 – 19,500 yen | 17,500 – 24,500 yen (depends on room types) | |
| Double room | 15,500 yen | 19,500 yen | |

◆ **Hyatt Residential Suites Fukuoka** - *With kitchen and laundry/dryer machine!*

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