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# Who has the fastest finish?



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Many teams are still in contention in the three team events – Open, Women's and Seniors – at the 14th World Bridge Games. Some of the current also-rans can make it to the proverbial Promised Land by mustering some winning streaks – starting today.

They will have to go some to catch the leaders in the events so far. Some of them are moving like juggernauts toward the qualification finish line. In the Open Teams, for example, Russia outscored their three opponents on Sunday

by a total IMP score of 225-48. Monaco has been so strong they can still be leading the field even after losing to Japan on Sunday.

The leaders so far: Open – Monaco, USA, Russia, Germany; Women's –Russia, Netherlands, Sweden; Seniors – England and Hungary.

The round-robin for the Open and Women's events ends tomorrow. The Seniors continue through midday on Wednesday.

















# **OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**

#### ROUND 10

ROUND 10					
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D		
I Switzerland Netherlands	I I Estonia USA	21 Bermuda Italy	31 Reunion Monaco		
2 Bosnia & Hrzna Chile	12 Bangladesh Portugal	22 Trinidad & Tbgo Thailand	32 Finland Venezuela		
3 Mexico Jordan	13 Ukraine China Hong Kong	23 Argentina Romania	33 Greece Iceland		
4 Bye Guadeloupe	14 San Marino Pakistan	24 Kenya Morocco	34 Costa Rica Japan		
5 Korea Egypt	15 Brazil Ireland	25 Singapore South Africa	35 Botswana Australia		
6 England India	16 Poland New Zealand	26 Sweden Scotland	36 China Turkey		
7 Germany Belgium	17 France Austria	27 Russia Canada	37 Israel Norway		
8 Denmark Spain	18 Chinese Taipei Bye	28 Slovakia Bye	38 Latvia Bye		

#### **ROUND 11**

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
I Netherlands Belgium 2 India Spain 3 Egypt Denmark	11 USA Austria 12 New Zealand Ireland 13 Chinese Taipei Brazil	21 Italy Canada 22 Scotland Romania 23 South Africa Argentina	31 Monaco Norway 32 Turkey Iceland 33 Australia Greece
4 Guadeloupe Germany 5 Jordan England	14 Pakistan France 15 China Hong Kong Poland	24 Morocco Russia 25 Trinidad & Tbgo Slovakia	34 Japan Israel 35 Latvia China
6 Chile Korea 7 Switzerland Bye 8 Bosnia & Hrzna Mexico	<ul><li>16 Bangladesh Ukraine</li><li>17 Estonia San Marino</li><li>18 Portugal Bye</li></ul>	<ul><li>26 Thailand Singapore</li><li>27 Bermuda Kenya</li><li>28 Sweden Bye</li></ul>	<ul> <li>36 Venezuela Botswana</li> <li>37 Reunion Costa Rica</li> <li>38 Finland Bye</li> </ul>

## **ROUND 12**

GROUP A		GROU	PB		GROU	PC		GROU	JP D
I Netherlands Egypt	II US	SA	Chinese Taipei	21	Italy	South Africa	31	Monaco	Australia
2 Guadeloupe India	12 Pak	kistan	New Zealand	22	Morocco	Scotland	32	Japan	Turkey
3 Jordan Belgium	13 Chi	nina Hong Kong	Austria	23	Kenya	Singapore	33	Latvia	Norway
4 Chile Spain	I4 Por	rtugal	Ireland	24	Thailand	Romania	34	Venezuela	Iceland
5 Switzerland Denmar	15 Est	tonia	Brazil	25	Bermuda	Argentina	35	Reunion	Greece
6 Bosnia & Hrzna German	16 Bar	ngladesh	France	26	Trinidad & Tbgo	Russia	36	Finland	Israel
7 Mexico England	17 Uki	kraine	Poland	27	Slovakia	Sweden	37	Costa Rica	Botswana
8 Bye Korea	18 San	n Marino	Bye	28	Canada	Bye	38	China	Bye

# SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

# ROUND IO ROUND II

GROUP H	GROUP I	GROUP H	GROUP I
71 England France 72 Israel Germany 73 Turkey Scotland 74 Belgium Indonesia 75 China Hong Kong Singapore 76 Brazil South Africa 77 Australia Morocco 78 India Egypt	81 Italy USA 82 Sweden Netherlands 83 Hungary Denmark 84 Spain Poland 85 Chinese Taipei New Zealand 86 Japan Ireland 87 Pakistan Reunion 88 Guadeloupe Kenya	71 France India 72 China Hong Kong Australia 73 Singapore Brazil 74 Egypt Canada 75 Morocco Belgium 76 South Africa Turkey 77 Scotland Germany 78 Indonesia England	81 USA Guadeloupe 82 Chinese Taipei Pakistan 83 New Zealand Japan 84 Kenya Argentina 85 Reunion Spain 86 Ireland Hungary 87 Denmark Netherlands 88 Poland Italy
79 Canada Bye	89 Argentina Bye	79 Israel Bye	89 Sweden Bye

## **ROUND 12**

<b>GROUP H</b>	GROUP I
71 South Africa France 72 Belgium Canada 73 Indonesia Egypt 74 Scotland Singapore 75 Germany China Hong Kong 76 England India 77 Israel Australia 78 Turkey Brazil 79 Morocco Bye	81 Ireland USA 82 Spain Argentina 83 Poland Kenya 84 Denmark New Zealand 85 Netherlands Chinese Taipei 86 Italy Guadeloupe 87 Sweden Pakistan 88 Hungary Japan 89 Reunion Bye

# Duplimates for sale

The Duplimates used during the tournament are sold at the Jannersten book stall for €2350.

# **WOMEN's TEAMS PROGRAM**

#### **ROUND 10**

GROUP E			
41	England	Turkey	
42	Australia	Egypt	
43	Russia	Jordan	
44	Canada	Chinese Taipei	
45	Spain	Guadeloupe	
46	Scotland	Argentina	
47	Poland	Kenya	

GROUP F				
51	USA	New Zealand		
52	China Hong Kong	Mexico		
53	Reunion	Chile		
54	San Marino	India		
55	Denmark	Indonesia		
56	Netherlands	Ireland		
57	Israel	Austria		
58	lapan	Bye		

	GROUP G			
61	China	France		
62	Sweden	Philippines		
63	Germany	Palestine		
64	Italy	Pakistan		
65	Norway	Morocco		
66	Brazil	Venezuela		
67	South Africa	Lebanon		

## **ROUND 11**

GROUP E			
41	England	Russia	
42	Canada	Poland	
43	Spain	Turkey	
44	Argentina	Guadeloupe	
45	Australia	Jordan	
46	Egypt	Chinese Taipei	
47	Scotland	Kenya	

GROUP F				
51	USA	Austria		
52	Ireland	Indonesia		
53	Japan	Denmark		
54	India	Israel		
55	Chile	Netherlands		
56	China Hong Kong	Reunion		
57	New Zealand	San Marino		
58	Mexico	Bye		

GROUP G			
61	China	Germany	
62	Italy	Sweden	
63	Norway	France	
64	Brazil	Philippines	
65	South Africa	Palestine	
66	Lebanon	Pakistan	
67	Venezuela	Morocco	

# **ROUND 12**

GROUP E			
41	England	Chinese Taipei	
42	Jordan	Guadeloupe	
43	Canada	Spain	
44	Turkey	Egypt	
45	Poland	Australia	
46	Russia	Scotland	
47	Argentina	Kenya	

	GROUP F					
51	USA	Reunion				
52	San Marino	China Hong Kong				
53	Austria	Ireland				
54	Netherlands	Mexico				
55	Israel	Chile				
56	Denmark	India				
57	Indonesia	Japan				
58	New Zealand	Bye				

	GROUP G				
61	China	Pakistan			
62	Palestine	Morocco			
63	Philippines	Venezuela			
64	France	Lebanon			
65	Sweden	South Africa			
66	Germany	Brazil			
67	Italy	Norway			

# **VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS**

Round 10 (10.30)					
Match	Teams	Series			
VG	Switzerland – Netherlands	Open A			
BBO 2	BBO 2 France – Austria				
BBO 3	Bermuda – Italy	Open C			
BBO 4	Estonia – USA	Open B			
BBO 5 Poland – New Zealand		Open B			
Our- Game	China – Turkey	Open D			

Round II (14.00)				
Match	Teams	Series		
VG	Monaco – Norway	Open D		
BBO 2	Pakistan — France	Open B		
BBO 3	Italy – Canada	Open C		
BBO 4	USA – Austria	Open B		
BBO 5	Turkey – Iceland	Open D		
Our- Game	Latvia – China	Open D		

Round 12 (17.00)					
Match	Match Teams				
VG	USA – Chinese Taipei	Open B			
BBO 2	South Africa – France	Seniors H			
BBO 3	Italy – South Africa	Open C			
BBO 4	Finland – Israel	Open D			
BBO 5	Monaco – Australia	Open D			
Our- Game	China – Pakistan	Women G			

# **OPENTEAMS RESULTS**

	GROUP A					
			Match	IMP's	VP's	
ı	- 1	Korea	Mexico	24 - 34	11 - 17	
ı	2	England	Bosnia Herzeg.	31 - 37	14 - 16	
ı	3	Germany	Switzerland	18 - 12	16 - 14	
ı	4	Denmark	Chile	90 - 4	25 - 0	
ı	5	Spain	Jordan	39 - 34	16 - 14	
ı	6	Belgium	Guadeloupe	74 - 23	25 - 4	
ı	7	India	Egypt	16 - 5	17 - 13	
ı	8	Netherlands	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0	
i			GROUP C			
ı			GROOF C			

	GROUP C					
		Match	IMP's	VP's		
21	Kenya	Italy	0 - 87	0 - 25		
22	Singapore	Slovakia	30 - 63	7 - 23		
23	Sweden	Trinidad Tobago	37 - 0	24 - 6		
24	Russia	Bermuda	83 - 27	25 - 3		
25	Argentina	Thailand	71 - 3	25 - I		
26	Scotland	South Africa	17 - 46	8 - 22		
27	Canada	Morocco	65 - 17	25 - 4		
28	Romania	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0		

	GROUP A					
	M	1atch	IMP's	VP's		
- 1	Netherlands	Korea	49 - 31	19 - 11		
2	Germany	Mexico	50 - 14	23 - 7		
3	Denmark	Bosnia Herzeg.	47 - 18	22 - 8		
4	Spain	Switzerland	38 - 22	19 - 11		
5	Belgium	Chile	40 - 23	19 - 11		
6	India	Jordan	37 - 32	16 - 14		
7	Egypt	Guadeloupe	31 - 44	12 - 18		
8	England	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0		

		GROOP C		
	N	1atch	IMP's	VP's
21	Italy	Singapore	43 - 18	21 - 9
22	Sweden	Kenya	79 - 15	25 - 2
23	Russia	Slovakia	48 - 21	21 - 9
24	Argentina	Trinidad Tobago	38 - 32	16 - 14
25	Romania	Bermuda	39 - 32	16 - 14
26	Canada	Thailand	55 - 53	15 - 15
27	South Africa	Morocco	20 - 52	7 - 23
28	Scotland	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0

		GROOT A		
	Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's
ı	Guadeloupe	Netherlands	53 - 4	25 - 4
2	Jordan .	Egypt	23 - 27	14 - 16
3	Chile	India	20 - 46	9 - 21
4	Switzerland	Belgium	29 - 40	13 - 17
5	Bosnia Herzeg.	Spain	34 - 45	13 - 17
6	Mexico	Denmark	29 - 17	18 - 12
7	Korea	England	18 - 48	8 - 22
8	Germany	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

	GROUP C					
	Mai	tch	IMP's	VP's		
21	Morocco	Italy	21 - 29	13 - 17		
22	Singapore	Sweden	28 - 34	14 - 16		
23	Thailand	Scotland	60 - 42	19 - 11		
24	Bermuda	Canada	27 - 52	9 - 21		
25	Trinidad Tobago	Romania	11 - 62	4 - 25		
26	Slovakia	Argentina	34 - 58	9 - 21		
27	Kenya	Russia	0 - 94	0 - 25		
28	South Africa	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0		

	GROUP B					
			Match		IMP's	VP's
ı	1	USA	China Hong Kong	31	- 31	15 - 15
1	2	Portugal	Pakistan	18	- 41	10 - 20
I	3	Estonia	Chinese Taipei	43	- 28	18 - 12
I	4	Bangladesh	New Zealand	14	- 65	4 - 25
I	5	Ukraine	Austria	25	- 24	15 - 15
ı	6	San Marino	Ireland	7	- 53	5 - 25
ı	7	Poland	France	39	- 20	19 - 11
I	8	Brazil	Вуе	0	- 0	18 - 0

		GROUP D		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
31	Costa Rica	Monaco	21 - 66	5 - 25
32	Turkey	Australia	35 - 22	18 - 12
33	China	Finland	55 - 35	20 - 10
34	Israel	Reunion	54 - 9	25 - 5
35	Greece	Venezuela	74 - 5	25 - I
36	Iceland	Latvia	37 - 18	19 - 11
37	Norway	Japan	29 - 10	19 - 11
38	Botswana	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

		<b>GROUP B</b>		
	Ma	atch	IMP's	VP's
11	Chinese Taipei	Pakistan	31 - 27	16 - 14
12	Poland	San Marino	72 - 28	25 - 5
13	France	Ukraine	31 - 31	15 - 15
14	Brazil	Bangladesh	47 - 36	17 - 13
15	Ireland	Estonia	43 - 41	15 - 15
16	Austria	Portugal	35 - 19	19 - 11
17	New Zealand	China Hong Kong	55 - 14	24 - 6
18	USA	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0

		GROUP D		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
31	Monaco	Botswana	77 - 18	25 - 2
32	China	Costa Rica	93 - 0	25 - 0
33	Australia	Japan	20 - 58	6 - 24
34	Greece	Finland	29 - 72	5 - 25
35	Iceland	Reunion	73 - 12	25 - 2
36	Norway	Venezuela	58 - 33	21 - 9
37	Turkey	Latvia	34 - 8	21 - 9
38	Israel	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0

		GROUP B		
	Mate	ch	IMP's	VP's
11	Pakistan	USA	4 - 24	10 - 20
12	China Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei	17 - 48	8 - 22
13	Portugal	New Zealand	20 - 33	12 - 18
14	Estonia	Austria	19 - 14	16 - 14
15	Bangladesh	Ireland	24 - 56	7 - 23
16	Ukraine	Brazil	17 - 35	11 - 19
17	San Marino	France	21 - 40	11 - 19
18	Poland	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

		GROUP D			
		Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Japan	Monaco	34	- 25	17 - 13
32	Latvia	Australia	15	- 38	9.5 -19.5
33	Venezuela	Turkey	8	- 50	5 - 25
34	Reunion	Norway	10	- 67	3 - 25
35	Finland	lceland <sup>*</sup>	23	- 40	11 - 19
36	Botswana	China	24	- 60	7 - 23
37	Costa Rica	Israel	33	- 76	5 - 25
38	Greece	Bye	0	- 0	18 - 0

# **WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS**

		GROUP E		
	M	latch	IMP's	VP's
	41 England	Argentina	74 - 22	25 - 4
	42 Guadeloupe	Egypt	13 - 33	10 - 20
	43 Chinese Taipei	Australia	33 - 35	15 - 15
	44 Jordan	Scotland	11 - 59	4 - 25
	45 Poland	Russia	16 - 39	10 - 20
	46 Turkey	Canada	7 - 35	8 - 22
	47 Spain	Kenya	59 - 7	25 - 4
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	GROUP F		
I	Match	IMP's	VP's
51 San Marino	USA	10 - 66	3 - 25
52 Ireland	Japan	19 - 24	14 - 16
53 Netherlands	China Hong Kong	27 - 36	13 - 17
54 Israel	New Zealand	17 - 40	10 - 20
55 Denmark	Mexico	56 - 16	24 - 6
56 Indonesia	Chile	51 - 33	19 - 11
57 Austria	India	21 - 25	14 - 16
58 Reunion	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0
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		GROUP G		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
61	China	Venezuela	81 - 30	25 - 4
62	Morocco	Lebanon	32 - 28	16 - 14
63	Pakistan	South Africa	33 - 47	12 - 18
64	Palestine	Brazil	21 - 47	9 - 21
65	Philippines	Norway	19 - 35	11 - 19
66	France	Italy	40 - 20	20 - 10
67	Sweden	Germany	76 - 26	25 - 4

		<b>GROUP E</b>		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
41	Canada	England	41 - 29	18 - 12
42	Spain	Russia	8 - 47	6 - 24
43	Scotland	Poland	16 - 28	12 - 18
44	Australia	Turkey	27 - 43	11 - 19
45	Guadeloupe	Chinese Taipei	3 - 75	0 - 25
46	Argentina	Jordan	41 - 20	20 - 10
47	Egypt	Kenya	43 - 32	17 - 13

	GROUP F		
Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's
51 India	USA	3 - 9	14 - 16
52 Chile	Japan	20 - 38	11 - 19
53 Mexico	Ireland	14 - 63	4 - 25
54 New Zealand	Austria	22 - 28	14 - 16
55 China Hong Kong	Indonesia		7 - 23
56 Reunion	Denmark	7 - 65	3 - 25
57 San Marino	Israel	26 - 41	
58 Netherlands	Bye	0 - 0	18 - 0

	GROUP G		
	Match	IMP's	VP's
61 Italy	China	30 - 13	19 - 11
62 Norway	Germany	49 - 22	21 - 9
63 Brazil	Sweden	10 - 51	6 - 24
64 South Africa	France	23 - 60	6 - 24
65 Lebanon	Philippines	28 - 43	12 - 18
66 Venezuela	Palestine	53 - 13	24 - 6
67 Morocco	Pakistan	27 - 53	9 - 21
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GROUP E					
			Match	IMP's	VP's
	41	Egypt	England	27 - 64	6 - 24
	42	Argentina	Australia	14 - 31	11 - 19
	43	Guadeloupe	Scotland	17 - 51	7 - 23
	44	Chinese Taipei	Spain	27 - 29	15 - 15
	45	Jordan	Canada	16 - 40	9 - 21
	46	Turkey	Poland	29 - 17	18 - 12
	47	Russia	Kenya	72 - 16	25 - 3
ı		-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

GROUP F					
	Match	IMP's	VP's		
51 Japan	India	58 - 23	23 - 7		
52 Netherlands	San Marino	43 - 28	18 - 12		
53 Israel	Reunion	49 - 16	23 - 7		
54 Denmark	China Hong Kong	65 - 40	21 - 9		
55 Indonesia	New Zealand	31 - 13	19 - 11		
56 Austria	Mexico	60 - 18	25 - 5		
57 Ireland	Chile	51 - 51	15 - 15		
58 USA	Вуе	0 - 0	18 - 0		

GROUP G					
		Match	IMP's	VP's	
61	Brazil	Morocco	48 - 35	18 - 12	
62	South Africa	Venezuela	10 - 48	6 - 24	
63	Italy	Palestine	41 - 27	18 - 12	
64	Lebanon	China	32 - 62	8 - 22	
65	Norway	Pakistan	54 - 21	23 - 7	
66	Germany	Philippines	38 - 12	21 - 9	
67	France	Sweden	22 - 28	14 - 16	

# Olympic Update

by Herman De Wael

The Olympic Games have ended in London, but I have not yet worked through the last day's results. There were some memorable results on Saturday evening though:

Artur Taymazov, of Uzbekistan, won the heaviest category of the freestyle wrestling. He had done the same in Athens and Beijing, so he becomes the 168th person to have won the same title three times. He also won silver in Sydney and is the 92nd person in history to have won medals in one event in four Olympiads. This is an individual event, so winning three golds and a silver is a special achievement, worthy of joint sixteenth position on Herman's all-time performance listing of Olympic competitors.

Among the US women's basketball team, that won their competition for the seventh time in ten Olympic competitions (and the fifth in a row), there were three players who had also played in Athens and Beijing, and are now triple champions, Sue Bird. Tamika Catchings, Diana Taurasi. This brings the number of triple Olympic champions to 171.

Antony Obame of Gabon won a silver medal in the heavyweight Taekwondo. Gabon is the third country, after Grenada and Guatemala to have won their first Olympic medal ever, this year in London.

# SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP H					
<b>N</b>	latch	IMP's	VP's		
71 Scotland 72 Germany 73 Australia 74 Israel 75 Turkey 76 Belgium 77 Canada 78 Brazil 79 England	France Indonesia India South Africa Morocco Egypt Singapore China Hong Kong Bye	31 - 44 30 - 40 38 - 16 49 - 31 36 - 19 18 - 63 29 - 23 15 - 76 0 - 0	12 - 18 13 - 17 20 - 10 19 - 11 19 - 11 5 - 25 16 - 14 2 - 25 18 - 0		

	GROUP I		
	Match	IMP's	VP's
81 Denmark 82 Netherlands 83 Pakistan 84 Sweden 85 Hungary 86 Spain 87 Argentina 88 Japan 89 Italy	USA Poland Guadeloupe Ireland Reunion Kenya New Zealand Chinese Taipei Bye	2 - 21 38 - 30 30 - 11 30 - 26 70 - 6 72 - 6 32 - 43 40 - 21 0 - 0	-   9

GROUP H					
	Match		IMP's	VP's	
71 Egypt 72 Morocc 73 South A 74 Israel 75 Indones 76 Scotland 77 German 78 England 79 India	ıfrica China Turke iia Austr d Brazil ny Cana	oore 22 1 Hong Kong 40 y 41 alia 30 29 da 39	- 58 7 - 35 16 - 17 21 - 23 16 - 58 8 - 58 11	- 14   - 22   - 19   - 1	

		GROUP I		
	Match		IMP's	VP's
81 Kenya 82 Reunion 83 Ireland 84 Sweden 85 Poland 86 Denma 87 Nether 88 Italy 89 Guadelo	n N C H Park Ja lands Ai	ew Zealand 2 hinese Taipei 3 ungary 3 akistan 4 pan 4 rgentina 3 pain 7	2 - 87 44 - 62 50 - 38 53 - 31 50 - 4 52 - 11 54 - 32 70 - 28 70 - 0	0 - 25 6 - 24 13 - 17 15 - 15 23 - 7 22 - 8 15 - 15 25 - 5 18 - 0

GROUP H					
	Match	IMP's	VP's		
71 France 72 Egypt 73 Morocco 74 South Africa 75 England 76 Indonesia 77 Scotland 78 Germany 79 Brazil	Singapore China Hong Kong India Australia Israel Canada Belgium Turkey Bye	21 - 34 23 - 40 8 - 21 56 - 16 20 - 18 46 - 21 21 - 29 50 - 16 0 - 0	12 - 18 11 - 19 12 - 18 24 - 6 15 - 15 21 - 9 13 - 17 23 - 7 18 - 0		

	GROUP I		
Ma	itch	IMP's	<b>VP's</b>
81 USA 82 Kenya 83 Reunion 84 Ireland 85 Italy 86 Poland 87 Denmark 88 Netherlands 89 Japan	New Zealand Chinese Taipei Guadeloupe Pakistan Sweden Argentina Spain Hungary Bye	31 - 12 28 - 40 34 - 45 31 - 38 19 - 42 53 - 2 62 - 12 14 - 75 0 - 0	19 - 11 12 - 18 13 - 17 14 - 16 10 - 20 25 - 4 25 - 4 2 - 25 18 - 0

# **ONLINE PLAY**

Round 10 (10.30)				
Match	Match Teams			
CRS 7	CRS 7 Netherlands – Italy CRS 8 England – France			
CRS 8				
CRS 9	Brazil – Ireland	Open B		
CRS 10	Russia – Canada	Open C		
CRS 11	England – Turkey	Women E		
CRS 12	Germany – Belgium	Open A		

<b>Round II</b> (14.00)					
Match	1atch Teams				
CRS 7	China – Germany	Women G			
CRS 8	India — Spain	Open A			
CRS 9	South Africa – Argentina	Open C			
CRS 10	New Zealand – Japan	Seniors I			
CRS 11	England – Russia	Women E			
CRS 12	Italy – Sweden	Women G			

Round 12 (17.00)					
Match	Match Teams				
CRS 7	Russia – Scotland	Women E			
CRS 8	Estonia – Brazil	Open B			
CRS 9	Denmark – India	Women F			
CRS 10	Israel – Australia	Seniors H			
CRS 11	Netherlands – Chinese Taipei	Seniors I			
CRS 12	Switzerland – Denmark	Open A			

You should be able to follow live play of different matches during each round at www.bridgecardreader.com

# **OPEN TEAMS – Ranking after 9 rounds**

	GROUP A	
I	Germany	173
2	India	172
3	Netherlands	166
4	Denmark	165
5	Spain	161
6	Belgium	158
7	Switzerland	156
8	England	133
9	Guadeloupe	127.5
10	Mexico	126
П	Egypt	124
12	Bosnia Herzeg.	121.5
13	Jordan	108
14	Chile	80
15	Korea	57

	GROUP B	
1	USA	175
2	France	161
3	Ireland	157
4	Brazil	156
	New Zealand	156
6	Austria	152
	Poland	152
8	Estonia	143
9	Chinese Taipei	141
10	Pakistan	121
П	Ukraine	118
12	Portugal	107
13	Bangladesh	106
14	China Hong Kong	103
15	San Marino	94

GROUP C			
I Russia	190		
2 Italy	183		
3 South Africa	174		
4 Argentina	160		
5 Romania	155		
6 Sweden	154		
7 Canada	153		
8 Thailand	128		
9 Singapore	127		
10 Morocco	122		
II Bermuda	103		
12 Trinidad Tobago	102		
13 Scotland	98		
14 Slovakia	96		
15 Kenya	71		

	GROUP D	
I	Monaco	196
2	Israel	189
3	Norway	178
4	Turkey	169
5	Iceland	165
6	China	155
7	Japan	146
8	Finland	144
9	Greece	139
10	Australia	131.5
П	Latvia	109.5
12	Botswana	86
13	Costa Rica	77
14	Venezuela	72
15	Reunion	64

# WOMEN's TEAMS - Ranking after 9 rounds

GROUP E	
I Russia	196
2 Scotland	170
3 Turkey	160
4 Australia	158
5 England	157
6 Poland	150
7 Canada	143
8 Egypt	125
9 Chinese Taipei	123
10 Spain	120
11 Kenya	Ш
12 Jordan	104
13 Argentina	92
14 Guadeloupe	50

GROUP F				
ı	Netherlands	175		
2	Denmark	166.5		
3	Israel	160.5		
4	Indonesia	160		
5	Austria	151		
	Japan	151		
7	USA	146		
8	India	144		
9	Ireland	138.5		
10	China Hong Kong	134		
П	New Zealand	125		
12	Chile	115		
13	San Marino	106.5		
14	Reunion	84		
15	Mexico	81		

GROUP G	
I Sweden	191
2 China	166
3 France	164
4 Brazil	157
5 Norway	152
6 Italy	149.6
7 Germany	130
8 South Africa	124
9 Philippines	116
10 Morocco	110.4
II Venezuela	109
12 Palestine	108
13 Pakistan	104
14 Lebanon	94

# SENIOR TEAMS - Ranking after 9 rounds

2 Israel 168   I Singapore 13	GROUP H				
4 Indonesia       149         5 Turkey       146         6 China Hong Kong       143         7 Canada       142         8 Australia       140         12 Egypt         12 South Africa       12         14 Scotland       11         15 Brazil       111         11 Morocco       10	<ul><li>2 Israel</li><li>3 France</li><li>4 Indonesia</li><li>5 Turkey</li><li>6 China Hong Kong</li><li>7 Canada</li><li>8 Australia</li></ul>	181 168 155 149 146 143 142 140	10 Germany 11 Singapore 12 Egypt 13 South Africa 14 Scotland 15 Brazil 16 Morocco	134 132 129 123 114 111.5 103	

	GRO	UP I	
<ul><li>I Hungary</li><li>2 New Zealand</li><li>3 Japan</li></ul>	171 168 161	10 Netherlands Pakistan 12 Ireland	136 136 131
<ul> <li>4 USA</li> <li>5 Denmark</li> <li>6 Poland</li> <li>7 Italy</li> <li>8 Sweden</li> <li>9 Chinese Taipei</li> </ul>	159 157 153 152 151 148.5	<ul><li>13 Spain</li><li>14 Argentina</li><li>15 Guadeloupe</li><li>16 Reunion</li><li>17 Kenya</li></ul>	114 108 106 75 68

# **OPEN**

# **Brazil v USA**

ROUND 3

## **Big Bang Theory**

by Brent Manley

ome matches are quiet, some are loud – that is to say, with lots of IMPs flying around. The third-round USA-Brazil match in the Open series fit that latter description to a tee.

The action started right away.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 3  ∇ J I 0 8  ♦ 5 4 2  ♠ K   7 6 2	
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West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
	Pass	Pass	I ♦
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Roberto Barbosa started with a low heart against Eric Rodwell's INT. The  $\triangledown Q$  held the trick, and it was a simple matter for Rodwell to knock out the  $\clubsuit A$  and take his eight tricks for plus 120.



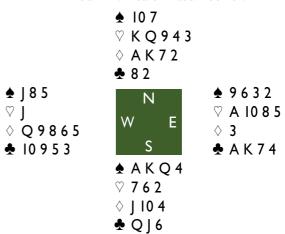
Zia Mahmood, USA

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
	Pass	Pass	I ♦
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♡	All Pass

Miguel Villas-Boas led the  $\heartsuit$ K, taken by Bob Hamman with the ace. He played quickly: club to the ace, club ruff, diamond to the ace, club ruff,  $\diamondsuit$ K,  $\diamondsuit$ Q (spade pitch), then the  $\diamondsuit$ 6.When Joao-Paulo Campos ruffed in with the  $\heartsuit$ 10, Hamman pitched another spade. The  $\heartsuit$ J went to the queen. Hamman lost only a spade and a club from there for plus 140 and a 6-IMP lead.

The lead changed on the next board thanks to a nifty endplay by Villas-Boas.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
		I♣	DЫ
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

The bad trump split doomed this normal contract. Rod-well could do no better than eight tricks for minus 200. In the closed room, a better contract was found.

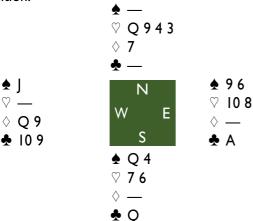
West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
		♣	Pass
I♠	DЫ	2♠	3NT
All Pass			

Zia Mahmood led a low club to Hamman's king. Had Hamman led a low club from hand at trick two, there would be no story to tell, but he switched to a spade, influenced no doubt by Zia's response to the I • opening.

Villas-Boas won the ♠A and played a heart to dummy's king. Hamman won the ace and persisted in spades. Now declarer played the ♦J, covered by the queen and ace, fol-

lowed by a low club from dummy, Hamman ducking. It might seem that winning and exiting with a club would have helped, but Villas-Boas had his contract in hand at that point.

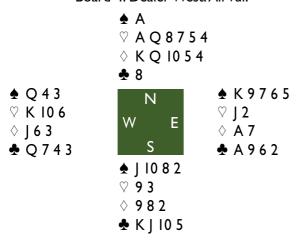
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Villas-Boas cashed the  $\Phi Q$  and followed with the  $\Phi Q$ . Hamman won and cashed the  $\Phi 9$ , but at trick 12 he had to lead from the  $\heartsuit 10$  8 into dummy's  $\triangledown Q$  9. Plus 600 was good for 13 IMPs to Brazil. Had Hamman taken his  $\Phi A$  on the second round of the suit and continued with a club or a spade, he would have been squeezed out of his club exit card on the play of the diamonds, suffering the same end play with a spade to the 9 at trick 11.

It is double-dummy defense to be sure, but a low club by Hamman at trick two would have done the trick, so long as he also ducked declarer's heart to the king (winning and cashing clubs rectifies the count for the inevitable squeeze).

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
Pass	♣*	I♠	Pass
2♠	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

A low spade went to the 2, 3 and ace, and Rodwell cashed the  $\nabla A$ , following with his singleton club. Barbosa ducked, and Rodwell rose with  $\clubsuit K$  and now had the entry to

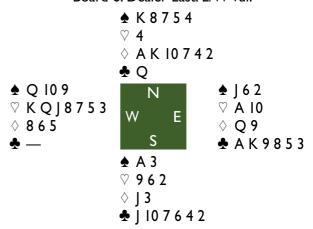
dummy he needed to play a heart up: 9, 10, queen, jack. He ended up losing one heart and two diamonds to score plus 620.

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
Pass	IŸ	I♠	Pass
2♠	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Hamman also led a spade, ducked by Zia to declarer's singleton ace. Campos cashed the ♥A and played a club from hand. Hamman did not err, winning the ♣A and exiting with a spade, ruffed by declarer. Campos played a low heart, hoping for a doubleton king, but it was not to be and he was one down after losing two hearts, the club and one diamond (Zia led away from the jack).

Board number 6 provided 3 IMPs to the Americans, but it could have been more – or less, had declarer at one table played the same way as at the other.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
		♣	Pass
4♡	DЫ	All Pass	

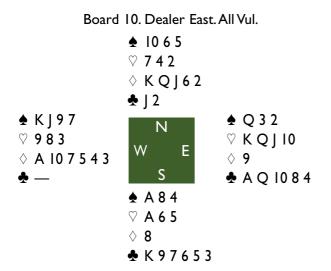
As you can see, North-South can take the first five tricks against 4% doubled: two top diamonds, two top spades and a spade ruff by North. That's easy looking at all the cards. At the table, Rodwell cashed two high diamonds and got out with his singleton club to dummy's ace. Marcelo Castello Branco discarded a spade on the high club and discarded a second spade on the  $\clubsuit$ K. When Rodwell ruffed, Branco was down in a contract he could have made on the defense against him by simply cashing a heart in dummy. He could then have ruffed a club to hand and ruffed his third diamond for trick number 10.

At the other table, Zia did take 10 tricks. Unfortunately for his side, he was in 5%.

West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
		INT	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	DЫ	Pass	Pass
4♡	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♡	All Pass		

Campos cashed two high diamonds and played a third, ruffed by Zia with the ace. He took the precaution of cashing the  $\heartsuit$ 10 before playing on clubs, allowing him to discard two spades from hand to go down only one.

The American were leading 26-23 when board 10 came along. It was not pretty for the USA.



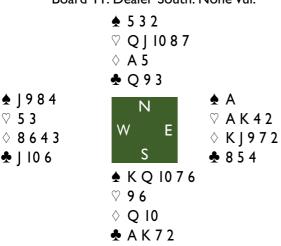
In the closed room, Zia played 2♠ on the 4-3 fit, finishing with nine tricks for plus 140. In the open room, Meckstroth made an aggressive overcall that was costly.

West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
		l 秦	2♣
Dbl	All Pass		

In the five-card major systems, it is not unusual to see a I♣ opener on three low cards. Meckstroth was obviously betting on that situation when he introduced his less-than-robust suit. Barbosa did not have a difficult decision after his partner's negative double, and the result was four down for I I 00 to Brazil, a I4-IMP gain. With six deals to go in the set, Brazil had surged ahead 37-26.

The Americans got to within 5 IMPs on this interesting board, where  $4\Diamond$  was down three at one table while  $3\Diamond$  made at the other.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
			I♠
Pass	2♠	DЫ	Pass
2NT	DЫ	3♦	All Pass

Villas-Boas led the  $\bigstar K$  to declarer's ace. Hamman cashed his two high hearts and played a third. Villas-Boas ruffed in with his  $\lozenge 10$ , Hamman discarding a club. The  $\bigstar K$  and  $\bigstar A$  were followed by a third round of the suit, ruffed in dummy. Hamman then played a trump to his king, dropping South's queen. He lost only two clubs and two diamonds for plus 110.

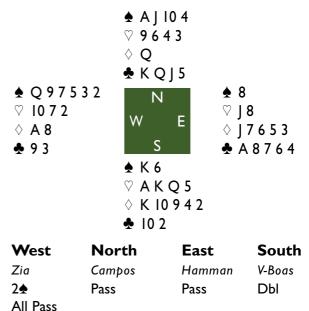
In the open room, Meckstroth and Rodwell pushed their opponents one level higher, then took the maximum on defense.

West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
			I♠
Pass	2♠	DЫ	Redbl
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	DЫ	Pass	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	All Pass		

Rodwell led the  $\heartsuit Q$  to dummy's ace. Branco cashed the  $\heartsuit K$  and ruffed a heart, Meckstroth declining to ruff in. A spade went to dummy's ace and a fourth round of hearts was ruffed in the West hand. Branco played a diamond to dummy's jack, and the roof fell in. Meckstroth won the  $\diamondsuit Q$ , cashed two high clubs and put Rodwell in with a third round of clubs. Rodwell then played the  $\heartsuit J$  and declarer misguessed in trumps again, ruffing with the 9. Meckstroth scored the  $\diamondsuit I0$  and the defense still had the trump ace to go. Plus I50 and plus I10 was good for 6 IMPs.

USA gave 4 IMPs back on the next board thanks to another aggressive action on a ragged suit.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



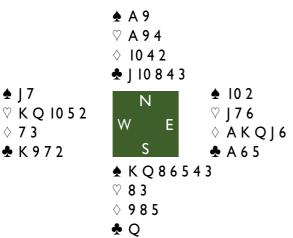
Campos and Villas-Boas were not troubled to exact a penalty of 800 against Zia's weak two-bid. It went ♣K,

duck, ♣Q to the ace, a club ruffed by South with the 6 and overruffed with the 7. Zia cashed the ◇A and played a heart to the jack and queen. South cashed ♠K and the ◇K, then two more hearts. Zia was down to all trumps, ruffing with the 3 on South's diamond continuation. North overruffed and still had two trump tricks to come. Meckstroth and Rodwell bid to their vulnerable heart game despite the equally aggressive 2♠ opening at their table, so the damage was 4 IMPs. Brazil was leading 41-32 at that point.

With two boards to go, USA was trailing 41-40 thanks to an 8-IMP pickup on board 13.

This deal put the Americans in the lead.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



The auction was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Branco	Rodwell	Barbosa	Meckstroth
Zia	Campos	Hamman	Villas-Boas
			2♠
Pass	Pass	DЫ	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

Rodwell led the  $\triangle A$  and continued with a spade to Meckstroth's queen. Meckstroth exited with the  $\triangle Q$ , taken in dummy with the ace. Branco played a heart to his king, but Rodwell won the ace and gave his partner a club ruff. That was plus 50 to USA.

At the other table, Campos started with a low club, apparently playing his partner for a singleton or void in the suit. Zia took full advantage, winning the ♣A in dummy and playing three top diamonds, discarding a spade. Zia then played a sneaky ♦6, planning another spade discard. Zia held to his plan, pitching his second spade, when South ruffed in. It would have not helped for North to overruff and give his partner a club ruff. South would have been ruffing a loser. Zia lost two trump tricks and a club for plus 420. The 10 IMPs put USA ahead 50-41.

The match ended with USA winning 50-47 when the Americans were minus in partscores at both tables for a 6-IMP loss.

#### Interactive play

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# **Championship Diary**



You may have noticed that yesterday's front cover featured a photograph from the WBF Congress Meeting that included an empty chair. For a modest fee we can we can put your picture into the empty space.

We were trying to ascertain Usain Bolt's time for the last leg of the 4x100 meters relay. Our guess was 9.5 seconds, which is (according to the Guinness Book of Records) the fastest time ever recorded for skinning a Possum. When I suggested we should try to beat that time Tacchi said 'Yes, but who's going to play Possum?'

We have another game for you to play: Can you think of ways of adapting film titles so they would be suitable for bridge players? For example, The Bridgeurs of Madison County, Diamonds are for one, Bury my Hearts at Wounded Knee.

Answers to markhorton007@hotmail.com

There is a rumour that the IOC have had observers at the first few days of the bridge at the World Mind Sport Games. Their report has yet to be published but we believe they will call on the WBF to ban relay bidding systems, reverse attitude signals and weak jump overcalls and at future events. Such conventions are, they say, contrary to the Olympic motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius', 'Faster, Higher, Stronger'.

Nick Nickell's squad suffered a blow when it was announced that Manchester City's bid for Rodwell has been accepted.

Congratulations to Tony Priday, European Champion in 1961, who celebrates his 90th birthday today.

# Calling all nonqualifiers

If your team failed to qualify for the knock out matches and you intend to take part in the Transnational event please make sure you visit the Registration Desk as soon as possible.

# **Don't Forget**

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# WOMEN

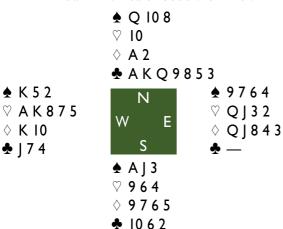
# Netherlands v Israel

by Mark Horton

ROUND 4

wo undefeated teams met in this Group F Round 4 Women's match. There was not a lot of action, and the match turned on these three significant deals:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Tal	Michielsen	Tal	Dekkers
			Pass
I	3♡*	4♡	Pass
Pass	DЫ	All Pass	

3♥ Asking for a heart stopper

North's double was extremely optimistic to say the least. (Do you think South should run?) She led a top club and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the king and ace. North won and switched to a spade but South's ace of



Laura Dekkers, The Netherlands

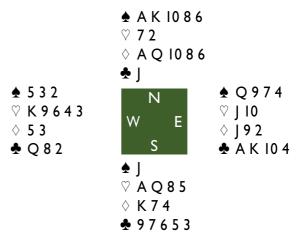
spades was the last trick for the defence, +990.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Simons	Saada	Pasman	Nosatzki
			Pass
Ι♡	3♡*	4♡	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

North's bidding here looks much sounder and although she had to go one down Israel had 13 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Tal	Michielsen	Tal	Dekkers
		Pass	Pass
Pass	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

East led the ace of clubs and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer put up dummy's ace and ran the jack of spades. East took the queen and returned the ten of hearts. When that held she played the king of clubs and declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade and drew trumps, +130.

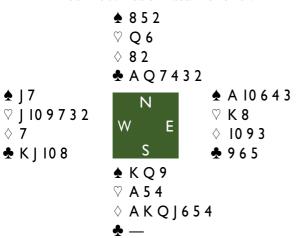
#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Simons	Saada	Pasman	Nosatzki
		Pass	Pass
Pass	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	DЫ	3NT
All Pass			

For the moment I have no idea why North bid 3\\( \Delta\). West led the two of clubs and East won with the king and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer won with the ace

and ran the jack of spades. East won and played the ten of hearts for the queen, king and seven. West cashed the nine of hearts and then went back to clubs, +300 and 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Tal	Michielsen	Tal	Dekkers
		Pass	2◊*
Pass	2♡*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♡*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- 20 Weak with a major or strong balanced or strong diamonds
- 2♥ Relay
- 3♥ Feature

East led the king of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of spades. East won and switched to the nine of clubs, so declarer claimed twelve tricks, +490.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Simons	Saada	Pasman	Nosatzki
		Pass	2♣*
2♡	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♡	DЫ	Rdbl
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♣	Pass	5◊
Pass	6◊	All Pass	

When South redoubled and then bid 4% it was clear she had a first round heart control, but N/S were overboard when North bid  $5\clubsuit$ . Perhaps South should have bid 3NT after all a void in the suit where partner had shown values was hardly a plus.

This misadventure cost Israel 11 IMPs.

Netherlands had won their fourth match in a row 38-19 IMPs, 19-11 VP.

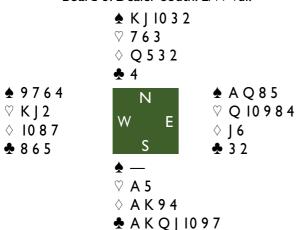
# Three problems from day one

by Micke Melander

n the first round North-South were tested to see if they could land on their feet by bidding the grand slam in diamonds.

#### Round I

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



In the match Scotland vs Canada the Scottish pair had a straightforward auction.









West	North	East	South
			2♣*
Pass	3◊*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	7♣!
All Pass			

2♣ was either strong or a preempt in diamonds, and to cover the latter case North just raised the preempt when he thought he had a suitable hand to up the ante. South probably should have thought about that before jumping to the grand slam in clubs. With clubs as trumps declarer only had twelve tricks and that was a loss of 11 IMPs when the Canadians "only" managed to reach 3NT at the other table

In another match Norway battled Turkey and the bidding in the Open Room went  $2\clubsuit-2\diamondsuit$ ;  $3\clubsuit-3\spadesuit$ ;  $4\clubsuit-5\clubsuit$  while the Norwegians in the closed room were close to succeeding, but eventually came to stop in  $6\diamondsuit$  after:

West	North	East	South
			2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	5◊	Pass	5NT
Pass	6◊	All Pass	

In the Open Series only seven countries managed to bid 7♦ and at eleven tables they came to a stop in 3NT! A very difficult hand in other words...

Let's move on and have a look at a playing problem from the next round.

#### Round 2

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



You play 6% and get a low spade lead from North. What's your plan?

By the way Spain was the only team who managed to reach 6♣, which on the predictable spade lead was a slightly better contract than playing in hearts. Many declarers in 6 $\heartsuit$  went down, while those who played in 4 $\heartsuit$  scored twelve tricks.

Once you look at the cards you have a feeling that you would like to combine your chances by trying both the diamond and the club suits to see if that would give you the extra tricks (provided trumps behave). The slam is at worst about 50% on a club finesse.

#### Line 1

Finesse North for the queen of clubs, since that is the only 4-1 distribution you are able to handle.

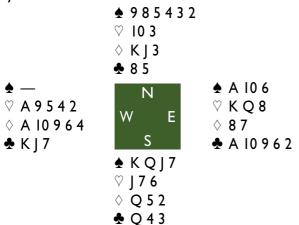
#### Line 2

Duck a diamond, win the spade return with dummy's ace and throw away the jack of clubs from hand. You can now try ace and king of clubs to see if the queen falls; if not you have to rely on diamonds being 3-3.

#### Line 3

Ruff the spade lead. Duck a diamond, ruff the next spade, cash the king of hearts, then play the ace of diamonds and lead a third diamond. If they split you are home, if North has two diamonds you may now be able to pull trumps and

When the full lay-out of the hand was as below, many actually went down.



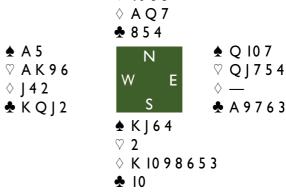
Speaking with the Polish Women after the match I asked the declarer how she played in 4%. She said 'I simply won the spade lead and played a club to the jack. Twelve easy tricks.' 'But why... you could only handle 4-1 with North, if clubs were like that.' 'Ehhh, call it women's intuition,' she said and laughed and last but not least added, by the way it was a push, same contract and line of play at the other table'. Don't argue with success!

A third very interesting and difficult hand was played in Round 3. Here Helgemo and Helness showed why they are to be considered as one of the best pairs in the world!

Board 14. Dealer East, None Vul.

#### Round 3

9832 ♡ 1083 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ 8 5 4 **♠** ○ 10 7



West	North	East	South
Helness		Helgemo	
		2♡*	3♦
<b>4</b> $\diamond$ *	Pass	5◊!*	Pass
7♡	All Pass		

2% was 5-5 with hearts and a minor in the range of 3-9 HCPs. South overcalled with 30 giving the Monegasques some help at solving their bidding problem. 50 told the story for partner who then had heard enough and just bid the grand slam. Playing the contract wasn't any problem. It was easy to ruff a couple of diamonds in hand playing on a reverse dummy and claim. Very well done and a nice solution for a real problem.

A couple of gold stars should also be given to Mexico who managed to reach 70 and Romania who ended up in **7♣**.

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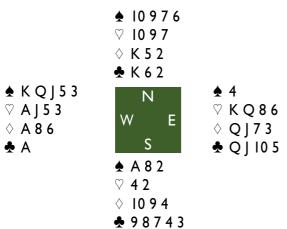
## **Eight winning Slams**

by Herman De Wael

'I wonder if anyone made that slam', said Mark, so I went and looked it up.

This was the deal:

Board 20. Dealer West, All Vul.



There are 132 tables in these championships (58 open, 42 women's and 32 seniors) and on 36 of them (16 open, 14 women's and 6 seniors) the contract was 6%, almost exclusively played by West. Only 9 declarers made the contract, and I went and found out how.

At four tables, the lead was the  $\lozenge 2$ . The contract is easily made from there. No prizes for Andres Knap (Spain), Geir Helgemo (Monaco), Véronique Bessis (France) and Marina Breytenbach (South Africa).

At the other five tables, the lead was the  $\heartsuit 10$ . All the declarers took this on the table and played a spade. One defender, Steven De Donder from Belgium, thought it was a good idea to duck this. Samir Dolarevic of Bosnia & Herzegovina had no trouble making it from there.

Faten Farhat (Lebanon) now received a club return, which she was forced to take in hand. She made the contract from there, in the same manner as described below.

James Hay (Scotland Open), Mehmet Copur (Turkey Seniors), and Mary de Guzman (Philippines Women) all received a diamond return, and they (and many others around the room) were faced with a choice: either to let this run to the queen (and go down if the  $\Diamond K$  was to the left, as it actually was) or to fly up with the ace. These three declarers did that, and they proceeded carefully as follows: one more round of trumps, and then the spades, discarding diamonds. Now they ruffed a diamond, came back to hand in clubs, and ruffed another diamond. A club ruff, the last trump and the thirteenth spade made 12 tricks.

#### **WBF** Laws Committee

The WBF Laws Committee will meet at 10:30 am. on Tuesday, August 14th, in the Cologne 1 room on the ground floor.



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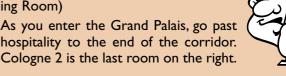
Monday, 13th August – Credentials Committee at 11:00 Tuesday, 14th August – Systems Committee at 9:30

Both meetings will take place in the WBF Meeting room Cologne 2.

# WBF Women's Committee Meeting

Monday 13th August at 09.30 In the room Cologne 2 (the WBF Meet-

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# **OPEN**

# **England v The Netherlands**

ROUND 3

## **Speed of Lightning**

by Mark Horton

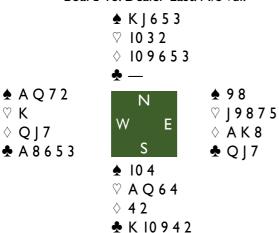
ight travels at 186,000 miles per second in a vacuum. So the light from a flash of lightning travels at the speed of light in air, which is slightly less than the speed of light in a vacuum (e.g., space).

But lightning itself travels nowhere near as fast as the speed of light. Lightning is an electrical discharge and is bound by the laws of physics. Its speed depends on many factors, including the conductivity of the medium it is travelling through. Careful scientific measurements of many lightning flashes have revealed that the electricity moves at different speeds at different stages of its journey in the lightning flash. Also, its returning upstroke is much faster than its downstroke.

Usain Bolt is the fastest man on earth and I can't help but wonder how he would react to the speed of play in a bridge match?

When England met the Netherlands in Round 6 of Open Group A, both sides fielded their speed merchants, Bauke Muller for the Netherlands and Andrew Robson for England.

Board 18. Dealer East, N/S Vul.



#### **Open Room**

We	st	North	East	South
Robs	on	Drijver	Allfrey	Brink
			ΙŸ	Pass
I♠		Pass	INT*	Pass
2◊*		Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣		Pass	3NT	All Pass
INT Relay	Balanced	l or ♡+♣		

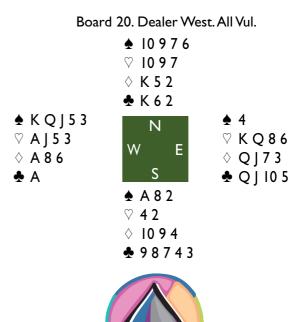
South led the four of diamonds and declarer won in hand and played the queen of clubs. When South covered with the king declarer ducked and was disappointed to see North discard the five of spades. South switched to the ten of spades and dummy's queen lost to the king. Declarer won the diamond return and ran the nine of spades to North's jack. When North switched to the two of hearts South took the ace and cashed the queen for one down, +50.

#### **Closed Room**

Wes	t North	East	South
de Wi	ijs Gold	Muller	Forrester
		<b>I</b> ♡*	Pass
♠*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
ΙŸ	l I-15, 5+♡, maybe !	5+♠	
I <b>♠</b>	Game forcing relay		
2♡ ı	minimum, 5332		

After the game force West relayed for shape, controls and location of honours settled for 3NT.

North led the five of spades and declarer won with the queen and played a club to the queen and king, North discarding the six of diamonds. When South returned a spade declarer won with the ace and played a club to the jack, North pitching what proved to be a fatal two of hearts. A club to the nine and ace was followed by another club. South could win, but had no good move. He tried a low heart, but that saw declarer win and claim, +400 and 10 IMPs for the Netherlands.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Robson	Drijver	Allfrey	Brink
I♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2◊*	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5◊*	Pass	6♡*	All Pass

- 2♣ Natural or 16+
- 2♦ GF opposite 16+
- 2 l6+, three or more hearts
- 2♠ Relay
- 3♥ 4 hearts
- 5♣ 1/4 key cards
- 6♡ ♡Q

I confess I'm guessing a little about the exact meaning of the E/W bids, but convention cards are not a big help when relays are involved.

North led the ten of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played the four of spades. South took the ace (ducking does not work) and switched to the nine of diamonds.

As you might expect declarer took some time over his next play.

The alternative to finessing is to take the ace of diamonds. Then, as the cards lie declarer has to draw another round of trumps then cash spades, discarding diamonds from dummy. A diamond ruff is followed by a club to the ace, then a diamond ruff and a club ruff allow declarer to take the last two tricks with the master trump and the five of spades.

There is little to go on, just a few very minor inferences (no double of 54, the trump lead from North) but they were not enough to persuade declarer to do anything other than finesse. That was one down, -100.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Gold	Muller	Forrester
♣*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3◊*	Pass	3♡*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
<b>4</b> ◊*	Pass	4♡	All Pass

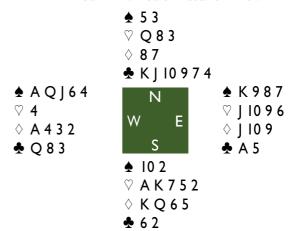
- I**♣** 16+
- 2♠ GF, 9+, 2+ controls, 4441/5440, short  $\heartsuit$  or  $\spadesuit$
- 2NT Relay
- 3♣ 0/I spade
- 3♡ 1444
- 3NT Minimum
- 40 End signal

Another attempt to interpret a relay auction - can't these boys ever go INT-3NT?

Had E/W bid the slam at this table a diamond lead would have been a killer, but against 4% South led a club. Declarer won and played the king of spades and when South won

and switched to the four of diamonds he played low, +650 and another 13 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Robson	Drijver	Allfrey	Brink
		Pass	ΙŸ
I♠	2♡	3♠	All Pass

This was not a good time to miss game. North led the three of hearts and South won and switched to the king of diamonds. Declarer won, drew trumps and played a diamond. He lost a club as well, +170.

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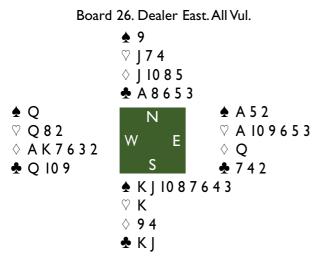
West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Gold	Muller	Forrester
		Pass	Ι♡
I♠	2♡	2NT*	3♡
4♠	All Pass		

2NT Good raise with four spades

After the same opening lead South won with the ace and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer played low and won with dummy's nine. Ace of clubs and a club set up a club ruff and declarer was soon claiming +620 and 10 IMPs.



Bauke 'lightning' Muller



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Robson	Drijver	Allfrey	Brink
		2♡*	3♠
<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass		
2♡ 9-	12.6+♡		

South led the nine of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the queen, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. North overruffed, cashed the ace of clubs and continued with the eight of clubs. South won and played a spade and declarer could not avoid the loss of a trump trick, -100.

Jeff Meckstroth followed the same line (at his table South had overcalled only 2♠) so I leave it to you to decide how unlucky you think declarer was.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Gold	Muller	Forrester
		I♡	3♠
4♡	All Pass		

 $3 \spadesuit$  looks the down the middle choice - but  $4 \spadesuit$  is certainly a possibility.

South led the three of spades and declarer won with dummy's queen, crossed to the ace of hearts, unblocked the queen of diamonds, ruffed a spade high and parked two clubs on top diamonds, +650 and yet another 13 IMPs for the Netherlands.

They had won 55-10 IMPs, 25-5 VP to stay on top of the table while England plummeted to twelfth.



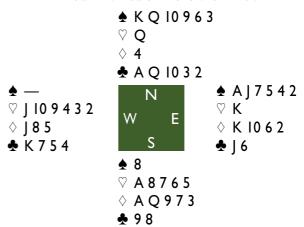
First timeless tournament proves too much for South

# How To Handle a 6-0 Trump Split

by Marek Wójcicki

n the fifth match of Open Group B Poland played Estonia. Polish superstar Cezary Balicki demonstrated one more time his dummy play perfection.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

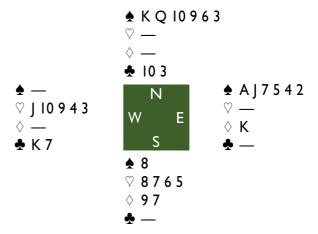


On this deal the Estonian N/S stopped in 2♠, making. The Poles were more ambitious:

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Laanemae	Balicki	Karpov	Zmudzinski
	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2◊
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

East doubled, but was not clever enough to find the trump lead which would probably beat the contract. (Specifically East must lead the ace of spades and then switch to a red suit. Editor) He led the  $\heartsuit$ K. Balicki played as if with open cards. He took the first trick with the ace, finessed the queen of clubs and cashed the ace. Now he finessed in diamonds, discarded a club on the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, and played a club. This was the position:



East did the best he could – he discarded the diamond, but declarer ruffed in dummy and could lose only three trump tricks, making the contract.