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Coming on strong



The beautiful display of flags from some of the 32 nations with representatives in the 41st World Bridge Teams Championships.

Leading teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Trophy put up some impressive numbers on Tuesday, the first day of play in the qualifying phases of these events. The top eight teams in each of the three championships will advance to their respective quarterfinals, starting on Tuesday of next week.

With lots of play left, teams from **Argentina**, **USA** and **Canada** were showing off their power with impressive scores. After three qualifying rounds, **Argentina** was ahead in the Bermuda Bowl qualifying with 46.2 victory points, 77% of the available 60 VPs.

USA2 in the Venice Cup was even better, leading with 48.1 – an 80% score. Not to be outdone, the Canadian senior team recorded 52.36 – a stunning 87%.

Among the teams in need of a spark are **USA2** in the Bermuda Bowl. After three rounds, they were 21st, next to last in the field and a long way out of qualifying.



Rona re-elected as WBF chief

Gianarrigo Rona, who took over as World Bridge Federation president at the end of 2010, was re-elected to a second four-year term on Tuesday.

The election took place at the first meeting of the WBF Executive Council in Bali. Rona's current term expires at the end of the World Bridge Series in 2014, so Tuesday's election means he will be president through the end of 2018.

Since taking over as president, Rona has emphasized youth bridge and pushed for more bridge education in schools all over the world. The former president of the European Bridge League has been involved with bridge administration for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Cippi, live in Milano, Italy. The president expressed pleasure at his re-election and said that he looks forward to serving bridge for the next five years.





















BBO & VuGraph Schedule

Session 4				
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
1	Monaco	Poland	ВВ	VG
2	China	USA 2	ВВ	OG
8	England	Italy	ВВ	BBO 2
9	Australia	Brazil	ВВ	BBO 3
10	Indonesia	USA 1	ВВ	BBO 4
25	Poland	India	VC	BBO 5
26	Sweden	USA 2	VC	BBO 6
49	Netherlands	USA 1	SEN	BBO 7
		Session 5		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	Event	Table
4	USA 2	Brazil	BB	VG
25	China	New Zeland	VC	OG
3	Germany	Chinese Taipei	BB	BBO 2
6	Poland	USA 1	BB	BBO 3
7	China	Indonesia	BB	BBO 4
11	Egypt	Italy	ВВ	BBO 5
29	Canada	England	VC	BBO 6
48	Poland	Netherlands	SEN	BBO 7
		Session 6		
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9	England	USA 1	BB	VG
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1	Poland	USA 2	BB	BBO 2
2	Monaco	Egypt	ВВ	BBO 3
6	Germany	Indonesia	ВВ	BBO 4
11	Argentina	Netherlands	ВВ	BBO 5
25	Canada	USA 2	VC	BBO 6
41	France	Indonesia	SEN	BBO 7

Reminder to Captains

Dear Captains

Please can we remind you of the survey that is being carried out on the first floor in the Kintamani Room. As we stressed at the Captains' Meeting yesterday, it is very important to have as many players as possible complete the survey which we hope will assist us in discussions with WADA and SportAccord.

The survey can be completed any time from today until Friday between 10 and 15.30 each day. Full details are in the first bulletin (which is also online if you have lost your copy!)

Please ask your players to help us with this – it really is important.

Best regards Anna Gudge Secretary,Medical Commission

WBF Women's Committee meeting

All the Members of the Women's Committee (or their delegates) are kindly requested to meet at 9.00 a.m. Wednesday September 18 in the WBF MEETING ROOM (ground floor of the venue).

Duplimates available

The Duplimates used here in Bali will be sold at the end for Eur 2,350. You can pre-order at the Jannersten book stall on the top floor.

Free Shuttle Schedule

From today until September 29th

The shuttle will depart every thirty minutes to/from these hotels:

HOTEL — BNDCC (Venue)

BNDCC(Venue) — HOTEL

08.30 10.30

19.00 20.30

AMARIS PRATAMA

ASTON BENOA

MELIA BENOA

MERCURE

COURTYARD

MELIA BALI

NUSA DUA BEACH

SWISS-BELL SEGARA

Today's Schedule

Start Times

Morning Session 11.00

Afternoon Session 14.30

Evening Session 17.10

Bermuda Bowl

Round Robin 4		Round Robin 5		Round Robin 6	
Monaco	Poland	India	Japan	Poland	USA 2
China	USA 2	Bahrain	The Netherlands	Monaco	Egypt
South Africa	Egypt	Germany	Chinese Taipei	China	Bahrain
Germany	New Zealand	USA 2	Brazil	South Africa	India
Argentina	India	Poland	USA 1	Canada	Japan
Chinese Taipei	Japan	Monaco	New Zealand	Germany	Indonesia
Guadeloupe	The Netherlands	China	Indonesia	Chinese Taipei	Italy
England	Italy	South Africa	Australia	Guadeloupe	Brazil
Australia	Brazil	Canada	England	England	USA 1
Indonesia	USA 1	Argentina	Guadeloupe	Australia	New Zealand
Canada	Bahrain	Egypt	Italy	Argentina	The Netherlands

Venice Cup

Round Robin	n 4	Round Robin	n 5	Round Robin	16
South Africa	China	India	USA 2	China	Pakistan
Turkey	Pakistan	Guadeloupe	Australia	South Africa	Philippines
USA 1	Philippines	France	Sweden	Turkey	Guadeloupe
France	Argentina	Pakistan	The Netherlands	USA 1	India
Poland	India	China	New Zealand	Canada	USA 2
Sweden	USA 2	South Africa	Argentina	France	Brazil
Indonesia	Australia	Turkey	Brazil	Sweden	Egypt
England	Egypt	USA 1	Japan	Indonesia	The Netherlands
Japan	The Netherlands	Canada	England	England	New Zealand
Brazil	New Zealand	Poland	Indonesia	Japan	Argentina
Canada	Guadeloupe	Philippines	Egypt	Poland	Australia

d'Orsi Trophy

Round Robin 4		Round Robin 5		Round Robin 6	
New Zealand	France	USA 2	Egypt	France	Indonesia
Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	Denmark	Canada	New Zealand	Bangladesh
Poland	Bangladesh	Australia	Brazil	Chinese Taipei	Denmark
Australia	Japan	Indonesia	USA 1	Poland	USA 2
Belgium	USA 2	France	India	Germany	Egypt
Brazil	Egypt	New Zealand	Japan	Australia	Guadeloupe
China Hong Kong	Canada	Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	Brazil	Scotland
South Africa	Scotland	Poland	The Netherlands	China Hong Kong	USA 1
The Netherlands	USA 1	Germany	South Africa	South Africa	India
Guadeloupe	India	Belgium	China Hong Kong	The Netherlands	Japan
Germany	Denmark	Bangladesh	Scotland	Belgium	Canada

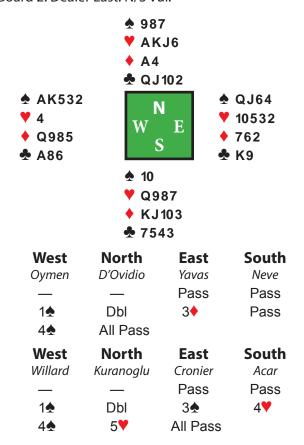
France v. Turkey

Round Robin 1

Brian Senior

rance has been near the top of the Women's game for as long as any of us can remember and is many people's favourite for the title here in Bali. Until a few years ago, an opening match against Turkey might have seemed to be an easy warm-up match but not anymore. In recent years Turkish bridge in general has taken a major step forward at international level, with the Women regular challengers in the KO stages of world championships.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

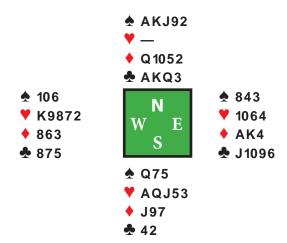


Both Norths doubled the 1♠ opening. For France, Bénédicte Cronier raised pre-emptively to 3♠ but that was not sufficient to shut out Asli Acar, who bid 4♥ with the South cards. Sylvie Willard bid 4♠ as West, a two-way shot in case either game was making, and Serap Kuranoglu took the push to 5♥ as North – a dubious action holding a balanced hand. That ended the auction. Willard led the ace of spades then switched to ace and eight of clubs. That put paid to any chance of a defensive club ruff. Cronier switched to a trump, won cheaply in the South hand, and Acar played a second heart to the ace, ruffed a spade and played the jack of diamonds, covered and won with the ace. She drew trumps and cashed out for down one; –100.

In the other room, Dilek Yavas bid 3♦, Mixed Raise, over the double. Though a level lower than her counterpart in the other room, Joanna Neve did not come in with the South hand. Ozlem Oymen jumped to 4♠ and played there. Catherine D'Ovidio led two top hearts. Oymen ruffed the second

and played ace of spades then a spade to the queen. Next she led a diamond and, when neve followed with the three, ducked, forcing D'Ovidio to win the ace. A diamond back to the king was followed by a diamond ruff for one down; -50 and 4 IMPs to France.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Oymen	D'Ovidio	Yavas	Neve
_			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Willard	Kuranoglu	Cronier	Acar
_	_	_	Pass
_			
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass Pass	1 ∲ 3 ♣	Pass Pass	2 ♣ 4 ♠



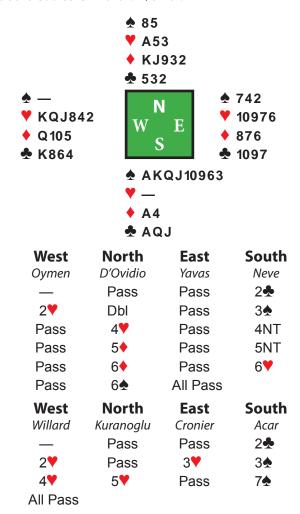
Joanna Neve

Both Souths used Drury. D'Ovidio's 2 rebid left room for Neve to introduce her hearts at a convenient level and that was enough to dissuade D'Ovidio from looking for slam. Yavas cashed the top diamonds; +450.

Kuranoglu rebid 3♣ and Acar jumped to 4♠. That encouraged Kuranoglu, though why it increased the likelihood that partner would have diamond rather than hearts values is not entirely clear. She jumped to the small slam and Cronier cashed her diamonds for down one and −50; 11 IMPs to France, who led by 15-0 IMPs.

Turkey got on the scoresheet on Board 4, by declaring making partscores at both tables, 6-14, but then came another big swing to France.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



d'Ovidio showed values with her double of the 2♥ overcall and Neve set spades as trumps then asked for key cards when D'Ovidio cuebid. She made two grand slam tries before settling, a trifle reluctantly, for the small slam. After a heart lead Neve made all 13 tricks for +1460.

Willard also overcalled 2 but Kuranoglu did not have a value-showing double at her disposal so passed. Cronier raised to 3 and, when Acar now showed her spades and Willard went on to 4 kuranoglu showed her suitability for slam with a 5 cuebid. Acar could not count 13 tricks but could see that at worst she should have play for the grand so bid it.

Acar ruffed the heart lead in hand and cashed all but one of the trumps. That left dummy with two hearts, a club and three diamonds, and West with three diamonds and three

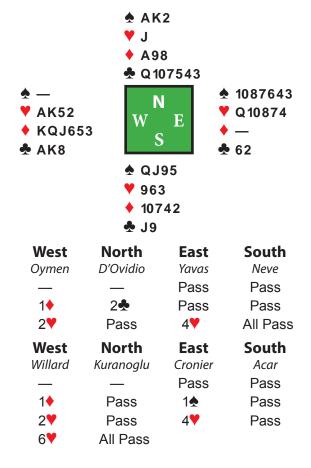
clubs. Acar now played ace and another diamond and, after some thought, went up with the king, took a club pitch on the ace of hearts, and took the club finesse; down one for –100 and 17 IMPs to France, ahead now by 32-6.

Clearly, declarer could have succeeded by taking the diamond finesse. There was also a squeeze available against West. To keep it simple, let's say that declarer wins the ace of hearts at trick one, pitching the jack of clubs from hand. Now play all the trumps and West is forced to bare the king of clubs to keep three diamonds. Declarer has to read the position, of course, but playing both minors from the top brings home the contract.

Should declarer get the ending right? If she does not read the squeeze ending correctly, it may appear attractive to cash the top diamonds then fall back on the club finesse, but that fails to take into account the fact that East has also come under pressure. Say that declarer keeps three diamonds and a heart in dummy, facing •A4 • AQ. East is known to hold the heart guard, so whenever she has the club king there is no need to take the club finesse. Instead, cash the club ace at trick ten. If East has the guarded king, she must be down to a singleton diamond, so now declarer plays ace of diamonds then takes the diamond finesse. Of course, if East has the diamond guard and West the club king, the contract fails – but then it was always going to fail. Meanwhile, this line succeeds whenever East has the club king or West has both minor-suit guards (as on the actual layout).

Things quickly got worse for Turkey.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

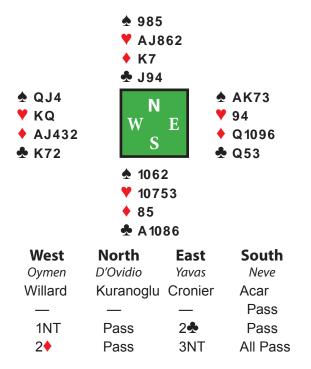


D'Ovidio overcalled 2♣ and that cut out the East hand. When Oymen now reopened with a 2♥ reverse, Yavas raised to game and Oymen took 12 tricks, courtesy of the ruffing diamond finesse; +480.

Kuranoglu did not overcall in the other room, so Cronier got to respond 1♠ and, when she next raised to 4♥, Willard took the practical action of raising herself to 6♥. Willard ruffed the ace of spades and led the king of diamonds to the ace and ruff. A heart to the ace was followed by three more rounds of diamonds, ruffing the fourth round, and that meant 12 tricks for +1460 and 13 IMPs to France; 45-6.

On Board 8, the French E/W pair bid and made a game, missed at the other table, for another 7 IMPs, to stretch the lead to 52-6, then came some good news for Turkey.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Both Norths led a low heart. Oymen won the queen and led the four of spades to dummy's ace then ran the queen of diamonds. D'Ovidio won the king but could not read the position and judged to return a spade. Oymen could easily untangle her tricks for +400.

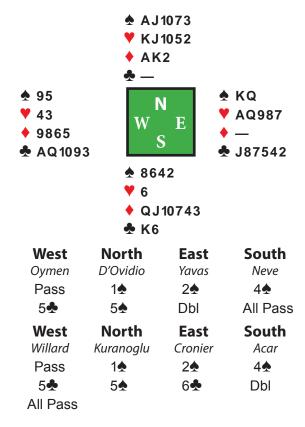


Catherine d'Ovidio

Willard also won the heart queen but she cashed all four spades before taking the diamond finesse, Acar pitching a heart from the South hand. It was easier here for North to see that declarer might have nine tricks and that it was now or never for the defence, so Kuranoglu cashed the ace of hearts and was pleased to see the king fall on her right. The contract was two down for –100 and 11 badly-needed IMPs to Turkey; 17-52.

Alas, Turkey's respite was only brief, and the very next deal saw France confirm its grip on the match.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Both Easts showed hearts and a minor and their partners were both willing to bid to the five level in support of either minor. The respective Norths had been warned about the heart situation so neither was willing to look for a slam, but both were happy to take the push to the five level. Now the two Easts took dramatically different positions, and with dramatically differing results.

Yavas saw a sure spade trick and that those values rated to be wasted in a club contract, so doubled 5♠, ending the auction. She led a club to the six, queen and ruff. D'Ovidio played ace then jack of spades to the queen and Yavas cashed the ace of hearts. That was that for the defence; +850.

Cronier saw a sixth club and diamond void and thought there could be chances in 6, so bid it. Acar doubled, understandably when looking at a likely club trick. Alas for her, the ace of clubs was not where it was supposed to be. Kuranoglu tried to cash the ace of diamonds but Willard ruffed in dummy and took the club finesse then cashed the ace. She took the heart finesse and, when that won, simply gave up a spade; +1090 and 18 IMPs to France.

The final result was 71-19 IMPs, 19.34-0.66 VPs to France



A letter from the President

Dear Friends of the Christchurch Bridge Club,

I was informed by John Wignall that the formal opening – that is to say, re-opening – of your Club will be held on 29th June.

Both on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally, I am very pleased to offer you my congratulations and my best wishes for every success.

On that dramatic 22nd February 2011, I was in Christchurch, hosted by John and Adele together with my wife, Cippi. After being at a local radio station for an interview about bridge, John and I were intending to visit the Christchurch Bridge Club when the earthquake struck and everything stopped.

John and I were going by car and because of the growing chaos, we were obliged to leave the car and to walk to go back home. What a terrible experience it was, in a state of anguish not being able to contact either Adele or Cippi because mobile phone service was out.



WBF 1st Vice President John Wignall, right, with Christchurch Bridge Club President Shangar Singh.

I will never forget what I saw and what I felt, walking on roads shaking under our feet, seeing the disaster all around us: desperate people running everywhere crying and shouting, hospital patients brought outside in their own beds, liquids coming out from the ground, the cathedral destroyed and the bridge club closed and surrounded by ruins.



The Christchurch Bridge Club, due to be re-opened at the end of the month.

I totally shared this dramatic event and later, after my return to Italy, John kept me informed about the serious damage, the recovery, the iron will to rebuild what nature destroyed, taking a heavy tall of victims, the works in progress to rebuild the town and your club.

I would have been pleased and proud to be with you to celebrate the re-opening of your club and I will be grateful to you if you will consider myself attending, confident that I soon could have the opportunity to visit you and to see the results of your undertaking.

Again, to all of you and your prestigious club, my best wishes for an even more successful future.

Un abbraccio,

Gianarrigo Rona

Germany v. France

The Road to Bali

Mark Horton

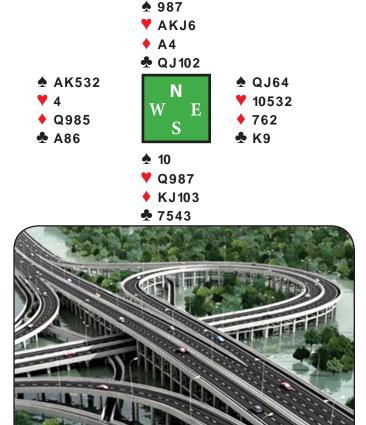
had intended to introduce this article by reminding you of the 1952 American comedy film directed by Hal Walker and starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and Dorothy Lamour. The film was the sixth of the seven *Road to* ... movies. It was the only one filmed in colour and was the first to feature surprise cameo appearances from other well-known stars of the day.

The celebrities who made token 'gag' appearances included bandleader Bob Crosby (Bing's brother), Humphrey Bogart, by way of a clip from *The African Queen*, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, and Jane Russell, as her character from the 1952 film *Son of Paleface*.

However, when it was revealed during Monday's Opening Ceremony that the new highway 'above the water' will be opened during the Championships it seemed appropriate to proceed in a different direction.

As you can see from the photograph, the highway is not short of twists and turns and there were plenty of those in the match between Germany and France in the first round of the d'Orsi Senior Trophy. I doubt there has been a more testing set of deals in the opening round of a major championship.

Board 2. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

When South bid 4^{\clubsuit} West, perhaps with an eye to the vulnerability, bid 4^{\clubsuit} as a two way shot—it might make or be a cheap save.

North led the nine of spades and declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the ace and drew the last trump with dummy's jack, South discarding the five and four of clubs. The two of diamonds was covered by the jack, queen and ace and North switched to the queen of clubs (playing hearts will give the defenders an extra trick). Declarer won with dummy's king and played a diamond. As the chess players would say he had the tempo now and could set up a diamond for one down, -100.

Even if the defenders had failed to locate the club ruff the 4-1 trump break would have put paid to $4 \checkmark$, so although West escaped cheaply enough, the 'save' proved to be a phantom.

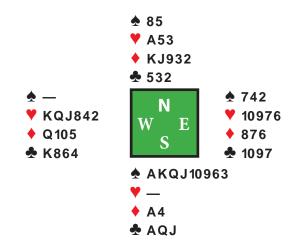
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♠	Dbl
3♠	All Pass		

East's less violent approach allowed South to make a responsive double so there was little danger of the auction going past 3.

North led the ace of hearts and when South followed with the seven he switched to the ace of diamonds and a diamond. South won and gave his partner a ruff, but that was the last trick for the defence, +140 and 6 IMPs to France.

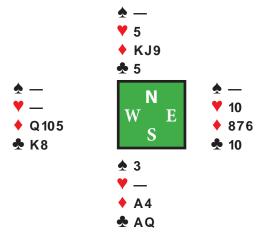
Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Bali Road

Open	Room			
W	est	North	East	South
Str	ater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
_	_	Pass	Pass	2◆*
3	Y	Dbl*	5♥	7♠
All	Pass			
2	Game	Forcing		
Dbl	1 ace			

West led the king of hearts and declarer put up dummy's ace discarding the jack of clubs and ran his trumps to reach this position:



When he played the last trump West pitched the eight of clubs and when declarer discarded dummy's heart East could release the ten. Now declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, played a diamond to the king and then took the club finesse. West won and cashed a diamond for two down, -200.

Suppose declarer, who knew that the five of hearts was a menace, discards the five of clubs on the last trump. Now East cannot discard a heart, and discarding a club will give the game away in that suit, so East must pitch a diamond. Now declarer cashes the ace of clubs. If the king does not drop



Ulrich Kratz

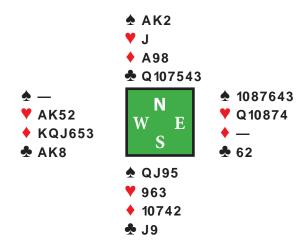
and it is West who shows out then declarer will know that three diamond tricks are certain. Without going into excessive detail I think that playing in this fashion ensures that declarer will never go down in a contract that could always have been made.

Closed Room

west	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
_	Pass	Pass	2♣*
3♥	3NT	4♥	5♥*
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass	i		
2♣ Gan	ne Forcing		

South was unwilling to gamble on 7♠ and he simply claimed 12 tricks, giving Germany 17 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

•			
West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
_	_	Pass	Pass
2♣*	3♣	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Dbl	All Pass	

2♣ Game Forcing

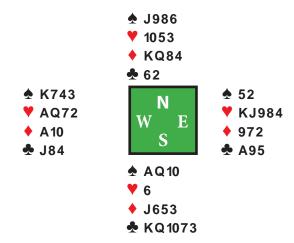
If North thought West might be trying to pull a fast one by bidding a slam missing two aces he was quickly disavowed, declarer ruffing the spade lead and advancing the king of diamonds. North covered and declarer ruffed, came to hand with a trump, cashed the queen of diamonds, ruffed a diamond with the ten of hearts, drew trumps and claimed; +1660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

With nothing at stake declarer recorded +450, and another 14 IMPs to Germany.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
_	_	_	1♣
Dbl	1♠	2	Dbl
3♥	All Pass		

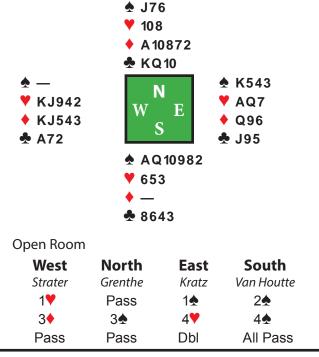
South led the king of clubs and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps ending in hand an played a spade. With the ace onside he could not be denied ten tricks; +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
_	_	_	1♣
Dbl	1♠	3♥	Pass
4Y	All Pass		

Only the bidding was different, the same lead being followed by the same line of play and an identical number of tricks. Oh yes, the score was different as well; +620 and 10 French IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



West led the two of hearts and East won with the ace and continued with the queen. When that held he switched to the six of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace, pitching his remaining heart. He ran the six of spades and when that held, West throwing the three of diamonds, continued with the jack, followed by a spade to the nine and a club. West put up the ace and declarer was home, +590.

How many mistakes did you spot?

If East had played a third round of hearts, forcing dummy to ruff, declarer would always be a trick short.

Having played the jack of spades declarer should overtake it and play a club. Declarer having failed to do that West should withhold the ace of clubs. When declarer returns to hand with a diamond ruff to play a second club West goes in with the ace and plays a heart. With the clubs blocked declarer has only nine tricks.

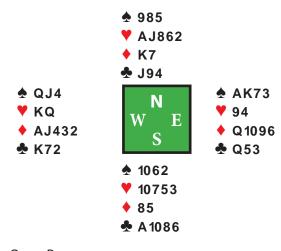
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West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
1♥	Pass	2NT*	3♠
4♦	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

2NT Heart support

As before, East won the first two tricks with the ace and queen of hearts, but then found the killing defence of a third heart. Declarer ruffed, ran the jack of spades, played a spade to the eight, cashed the ace and then played a club to the queen. When that held he cashed the ace of diamonds throwing a club, ruffed a diamond and played a club, one down as West took the ace; +100 and 12 more IMPs to France.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
_	_	_	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the two of hearts to the ten and queen and declarer played a spade to the ace and ran the queen of diamonds. North won and returned the nine of spades and a grateful declarer took his tricks; +400.

Is there any way North can know to lay down the ace of hearts?

If you play Smith Peters you could argue (playing third and fifth leads) that holding four cards in partner's suit and having already denied an honour a peter in diamonds should suggest exactly that.

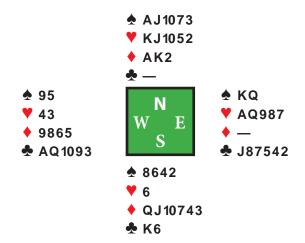
On the other hand by not petering you would suggest that partner switch, when a club will put you in to play a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
_	_	_	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Here North led the six of hearts, and when North came in with the king of diamonds he returned the nine of clubs, South taking the ace and playing a heart for two down and 11 IMPs to Germany.

Board 12. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
Pass	1♠	2♠*	4♠
4NT*	5♠	All Pass	

2♠ Hearts and a minor 4NT Bid your minor

East led the four of clubs and declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of spades and continued with the jack; +650.

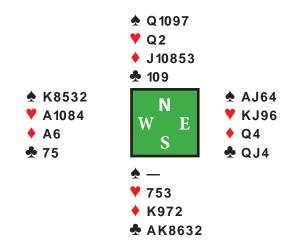
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
Pass	1♠	2♠*	4♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	Dbl	All Pass

2♠ Hearts and a minor

With 6Φ makeable South did well to prefer 6Φ to a double, but one down cost Germany 13 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Van Houtte
_	Pass	1♥	2♣
2NT*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2NT Heart support

When South started with three rounds of clubs declarer pitched dummy's small diamond and North ruffed and retuned the seven of spades—one down when South was able to ruff; –100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Elinescu	Leenhardt	Wladow
_	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ten of clubs (clearly not best for the defence) and South played three rounds (no, I don't think it is possible to find a heart switch at trick two) declarer pitching that little diamond from dummy as North ruffed. The diamond switch went to the ace and declarer cashed the king of spades, drew trumps via the marked finesse and ruffed a diamond. It only remained to divine the location of the queen of hearts.

When declarer started with the ace he was home for +620 for 12 IMPs to France.

It was France who just prevailed in this exciting encounter, 57-55 IMPs, 10.61-9.39 VP.

USA 1 v. Brazil

Round Robin 1

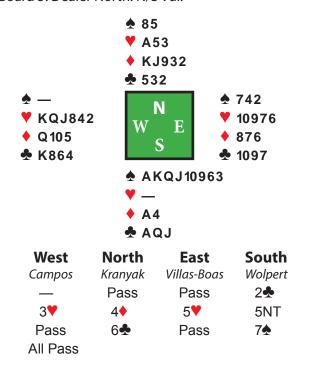
Quiet becomes noisy

ew teams in high-level competition play four-handed, but the John Kranyak squad did so with an impressive victory in the trials to select two teams for the Bermuda Bowl. Now playing as USA1, they have added a pair for the Bali championships. The full squad is Kranyak, Gavin Wolpert (Canadian transplant to Florida), Kevin Bathurst, Kevin Dwyer and veterans Bobby Levin and Steve Weinsteins, the additional pair. Both are world champions.

The Americans faced a tough team from Brazil in the opening round: Diego Brenner, Paulo Roberto Brum, Joao-Paulo Campos, Gabriel Chagas, Marco Toma and Miguel Villas-Boas.

The match started quietly, Brazil leading 5-2 after six boards. One of them was an interesting push.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Campos led the ♥K. Wolpert studied the dummy at length before playing the ace and discarding the ♣J. On a 2-1 trump split, he would have had the option to cash one high spade then try ♠A, diamond to the king and a diamond ruff high. If the diamonds turned out to be 3-3 or the queen dropped doubleton, declarer could return to dummy with the ♠8 to take a discard. The 3-0 trump split meant Plan B was in order. Wolpert ran trumps and watched West discard two clubs, five hearts and, finally, a diamond. That was a strange play considering that West could see declarer's diamond assets to his left. With a singleton ♠A, declarer surely would have won the heart lead, unblocked the diamond suit, returned to dummy with the ♠8, taken a discard and tried the club finesse.

The diamond discard made declarer's job easy and he was soon recording +2210. At the other table:

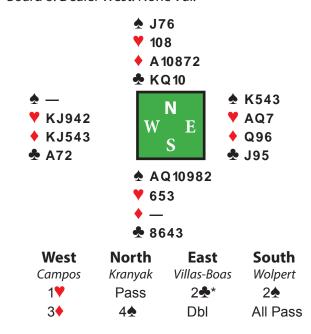
Brent Manley

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Chagas	Dwyer	Brum
_	Pass	Pass	2♣
3♥	4♦	4♠	7♠
All Pass			

Bathurst led the VQ (Rusinow), taken by the ace in dummy for a club pitch. A spade to the ace revealed the 3-0 trump split, so Brum ran trumps as Wolpert had. The discarding by East/West was more revealing, however, as West threw away all his hearts and East discarded two clubs, to Brum was able to claim on a squeeze for a push at 2210.

USA1, trailing 5-2, went ahead 12-5 with a vulnerable game swing and upped it to 23-5 on the following board.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



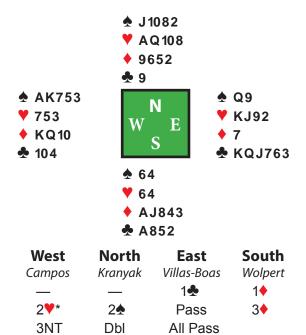
Campos started with the ♣A, a fatal error. He switched to a low heart at trick two, and the defenders played three rounds of hearts to force dummy. Wolpert ran the ♠J, which held, then the 7. With the two club entries to dummy, it was not difficult for him to take a couple of ruffs in hand to reduce his trump holding to the same length as East's. The trump coup at the end meant plus 590 for USA1.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Chagas	Dwyer	Brum
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♠
4	4♠	5♥	All Pass

The bad diamond split meant Bathurst had to lose two tricks in that suit – even after guessing to lead low to the 9 initially – plus one in clubs (North started with the ♣K) for minus 50 but 11 IMPs to the Americans.

Two boards later, disaster struck for USA1.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Kranyak had stoppers in the majors and a good fit with his partner, which no doubt prompted the double. Unfortunately for USA1, Campos had the powerful and long club suit to fall back on. Kranyak led a low diamond to Wolpert's ace. Campos won the diamond and played the ♣10, ducked all around. A second club went to the king and South's ace. A spade went to the 10 and queen. Declarer was soon claiming 10 tricks for plus 950. It's strictly double dummy (and not even apparent at first glance on that basis), but the only way to keep declarer from making 10 tricks is to lead a spade.



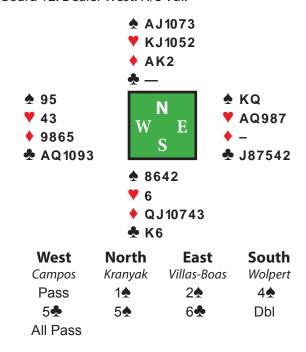
Gavin Wolpert

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Chagas	Dwyer	Brum
_	_	2♣*	Pass
2 ♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

The defense against this contract was devastating. Brum started with a spade to declarer's queen. Dwyer followed with a club to the 10 and another club to his king. Brum won the ♣A and continued with a spade. Dwyer could have made his contract at that point by playing a heart, but he played the ♠K to discard his singleton diamond. South ruffed and exited with a trump, leaving Dwyer to play hearts from his hand. With no luck in the suit, he lost four hearts, the ♣A and a spade ruff for two down. Minus 200 and minus 950 meant 15 IMPs to Brazil, now trailing 23-20.

The South Americans went ahead two boards later.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Kranyak led the ◆A, ruffed in dummy by Campos. He played the ♣J next, going up with the ace when Wolpert followed low. When the king didn't fall, Campos had to concede one down for minus 100. It was still a double-digit gain for Brazil, however, because of what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Chagas	Dwyer	Brum
Pass	1♠	2♠	4♠
4NT	5♠	Dbl	All Pass

Chagas ruffed the opening club lead, cashed the ♠A, dropping the queen, and continued with the ♠J. East won the trump king and played a heart, but that was the last trick for the defense. Plus 850 meant 13 IMPs to Brazil.

The final score was 37-28 to Brazil.

Monaco v. South Africa

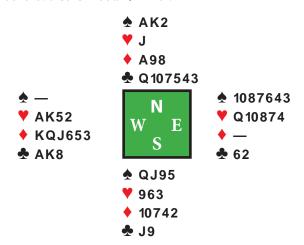
Round Robin 1

Decisions, Decisions and More Decisions

Micke Melander

any players, probably suffering from serious jetlag, struggled with some really powerful hands. They needed to realize they had to get their minds working at full power in order to be able to score some VPs from their first match in these championships.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

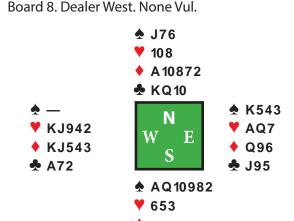
West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Fantoni	Eber	Nunes
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	Dbl	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6 Y	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmerman	Gower	Multon	Apteker
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Gower wisely passed, after seeing Zimmerman drive to the small slam even though he didn't get any co-operation from Multon. One might wonder why Five Clubs was bid... probably fishing for some kind of control or help in the minors. In the Open Room, Eber decided to make a take-out double after the same start. After getting the correction to Four Hearts from partner Bosenberg simply jumped to the slam. With ace-king and an ace in the opponents' suits, Fantoni thought he had heard enough and doubled. A couple of seconds later the South African team had got their first 10 IMPs when scoring +1860.

However, it didn't take long until Monaco struck back and got a 10 IMP swing for their side, almost leveling the match.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Fantoni	Eber	Nunes
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4V	All Pass		

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmerman	Gower	Multon	Apteker
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

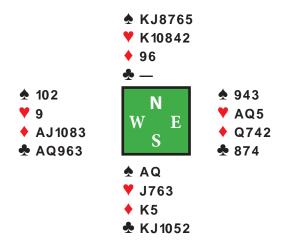
Four Hearts is easily down on a low diamond opening. However, why should that be found... A more reasonable lead is the king of clubs. This was led at both tables, won by declarer's ace. Then both declarers played three rounds of trumps, leaving them in hand, before their paths diverged.



Fulvio Fantoni

In the Open Room, Bosenberg played a low diamond to dummy's queen, when he needed to cover North's card given the evil layout of the diamond suit. Bosenberg tried another diamond to the king but Fantoni made no mistake and won with the ace to continue the suit, setting up the tricks the defense needed to set the contract. Zimmerman, in the Closed Room, played the jack of diamonds and now the defense was powerless. It didn't matter what they tried, declarer remained in control and had the much needed tempo to be able to score a club trick in the end.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Fantoni	Eber	Nunes
_	Pass	Pass	1NT
2NT	Dbl	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

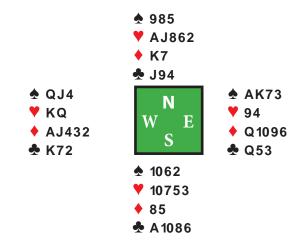
West	North	East	South
Zimmerman	Gower	Multon	Apteker
_	2♠	All Pass	

Here Gower found an inspired weak two opening in spades, a contract he was left to play in when neither of the opponents interfered. Gower managed to score his eight tricks after a clinical defense from the Monegascan pair. Multon led a diamond to Zimmerman's jack, a heart to the queen came back, then ace of hearts, heart ruff and the ace of diamonds. Zimmerman probably believed that they had defeated the contract, when he was still holding ace-queen of clubs behind dummy's king...

In the Open Room, Fantoni got the little finger from the opponents and quickly took his chance to more or less rip off their armpits...

Eber led the seven of clubs, which went to the ten and queen and declarer ruffed. A spade to the ace followed and the king of clubs from dummy. When West covered Fantoni ruffed again and played another spade to dummy's queen, being able to discard one of his diamonds on the now established jack of clubs. This was necessary when both red suits were distributed as badly as possible for declarer; 7 IMPs for Monaco.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Fantoni	Eber	Nunes
_	_	_	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West Zimmerman	North <i>Gower</i>	East Multon	South <i>Apteker</i>
_		_	Pass
1♦	1♥	Dbl	3♥
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass

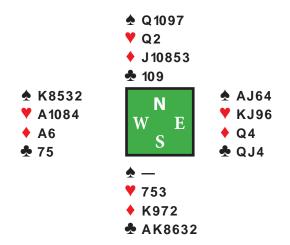
Zimmerman/Multon play a weak no trump opening when non-vulnerable. So Zimmerman was forced to open with his diamonds, leaving room for the opponents to overcall and compete for the contract. When he decided to make a take-out double at his next turn, it was easy for Multon to jump to Four Spades. That was actually a brilliant contract, but it could be defeated provided that the defense did everything right. The thing required was a heart to be led to the ace; done! Then North had to shift to clubs; done again!! But when Multon went up with a surprising queen it probably caught Apteker so off guard that he actually ducked! This let Multon make his contract.



Claudio Nunes

In the Open Room the South Africans went down quickly in 3NT when the defense led hearts and got in with the king of diamonds to collect those established heart winners; 10 IMPs to Monaco.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Open Room

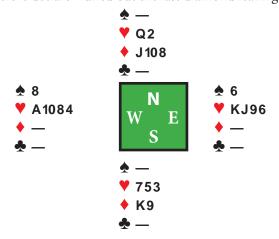
West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Fantoni	Eber	Nunes
_	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmerman	Gower	Multon	Apteker
_	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After similar actions in both rooms both tables got to Four Spades, a transfer from Zimmerman putting Multon as East as declarer, while Bosenberg got to declare the contract as West at the other table.

In the Closed Room, Apteker kicked off with the ace, king and a small club. Multon simply discarded his losing diamond and Gower was allowed to ruff. A diamond come back, which ran to dummy's ace, the king of spades revealed trumps were 4-0, and two more round of trumps followed before declarer ruffed out the last diamond leaving:



Multon knew that both opponents had at least two diamonds and each had six black cards, leaving nothing to play on from a statistical point of view. When he tried a heart to the king and finessed the wrong way he was destined to go one down.

In the other room Fantoni led a killing jack of diamonds, which went to the queen, king and ace. A spade to the king followed, telling the story in the trump suit; declarer eventually lost a trump, two clubs and a diamond for an 'uninteresting' push.

When the smoke had cleared Monaco had won the match by 10 IMPs.

Championship Diary

The 52nd European Team Championships will be held next year in Opatija, Croatia, from Saturday 21st June to Wednesday 2nd July. It will be the first time that a large European event is to be held in Croatia, though the European Youth Pairs were held there in 2010

The regular article 'My perfect weekend' in Saturday's edition of the Daily Telegraph featured England's Tony Forrester. He revealed that in his daily column (which reports a single deal) it was possible to make up to 300 or 400 mistakes, so careful checking was essential. In the Bulletin we report up to 30 deals a day, so we leave you to calculate how many typos you can expect to find in every issue, even after the most diligent proof reading.

David Stern on coffee: 'It's free - but too expensive.'

The National Geographic TV Channel has a new show which premiered yesterday, Brain Games. This is a truly mind-blowing experience, like no other, that is bound to test your brain and how it perceives things. It takes you on a journey using interactive games and experiments designed to mess with your mind and reveal the inner-workings of your brain.

Results — Bermuda Bowl

Round 1

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	China	Germany	34	48	6.25	13.75
2	Italy	New Zealand	73	35	17.85	2.15
3	Netherlands	Indonesia	38	30	12.29	7.71
4	Japan	Australia	76	8	20	0
5	India	England	32	70	2.15	17.85
6	Bahrain	Guadeloupe	24	46	4.62	15.38
7	Egypt	Chinese Taipei	48	32	14.18	5.82
8	USA 2	Argentina	41	72	3.12	16.88
9	Poland	Canada	29	61	2.97	17.03
10	Monaco	South Africa	39	29	12.8	7.2
11	Brazil	USA 1	37	28	12.55	7.45

Round 2

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Guadeloupe	Chinese Taipei	16	25	7.45	12.55
2	India	Germany	35	12	15.56	4.44
3	Australia	Canada	21	20	10.31	9.69
4	Indonesia	South Africa	35	25	12.8	7.2
5	New Zealand	China	4	29	4.08	15.92
6	USA 1	Monaco	28	30	9.39	10.61
7	Brazil	Poland	26	36	7.2	12.8
8	Italy	USA 2	33	32	10.31	9.69
9	Netherlands	Egypt	42	19	15.56	4.44
10	Japan	Bahrain	36	42	8.24	11.76
11	England	Argentina	50	58	7.71	12.29

Round 3

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IM	IMPs		Ps
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Chinese Taipei	Argentina	14	46	2.97	17.03
2	Guadeloupe	Canada	30	67	2.28	17.72
3	England	South Africa	30	53	4.44	15.56
4	Japan	Germany	22	34	6.72	13.28
5	Indonesia	Monaco	38	72	2.69	17.31
6	New Zealand	Poland	Poland 30 57		3.74	16.26
7	USA 1	USA 2	34	7	16.26	3.74
8	Brazil	Egypt	42	36	11.76	8.24
9	Italy	Bahrain	60	43	14.39	5.61
10	Netherlands	India	59	17	18.33	1.67
11	Australia	China	30	35	8.52	11.48

Results — Venice Cup

Round 1

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Turkey	France	19	71	0.66	19.34
2	Egypt	Argentina	50	18	17.03	2.97
3	Australia	Brazil	26	14	13.28	6.72
4	USA 2	Japan	30	0	16.73	3.27
5	India	England	5	76	0	20
6	Guadeloupe	Indonesia	25	69	1.45	18.55
7	Philippines	Sweden	20	52	2.97	17.03
8	Pakistan	Poland	42	85	1.56	18.44
9	China	Canada	69	14	19.61	0.39
10	South Africa	USA 1	25	31	8.24	11.76
11	Netherlands	New Zealand	35	45	7.2	12.8

Round 2

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Indonesia	Sweden	20	15	11.48	8.52
2	India	France	31	57	3.91	16.09
3	Japan	Canada	16	43	3.74	16.26
4	Brazil	USA 1	34	36	9.39	10.61
5	Argentina	Turkey	56	28	16.42	3.58
6	New Zealand	South Africa	61	25	17.59	2.41
7	Netherlands	China	64	12	19.34	0.66
8	Egypt	Pakistan	10	47	2.28	17.72
9	Australia	Philippines	23	23	10	10
10	USA 2	Guadeloupe	42	2	18.09	1.91
11	England	Poland	20	20	10	10

Round 3

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2	Indonesia	Canada	21	41	5	15
3	England	USA 1	14	30	5.82	14.18
4	USA 2	France	42	30	13.28	6.72
5	Brazil	South Africa	29	40	6.96	13.04
6	Argentina	China	39	30	12.55	7.45
7	New Zealand	Pakistan	41	30	13.04	6.96
8	Netherlands	Philippines	55	12	18.44	1.56
9	Egypt	Guadeloupe	38	23	13.97	6.03
10	Australia	India	53	25	16.42	3.58
11	Japan	Turkey	52	37	13.97	6.03

Results — d'Orsi Bowl

Round 1

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Sweden	Poland	20	27	7.97	12.03
2	Indonesia	Canada	21	41	5	15
3	England	USA 1	14	30	5.82	14.18
4	USA 2	France	42	30	13.28	6.72
5	Brazil	South Africa	29	40	6.96	13.04
6	Argentina	China	39	30	12.55	7.45
7	New Zealand	Pakistan	41	30	13.04	6.96
8	Netherlands	Philippines	55	12	18.44	1.56
9	Egypt	Guadeloupe	38	23	13.97	6.03
10	Australia	India	53	25	16.42	3.58
11	Japan	Turkey	52	37	13.97	6.03

Round 2

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VF	Ps
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	China Hong Kong	Brazil	30	22	12.29	7.71
2	USA 2	Australia	22	33	6.96	13.04
3	Netherlands	Germany	28	44	5.82	14.18
4	Guadeloupe	Poland	36	59	4.44	15.56
5	Japan	Chinese Taipei	49	18	16.88	3.12
6	India	New Zealand	31	4	16.26	3.74
7	USA 1	France	21	48	3.74	16.26
8	Scotland	Indonesia	41	39	10.61	9.39
9	Canada	Bangladesh	58	19	17.97	2.03
10	Egypt	Denmark	34	39	8.52	11.48
11	South Africa	Belgium	1	18	5.61	14.39

Round 3

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	Brazil	Belgium	12	41	3.42	16.58
2	China Hong Kong	Germany	27	19	12.29	7.71
3	South Africa	Poland	38	37	10.31	9.69
4	Egypt	Australia	24	70	1.23	18.77
5	Guadeloupe	New Zealand	25	56	3.12	16.88
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Standings

After 3 Rounds

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

d'Orsi Bowl

	Team	VPs		Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	Argentina	46.2	1	USA 2	48.1	1	Canada	52.36
2	Canada	44.44	2	Netherlands	44.98	2	Australia	48.98
3	Netherlands	43.28	3	New Zealand	43.43	3	Belgium	48.82
4	Italy	42.55	4	France	42.15	4	China Hong Kong	42.55
5	Monaco	40.72	5	Poland	40.47	5	Netherlands	41.17
6	Japan	34.96	6	Australia	39.7	6	Poland	37.01
7	China	33.65	7	USA 1	36.55	7	France	35.67
8	USA 1	33.1	8	England	35.82	8	Scotland	34.8
9	Poland	32.03	9	Indonesia	35.03	9	USA 1	34.75
10	Brazil	31.51	10	Sweden	33.52	10	Japan	32.8
11	Germany	31.47	11	Egypt	33.28	11	USA 2	31.82
12	England	30	12	Argentina	31.94	12	Germany	31.28
13	South Africa	29.96	13	Canada	31.65	13	New Zealand	28.86
14	Egypt	26.86	14	China	27.72	14	Indonesia	28.42
15	Indonesia	26.1	15	Pakistan	26.24	15	India	27.62
16	Guadeloupe	25.11	16	South Africa	23.69	16	Brazil	27.55
17	Bahrain	21.99	17	Brazil	23.07	17	Denmark	22.6
18	Chinese Taipei	21.34	18	Japan	20.98	18	South Africa	16.67
19	India	19.38	19	Philippines	14.53	19	Chinese Taipei	10.21
20	Australia	18.83	20	Turkey	10.27	20	Egypt	10.14
21	USA 2	16.55	21	Guadeloupe	9.39	21	Guadeloupe	7.56
22	New Zealand	9.97	22	India	7.49	22	Bangladesh	6.36

World Championship Book 2013

The official book of these championships will be published around early March next year, when the price will be US\$35 plus postage. For the duration of the championships, you can pre-order your copy at the special price of US\$30 or €25 Euros, (two copies for US\$55 or €45) post free (surface).

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The book will consist of 336 large pages with many photographs and a full results service. Every board of the finals of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will be covered, along with the best of the action from the rest of the tournament. Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, John Carruthers and Geo Tislevoll.

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