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The first bridge world championship to be played in India has given the global audience – including a good crowd at the daily vugraph show – several exciting matches.

Among the highlights was the lively battle between powerful USA I and England in the Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal. The latter had to fight off several USA I rallies on the way to the upset win.

Round robin winners Bulgaria also find themselves on the sidelines after losing to Sweden.

In the Venice Cup quarterfinals, England did it again, knocking out USA I, while round robin winners Denmark fell to a veteran French team. USA 2 beat China to avoid an upset.

Both USA teams advanced in the d'Orsi Trophy (seniors) and will play each other in the semifinals. Poland are also still in the hunt after defeating England.

IMPORTANT

All Indian teams in the Transnationals are requested to send a representative to the Hospitality Desk.

All pairs registered (or intending to register) for the upcoming pairs events are requested to make a payment of USD 20 / INR 1200 per pair per event at the Hospitality Desk.

The starting times for the mp Pairs (to be played on Wednesday 7th) and the IMP Pairs (to be played on Thursday 8th) are 10.00 for the first session (22 boards) and 15.00 for the second session (22 boards). The time schedule for the Swiss Pairs (to be played on Friday 9th) will be announced later.



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SCHEDULE

Semi Finals

Segment 1	11:00 - 13:20
Segment 2	14:30 - 16:50
Segment 3	17:20 - 19:40

Transnational

Match 11	10:00 - 11:30
Match 12	11:50 - 13:20
Match 13	14:30 - 16:00
Match 14	16:20 - 17:50
Match 15	18:10 - 19:40

Bermuda Bowl

VuGraph 11:00 Sweden - USA2 (16)
 England (4.33) - Poland

Venice Cup

France (6) - England
 Netherlands - USA2 (9.5)

d'Orsi Trophy

USA1 (4.5) - USA2
 Poland - Sweden (0.67)

BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

All matches will be shown on BBO



Venice Cup QFI



USA1 v England



By Brian Senior

USA1 began their 96-board Venice Cup quarter-final with a 16-IMP carry-over advantage over England. That lead was almost wiped out on the first board of the match.

– so made a grand slam try of 5♠. Smith was not interested and quickly signed off and the Americans chose to take their shot at defeating the slam rather than save in 6♠ for what would have been only –300.

Jill Meyers led a diamond, so Brock won, took a diamond pitch on the ace of spades and drew the missing trump before knocking out the heart; +920 and 14 IMPs to England, who trailed by only 14-16.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Draper	Wolpert	Brown	Levin
–	2NT	Pass	3♦
3♠	4♣	4♠	5♣
Dble	6♥	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
3♠	Dble	4♠	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

For USA1, Jenny Wolpert upgraded to a 2NT opening and Jill Levin transferred to hearts. When Catherine Draper intervened with 3♠, Wolpert bid 4♣, cuebid for hearts, her club length presumably being coincidental as she jumped to 6♥ over 5♣ doubled, clearly treating 5♣ as a cuebid. Fiona Brown now doubled 6♥ and led her club in response to Draper's double. It must have been a surprise to find that her opponents had a 12-card club fit, but Brown wasn't complaining when Draper ruffed and the ace of trumps was the setting trick; down one for –100.

In the other room, Sally Brock opened a two-plus card 1♣ and Nicola Smith responded 1♦, transfer to hearts. Migry Zur-Campanile pre-empted but Brock had enough to make a take-out double and Smith was now very happy to bid 5♣ over 4♠. Brock in turn loved her hand – extra undisclosed club length, three honours in partner's suit and three aces

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Draper	Wolpert	Brown	Levin
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Campanile	Brock	Meyers	Smith
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♣
All Pass			



Jill Meyers USA 1



Sally Brock, England

Both Norths doubled at their second turn to show a good opening bid including spade length. Smith pulled to 2♣ with the South cards, Levin left it in.

Smith must have been grateful not to have been doubled, particularly when she saw dummy's singleton trump. The lead was a diamond, so she rose with the ace and played the queen of clubs, Zur-Campanile winning the king and leading a second diamond, Smith ducked this to the queen and back came king and another spade. She ruffed and cashed the jack of diamonds then led a heart to the queen, ruffed a spade, led a second heart to the ace and ruffed another spade then gracefully conceded the last three tricks; down one for -100. That could have gone a lot worse, thought Smith to herself.

I have sympathy with Jill Levin on this deal, because I feel that her decision to defend INT doubled, even though it rated to be making, was an intelligent one at the prevailing vulnerability, where bidding could have led to a large penalty as there was no guarantee of finding a fit. In fact, over the 24 tables at which this board was played, there were only two -800s and one -500 as North's playing potential in a trump contract was better than it might have been due to the lack of poor values in spades.

Levin led a club to the four, queen and ace. Brown played a club to the jack, seeing Wolpert pitch the ten of hearts, followed by a spade and, when Wolpert played low, put in the eight. Nicely done. Brown cashed the king of spades, crossed to the king of clubs, Wolpert being forced to pitch a diamond, and played ace, queen and a third spade. Wolpert won and could have settled for eight tricks by playing three rounds of diamonds so that declarer would have to lead a heart to her at the end. Instead, she tried a greedy ten of diamonds and Brown won the queen and returned the suit, so also made the king of hearts at the end for nine tricks in all and +380; 7 IMPs to England, who led by 21-16 after two boards.

USA1 got 3 IMPs back on a partscore deal but then came more good news for England.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 9 8 4 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ Q 10 6 5 2 ♣ 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 5 3 ♥ A K Q 9 7 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ 9 6
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W		E									
	S										
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West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levin</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Smith</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

Both Wests opened a strong no trump and both Easts transferred to hearts. Draper broke the transfer with a jump to 3♥ but Brown, with her 5-3-3-2 shape, was not interested in going past game so raised quietly to 4♥. Draper won the club lead, drew two rounds of trumps and just had to lose two tricks, one spade and one diamond; +450.

Zur-Campanile did not break the transfer but, when Meyers jumped to 3NT to offer a choice of games, cuebid on the way back to hearts. Meyers showed a more optimistic evaluation of the East hand's potential than had Brown, as she first bid 4♦ then went on over the 4♥ sign-off. When Campanile could show the diamond control Meyers bid the small slam, and on another day the Americans would have been right. Slam is not quite as good as it looks because a diamond lead knocks out the entry to the clubs, so declarer cannot ruff out the suit if it is four-two and get back to cash the fifth round quickly enough, but it is excellent on a non-diamond lead. Smith, of course, had doubled for a diamond lead, so the second defensive trick was set up immediately. There was no way to come to 12 tricks and Zur-Campanile was down one for -200 and another 13 IMPs to England, who led by 34-19.

England picked up a couple of medium-sized swings to lead by 44-20, then at last USA1 got something worthwhile on the scoreboard.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 10
 ♥ 9 5 4 2
 ♦ Q 4 3 2
 ♣ 10 9 4

♠ 8 6 5 3
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ J
 ♣ A Q 8 3 2



♠ J 9 7
 ♥ A Q 9 6 3
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ J 7 5

♠ A Q 4 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K 10 9 8 6 5
 ♣ K 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levin</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Dble	1♥	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Campanile</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Dble	3♦	4♥	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Smith's 1♦ opening would always be unbalanced, so Brock could afford an aggressive pre-emptive raise to 3♦ over the double. When Meyers jumped to the heart game, Smith

took the save due to her extra distribution and when that came back to Meyers she doubled. Zur-Campanile led seven of hearts. Meyers won the ace and switched to a club and Zur-Campanile won and played two more rounds. Smith ruffed and led a diamond, losing to the ace; down two for –300.

That would be OK if team-mates could bring in 4♥ in the other room, and they duly got there, which was the first half of the battle. Levin's 1♦ could have been three cards so Wolpert could hardly make the same pre-emptive raise as had Brock. Instead she bid her powerful heart suit and, rather than get into a potentially complicated auction if she started with a double, Brown showed suitable respect for her opponent's bid by jumping to 4♥, where she played.

Levin led the ten of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. Four Hearts can be made now by ruffing the diamond, cashing the king and jack of hearts and playing a spade, eventually ruffing the fourth spade or a diamond return in hand and drawing trumps then playing for king-doubleton club outside. But Brown led the jack of clubs at trick two. That was covered by the king and ace and Wolpert dropped the nine to give declarer hope that the suit might be coming in. Brown drew trumps in four rounds then led the seven of clubs and, when there was no cover, went up with the queen in hope of dropping ten-nine doubleton. Not today. From here she had to lose three spades and one trick in each minor for down two and –100.

That was worth 9 IMPs to USA1. They added a few small swings over the remaining boards of the set to leave England ahead by 44-35 after 16 boards.

IBPA Outing

After their Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning, the members of the International Bridge Press Association were treated to a visit to the DAKSHINCHITRA open air museum. They wish to thank the Indian Bridge Federation for this lovely outing.



All together now "Thank You, IBFI!"

Wine, Women and Bridge

By K. Chandramouli

I must confess to a weakness for wine, a glad eye for pretty women, in addition to chasing horses in Calcutta's Maidan. Heady concoction, he? But nothing has given greater pleasure and also solace in a time of extreme distress than Bridge. Bridge, like tennis, gives you friends for a lifetime. According to Somerset Maugham: "In fact when all else fails – sport, love, ambition – bridge alone remains a solace and excellent entertainment". Bridge is a great comfort in old age. The game is so absorbing that the addict has no time to grow old. Bridge is so different that it is only in this game that you find people reveling in bad luck stories – of bad cards, bad breaks and bad partners. Also it is one of the few games where players outnumber spectators. As somebody put it is a savage game. And the savage has little time and less temptation to watch others perform.

As in other walks of life, women have taken to bridge and not surprisingly excelled in this. It affords them plenty of opportunity to give rein to all their powers of imagination, subtlety, plotting, low cunning, etc. You can't ignore them as ornamental blondes at the bridge table. Make a slip and be prepared for a tongue lash.

Helen Sobel was once playing with Charles Goren in a tournament when someone asked her "How does it feel to play with an expert?" Helen pointed to Goren and said "I don't know, ask him".

It was the spring of 1969 and the Europa Hotel was the venue of the Guardian Tournament. Maurice Weissberger was playing with a pretty girl. At the interval, Maurice introduced Alwyn Sherrington to Terence Reese. Soon they got engaged. Alwyn was busy organizing the opening of a new branch of her firm in Manchester. She was busy even on the day prior to the wedding. Her boss, an ardent admirer, dissuaded her from her official work. She relented and rang up Reese at the Eccentric Club where he was playing rubber bridge. Perhaps it was all a mistake. Was he absolutely sure etc. Reese is reported to have said "not now, I'm in the midst of a hand". Whereupon replacing the receiver she said "that settles it. I'm going to marry that man". And she did too.

This calls to mind another episode involving Reese. He was engrossed in playing a difficult hand. At a discreet signal from one of the other players, a nude model walked into the room, promenaded round the

table and exited. When asked whether anything unusual occurred during the hand, Reese replied "Nothing except the play of the spade suit". Admirers who had staged this performance collected several hundred pounds for betting on Reese's ferocious concentration. (One version of that story says that Reese was in on the bet and only pretended not to notice the girl – ed.)

On a flight from Glasgow to London, a passenger was engrossed in a book on bridge. The airhostess stopped and leaned over and said "That must be a fascinating love story you are reading". Startled, the passenger looked at the chapter heading, which read "Free responses after an Original Pass".

Another time, another flight, this time Transatlantic. A child is unwell. The captain calls urgently for the services of a paediatrician. A gray-haired person rushes to attend to the stricken child. Shortly thereafter the commander of the craft thanks over the public address the doctor for the timely help, and announces him as the President of the Paediatrician Congress and as President of the Bridge Federation of India. On hearing this an important looking person moves over to Tibre's adjacent seat, introducing himself as a United Nations diplomat and keen on bridge. They were lost discussing bridge personalities, hands and situations. Time flew by. They were brought to earth by the rude announcement that they were about to land.

Neither fire nor water bothers bridge buffs. In 1932 the SS Prince David was serenely cruising towards Bermuda. The New York Sun reported that Mrs Maude Barney of Massachusetts was dealt the best hand of her life. Her right hand opponent passed. She was about to bid when the Prince David struck a coral reef outside Bermuda. Her opponent said "Well, I think something happened". "I think we have stopped", said her partner. The third player said perhaps we should find out. Maude would have none of it. "I don't care what has happened – Six Spades!"



Double the Grand, Underlead your King (BB QFI)



Poland v. France



By Jan van Cleeff

France started the match with a carryover of 8 IMPs. In the first segment, there were quite a few double-digit swings. On the first board, "only" 9 IMPs were exchanged, but the way it happened was not without significance.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 3 ♥ K Q J ♦ A 7 ♣ A 10 6 5 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 7 5 4 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ J	♠ - ♥ 9 8 6 4 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 4
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Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
3♠	Dble	4♠	4NT*
Pass	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

NS did well to reach 6♣, and EW equally did well to find the save. NS +300.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
3♠	Dble	4♦*	5♣
5♠	5NT*	Pass	6♣
6♦	Pass	6♠	7♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

4♦ lead director

As the bidding progressed, Frederic Volcker liked his hand more and more. Piotr Gawrys must have felt the same. Then Gawrys, a new father at age 64, had to find a lead. Of course, the ♥A was too bourgeois for him, so he duly underlead ♦K. Declarer could discard dummy's diamond loser on the ♠A, but the contract was one down anyway. First blood to Poland.

On this deal, the Poles attempted a 33 percent slam:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 9 8 4 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ Q 10 6 5 2 ♣ 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 5 3 ♥ A K Q 9 7 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ 9 6	♠ Q 10 ♥ 6 5 4 3 ♦ A 4 ♣ A K Q 7 5
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Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

5♥ good hearts partner?

North led his singleton club, which gave declarer a hint that the suit was not to break 3-3 (necessary for 12 tricks). The Poles lost 13 IMPs on the board when the French stayed out of slam in the open room.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 7 3 ♥ Q 9 8 6 3 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ K J 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 5 ♥ K J 7 2 ♦ J ♣ Q 7 5 3 2	♠ K 10 8 4 ♥ — ♦ A 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ A 9 8
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♣10. Declarer won the ace and returned the suit: jack and queen. North came in with the next club and played back a low heart: jack and ace. Declarer made exactly nine tricks: four clubs, three spades, a diamond and a heart for +600.

In the closed room, the bidding was the same, but South led a low heart which was a pleasant surprise for his partner, who had five hearts. Declarer took the ♥Q with his king and played a club to the ace and another club, playing low when North contributed the jack. North returned the ♥8 to king and ace. At this point, South switched to a diamond. Declarer won the ace and exited with a club. NS took all their remaining tricks and declarer was three down -300. That was 14 IMPs to France.

Board 10. Declarer East. All Vul.

♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ J 3 ♦ A K Q J 8 ♣ J 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 8 ♥ A K 10 7 5 4 ♦ — ♣ A 10 3 2	♠ Q 2 ♥ Q 9 8 6 2 ♦ 10 9 7 4 ♣ 9 5
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ 10 9 6 3 ♥ — ♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ K Q 7 6 4											

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West led a top diamond, ruffed by declarer. Having drawn the trumps first, declarer lost only two spade tricks. NS +600.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
INT	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Rdble	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		
2♦	1 major		
2♥	Pass or correct		

Afraid of a misfit, Volcker never introduced his clubs and missed game. 3♦ went down one but the Poles gained 11 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 8 5 2 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A K Q 7 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 9 6 4 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ 8 4 3	♠ Q 10 3 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ 6 2
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	S											
	♠ A 7 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ J 10 8 2 ♣ J 10 9											

Open room

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

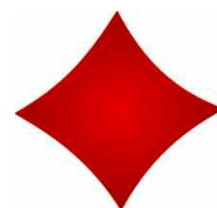
South led the ♥2: five, queen and ace. Declarer played the ♠3 to the jack and king, won the return of the ♥9 with his king and played another spade. South won, but with clubs 3-3, declarer's third spade represented his ninth trick. EW +600.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♣	Puppet to 2♦		

East's 4♠ was a bit intriguing. Sometimes the Moysian might be the only game makeable, but not this time. North kicked off with the ♦K, ducked. The next diamond was won by declarer, who ruffed the third diamond in hand. Then he cashed his three top clubs, pitching a heart, followed by a heart to the ace and a fourth diamond, ruffed with the ♠J. North did well not to overruff; instead discarding a heart. Declarer crossed to hand with ♥K and tried the ♥10, ruffed with the 8. North overruffed with the 9. With two high trumps left for the defense the contract was down one. Twelve IMPs to France.

After the first set of the quarter-finals, France was leading 64-43, including the carryover.



Killing Lead?

By Micke Melander

Leading away from an honour doesn't always feel that good, especially not when it's unsupported. With everyone vulnerable South opened Two Spades, North bid Four Hearts and all passed. What do you kick off with holding ♠J754 ♥J53 ♦Q109 ♣AJ7, when Two Spades showed 5 spades and a 4+minor 3-10?

In the match Bulgaria – Sweden in round 19 of the Bermuda Bowl Frederic Wrang faced that problem. He eventually put the nine of diamonds on the table. That was not correct when the board looked like this

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A K 6 3 ♥ 9 7 ♦ A J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 7 5 4 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ A J 7	♠ — ♥ A K Q 10 4 2 ♦ K 7 6 3 ♣ 9 6 3 ♠ Q 10 9 8 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ 2 ♣ K Q 8 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♠

As long as you don't lead a diamond or the ace of clubs declarer would be down, since he can't get rid of his diamond losers in hand when declarer can't draw trumps and the defence can kill the club suit for declarer.

What happened after the diamond lead was that Sylvan won with the ace of diamonds and tried to cash the king of spades. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond in dummy, pulled trumps and relied on the ace of clubs being onside when West had shown ace-king of spades and the ace of diamonds without bidding once... Right he was.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	All Pass		Pass

9 IMPs to Bulgaria when their teammates managed to find their 4-4 fit in spades. Stamatov went two off, which would have been poor unless Stefanov had made his contract in the other room.

A few boards later it was Sylvan's turn to lead after

seeing the following auction:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

The bidding was completely natural. So what to kick-off with when holding ♠A86 ♥943 ♦A732 ♣Q52?

This was the full deal:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 8 6 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ A 7 3 2 ♣ Q 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 10 5 3 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 7 4 3	♠ 9 4 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ K J 10 6 ♣ A K J 9 ♠ Q 7 ♥ A K J 10 8 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ 10 8 6
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Mihov did very well when, upon receiving a low diamond lead, he made the correct guess in the suit.

Declarer realised that he was in great danger having a wide open spade suit and after winning with the king of diamonds, he cashed the ace of clubs and ran all his hearts and then took the club finesse, collecting ten tricks.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass		Pass	4♥

In the Closed Room Bergdahl ended up as declarer in a contract that not only required some correct guessing but also some finessing.

Stamatov left Bergdahl almost without a losing option when he led the five of clubs. Bergdahl finessed the jack, pulled three rounds of trumps, repeated the finesse in clubs for a spade discard and then just played high diamonds establishing his tenth trick. No swing.

Bulgaria won 9 IMPs on these two boards - on a bad day they could easily have seen swings going in the other direction for maybe 20 out.

Venice Cup QF2



France v Denmark



By Brian Senior

Denmark headed the qualifying rankings and chose France as their quarter-final opponents. Under the conditions of contest France started the match with a 2.33 IMP carry-over advantage, which they extended to 7.33 in the first set, making the overall score 55.3-48. There were relatively few small swings in the second segment, but a whole host of big ones, starting with:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 6 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ A 10 9 5 4 3 ♣ K 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 3 2 ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ 7	♠ K J 10 8 5 4 ♥ A K ♦ Q 7 ♣ 5 4 2
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
–	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	2♠	5♦	5♠
All Pass			

For Denmark, Nadia Bekkouche opened the North hand with an intermediate 2♠, 10-13 with a six-card suit, and Maria Rahelt raised directly to game, shutting out Vanessa Reess, West, who could hardly come in at that level. Joanna Zochowska led her singleton club. Bekkouche won the ace and gave up a diamond. Ruffing her second diamond in the dummy, she lost the three obvious tricks for +620.

For France, Benedicte Cronier opened 1♠ and Sylvie Willard resounded 2♣, just a one-round force in French Standard. That left plenty of room for Anne-Sofie Houlberg, who overcalled 2♦. When Christina Lund Madsen leaped to 5♦ over Cronier's 2♠ rebid, Willard had no idea which side might be making what so bid 5♠ which ended the auction. There were the same three inevitable losers and that was

down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to Denmark, who led by 62-59.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 9 6 ♥ Q 10 8 4 3 ♦ Q ♣ 10 8 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 8 2 ♥ A 9 5 2 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ J 7 5	♠ K 4 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ A K 9 4 3
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	S											

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Neither N/S pair were playing two-over-one game-forcing so both Norths could respond 2♣ then raise the repeated suit to 3♦. For the Danes, that was encouraging but passable. Rahelt judged that her bare king and long weak spades would make game a poor proposition so passed. For the French, the sequence must have become forcing once the fit was found because Willard showed the spade stopper them when Cronier went back to 4♦, denying the ability, or desire, to bid 3NT, cuebid 4♥ on the way to 5♦, hardly the action of someone facing a game-invitational sequence.

Reess led the ten of spades against 3♦. Zochowska won and underled the heart at trick two, hoping to put declarer to a guess. That is the sort of guess I like as declarer. The bare king scored and when both minors rolled in there were 12 tricks for +170.

Houlberg too led the ten of spades and Willard played low. Madsen won the ace and she too saw a low heart switch as the only chance for the defence. Willard won, drew trumps and had 12 tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to France, back in the lead at 69-62.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 3 2 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A J 7 6 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 7 5 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ A 8 7 5 3 ♣ 10 4	♠ A K 6 4 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ K J 10 9 2 ♣ K
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W E						
S						
		♠ Q 10 9 8 ♥ J 10 8 6 ♦ 4 ♣ Q 9 8 3				

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
–	–	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Houlberg/Madsen had the simplest of auctions, with Madsen raising the INT response to game. With no attractive alternative, Cronier led her fourth-best diamond and Houlberg could win the six in hand to lead a heart up. Cronier ducked so the king scored and now Houlberg played a diamond to the queen. Cronier won the ace and returned a low spade. Houlberg won and cashed the diamonds then overtook the king of clubs with the ace to lead a second heart up. That established her ninth trick for +600.

Reess did not like to respond INT with such an anti-positional hand so tried a baby psyche of 1♥ on the three small cards, hoping not to hear a too vigorous heart raise from partner. Her 2NT was a non-forcing transfer to 3♣, which she intended to pass. However, Zochowska was too strong to be willing to stop short of game and instead bid out her pattern with 3♥ and now Reess had to sign off in 3NT.

Having seen a much more revealing auction than in the other room, Bekkouche found the best lead of a spade, choosing the jack. Reess ducked so Rahelt overtook with the queen and continued with the eight. Reess won and cashed the king of clubs then led a diamond to her queen, hoping to find the ace onside so that she would have an entry to hand. No such luck, The diamond lost to the ace and a third spade came back. Reess won and cashed the diamonds then led the king of hearts and had to lose two hearts and a spade for down one and –100; 12 IMPs to Denmark, who retook the lead at 74-69.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ 6 5 4 3 ♣ A K 8 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 6 5 2 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ J 9 6	♠ A J 9 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A K Q 10 ♣ 10 4 3
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W E						
S						
		♠ 10 8 4 3 ♥ K Q J 4 3 ♦ J 8 ♣ Q 5				

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Houlberg/Madsen had an uncontested auction to 3NT, played by West. Cronier led the five of spades and Houlberg made the normal-looking play of dummy's nine, losing to the ten. Willard switched to the king of hearts but, on seeing partner's count signal, switched back to spades at trick three, Houlberg ducking the queen. Cronier played a low spade to the ace, clearing the suit, while declarer pitched a diamond then a club from hand. Houlberg cashed two rounds of diamonds and, on seeing that she had four winners in the suit, next played three rounds of clubs in an attempt set up her ninth trick.



Anne-Sofie Houlberg, Denmark



Joanna Zochowska, France

However, Cronier won the third club and had two spades to cash so the contract was two down for -100.

Rahelt overcalled in the other room and this led to an auction in which the same contract was reached but from the other hand. Rahelt led the king of hearts and continued with the queen. Zochowska won the second heart and led a diamond to hand followed by a club, putting in the eight as an avoidance play. That lost to the nine but the clubs were now established without any risk of the hand with the long hearts gaining the lead. There were ten tricks now for +430 and 11 IMPs to France, who had once again retaken the lead at 80-74.

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both Wests overcalled 2♥. Madsen responded 2NT as East and was raised to the no trump game. Zochowska passed the east hand and now Rahelt reopened with a double. Bekkouche responded 2NT, which would appear to have been intended as a puppet to 3♣ but taken as two places to play.

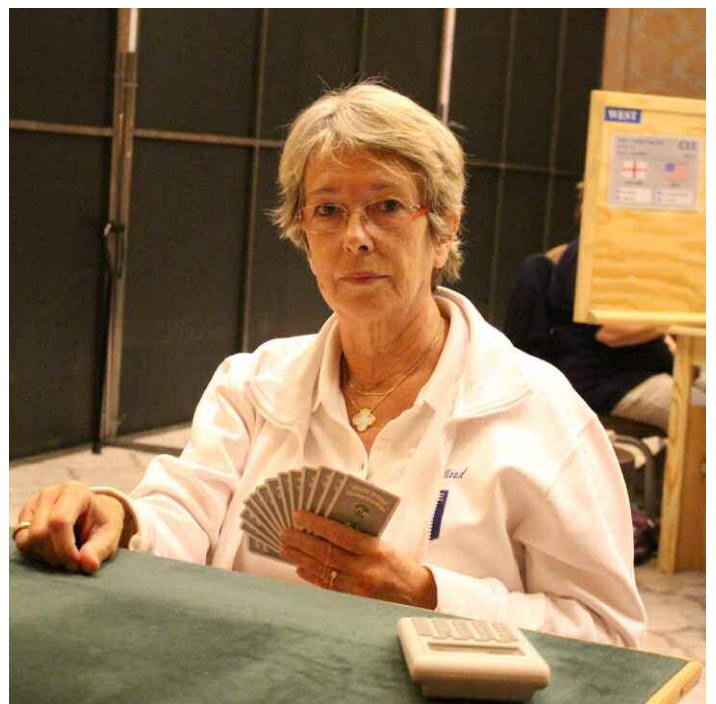
Rahelt's 3♦ was not a thing of beauty but she did her best, winning the club lead and playing ace and ruff a spade, a heart to the ace and ruff a second spade. She gave up a heart now, won by Reess who returned her low diamond to Zochowska's eight and Rahelt's queen. Declarer exited again, this time with a spade. Reess won and played the jack of diamonds but, when that was ducked, had to lead a heart next and this enabled declarer to get two more trump tricks to escape for just one down and -100.

Willard led a spade against Madsen's no trump game and that was won cheaply in the dummy. Madsen played the queen of clubs, ducked, then the king of hearts, pinning her own queen but retaining the lead in dummy to continue to play hearts. Willard didn't bother to duck the heart. She won the ace and, in desperation, tried the queen of diamonds in hope that her partner might have a useful holding in the suit. It was not to be. Madsen won the king and led a spade and Willard grabbed her ace and cashed the ace of diamonds then played a club to cash her partner's ace. Cronier did not have the hoped for jack of diamonds, so Madsen had the rest, nine tricks for +600 and 11 IMPs to Denmark. Once again the lead had changed hands, this time seeing Denmark move into an 85-80 IMP lead.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 4		
	♥ 7 5 4 3		
	♦ 9 6		
	♣ A 10 9 7 6 4		
♠ K Q 9 8	N	♠ J 3 2	
♥ K J 10 9 6 2	W	♥ Q	
♦ J 5	E	♦ K 10 8 3 2	
♣ Q	S	♣ K J 3 2	
	♠ A 10 7 6 5		
	♥ A 8		
	♦ A Q 7 4		
	♣ 8 5		

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			



Sylvie Willard, France

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 9 5 4		
	♥ A Q J 9 4		
	♦ 7 6		
	♣ 10 9 4		
♠ K J 7 6	N W E S	♠ A Q 8 3 2	
♥ 7 5		♥ 10 8 3	
♦ K J 4 2		♦ 9 5	
♣ 8 7 2		♣ A J 6	
	♠ 10		
	♥ K 6 2		
	♦ A Q 10 8 3		
	♣ K Q 5 3		

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
–	–	1♠	2♦
2NT	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
–	–	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

Madsen opened 2♠, 11-14 balanced with five spades, and Houlberg raised pre-emptively to 3♠ over the double. That, however, was not sufficient to silence Cronier, who bid 4♥ and was left to play there. Madsen led the five of diamonds, Polish-style low from a doubleton, to the queen and king. Houlberg switched to the jack of spades. Madsen overtook with the queen to continue with a second diamond but this confirmed what declarer already suspected about that suit. Cronier won the ace of diamonds and played a heart to hand then the ten of clubs, intending to run it. Madsen went up with the ace and returned a club to dummy's king. Cronier drew trumps ending in dummy then took the ruffing diamond finesse, and had ten tricks for +420.

Zochowska opened at the one level and Reess showed a constructive raise to 3♠. With a minimum opening, Zochowska let her opponents get on with playing 4♥. She led the ace of spades then switched to the nine of diamonds. Bekkouche won the ace and played a low diamond back, Reess winning the jack. A spade return forced dummy to ruff, and Bekkouche crossed to hand with a trump to ruff her last spade. She then tried to get back to hand to draw trumps by ruffing a diamond with the nine and was over-ruffed with the ten. Zochowska cashed the ace of clubs and that was down one for –50 and 10 IMPs to France and their turn to regain the lead; 90-85.



Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ 2		
	♥ 9 2		
	♦ A K 10 8 7 6 5 2		
	♣ J 4		
♠ A Q 9 5	N W E S	♠ 7 4	
♥ J 10 6 5		♥ A Q 8 3	
♦ 9 4 3		♦ Q J	
♣ K 3		♣ 10 8 7 6 5	
	♠ K J 10 8 6 3		
	♥ K 7 4		
	♦ –		
	♣ A Q 9 2		

West	North	East	South
Reess	Bekkouche	Zochowska	Rahelt
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♣	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Houlberg	Cronier	Madsen	Willard
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Bekkouche opened 3NT, a four-level pre-empt in an unspecified minor, and Rahelt guessed to pass, an interesting choice. Reess doubled because she had a maximum for her initial pass and held both majors – a dubious action and one which came back to bite her as Rahelt was delighted to double Zochowska's 4♣ response.

Rahelt led the ten of spades, Zochowska putting in dummy's queen and running the jack of hearts. The king of spades saw dummy's ace ruffed out and next Bekkouche cashed the top diamonds, allowing Rahelt to throw her remaining hearts. The third winning diamond was ruffed and over-ruffed and a low spade ruffed with the jack. Now a heart was ruffed and there was still the ace of trumps to come. That was five down and –1400. Ouch!

Life was much more straightforward in the other room, where Cronier opened 5♦ and played there. The contract is a poor one, of course, needing the queen-jack doubleton trump just for starters. Madsen led a spade to the jack and queen and Houlberg switched to a heart. Madsen won the ace and led a second spade and Houlberg, seeing that her ace would be ruffed, played low. However, intelligent though that play might have been, there was no defence after the second spade play, Cronier threw her club loser on the spade, came to hand, and played diamonds from the top; 11 tricks and +400 but 14 IMPs to Denmark. So much for Cronier's good result!

After two sets of their six-set quarter-final, Denmark led France by 100-90.33 IMPs.



d'Orsi Trophy QF 3



Ireland v USA2



By Brian Senior

Ireland are only here in Chennai because a qualifier dropped out at short notice and they were next in line in last year's European Senior Championship. So far, they have grabbed the opportunity with both hands and qualified for the knock-outs in third place. After two sets of their quarter-final match with USA2 they led by 80-74 including their 11-IMP carryover advantage. Set three began very quietly – after seven deals the set score was only 3-2 in favour of USA2, 82-77 to Ireland overall.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A ♣ A Q J 9 6 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 9 7 ♥ Q 9 5 2 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ K 7 4	♠ K 5 3 ♥ A J 10 7 6 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Fitzgibbon	Tolliver	Mesbur
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Dble
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Barry	J. Clerkin	Anderson	D. Clerkin
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

For Ireland, Pat Barry's 2♣ opening was strong and artificial but not game-forcing, and 2♦ was a relay. The rest of the auction was natural, culminating in a dubious pass from Barry – how often will 4NT be a safer spot than 5♣?

Four No Trump was no fun on the lead of the ten of diamonds. Barry won the bare ace and played ace and another club, happy to lose a trick to the king if it was on his right but not to left-hand opponent. Alas, the king was

on his left and it was not dropping, and when he won the king Jerry Clerkin led a second diamond and brother Dennis had five of those to cash for down three and -150.

That looked to open up the possibility of the first major swing of the set, but no. For USA2. Marc Zwerling opened with a strong club. The INT response was a positive with five or more hearts and a series of relays and responses saw the Americans try the club slam, just on the club finesse. With the king of clubs offside, 6♣ was one down for -50 and the swing was only 3 IMPs to USA2, closing to 80-82 overall.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 4 3 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ K J 8 5 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 5 ♥ A Q 9 8 ♦ K J 9 8 6 3 ♣ 2	♠ A J 10 7 6 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ Q 6
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West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Fitzgibbon	Tolliver	Mesbur
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	4♦	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Barry	J. Clerkin	Anderson	D. Clerkin
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When West raised to 2♠, both Norths overcalled 3♦ and both Souths took a shot at 3NT. For Ireland, Rex Anderson, East, let that go unmolested, while for USA2 Mark Tolliver doubled. Adam Mesbur redoubled to express doubt and Nick Fitzgibbon had no doubt at all that this meant 3NT was doomed. He ran to the 'safety' of his six-card suit and Tolliver doubled for a second time.

Barry led a club against 3NT. Declarer won his ace and tried running the seven of diamonds, losing to the ten. The defence cashed five spade tricks and Anderson exited with a heart. Declarer could take four of those but that was all; down four for -400.

Tolliver led the queen of clubs against 4♦ doubled. Fitzgibbon won the ace and led the two of diamonds to the

nine and ten. He ruffed the club return and played the king of diamonds to Tolliver's ace. Now came ace of spades followed by the jack for the queen and king. Zwerling returned a low club and Fitzgibbon ruffed as Tolliver discarded a heart. Down to only two trumps, the same length as East, declarer could not afford to play another round of trumps. Instead he played winning hearts and Tolliver made both his low diamond and the queen for down three and -800. That gave 9 IMPs to USA2, who had the lead at 89-84.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

		♠ K 9 6 3			
		♥ J 6 5 3			
		♦ J 10			
		♣ K 8 5			
♠ Q J 8	<table border="1" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 4
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♣ A 6		♣ Q J 9 4			
		♠ 10 7 5 2			
		♥ A K Q 10			
		♦ 5			
		♣ 10 7 3 2			

West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Fitzgibbon	Tolliver	Mesbur
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Barry	J. Clerkin	Anderson	D. Clerkin
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	All Pass



Nicholas Fitzgibbon, Ireland

Barry's 1♦ was natural and 3♦ invitational. Barry bid 3♠ as a no trump probe and Anderson, who could see that there was no heart stopper between the two hands, signed off in 4♦. Zwerling's 1♦ was Precision, 10-15 but promising no diamond length. The 3♣ response is described as both minors with only competitive values, i.e. less than invitational. I would guess that 4♦ was therefore invitational to game and that Tolliver judged his hand to be a maximum so raised.

With two hearts to be lost, 5♦ required two black-suit finesses to succeed while 4♦ required one finesse out of two. The spade was onside, the club offside, so that was +130 to Ireland, -50 to USA2, and Ireland had 5 IMPs to tie the match at 89-89.

3NT rates to make here as after the defence cashes four heart tricks, it will be clear to take the spade rather than the club finesse, as the spade finesse is into a passed hand which has already turned up with ♥AKQ.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

		♠ A J 9 7			
		♥ K J 9 3			
		♦ 9 5			
		♣ Q 6 3			
♠ 10 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 6
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♦ K J 4	♦ A 10 7 6				
♣ A J 9 5 2		♣ 10 4			
		♠ K Q 5 3 2			
		♥ 2			
		♦ Q 8 3 2			
		♣ K 8 7			

West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Fitzgibbon	Tolliver	Mesbur
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Barry	J. Clerkin	Anderson	D. Clerkin
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

Fitzgibbon's 1♦ was Precision, promising two or more diamonds, and Mesbur's 1♠ showed five. When Fitzgibbon could raise spades and Tolliver competed to 3♥ on the East hand, Mesbur doubled as a game try for spades but Fitzgibbon, with a very minimum hand for his opening bid, quickly signed off.

Jerry's 1♦ was also Precision, but didn't promise any diamonds. Over Anderson's overcall, 2♥ was either six spades invitational or five-plus spades invitational or better. Jerry competed to 3♠ over 3♣ and played there.

Zwerling led the five of hearts, third and low, against Mesbur, who put in the jack. Tolliver won the queen and switched to the ten of clubs which ran to dummy's queen.

Mesbur ruffed a heart, led a spade to the jack and continued with the king of hearts, ruffing out the ace while pinning the ten. He played the king of spades to dummy's ace and took a club pitch on the nine of hearts then gave up a club. The club ruff in hand was his ninth trick for a nicely played +140.

Jerry, playing it from the North hand, did not have the benefit of a heart lead. Anderson led the ten of clubs, which ran to declarer's queen. He drew trumps in two rounds then led the two of heart to the nine and queen. Anderson returned a club so Barry took two of those and there were two diamonds to come for the defence; down one for v50 and another 5 IMPs to Ireland, who led by 95-89.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 9 7 6 ♥ A 8 6 3 ♦ Q J ♣ Q 9</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ K 10 7 6 5 4 ♣ A 10 4 2</p>	<p>♠ J 5 ♥ K Q J 7 5 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ J 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A 10 8 3 2 ♥ 9 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ K 6 5 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zwerling	Fitzgibbon	Tolliver	Mesbur
2♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Barry	J. Clerkin	Anderson	D. Clerkin
1♠	3♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Zwerling opened 2♦, 10-15 with five spades and four hearts, and Tolliver, with superb support, jumped to 4♥, where he played. There were five top losers and the defence made no mistake in taking them; -200.

Barry opened at the one level and Jerry overcalled 3♦, weak. Dennis raised that to game. With a heart loser and a club loser, Jerry just had to bring in the trumps without loss. Fortunately, the fact that he required a heart ruff in the dummy meant that there was no possibility of starting diamonds with the king then following restricted choice unsuccessfully. As the cards lay there were 11 tricks for +400 and 5 IMPs to USA2.

At the midpoint in the match Ireland led by 97-94. USA2 had won all three sets, but by only a total of 8 IMPs, so the Irish carryover advantage still gave them a narrow edge.

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Championship Diary

Nicolas Lhuissier is as a member of the French Open team engaged (as I type) in a titanic struggle with Poland in the quarter final of the Bermuda Bowl.

In French his name means Bailiff, but by profession, when he is not teaching bridge, he is a writer of songs - good ones according to our French correspondent.

One of his songs, *La mauvaise réputation* (parodie de Georges Brassens) is about bridge. You can listen to it at:

<http://www.nicolaslhuissier.fr/Chansons.html>
- it is number 24.

Francesca has taken hundreds of photos - trying to identify the Hackett twins she showed one of the Editors both pictures and then asked 'Is it Justin or Jason?' to which she received the reply: 'Yes.'

Jan van Cleeff was enjoying breakfast when he was joined by Patrick Jourdain who asked if he would like to answer a trivia question.

'Who is the highest ranked British player competing in the Transnationals?'

After a suitable pause Jan opined 'Patrick Jourdain.'

'Right,' said Patrick, 'I'm the only one competing.'

'Aah,' said Jan, 'then there is no need to ask who is the lowest ranked.'

Registration for the Side Events

Registration is now open for the three Pairs events to be held on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October.

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Outplaying the Analyst

By Mark Horton

At every major championship, the journalists are always on the lookout for something brilliant, but it is frequently the case that on most of the potential deals no one finds the winning line.

England's Paul Barden wondered if anyone had played in 6♣ on this deal from Round 14:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 10 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ A K 7 5 4 ♣ A K Q	♠ Q J 7 5 4 3 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ 2 ♣ J 9 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 2 ♥ 9 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 3 ♣ 4 3	♠ K 9 8 6 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ 6 ♣ 10 8 7 6 5	
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He imagined this scenario:

You open a strong club, North overcalls in spades, and you reach 6♣ (this didn't happen that I know of, but it could).

North leads a trump (or a diamond) but let's say a trump.

You win, cash a diamond, ruff a diamond, bad news. North thinks for a long time then discards a spade - he's worked out that if he ruffs high and returns a trump you'll discard one of dummy's hearts on his ruff, and another on the king of diamonds, then he'll be caught in a trump squeeze as you ruff diamonds.

You place him with the jack of clubs for his think. It's no good crossing in spades to ruff another diamond, or North will ruff up and give South a spade ruff. Nor can you use the ace of hearts. So you cross in trumps and lead a diamond. He discards another spade for the same reason. As before it does no good to cross in spades to lead another diamond - North can ruff high and lead a spade honour, breaking up the squeeze. So, you change tack, draw the last trump and lead the king of diamonds in this position:

♠ A 10 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ K 7 ♣ —	♠ Q J 7 5 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ — ♣ — <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 2 ♥ 9 7 3 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ —	♠ K 9 8 6 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ — ♣ —	
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North is caught in an unusual strip-squeeze. If he pitches a heart, you discard a spade from dummy and endplay him with ace and queen of hearts. If he pitches a spade, you discard a heart and play three rounds of spades, endplaying him to give you a heart trick and an entry to dummy.

Quite a hand, so I checked the records to see if anyone had reached 6♣. In all three series, only one pair had matched the first part of the equation.

This was the auction from the Closed Room in the match between Austria & Norway in the d'Orsi Trophy.

West	North	East	South
Kubak	Anderssen	Bamberger	Marstander
1♣*	1♠	Pass*	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

1♣ Blue Club
 Pass 0-7
 3NT Spade stopper, 5+ clubs

North led the two of diamonds and declarer won and correctly played back a diamond. North refused to ruff, pitching a spade and declarer ruffed, came to hand with a club, ruffed a diamond, came to hand with a club and ruffed yet another diamond.

This is a clear improvement on the line already described; it was clear from my conversation with declarer that he had worked out that if North ruffed in with the jack of clubs at any point he would be subjected to a squeeze. When he refused to do so declarer came to hand with the ace of hearts and drew the last trump. He could now play the queen of hearts, establishing a twelfth trick.

During my research I discovered that a couple of pairs had bid to 6NT, North leading the queen of spades.

Declarer can win in hand, unblock the clubs and run the ten of spades. Suppose he then plays the ♥Q? North must duck, but then declarer cashes the ♦AK, extracting any potential exit cards from North and plays the ace of hearts and a heart. North wins but has to give dummy the last three tricks. A beautiful combination of a Dentist's Coup and Stepping Stone.

(No doubt you have noticed that a minor suit lead defeats 6NT.)

The opportunity was missed, as 6NT failed at both tables. Now I'll leave you with a question:

Is this deal a contender for best played hand, best bid hand, or even, considering North's refusal to ruff in, best defence?

Bermuda Bowl QF 4



USA I v England



By Brent Manley

Halfway through their match with England in the quarterfinals of the Bermuda Bowl, USA I appeared to have momentum on their side after closing out Sunday afternoon with a 52-16 set to pull to within 2 IMPs after trailing by 38.

Set four did not produce much in the way of IMPs, at least not on the first three boards, but England scored well on this deal when Nick Nickell and Ralph Katz got too high.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ 10 9 3 2	♠ J 2 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ K Q J 6 <div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 6 ♥ K J 6 5 ♦ J 8 5 3 2 ♣ A 8 5	♠ A K Q 10 8 4 3 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ 9 ♣ 7 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Ja. Hackett</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Ju. Hackett</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	DbI
2♠	2NT	3♥	4♦
All Pass			



Eric Rodwell, USA I

Jeff Meckstroth had no difficulty coming to 10 tricks for plus 130. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Gold</i>
Pass	1♣	3♠	DbI*
4♠	Pass	Pass	DbI
All Pass			

David Gold led a trump, taken by Katz with the 8. He led a diamond to dummy's king at trick two. David Bakhshi won with the ace to play another trump. Katz had seven spades and the ♥A but no more, so he was two down for minus 500. That was 9 IMPs to England.

The IMPs started piling up on both sides two boards later when the Americans took the lead.

Board 22. Dealer Est. EW Vul.

♠ Q 7 2 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ J 5 ♣ Q 10 9 8 3	♠ 8 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♦ 10 8 7 6 4 ♣ J 6 4 <div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A J 9 6 5 4 ♥ 7 6 2 ♠ A Q 9 ♣ A	♠ K 10 3 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ K 7 5 2	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Gold</i>
3NT	All Pass	INT	2♠

Gold started with a low spade, taken by Katz with the 10. He played a club at trick two and Gold won perforce. He continued with the ♦Q and when Katz won with the king he had to cash out rather than trying to establish another spade trick. Nine tricks meant plus 600 to USA I.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ja. Hackett</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Ju. Hackett</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Redbl	Pass	INT	DbI*
All Pass		Pass	2♠

DbI 1 minor or majors or a good 2♠ overcall or other good hand

Meckstroth managed seven tricks, one down for minus 50, but it was an 11-IMP swing to USA I, who took a 114-113 lead. That lead increased on the next deal.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Gold</i>
			Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bakhshi started with the ♦A, switching to the ♣9 at trick two. Nickell won in hand with the 10 and played his other diamond. When Bakhshi played low, Nickell made no mistake. He overtook the ♦10 with the queen and played a heart to his jack. He then cashed his black-suit winners, throwing Gold in with a spade at the end. With nothing left but hearts, Gold had to concede the ninth trick to Nickell. Plus 600 was good for 10 IMPs because at the other table the Hacketts played in 3♦, making, for plus 110. USA 1 was ahead 124-113.

The tide started turning on the next board.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Gold</i>
1♥	1♠	INT	2♣
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Holding the ♦A as his entry, Gold had no problem selecting his lead – the ♣A. He continued with the ♣J, ducked by Katz. The ♣K won trick three and declarer played a spade to his queen, followed by a heart to the jack.

Bakhshi took the ♥Q and returned a diamond. Gold cashed his clubs for three down – plus 150 to England. The Hacketts found a better spot at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ja. Hackett</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Ju. Hackett</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Jason Hackett lost two hearts, a diamond and a club for plus 140 and a 7-IMP gain. It was 124-120 at that point. There was more bad news for the Americans coming.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ja. Hackett</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Ju. Hackett</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Meckstroth led the ♥9 to the king and ace. Justin Hackett cashed the ♦A (if someone plays the jack or queen, there might be chances for four tricks in that suit). When all followed low on the high diamonds, Justin played a spade to dummy's king, followed by a spade to the 10 and jack. The 3-3 spade split meant four tricks in that suit, bringing the trick total to eight. Declarer took the club finesse and scored up plus 600.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Gold</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Katz also got heart lead, and he ducked at trick one. In with the second heart, Katz also cashed the ♦A before playing a low club to dummy's 9, a surprising play considering that the odds of taking four tricks in spades must be much better than for getting four tricks out of the club suit. That requires the king and jack to be onside and for the suit to split favorably. In any case, the contract was down when Bakhshi took the ♣J and the opponents cashed their heart winners. Katz finished two down for minus 200. The 13-IMP swing changed the score to 133-124 for England. More IMPs went England's way on the next board.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K 4 ♥ A Q 10 8 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ A Q 6</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 6 2 ♥ K J 6 3 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ 8 7 5 4</p>	
<p>♠ J 10 8 5 3 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ 9 3</p>		<p>♠ Q 9 7 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ K J 10 2</p>	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ja. Hackett</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Ju. Hackett</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
All Pass			

1♣ Strong, artificial and forcing
2♦ 8-10 balanced

Justin Hackett led the ♦Q, taken by Rodwell in hand, West following with the 9. Rodwell played the ♣A and a club to dummy's 10, followed by a heart to his 10 and East's jack. The ♦J came back, taken in dummy. Rodwell cashed his black-suit winners, ending in dummy and could have made his contract by throwing East in with a diamond, but it was not clear that East had only one diamond left. Rodwell played a heart to his queen and was down one for a 12-IMP loss. At the other table, Bakhshi played in 4NT, a safe contract. After the ♦Q lead, he took one shot at an overtrick or two by playing a heart to his 10. When it lost to the jack and East cleared the diamond suit, Bakhshi settled for 10 tricks and plus 630.

England's lead had grown to 145-124. From boards 24 through 32, England outscored USA 1 41-6 to finish the set ahead 154-130.



Jason Hackett, England

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Fast start (BB QF I)



USA I v England



By Brent Manley

USA I, one of the pre-tournament favorites to win the Bermuda Bowl, started the knockout phase of the event with an 11-IMP carryover deficit to England based on their round robin match. England prevailed in that encounter by a score of 31-9. USA started the session with a bang.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K Q J 10 6 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q J 4 3 2 ♣ -	♠ A 3 ♥ K Q J ♦ A 7 ♣ A 10 6 5 3 2	N W E S	♠ 9 8 7 5 4 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ J
West <i>Robson</i> 4♠ Pass All Pass	North <i>Rodwell</i> 2NT Pass 5♠		East <i>Forrester</i> Pass Pass Pass
			South <i>Meckstroth</i> 3♦* 5♣ 6♣



Tony Forrester, England

There was nothing to the play, declarer losing only to the ♥A. That was plus 920 to USA 2. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Gold</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
3♠	DbI	5♠	6♣
Pass	7♣	DbI	All Pass

The lead of the ♥A got things over quickly. Plus 100 meant a 14-IMP swing to USA I. Suddenly, it was 14-11 in favor of the Americans. The next board put England back in the lead.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 9 5 4 ♥ K 7 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ K J 4	♠ J 10 6 3 2 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ A K 10 5 ♣ Q	N W E S	♠ K 8 ♥ J 9 4 3 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ A 9 7 6
West <i>Nickell</i> 1♠ Pass DbI	North <i>Bakhshi</i> Pass DbI 2♦		East <i>Katz</i> Pass INT Redbl DbI
			South <i>Gold</i> Pass Pass 2♣ All Pass


Ralph Katz led a low trump to 3, 8 and 10. David Bakhshi led a low spade from hand, taken by Katz with the 8. He played a second trump, won by dummy's jack. A heart went to declarer's ace, and he ruffed a spade with dummy's last trump, then played a heart, taken by Nick Nickell with the king. A club went to the queen and ace, followed by a heart, ruffed by Nickell. Declarer still had the top trumps left, but he was two down for minus 500. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	INT	DbI	2♣
DbI	Redbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	DbI	All Pass

Andrew Robson led the ♥K to dummy's ace, the ♠J ran around to Robson's queen and he continued with a heart to the queen. Jeff Meckstroth ruffed a spade in hand and

played a diamond to dummy's ace. He cashed the $\diamond K$ and played the $\clubsuit Q$ to Forrester's ace. Forrester was able to pick up Meckstroth's last trump with the jack. He then played a club to his partner's jack. The $\clubsuit K$ and $\spadesuit A$ took the last two tricks for the defense, putting the contract three down for minus 800. That was 7 IMPs to England, back in the lead at 18-14, and they tacked on 12 more IMPs on this deal.

Board 6. Declarer East. EW Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 8 4 3 \heartsuit A Q 8 6 4 \diamond A K 9 4 \clubsuit Q</p>		<p>\spadesuit 6 2 \heartsuit K J 2 \diamond Q 10 3 2 \clubsuit A 10 9 3</p>	
<p>West Nickell</p>	<p>North Bakhshi</p>	<p>East Katz Pass</p>	<p>South Gold 2\spadesuit</p>


\spadesuit Q 10 9
\heartsuit 10 9
\diamond J 8 6 5
\clubsuit K J 6 2
\spadesuit A K J 7 5
\heartsuit 7 5 3
\diamond 7
\clubsuit 8 7 5 4

All Pass

Someone should have doubled 2 \spadesuit , but no one did and David Gold stole the board, going down one for minus 50 while his teammates at the other table went plus 650 in 4 \heartsuit . England's lead had grown to 39-14.

USA finally broke through with a 12-IMP gain on this deal.

Board 10. Declarer East. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A 7 5 4 \heartsuit J 3 \diamond A K Q J 8 \clubsuit J 8</p>		<p>\spadesuit Q 2 \heartsuit Q 9 8 6 2 \diamond 10 9 7 4 \clubsuit 9 5</p>	
<p>West Nickell</p>	<p>North Bakhshi</p>	<p>East Katz Pass Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South Gold Pass Pass 4\clubsuit 4\clubsuit</p>

\spadesuit K J 8
\heartsuit A K 10 7 5 4
\diamond —
\clubsuit A 10 3 2
\spadesuit 10 9 6 3
\heartsuit —
\diamond 6 5 3 2
\clubsuit K Q 7 6 4

Nickell led the $\diamond K$, ruffed in dummy. Gold played a club to the king and a spade to dummy's jack. Katz won the $\spadesuit Q$ and returned the suit. Nickell won with the ace and gave his partner a spade ruff for one down: minus 100. It is likely Gold expected Nickell to have both missing spade honors and was planning to get back to hand with a trump for a second spade lead if Nickell played low on the first spade.

<p>West Robson</p>	<p>North Rodwell</p>	<p>East Forrester Pass 2\diamond^* Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South Meckstroth Pass Pass 4\clubsuit</p>
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Rodwell's double of INT indicated one minor or both majors (he did have nine cards in the two suits). In 5♣, Meckstroth ruffed the opening diamond lead, played a club to the king and ruffed another diamond, then played the ♣A, pulling the last two trumps. Meckstroth's remaining diamond losers went on the top two hearts. He ruffed a heart to hand and claimed, conceding two spades, for plus 600.

The Americans picked up 7 IMPs on board 14 when Katz's weak 2♥ bid was passed out. He went three down for minus 150, but his opponents were cold for 10 tricks in notrump. Indeed, Rodwell at the other table had no difficulty scoring plus 430.

The penultimate deal put USA 1 ahead in the set at 37-33.

Board 15. Declarer South. NS Vul.

♠ A ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ K J 8 3 2 ♣ A K Q 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ K 7 4 ♥ 7 2 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ 10 8 6 5 3	♠ Q J 10 9 6 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ Q 4 ♣ J 7 4
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		♠ 8 5 2 ♥ A K Q 10 6 4 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ 2										

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Bakhshi	Katz	Gold
			3♥

All Pass

Gold had six heart tricks, the ♦A and ♠K, but that was one short: minus 100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Robson	Rodwell	Forrester	Meckstroth
			1♥
Pass	INT	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Meckstroth led the ♥K, switching to his singleton club at trick two. Forrester won the ♣A and played the ♦K at trick two. Rodwell won and returned a club for his partner to ruff. Meckstroth cashed the ♥A and continued with the queen, ruffed by Forrester. The defenders had four tricks with the trump king still to come. Plus 50 was good for a 4-IMP gain. With the carryover, England had the lead at 44-37 after the first of six sets.

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- 1st December**
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 - 6 pm : Opening Ceremony
- 2nd December** : Open Pairs
Captains Meeting
- 3rd December** : Mixed Teams
- 4,5,6 December** : Open / Ladies
Senior / Youth Teams
- 6th December**
 - 8 pm : Victory Dinner,
Prize Presentation

Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

Open Pairs	US \$ 100
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Open/Ladies/Seniors Teams	US \$ 400
Youth Teams	US \$ 150



Venue & Accommodation

The Montien Hotel,
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RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl QF

Team	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
BULGARIA	8.5	10.0	18.5	34.0	52.5	21.0	73.5	48.0	121.5	40.0	161.5	41.0	202.5
SWEDEN	0.0	57.0	57.0	43.0	100.0	23.0	123.0	39.0	162.0	36.0	198.0	25.0	223.0
CHINA	16.0	77.0	93.0	8.0	101.0	34.0	135.0	32.0	167.0	31.0	198.0	38.0	236.0
USA2	0.0	37.0	37.0	35.0	72.0	38.0	110.0	19.0	129.0	66.0	195.0	43.0	238.0
ENGLAND	11.0	33.0	44.0	41.0	85.0	16.0	101.0	53.0	154.0	47.0	201.0	14.0	215.0
USA1	0.0	37.0	37.0	10.0	47.0	52.0	99.0	31.0	130.0	23.0	153.0	42.0	195.0
POLAND	0.0	43.0	43.0	37.0	80.0	22.0	102.0	40.0	142.0	36.0	178.0	33.0	211.0
FRANCE	8.0	56.0	64.0	40.0	104.0	23.0	127.0	33.0	160.0	15.0	175.0	22.0	197.0

Venice Cup QF

Team	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
DENMARK	0.0	48.0	48.0	52.0	100.0	18.0	118.0	7.0	125.0	38.0	163.0	21.0	184.0
FRANCE	2.3	53.0	55.3	35.0	90.3	22.0	112.3	35.0	147.3	21.0	168.3	64.0	232.3
USA1	16.0	19.0	35.0	30.0	65.0	22.0	87.0	43.0	130.0	38.0	168.0	16.0	184.0
ENGLAND	0.0	44.0	44.0	40.0	84.0	19.0	103.0	45.0	148.0	43.0	191.0	34.0	225.0
ITALY	0.0	48.0	48.0	49.0	97.0	14.0	111.0	18.0	129.0	23.0	152.0	50.0	202.0
NETHERLANDS	4.7	47.0	51.7	37.0	88.7	33.0	121.7	69.0	190.7	32.0	222.7	51.0	273.7
USA2	4.0	47.0	51.0	23.0	74.0	20.0	94.0	16.0	110.0	59.0	169.0	32.0	201.0
CHINA	0.0	48.0	48.0	35.0	83.0	38.0	121.0	5.0	126.0	17.0	143.0	32.0	175.0

d'Orsi Trophy QF

Team	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Total
USA1	0.0	49.0	49.0	53.0	102.0	49.0	151.0	18.0	169.0	37.0	206.0	14.0	220.0
NORWAY	1.7	25.0	26.7	38.0	64.7	24.0	88.7	38.0	126.7	25.0	151.7	31.0	182.7
IRELAND	11.0	32.0	43.0	37.0	80.0	17.0	97.0	16.0	113.0	25.0	138.0	29.0	167.0
USA2	0.0	34.0	34.0	40.0	74.0	20.0	94.0	33.0	127.0	24.0	151.0	41.0	192.0
POLAND	4.5	50.0	54.5	54.0	108.5	13.0	121.5	32.0	153.5	36.0	189.5	30.0	219.5
ENGLAND	0.0	26.0	26.0	31.0	57.0	36.0	93.0	32.0	125.0	53.0	178.0	18.0	196.0
AUSTRALIA	10.0	45.0	55.0	79.0	134.0	18.0	152.0	13.0	165.0	13.0	178.0	17.0	195.0
SWEDEN	0.0	37.0	37.0	25.0	62.0	44.0	106.0	36.0	142.0	43.0	185.0	68.0	253.0

Transnational Open Teams

After Match 10

TEAM	VP		
1 NETHERLANDS	133.86	44 NAVIN	99.38
2 BURAS	123.98	45 BANGLADESH	99.22
3 ZIMMERMANN	123.86	46 ARUN JAIN	97.62
4 CHINA HENGYUANXIANG	122.47	47 CR TEAM	97.61
5 P D TIMES	122.04	48 BANEET	97.56
6 ARGENTINA	121.63	49 MANGO	96.85
7 GERMANY	120.85	50 KOSMOS	95.29
8 YBM	120.13	51 ZEN	95.11
9 BULGARIA SENIORS	119.66	52 CHARIS	94.72
10 FORMIDABLES	114.78	53 SHAH	94.54
11 PODDAR DEVELOPERS	114.71	54 COGITO	94.32
12 SHREE CEMENT	113.48	55 PROMILA SARAF	94.27
13 SARTHAK BEHURIAS	112.60	56 MANOHARS FRIENDS	92.90
14 CANADA MIXED	111.65	57 TRUE GRIT	92.56
15 TRICON INFOTECH	111.44	58 ABCD INDIA K	92.53
16 CORNELL	111.43	59 DECCAN SABARI EXP	92.31
17 INDIA OPEN	111.40	60 INDIAN SENIORS	92.27
18 INDONESIA SENIOR	111.27	61 MALANI	92.13
19 ASKGAARD	109.81	62 SYMPHONY	91.63
20 YEH BROS 2	108.71	63 SATISH MODI	91.09
21 SAMADHAN	108.65	64 INDIAN OIL	91.05
22 KIWIS	107.76	65 KARTIKEYA	90.95
23 POLAND LADIES	107.17	66 AUS WOMEN	90.87
24 CANADA	106.97	67 BANGALORE BLUE	90.63
25 TRANSTASMAN	106.42	68 CONSTILLATION	90.47
26 TEXAN ACES	106.01	69 AUSTRALIA	90.40
27 DOCUSHA T KOTHARI	105.32	70 K H POWER	89.41
28 RAJSRIYA	104.76	71 PEGASUS INDIA	89.03
29 INDIAN CHAIN	104.73	72 BLUE DIAMONDS	89.01
30 BRASIL	104.57	73 SUNDAR 6	88.92
31 CHINA SENIOR	104.32	74 CHOUDHARY COMBINES	88.79
32 INTEGRA	103.99	75 BRIDGE24PL B	88.63
33 AJ DIAMENT	102.58	76 EQUINAMITY	88.04
34 BRAHMAPUTRA	101.72	77 BANGUR CEMENT	87.41
35 PAKISTAN	101.43	78 UNCLE JOHN	87.37
36 MOHIT MEHTA	101.23	79 GUPTA	87.04
37 NIPPON SENIOR	100.69	80 ALPHA	86.35
38 SINGAPORE	100.69	81 CHENNAI ACES	85.21
39 ABA	100.49	82 BLADES	85.15
40 SASA	100.25	83 AIR BUS COCHIN INDIA	85.12
41 GORDON	100.13	84 PCBA	84.98
42 LUCKNOW BLUE	99.94	85 EVENNETT	84.50
43 ENFIELD	99.41	86 AQUARIUS	84.50
		87 BANGALORE HOPEFULS	84.17

88	KNAVES	84.02
89	BEDI AUSTRALIA	83.86
90	BAJAJ	83.26
91	DECCAN CLUB PUNE	82.73
92	INDOMINUS	81.98
93	I DOCTORS	81.95
94	POTENTIATE	80.34
95	ORIENT XPRESS	80.34
96	VAMAN	79.85
97	SOLMATES	77.36
98	TWEM	77.24
99	ARISTOS	77.18
100	PROTEA POPPIES	77.01
101	SANKEY	76.97
102	CHANDIGARH BRIDGE	76.89
103	OPTIMUS	76.84
104	BRIDGE LOVERS	76.57
105	GHETARY	76.08
106	ANDROMEDA	75.69
107	KDI	75.55
108	TALLURI	75.41
109	ATHA GROUP	75.41
110	ACC LIMITED	74.44
111	ARDAS IV	73.57
112	ALUMNI CLUB	73.12
113	RAGHAVENDRA	71.81
114	SPARK	70.69
115	LUCKY FARMERS	70.66
116	SPAJKS	69.75
117	FRIENDSHIP	69.49
118	AGRESAR	69.28
119	DR SANGHI	69.27
120	TEAM AMANORA PUNE	68.81
121	BISWAJIT GHOSH	68.19

122	GRAND	66.13
123	THE PRETENDERS	65.66
124	INCOMETAX CHENNAI	65.27
125	GROUP POPULAR	64.45
126	ANAND MUMBAI	63.75
127	MARBLES	63.72
128	NEYVELI LIGNITE	62.04
129	CIMPEX	60.68
130	PANCHSHEEL	58.67
131	AURO POWER SYSTEMS	58.12
132	NDPANI	57.86
133	ABJACS	57.84
134	GREENEX	57.61
135	BRIDGE TOO FAR	52.69

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Schedule of play for the 2017 World Bridge Teams Championships

Teams registration	Saturday 12 th August
Opening Ceremony	Saturday 12 th August at 19.00
Round Robin	Sunday 13 th ~ Saturday 19 th August
Quarter Finals	Sunday 20 th ~ Monday 21 st August
Semi final	Tuesday 22 nd ~ Wednesday 23 rd August
Final & Play-Off	Thursday 24 th ~ Saturday 26 th August



Transnational Teams:

Qualification	Monday 21 st ~ Wednesday 23 rd August
Knock-Out	Thursday 24 th ~ Saturday 26 th August



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- Auction : October 20th (18h30)
- Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd
- Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee : 5000 Euros per pair

Cavendish Invitational Ladies Pairs

- Auction : Tuesday October 20th (18h30)
- Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd
- Entry fee: 750 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee : 2000 Euros per pair

Prize Money

- 90% of the entry fees and auctions paid back to the players and bidders.

Hotel Accomodation

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UAE National Day Bridge Festival

13th Dec to 18th Dec 2015

TOTAL PRIZE VALUE **US \$40,000**

OPEN PAIRS		MIXED PAIRS		TEAMS		PLATE EVENT	
Winner	\$3000 + Trophy	Winner	\$2000 + Trophy	Winner	\$4000 + Trophy	Winner	\$600 + Trophy
Runner Up	\$2000 + Trophy	Runner Up	\$1500 + Trophy	Runner Up	\$3500 + Trophy	Runner Up	\$500
3rd	\$1500 + Trophy	3rd	\$1000 + Trophy	3rd	\$3000 + Trophy	3rd	\$400
4th	\$1000	4th	\$600	4th	\$2000		
5th	\$800	5th	\$500	5th	\$1200		
6th	\$600	6th	\$300	6th	\$1000		
7th	\$300	7th	\$300	7th	\$800		
8th	\$300	8th	\$300	8th	\$700		
9th	\$300	9th	\$300				
10th	\$300	10th	\$300				

SPECIAL PRIZES

OPEN PAIRS

1st N/S & E/W - \$200
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 Best UAE Pair - \$300
 Best Mixed Pair - \$300
 Best Ladies Pair - \$300

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 2nd N/S & E/W - \$100
 Best UAE Mixed Pair - \$300

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 2:30 - 9:30pm
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November 4th –8th 2015 At
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PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, November 4th

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Reception 06:00 pm

Open Pairs, Session (1) 07:00 pm

Thursday, November 5th
Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (2) 05:30 pm

Friday, November 6th
Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (3) 05:30 pm

Saturday, November 7th
Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (1) 05:30 pm

Sunday, November 8th

Pan Arab Inter Club – 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (2) 04:30 pm
Gala Dinner 09:00 pm

(* Pan Arab Inter- club's time schedule is subject to modification by The Organizing Committee according to number of participants.

PRIZES

OPEN PAIRS	Guest (US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
1 st Pair	2000	1000
2 nd Pair	1200	600
3 rd Pair	800	400
4 th Pair	600	300
5 th Pair	500	250
6 th Pair	400	200
7 th Pair	300	150
8 th , 9 th Pairs	200	100
Best Ladies Pair	150	80
Best Mixed Pair	150	80
Best Improvement	150	80

MIXED PAIRS	Guest(US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
1 st Pair	1200	500
2 nd Pair	800	300
3 rd Pair	600	250
4 th Pair	500	200
5 th Pair	400	150
6 th Pair	300	100
7 th Pair	200	100
Best Improvement	100	50

ENTRY FEES

Event	Guest (US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
Open Pairs	120	40
Mixed Pair	60	25
Pan Arab	400 PER TEAM	

ACCOMMODATION:

Single or Double room 145 US.\$

Bed and breakfast, all taxes inclusive.



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National Simultaneous	November 15
IMP Pairs	November 16,17
Open Pairs	November 18,19,20
Teams	November 21

Participants from All Over the World

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2016 Asia Bridge Open

Congress

(Apr 15th – Apr 24th, 2016 Beijing, China
Beijing Ditan Gymnasium)



Events and Schedule

Open Teams, Ladies Teams, Senior Teams, Junior Teams, Youngsters Teams, Girls teams	Apr 20-24
Open Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth Pairs	Apr 18-19
Mixed Pairs	Apr 19
Individual	Apr 17
CCBA Open Teams	Apr 16-19
IMP Pairs	Apr 20-21
Swiss Teams	Apr 22-23
Pairs event in every evening	Apr 16-24

Entry Fees

Event	Entry Fee	Event	Entry Fee
1. Open Teams	US\$1000	7. Open Pairs	RMB800
2. Ladies Teams	US\$1000	8. Ladies Pairs	RMB600
3. Senior Teams	US\$600	9. Senior Pairs	RMB600
4. Junior Teams	US\$400	10. Youth Pairs	RMB400
5. Youngsters Teams	US\$200	11. Mixed Pairs	RMB600
6. Girls teams	US\$400	12. Individual	RMB300
Players who are not from China Mainland having registered in the team events as well as players from China Mainland having registered in CCBA Open Teams can participate in the Pair events of the same category of the team event and individual event without paying entry fees.			
13. CCBA Open Teams	RMB3000	15. Swiss Teams	RM800
14. IMP Pairs	RMB400	16. Pairs event in every evening	RMB400

Prize:

Total prize: RMB 500,000 and above

CCBA Open Teams, Open Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth Pairs, Mixed Pairs, IMP Pairs, Individual, Swiss Teams: The prize money will be RMB 300,000 and above in total.

Pairs event in every evening: in addition to RMB 20,000 as the prize money, 70% entry fee will be reward to the top 1/3 pairs.

Hotel



Hainan Hotel 4 Stars

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