



# Daily Bulletin

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## YOUR ARGENTINA ADVENTURES BEGIN



WBF President Jan Kamras

The world's finest are assembled in Buenos Aires to contest the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games. The opening ceremony, orchestrated by Arianna Testa in front of a massive audience (it was standing room only!) saw WBF President Jan Kamras deliver his address, drawing attention to the participation of his father in the first contest in Turin in 1960 and the contributions of the late Paulo Lombardi and Agustin Madala before formally declaring the games open.



Arianna Testa, MC



Co-Head TD Jeanne de Meiracker took an oath on behalf of the Tournament Directors



Tango performers



Camila Nunez took an oath on behalf of the Players

### SCHEDULE TODAY

09.00 - 09.55: Registration

#### Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: R1 (16 boards)  
13.15 - 15.30: R2 (16 boards)  
16.00 - 18.15: R3 (16 boards)

#### Women Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R1 (12 boards)  
12.15 - 14.00: R2 (12 boards)  
15.00 - 16.45: R3 (12 boards)  
17.15 - 19.00: R4 (12 boards)

#### Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R1 (12 boards)  
12.15 - 14.00: R2 (12 boards)  
15.00 - 16.45: R3 (12 boards)  
17.15 - 19.00: R4 (12 boards)

#### Mixed Teams

10.00 - 11.25: R1 (10 boards)  
11.55 - 13.20: R2 (10 boards)  
14.20 - 15.45: R3 (10 boards)  
16.15 - 17.40: R4 (10 boards)  
18.10 - 19.35: R5 (10 boards)

It's Jan's birthday!  
Happy Birthday Mr. President!



# MATCHES ON BBO

## Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15:	Sweden	-	England
	France	-	Turkiye
13.15 - 15.30:	England	-	USA
	China	-	Switzerland
16.00 - 18.15:	Netherlands	-	Sweden
	Italy	-	Norway

## Women Teams

10.00 - 11.45:	France	-	Norway
12.15 - 14.00:	USA	-	Poland

## Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.45:	France	-	USA
12.15 - 14.00:	USA	-	Poland

## Mixed Teams

14.20 - 15.45:	Italy	-	China
	Israel	-	Poland
16.15 - 17.40:	Germany	-	Italy
	HK, China	-	USA
18.10 - 19.35:	France	-	Norway
	Poland	-	Croatia

# EDITOR'S LOG

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You can find a Welcome Bulletin at:

[championships.worldbridge.org/buenosaires24-files/welcome.pdf](https://championships.worldbridge.org/buenosaires24-files/welcome.pdf)

Please pay special attention to the request of the ABA President Fernando Lema to 'flood the networks with news about the championships.'

It has almost become a tradition that the first issue of the Log recounts the adventures of those travelling to the Championships. A storm prevented planes taking off from Manchester, causing England Seniors David Robinson and Tony Sowter to miss their connecting flight from London that arrived in Buenos Aires on Monday afternoon. The last I heard they were on their way to Madrid to get a flight.

You can have a lot of fun discussing who the eventual winners of the team events will be. Anyone who is brave enough to make a prediction that they are willing to commit to print is welcome to send it for inclusion in the Bulletin. Drop by the office (lower ground floor level) or email it to: [markhorton007@hotmail.com](mailto:markhorton007@hotmail.com)

We have a great team of writers covering the Championships, but even their eagle eyes cannot be expected to catch everything. If you have something interesting to report drop by the office or send an email.

# DRAW TODAY

## OPEN - GROUP A

### ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team
Netherlands	v Germany
Ireland	v Pakistan
Argentina	v Chinese Taipei
Guadeloupe	v U.S.A.
Sweden	v England
New Zealand	v Romania
Israel	v HK, China
Spain	v Chile
South Africa	v Bye

### ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team
New Zealand	v Ireland
Argentina	v Netherlands
Chinese Taipei	v Spain
HK, China	v Romania
Israel	v Guadeloupe
Pakistan	v Chile
South Africa	v Sweden
England	v U.S.A.
Germany	v Bye

### ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team
Guadeloupe	v Argentina
South Africa	v Chile
Germany	v New Zealand
Spain	v England
Romania	v Pakistan
HK, China	v Chinese Taipei
Netherlands	v Sweden
Ireland	v Israel
U.S.A.	v Bye

## OPEN - GROUP B

### ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team
Italy	v Finland
Australia	v Hungary
Norway	v China
Austria	v Switzerland
France	v Turkiye
Denmark	v Kuwait
Canada	v India
Poland	v Korea
Brazil	v Bye

### ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team
Kuwait	v India
France	v Austria
China	v Switzerland
Turkiye	v Hungary
Korea	v Canada
Brazil	v Norway
Poland	v Italy
Australia	v Denmark
Finland	v Bye

### ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team
Turkiye	v Korea
Hungary	v Kuwait
Brazil	v India
Italy	v Norway
Denmark	v France
Finland	v Australia
Austria	v Poland
Canada	v China
Switzerland	v Bye

## LADIES

### ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team
Italy	v Chile
England	v Japan
Ireland	v Poland
Netherlands	v Spain
Germany	v U.S.A.
China	v Canada
HK, China	v New Zealand
Mexico	v Argentina
Australia	v Turkiye
France	v Norway
Brazil	v India
Sweden	v South Africa

### ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team
Brazil	v Spain
Germany	v Netherlands
South Africa	v Norway
Canada	v Mexico
Chile	v France
U.S.A.	v Poland
Japan	v Argentina
Australia	v England
China	v New Zealand
India	v Sweden
HK, China	v Turkiye
Italy	v Ireland

### ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team
U.S.A.	v India
Turkiye	v Italy
Ireland	v France
Mexico	v Spain
Japan	v Netherlands
Argentina	v Norway
Brazil	v England
China	v Chile
HK, China	v Germany
Australia	v Poland
New Zealand	v South Africa
Sweden	v Canada

### ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team
Netherlands	v Poland
Japan	v New Zealand
Argentina	v Chile
Mexico	v Italy
Turkiye	v Germany
Ireland	v India
Spain	v France
Brazil	v China
Norway	v England
Sweden	v U.S.A.
HK, China	v South Africa
Canada	v Australia

## SENIORS

### ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team
Italy	v Scotland
India	v Turkiye
France	v U.S.A.
Denmark	v Canada
New Zealand	v Poland
HK, China	v Germany
Brazil	v Japan
Israel	v Chile
Australia	v Switzerland
Colombia	v Argentina
England	v Netherlands
Sweden	v Morocco

### ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team
HK, China	v Morocco
Colombia	v Israel
Scotland	v England
Brazil	v India
Netherlands	v Denmark
Canada	v Germany
Switzerland	v France
New Zealand	v Japan
Italy	v Poland
Turkiye	v Australia
Sweden	v U.S.A.
Argentina	v Chile

### ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team
HK, China	v Switzerland
Turkiye	v Colombia
Israel	v New Zealand
France	v Italy
Canada	v Argentina
Chile	v England
Japan	v Sweden
U.S.A.	v Poland
Brazil	v Scotland
Morocco	v Netherlands
Australia	v Denmark
India	v Germany

### ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team
Germany	v Morocco
Canada	v Italy
New Zealand	v England
Colombia	v Scotland
U.S.A.	v Japan
Switzerland	v Israel
HK, China	v France
Brazil	v Denmark
India	v Chile
Australia	v Poland
Argentina	v Netherlands
Sweden	v Turkiye

## MIXED

### ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team
Poland	v Japan
Italy	v HK, China
South Africa	v China
Argentina	v Ireland
Croatia	v Chile
Germany	v India
Australia	v Hungary
Norway	v Sweden
New Zealand	v Canada
Denmark	v France
England	v Colombia
Switzerland	v Turkiye
Israel	v Spain
Morocco	v U.S.A.
Brazil	v Bye

### ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team
Germany	v Italy
Poland	v Spain
Australia	v Argentina
France	v Chile
HK, China	v U.S.A.
Sweden	v New Zealand
China	v England
Japan	v Croatia
Denmark	v Brazil
South Africa	v Norway
Switzerland	v Morocco
Israel	v India
Ireland	v Turkiye
Hungary	v Colombia
Canada	v Bye

### ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team
Turkiye	v New Zealand
Italy	v Spain
Ireland	v U.S.A.
Sweden	v Switzerland
Hungary	v India
Denmark	v Chile
Croatia	v England
Australia	v Brazil
Canada	v Morocco
France	v Colombia
South Africa	v Poland
Japan	v Germany
Israel	v China
Norway	v HK, China
Argentina	v Bye

### ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team
New Zealand	v Chile
India	v Ireland
Italy	v Australia
South Africa	v Japan
Germany	v HK, China
Sweden	v Denmark
France	v Norway
Switzerland	v U.S.A.
Poland	v Croatia
Spain	v Canada
Morocco	v Colombia
Hungary	v Israel
Turkiye	v England
Argentina	v Brazil
China	v Bye

### ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team
Italy	v China
England	v Chile
Germany	v Colombia
Hungary	v Norway
Japan	v Argentina
Morocco	v Turkiye
HK, China	v France
Spain	v Sweden
Israel	v Poland
New Zealand	v Switzerland
South Africa	v India
Australia	v Denmark
Croatia	v Brazil
Canada	v Ireland
U.S.A.	v Bye

# WROCLAW REDUX

## Mark Horton

The last incarnation of the World Bridge Games was the 15th edition, in Wroclaw 2016, the wonderful Polish city that subsequently played host to the 16th edition of the World Bridge Series in 2022. Here is a selection of the deals that set the pulses racing 8 years ago:

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Phelan</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- 3♠ Solid suit
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 keycard
- 5NT King ask
- 6♣ 0 kings

South led the ♣7 which simplified declarer's task, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reess</i>	<i>Greenwood</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Kenny</i>
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Here declarer South led the ♦8 and declarer won with the ♦A and played six rounds of trumps, South discarding three diamonds and the ♥5 while North pitched three clubs and a diamond. Declarer cashed the ♦K, went to dummy with the ♥A, ruffed a heart and exited with the ♣Q. South could win, but had to lead into the split tenace.

Not a bad way to tie the deal!

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nogueira</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Mandelot</i>	<i>Øigarden</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

- 2NT Game forcing with hearts
- 3♥ Shortage?
- 3♠ Spade shortage
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 keycards
- 5NT Grand Slam try

This was the only table in the Open and Women's teams where 7♦ was reached. Bravo!

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ J 10 7 6 3 2 ♦ A 7 4 3 ♣ K 6</p> <p>♠ 10 9 3 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ K J 10 6 2 ♣ 5</p>		<p>♠ K 8 6 4 2 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ J 9 3</p> <p>♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ — ♦ 9 5 ♣ A Q 10 8 7 4 2</p>	
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>
—	—	—	2♣*
Dble	2♥*	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
5♦	Dble	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

- 2♣ Precision style
- 2♥ Intended as natural, but systemically showing spades

In the other room Roy Welland and Sabine Auken had stopped in 3♣ for +150.

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed, went to dummy with the ♦A and led the ♠J. Had East covered there would have been no story, but that was hardly an obvious play and when the jack held declarer ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♣A and the ♠A and exited with the ♦9. His last two cards were the ♣Q10 which added up to a majestic +1540.

In due course the different explanations given to EW resulted in the score being adjusted to +200 for NS.

Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 8 7 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ K 10 5 2 ♣ 8 4</p> <p>♠ J 10 3 ♥ K 5 4 2 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ J 9 7</p>		<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ J 10 8 7 3 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 10 6 3</p> <p>♠ A Q 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ A J 9 3 ♣ A K 5 2</p>	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 2♥ Kokish
- 3♥ Transfer
- 4♦ Control
- 4♥ Control

Needing to locate the ♦Q, declarer guessed wrong for -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- 2♦ Multi
- 2♥ Pass or correct
- 3♥ Transfer
- 4♦ Control
- 4♥ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 0 keycards

When South offered 6♦ as a possible contract North was happy to accept and with West unable to lead a heart, declarer only needed a 3-2 diamond break. He cashed the top diamonds and claimed, +920 and 14 IMPs.



Dealer West. None Vul.

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

♠ 9  
♥ A 7 5 4  
♦ A 7 4 3  
♣ A Q 9 2



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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Terraneo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦*	4♠
5♠*	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

It was slightly surprising that East did not redouble to show first round spade control. If West had then bid 6♣, a grand slam would not be out of the question.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Linermann</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Babsch</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦*	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
7♣	Pass	7♦	All Pass

4NT RKCB

5♦ 3 keycards

6♣ Looking for help in clubs

That was worth 11 IMPs.

I wonder what would have happened if NS had bid 7♠?



Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 4  
♥ K 10 9 7  
♦ Q J 8 7 4  
♣ 9 7

♠ A 10  
♥ 3  
♦ K 5 2  
♣ A Q 10 6 5 4 3



♠ 9 6  
♥ A J 8 2  
♦ A 10 9 3  
♣ K J 2

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3 2  
♥ Q 6 5 4  
♦ 6  
♣ 8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Semenov</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Brink</i>
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	3♠
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 2♣ Precision
- 2♦ Asking
- 2NT Maximum
- 4♦ Control
- 4♥ Control
- 4♠ Control

In the other room after the same start to the auction Igor Bavchine bid 3♠ directly over 2♦ and Simon de Wijs settled for 3NT and +460.

North led the ♠K and declarer won, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart, went to dummy with a club, ruffed a heart and repeated the exercise to ruff dummy's remaining heart. After cashing the top diamonds declarer exited with a spade and South was forced to win and offer up a ruff and discard.

Not too shabby!

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K J 9 8  
♥ —  
♦ 8 7 6 5 4  
♣ A K J

♠ 5 4 2  
♥ A J 6  
♦ A 9 3  
♣ 10 9 4 2



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

♠ Q 10 3  
♥ 10 9 7 3  
♦ K Q  
♣ Q 7 6 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Nystrom	Nowosadzki	Upmark
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♥ Balanced positive
- 1NT Minimum unbalanced hand, major suit orientated
- 2♣ Relay
- 2♦ Short hearts
- 2♥ Relay
- 3♣ 4+♦, ♥void
- 3♦ Relay
- 3♠ 5053
- 4♣ Relay
- 4♦ AAKK

East led a club and declarer won and played a diamond, West taking the ♦A and traying the ♥A. Declarer ruffed, went to dummy with a diamond, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a diamond and claimed, +980.

They were the only pair to bid the slam.

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Huang	Deas	N Wang
—	2♦*	Pass	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

2♦ Weak, 4+♥ and 4+♠

West had no real alternative to bidding 5♦, but it left East guessing and she elected to pass.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
W Wang	Palmer	Shen	Shi
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

This is how the auction appeared on BBO – even if one doubts its accuracy, it delivered 14 IMPs.

Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Muller	Multon	De Wijs	Zimmermann
—	—	—	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 2♣ Strong
- 2♦ Waiting
- 2♥ Kokish
- 3♣ Stayman
- 4♦ Control

West led the ♠6, so the defenders took a trick.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

- 2♣ Strong
- 2♦ Waiting
- 3♣ Stayman
- 3♥ No 4/5 card major
- 4♦ Clubs
- 4♥ Relay
- 4♠ 4216
- 4NT Relay
- 5♣ Minimum

Once South had denied a major a series of relays disclosed North's hand.

West led the ♥7 and declarer took dummy's ♥Q, cashed the ♣AK, the ♥AK and then ran the clubs, squeezing East for the overtrick.

Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mendoza</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Negrin</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
1♥	2♦	3♦*	Pass
4♥	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

3♦ Heart support

When East led the ♥A declarer was +1660.

Only Italy's Bernardino Mancini found the killing lead of the ♦A.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In the Open Room Brazil stopped in 4♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>X Shen</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>M Shen</i>	<i>Barcellos</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥*	Pass	6♣*	All Pass

- 1♣ 16+
- 1NT 8-13 or 16+ balanced
- 3♥ 0-3 controls, ♠Qxx or better
- 6♣ Choice of slams

South led the ♠10 and declarer won with dummy's ♠Q and led the ♣Q. When it was covered he took the ♣A and continued with a club to the eight, North winning and exiting with the ♣7. Declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the king, cashed the ♥A, went to dummy with the ♥K, pitched the ♥J on the ♦A and took the marked finesse in spades for 10 IMPs.

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Mancini	Goel	Vecchi	Shah	Jacobs	Di Franco	Thompson	Manno
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*	—	—	—	1♥
2♦	2♥	Dble*	5♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass		Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♠*
				Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
				Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
				Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
				Pass	7♣	All Pass	

2♣ 11-15, 6+♣ or 5+♣ and 4♥/♠  
Dble Spades and diamond tolerance

With West unable to ruff a second round of spades the contract was secure, as were all the match points, 16-0.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

  

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

  

♠ 8 2		
♥ Q 9 7 4 3		
♦ A K 9 3		
♣ Q 8		



- 2♣ Natural game force or start of relays
- 2♥ Relay
- 3♠ 2542
- 4♣ RKCB for clubs
- 4♦ Odd number of keycards
- 4♠ Control
- 5♠ ♣Q?
- 5NT Yes

As it happens the favourable position in diamonds delivers all the tricks in notrumps, but +1440 was still worth 75%.

I have no doubts that we will be equally entertained here in Buenos Aires!

