



CHANGING PLACES

Although several of Tuesday's leading teams maintained their positions, some new names have appeared in the upper echelons.

In Open Group A **Israel** is the new leader, ahead of **Netherlands** and **Sweden**. In Group B **Switzerland** has taken the lead followed by **Italy** and **France**.

In the Mixed **Germany** still lead from **Norway** but **New Zealand** is now third. The Women's Championship is still topped by **Sweden**, but **China** has moved into second place while **Italy** hold on to third.

In the Seniors **USA** has moved to the top, followed by **France** and **Sweden**.

SCHEDULE TODAY

Happy Birthday
 to **Ana Lia SMALINSKY** from Argentina (playing in the Women Teams) and **Wilfried LIBBRECHT**, from France (coach of the Open, Women, Senior & Mixed teams)



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: R7 (16 boards)
 13.15 - 15.30: R8 (16 boards)
 16.00 - 18.15: R9 (16 boards)

Women Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R9 (12 boards)
 12.15 - 14.00: R10 (12 boards)
 15.00 - 16.45: R11 (12 boards)
 17.15 - 19.00: R12 (12 boards)

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R9 (12 boards)
 12.15 - 14.00: R10 (12 boards)
 15.00 - 16.45: R11 (12 boards)
 17.15 - 19.00: R12 (12 boards)

Mixed Teams

10.00 - 11.25: R11 (10 boards)
 11.55 - 13.20: R12 (10 boards)
 14.20 - 15.45: R13 (10 boards)
 16.15 - 17.40: R14 (10 boards)
 18.10 - 19.35: R15 (10 boards)



MATCHES ON BBO

Thursday, 24 October 2024



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: Argentina - USA
France - Australia
Poland - Switzerland

13.15 - 15.30: New Zealand - Netherlands
Australia - Italy
Denmark - Norway

16.00 - 18.15: South Africa - England
Sweden - Israel
Norway - France

Women Teams

12.15 - 14.00: USA - Italy
17.15 - 19.00: Poland - Sweden

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.25: India - France
15.00 - 16.45: Scotland - Denmark

EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 23/10/2024

Having eventually mastered the complexities of the television set in my room I was able to search for some late-night diversion and I discovered one of the all time great musicals, Singing in the Rain. It was a precursor of the thing to come, as when I checked out the latest weather forecast for Buenos Aires on BBC News it revealed that for the next day or so rain is likely to be the order of the day, along with lower temperatures. We are thinking of organising a pop-up stall selling umbrellas.

The legendary Al Hollander has kindly offered to assist with the interpretation of bidding sequences. Apart from enhancing your enjoyment of the reports, it will greatly add to the accuracy of the analysis in the World Championship Book.

Herman De wael arrived on Tuesday and is busy proofreading the Bulletins. By the time you spot a mistake the chances are that a new version will already be uploading. Herman's predictions for the winners is interesting:

Open: Sweden

Women: Türkiye

Seniors: Netherlands

Mixed: Poland

DRAW TODAY

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 7

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

ROUND 8

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

ROUND 9

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

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 7

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

ROUND 8

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

ROUND 9

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

LADIES

ROUND 9

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

ROUND 10

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

ROUND 11

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

ROUND 12

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

SENIORS

ROUND 9

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

ROUND 10

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

ROUND 11

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

ROUND 12

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

MIXED

ROUND 11

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

ROUND 12

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

ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

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

ROUND 15

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

THE APPLIANCE OF SCIENCE

Simon Stocken

The USA narrowly topped the field ahead of Sweden after the first day in group A of the Open section – the margin might well have been more had their third match (scoring 12 VPs) not been a bye.

The only points dropped by the USA on Day 1 were in their first match against Guadeloupe, – twelve IMPs across three boards while the USA gained forty IMPs across five boards.

Board 16 Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Picard</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Garnier</i>	<i>Moss</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Gerin partnering Mathieu declared 3NT for Guadeloupe in the other room, making ten tricks with the ♠Q fortunately onside.

Moss and Grue play a strong ♣ when non-vulnerable. 2♣ showed 8-11 balanced. Grue's next three bids were asking. Moss's 2♠ showed 4 or 5 hearts; 3♦ showed 4 or 5 diamonds; 3♠ showed 2-4-4-3. Brad Moss explained: "Grue could have zeezee-ed or spiralled out but instead he key-carded in diamonds (the 4♠ bid) with 5♣ showing one without." Grue took two diamond finesses to land the slam after the ♠6 lead.

5 out of 16 (Sweden, Chinese Taipei, USA, Romania and Hong Kong China) found the 6♦ slam in group A as opposed to 2 out of 16 in group B: France and Switzerland. The remaining ten results in Group A were evenly split between 4♥ and 5♦. Group B had two teams playing the inferior 3NT while Finland gained an IMP against Italy playing 4♠ - a delicate and somewhat fortunate 4-2 fit. Group B had two 4♥ contracts compared to nine 5♦ contracts.




Photo: Brad Moss, USA

A THOUGHTFUL PLAY BY MANNO

Dr. Prakash Paranjape

On VuGraph, Italy was facing Norway in Round 3 of the Open category. Italy led 34-12 at the halfway stage, at the end of 8 boards. This was the ninth board.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Manno</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

I was expecting a 4♣ bid from North and typed my view. A number of kibitzers also thought that 4♣ was a better option and kept telling me so even after the next board was over.

Manno opened 1♥ in third seat and jumped to 3♣ on Di Franco's 1♠ response. With a stiff heart and two aces, North upgraded his hand and bid a slightly hopeful 5♣. South held good middle cards in the rounded suits and the ♠K, so 5♣ was an excellent spot.

Charlsen led a trump. Winning in hand, Manno considered his options. What inference could he draw from the trump lead? Was it a regulation lead for cutting down ruffs or did it suggest some heart length with West? Finally, after as many as 130 seconds, Manno tabled the ♥A. Still not convinced he had got it right, he spent a few more seconds on the next card. That was the ♥Q. He had finally made up his mind to play West for the ♥K with four or five Hearts. He discarded a diamond from dummy when West played small. Alas, East came up with the ♥K.

East won and shifted to a diamond. East won the

♦J and played another trump. Manno now ran the ♥10 winning the trick. However, that wasn't enough to land the contract. He had to lose a heart in the end. 5♣ down one was the result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

The commentator in the Closed Room wrote that 'it was a brave pass from North.

Brogeland won the trump lead and ruffed a small heart. When that brought down the ♥K, he made 11 tricks. Norway gained five IMPs on the board.

Netherlands-Sweden was the other match that was on VuGraph from the Open Category. In the Open Room, the Dutch North opened 2♠ and played there making 8 tricks. In the Closed Room, the Dutch East overcalled 2♦ after North's 1♠ response and West raised to 3♦. They got chopped there and lost 800 red on white. Those two were rather odd results on this board.

In Section A, two pairs, one from South Africa and one from Argentina, bid the club game. In Section B, Denmark, France, and Australia also bid and made 5♣.

Di Franco-Manno were the only pair to fail to make 5♣ and that was perhaps because Manno came up with a better percentage line. Manno's line would have worked if East came up with ♥Jx or ♥8x, and also if West came up with ♥KJxxx. This was a good thoughtful play that went unrewarded on this occasion.



Andrea MANNO, Italy

No regrets Boye: "Only two possible bids on this one...."

Simon Stocken

As dealer, green against red, you pick up ♠QJ109872 ♥43 ♦8743 ♣-. It is the third board of the second match on the first day in the Open event. You must decide whether to open 3♠ or 4♠. New Zealand's Matt Brown was among those choosing the high road and perhaps regretting it as he soon found himself on lead against an unbreakable 6♣.

Board 3 Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boland</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	—	—	4♠
Dble	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Opening 4♠ compels West to double, bringing the clubs into play, while over the 3♠ opener the normal bid of 4♥ ends the auction.

After the ♠K lead by North, South takes the opportunity to signal for a ♣ switch with ♠2. Declarer start on trumps, losing to North's ♥A with South perhaps petering with ♥4. The subsequent club through is trumped by South and declarer's fate now hinges on whether the ♠Q is trumped high or low.

Trumping high wins if South is 7-3-3-0 (0.27%) whereas trumping low wins when South is 7-2-4-0 (0.36%). Trumping low also wins if South's pre-empt is based on six rather than seven cards. Only two of the nine declarers, faced with this defence against 4♥ made their contract: Romania and Norway. Five declarers never found the club ruff after the ♠K lead,

allowing declarer to escape with eleven tricks, twice in 5♥, one of which was doubled.

The 6♣ contract was reached by six out of sixteen in each group of the Open section.

When asked about the hand, Boye Brogeland was emphatic:

"I was South on this one and there are only two possible opening bids at this vulnerability in first seat: 4♠ or 1NT – no regrets."

Picture: Boye Brogeland, Norway



RUFF JUSTICE

Mark Horton & Herman De wael

David Stern somehow finds time to send us details of interesting deals while commentating. This one is from the match between USA and Sweden in Round 5 of the Open series:

Board 22 Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



When South doubled 5♠ it was clear to North that his partner could ruff something – and that surely had to be a heart.

North led the ♥2 and South ruffed and returned the ♣6, North winning and playing the ♥Q for a second ruff, one down.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Martel</i>
—	—	Pass	3♦
4♦*	5♦	5♥	All Pass

4♦ Majors

A painless eleven tricks and 13 IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Nyström</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	2NT*
3♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble*
All Pass			

2♣ Two way Drury, constructive+
2NT Minors
Dble Lightner



Simon HULT, Sweden

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BET YOU CAN'T

Mark Horton

Checking the state of play in round 4 of the Mixed, I happened to alight on this deal in the match between Italy and Germany:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

On the face of it you can make a grand slam in either minor, but before you get to the play there is the small matter of the bidding.



Roy WELLAND, Germany

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Antanasio</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
2♦*	Dble*	2♥	Dble*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♦ Majors

I asked Sabine and Roy about this deal. In principle they bid where they have a stopper, but they had not discussed this precise sequence so the meaning of 3♥ was unclear. Such is the complexity of bidding at this exalted level.

West cashed the ♥A and declarer claimed eight tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gladiator</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♣*	Dble*	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

2♣ Majors
4NT Spade control


By the time NS had agreed diamonds I was optimistic that they would at least bid a small slam. However, it was not to be.

Afterwards Irene Baroni told me she thought she might have bid 4♥ over 3♦ - that looks like a good idea, strongly suggesting a heart void and good diamond support in a hand that has been limited by the pass over 2♥. As the bidding went, South might consider bidding 5♥ over 4NT. If partner has the ♠A and the ♦KQ he is sure to have a club honour as well.

Going back to the play, if you stop in 7♣ West leads a top heart forcing you to ruff. If you play to ruff two spades in dummy East will pitch diamonds on the third and fourth round of the suit and you won't be able to cope with the 4-1 trump break, as you no longer have a second diamond entry to hand.

By coincidence, Andreas Babsch presented a Double Dummy Puzzle on Bridge Winners on 20 October:

Dealer West. None Vul.

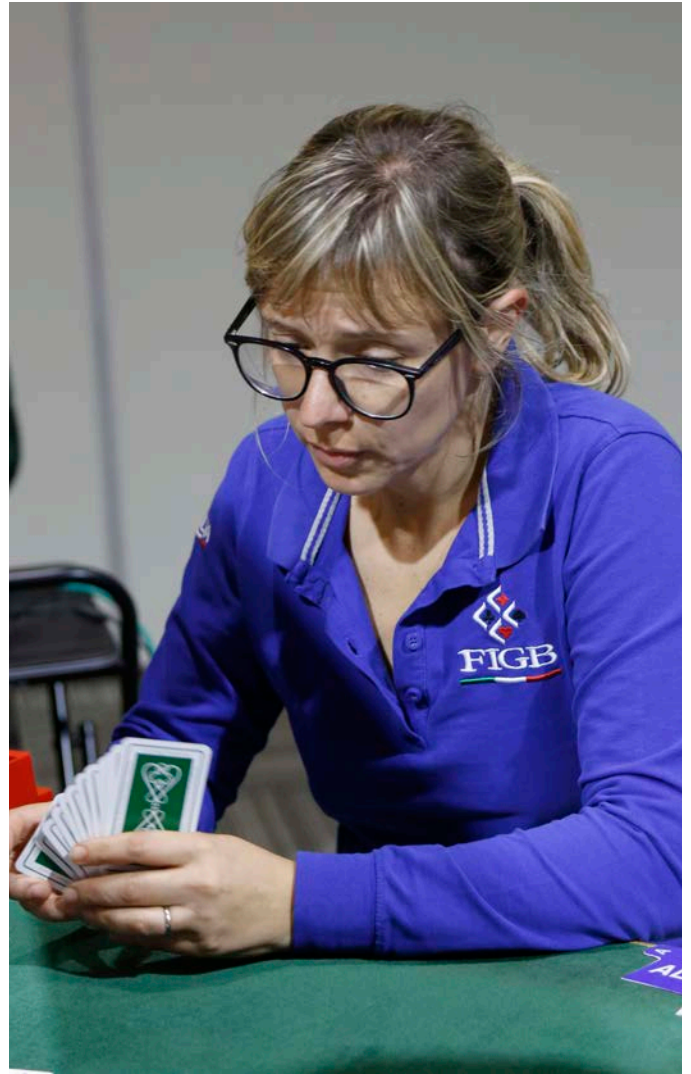
♠ J 6 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A Q 9 8 5 3 ♣ 7 5 3		♠ A K 10 8 7 4 ♥ 6 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ 9 6 4	♠ — ♥ A Q J 10 9 8 4 ♦ 7 2 ♣ K J 10 8
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West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	4♠	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

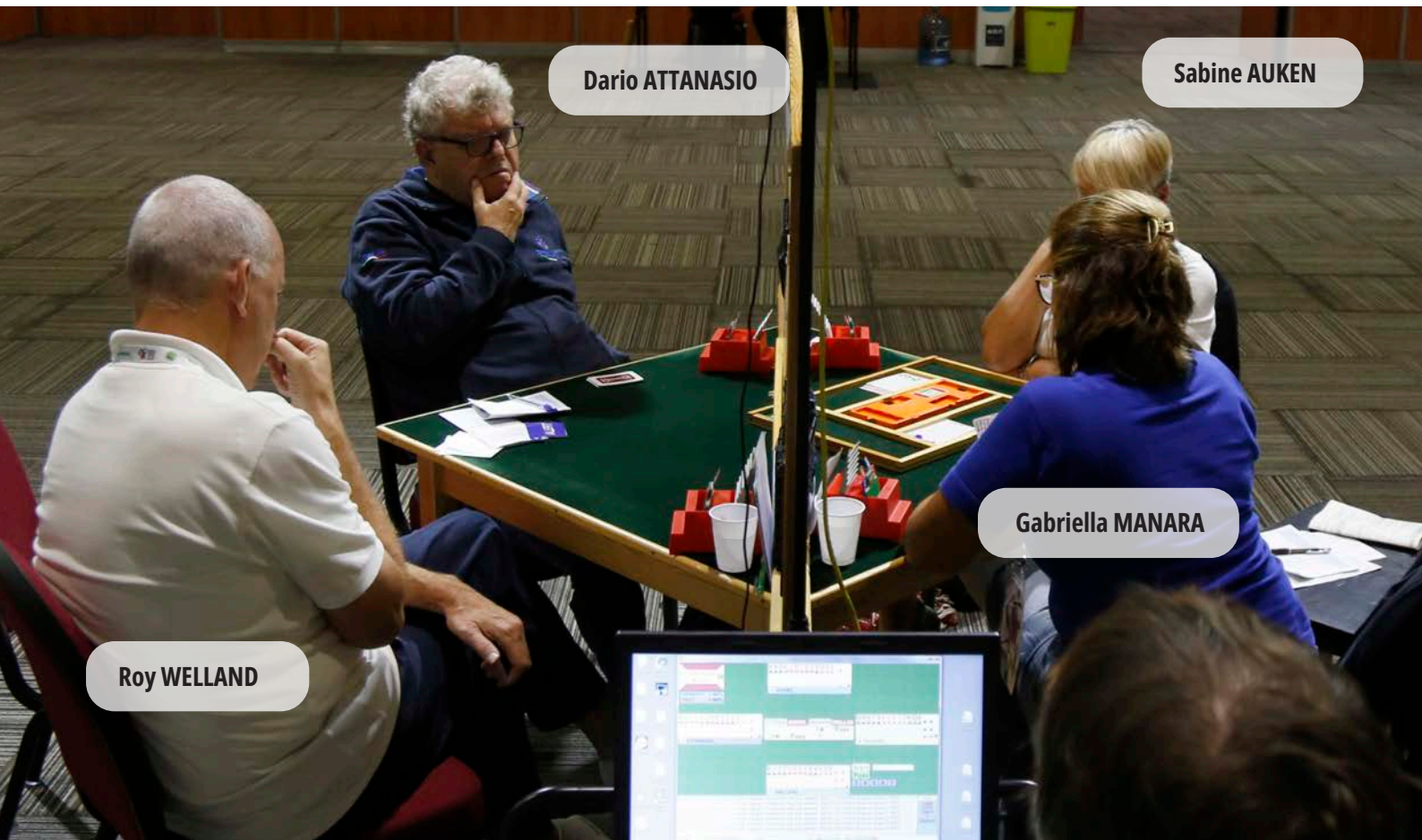
You were asked which lead/defence holds declarer to 10 tricks.

The answer is the ♣2!

Declarer wins, plays three rounds of diamonds (a winning finesse, cashing the ♦A and a ruff) and then plays the ♥Q. West wins, and as East has pitched a club on the third diamond now plays two rounds of clubs allowing East to score a ruff – an echo of the defence to defeat the 7♣ previously referred to.



Irene BARONI, Italy



Dario ATTANASIO

Sabine AUKEN

Gabriella MANARA

Roy WELLAND

Mixed Round 3

ISRAEL v POLAND

Jos Jacobs


Finally, also the World Bridge Games are back on track. In the early days, they used to be called the Olympiads because they were scheduled in leap years only. The IOC broke this tradition when they staged the 2020 Olympiad in Tokyo one year later but the WBF decided to hold on to this tradition. So, after Wrocław-2016 and the Covid-skipped 2020 Games, this is the next edition of our World Bridge Games.

One of the journalists' side jobs is to cherish the past so I first looked at the 2016 results. I soon found out that the title holders in the Mixed Teams were missing. Lack of financial resources probably caused this. The Dutch Bridge Federation still regrets very much the death of its main sponsor over so many years, the late Hans Melchers... So no Dutch holders, not even a Dutch team at all but still a wealth of good players present here to fight it out for the 2024 Mixed Teams title.

For the 3rd round, BBO treated us to Italy v. China and Israel v. Poland. The former match ended in the impressive score of 8-6 which gave Italy 10.77 VPs and China the remaining 9.23.

In the other match, which will be the main subject of this report, there was more action most of the time. Whether or not all these actions were justified? Judge for yourself on the second board of the match.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Saada</i>
—	—	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

On the lead of the ♥9 by West, to East's ace and a trump back, declarer made exactly 10 tricks for +130 to Israel, according to the official score. On BBO, we saw 11 tricks being claimed when the defence did not cash their spades but we are still in doubt about what really happened. Not that this was very crucial but nevertheless...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>
—	—	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

At the other table North found a further pre-emptive raise against what was in fact a three-level partscore for E/W. Would you and your favourite partner have found this major suit contract at exactly this level? Anyway, 4♣ duly went one down and the Israelis had scored their first 5 IMPs.


The next board was much more interesting, I think. There were 28 results, of course. Nine of them were dull spade or NT games for N/S, making. At seven tables, N/S went down in 6NT and at 12 tables, they were in 6♠. Only four declarers, one third of the pack, managed to make 12 tricks or more: Miura for Japan even made all the tricks.



Katarzyna DUFRAT, Poland

Still, provided West does not lead a heart, making 12 tricks should be not extremely difficult, it seems. Look for example at what Nathalie Saada, South for Israel, did.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Bareket	Dufirat	Saada
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

A simple auction and a club lead. Saada's plan was to ruff a diamond in hand. She won dummy's ♣A, cashed her two top diamonds, crossed to the ♠A and, noting the fall of East's ♠J, changed her plan. Rather than ruffing a diamond, she went back to her ♠K,

possibly intending to take the heart finesse next but the appearance of the ♠Q meant she was suddenly home and dry. She simply planned to cash her top clubs for later heart discards, thus avoiding the heart finesse. West immediately ruffed the second club with his last trump but with the ♠9 still there as a diamond-ruffing entry to her hand, an entry now needed for her genuine heart discards, that was all the defence could get. Israel a fine +1430.

We do not know how many of the other successful declarers also followed this line.

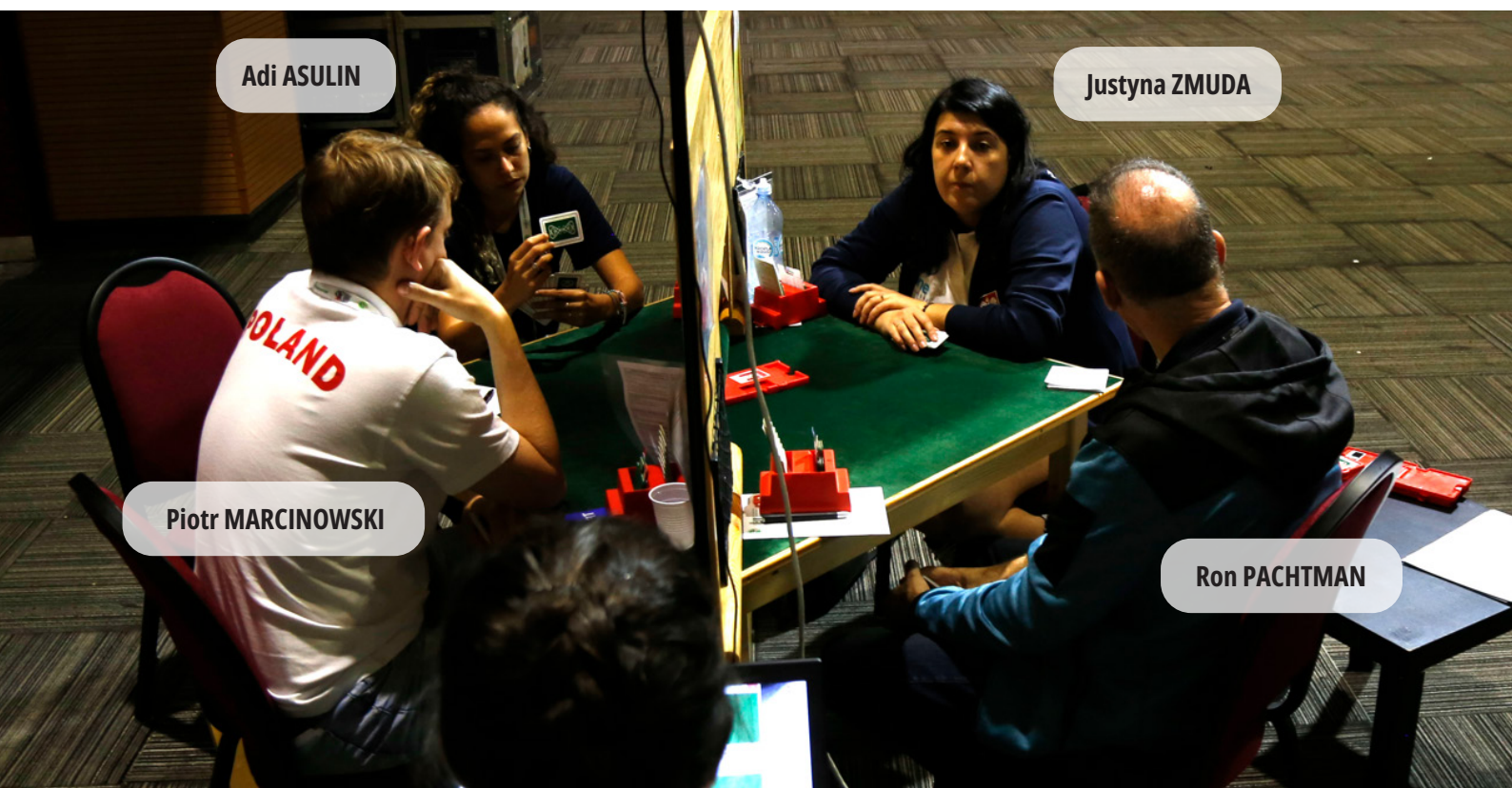
At the other table, South ended up in an inferior denomination.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Zmuda	Pachtman	Marcinowski
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

3♥ Spades
5NT grand slam try

Double dummy, there are 12 tricks in three denominations if you avoid losing a spade trick – an unlikely line in practical play. Still, once you avoided the heart lead from West but could enjoy a diamond lead instead, what would be wrong with testing the spades first rather than the clubs? You would need four spade tricks anyway so the clubs can wait.




If you continue like this, East wins the second round of spades and returns his diamond. When you next cash your spade winners, East will run into trouble – he is effectively squeezed in the rounded suits, but you would not know that for sure. If you start intuitively by testing the clubs rather than the spades, this squeeze is no longer possible, so it seems only logical that the declarers in 6NT all went down.

In 6♠ it is a different story. Quite a lot of declarers went down very quickly on a club lead by West. They won the lead in North and played a spade to the king followed by the ♠9. East won the queen and gave partner a club ruff...

A few boards later, there was a slam in the air...

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Piotr ZATORSKI, Poland

Only Argentina and Canada reached (and made) a slam in N/S but nearly half the field believed in Santa Claus this time. Our featured match was no exception as these were our auctions.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Bareket	Dufnat	Saada
—	—	Pass	1♦
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Correct defence led to down five. Israel +1400.

At the other table, the Israeli E/W did much, much better...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Zmuda	Pachtman	Marcinowski
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♠	Dble	All Pass	


When Asulin contented herself with a modest overcall of only 2♠, she saved 7 IMPs for her team without knowing it...Down only four, -1100 to Israel.

Two boards from the end, the Poles missed another chance.



Nathalie SAADA, Israel

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ K J 10 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 5 3 ♣ 10 8		♠ A Q 10 9 6 5 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K ♣ Q 9 6	♠ 8 3 ♥ A 8 6 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ J 7 4 2
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price. Twelve tricks in what would have been a pretty cold slam. Poland +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Zmuda	Pachtman	Marcinowski
1♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

4♥ Control
 4NT RKCB
 5♣ 3 keycards

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Bareket	Dufprat	Saada
1♦	1♥	2♥*	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

2♥ Spades

When West bid only 4♠ over South's 3♥, he had held something in reserve and promptly paid the

Unlike two boards ago, Asulin, for Israel, this time showed no inhibitions at all and simply bid 4♥ over South's 3♥ after an identical start of the auction. This paved the way for East to check on aces and settle for the unbeatable slam. No, there were no initial defensive ruffs available for the defence, I know, I know...

That was another 11 IMPs for Israel who went on to win the match by the remarkable score (at this level) of 41-0 IMPs, converting to 19.33 – 0,67 VPs.



Piotr ZATORSKI

Ilan BAREKET

Katarzyna DUFPRAT

Nathalie SAADA

Open Round 4


SWITZERLAND v BRAZIL

David Bird

Yesterday was a disappointing one for all four England teams. A few exciting boards may cheer me up. We'll see. To the surprise of all present, a clutch of IMPs changed hands on this deal:

The $\diamond 2$ was led to the ace and the $\diamond 10$ returned. Ten tricks were made, and I reached for my scoresheet, marking the deal with a large black X, indicating 'no interest'.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Ravenna	Nowosadzki	Toma
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Drijver	Villas-Boas	Brink
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It seems a very basic situation. If 2♥ is forcing to game, 2NT is forcing – as at the other table. With no great hopes (born from long experience), I will seek assistance from their convention card. It says that opposite an opening of 1♥, 2♣ is game-forcing (natural, balanced or a fit). There is no explanation of the 1♥-2♦ sequence, nor any helpful general comment in the 'General Approach'. Opposite 1♠ it says merely 'as above' recommending that the reader studies carefully the methods opposite 1♥. Who would be a bulletin reporter? Anyhow, it was 7 IMPs to Brazil.



Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	1NT	2♦*	Dble
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	All Pass		

Bas Drijver's 1NT was a justified upgrade to 15-17. East's 2♦ showed one or other major (sometimes called the Multi defence). Mauricio Figueiredo's 3♠ then ended the auction, Sjoert Brink judging well that no game was on his way.



Pierre ZIMMERMANN, Switzerland


Declarer won the ♠8 lead with dummy's ace and played a club to the queen and ace. It seemed that South's ♠Q might be destined to score, but Brink decided to return that card. A heart was ducked to North, who continued with the ♥K. Nine tricks could not be prevented (North in fact continued with the ♣K) and that was +140 for East/West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Toma</i>
—	1NT	2♦*	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Pierre Zimmermann missed the raise to 3♠, and the opponents then overstretched to a no-play heart game. I very much prefer Figueiredo's bidding approach to that of sacrificing in 4♠ now. It might have been right, but not on the actual lie of the cards. The heart game seems destined for two down and 4♠x suffered the same fate, costing 300. That was 10 more IMPs to Brazil.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♦*	Dble	5♥*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West's 3♦ was a transfer, and 5♦ was Exclusion Blackwood. North's double, perhaps hoping that the opponents would not then be on the same wavelength, seemed a distant prospect. However, the VG operator informed us that West had described 5♥ as showing 2

key-cards outside diamonds; East had explained it as 1 or 4! Twelve tricks were made, for +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Ravenna	Nowosadzki	Toma
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

The bidding was the same until Ravenna left his red card in the box, showing the opponents more respect. Zimmermann located partner's ♥K and blasted into 7♠. The entries were not present for a dummy reversal (ruffing three diamonds in the West hand), so the contract was a very poor one. (A 6-3 break is 31.4%, and the king will lie with the shortage on one third of such breaks. You can add 2% for two ninths of a 7-2 break, so that's a total of around 12%)

The Great Dealer ruled that the ♦K should fall in three rounds, and thirteen tricks were made. That was 13 IMPs to Switzerland, instead of -17 if the ♦K did not drop. It seems that God is no longer Italian; he is



Marcos TOMA, Brazil

now multi-national.

Every now and again, I must expose the slanderous accusation that I never write up any part scores.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Figueiredo	Drijver	Villas-Boas	Brink
—	—	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

North/South were playing the admirable Lebensohl responses to a double of a weak-two. North showed a 0-7 HCP hand with hearts. Drijver won the ♣J lead with dummy's ace, cashed the ♥A and finessed the ♥J successfully. He ducked a spade to the bare ace and won the ♣Q return in dummy. A heart to the king left him looking at

♠ Q 5	♥ 6	♦ 10 9 8 2	♣ — opposite
♠ J 8	♥ —	♦ A 7 6	♣ 7 2.

To make the contract he must play diamonds next. Since East has no clubs left, declarer will make a spade, a trump and two diamonds for the contract. When he chose to clear his spade trick fist, East won and returned a spade. It was no longer possible to score an extra diamond and that was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Ravenna	Nowosadzki	Toma
—	—	2♦*	2NT
All Pass			

There was no beating 2NT. Declarer won the second round of clubs and led a low spade to the bare ace. A spade, four hearts and three tops in the minors produced +120 and a swing of 6 IMPs. If you find another part score in this report, I will send you a free copy of my latest book. You may well regard this as a

threat rather than a promise.

We all like to see high-level battles between the major suits. Ah, talk of the devil...

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dble
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Bridge teachers should turn away. Yes, yes, today's players do have very weird ideas about second-seat three-bids. The auction was well-judged all round – enjoyable to watch. Drijver ruffed the third club and played a trump to the king. With two trump tricks then to be lost, he was 500 down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Toma</i>
—	—	—	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♥	All Pass

I look forward to discovering what 4♣ meant. Despite several recent wasted trips to the convention-card site, I may be lucky this time. Yes, here we are: 'opposite 3♣, Nat responses, other suit forcing.' Opposite the other three-bids... 'idem'. For those of you who weren't force-fed Latin from the age of eight, that means 'The same'. Michal Nowosadzki did well to have no flights of fancy. +450 was secured and only 2 IMPs were lost.

Since I have already described five boards, it is mildly aggravating to see that another sizeable swing has just occurred. Ah well, duty calls.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Figueiredo</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Villas-Boas</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♣	1♦	1♥*	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Drijver led a lethal ♣3, won with dummy's ♣10. The ♥Q was then run to the king, North clearing the club suit. It was no surprise when the ♦J lost to the king and North cashed his clubs for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Toma</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With only diamonds bid by West, Ravenna had no hesitation in leading a club. Sadly, his fingers alighted on an adventurous ♣K. This gave declarer time to set up tricks in both red suits and +400 was made. That was 10 IMPs to Switzerland. They won the match 36-33, aided by their Board 6 'gift from on high'.



Seniors Round 5



BRAZIL v POLAND




Brian Senior

Wednesday morning saw a Seniors match between Brazil and Poland. Brazil had ended day one in a handy third position while Poland had had a tough day and lay only 17th. The Poles would want to do better on day two.

The match started with a bang.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Markowicz</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Moszczynski</i>	<i>Pain</i>
—	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Junqueira</i>	<i>Blat</i>	<i>Chalom</i>	<i>Bizon</i>
—	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Both Norths opened with a weak two bid and both Souths enquired. What the subsequent bidding meant I cannot say. The Brazilian convention card does not explain the responses to 2NT, while my reading of the Polish card suggests that 3♣ showed only five hearts, while we can see that not to be the case on this deal. Anyway, North's bidding over 2NT seemed to please the respective Souths, who both concluded the auction with a leap to 6♥.

Ralf Chalom led the jack of spades against Marek Blat, who won in hand with the king and led a heart to the ace, discovering the four-nil split. Needing an entry back to hand, Blat tried the jack of clubs, losing to Guilherme Junqueira's king, and back came the

ten of diamonds to the jack, king and ace. A club to the queen was ruffed and Chalom returned the three of diamonds to the queen. Junqueira now tried a third diamond, so Blat could ruff and claim the rest for down two and -200. The defence had missed a second club ruff, so could have had the contract three down. Would that matter?

No, it would not!

At the other table, Krzysztof Moszczynski also led the jack of spades. However, Gabriel Chagas won with dummy's ace and cashed a top heart. When the bad break came to light he could cross to hand with a spade to the king to run the ten of hearts. He continued with a third heart, ruffed a spade back to hand, drew the last trump. The diamond loser went away on the queen of spades, so there was just a club to be lost; +1430 and 17 IMPs to Brazil.

How many times do we see a makeable contract go down with the first card declarer plays from dummy? It was quite careless at this level to win the opening lead in hand, removing the one sure side-suit entry at trick one.

Five pairs bid and made 6♥, and three more bid and made 6NT. One bid to 7♥, which could not be made, while nine went down in 6♥, and six stopped in game.



Victor MARKOVICZ, Poland

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczyński	Pain
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczyński	Pain
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

What should North do over the 3♣ pre-empt? Blat was content with a simple overcall, but that didn't get the job done as Piotr Bizon had no reason to go on; +150. Chagas started with a double then bid his diamonds and that stronger combination was sufficient to convince Leda Pain to raise him to game; +400 and 6 IMPs to Brazil.

Poland hit back on the next deal.



Gabriel CHAGAS, Brazil

It isn't clear from their card what Chagas was showing with his 3♣ response, but it clearly did not enthruse Pain, who made a try of some kind with 3♦ then accepted the 3♠ sign-off. Victor Markowicz led the jack of clubs against 3♠, Moszczyński winning the king and switching to the eight of hearts for the queen, king and ace. Pain led a spade to the ten and queen, and Markowicz led his diamond to the king. Pain ruffed her club loser then led a spade up, Moszczyński winning the ace, cashing the jack of hearts, and giving his partner a diamond ruff for down one and -100.

Blat's 2♥ response is described as a three-card raise, either invitational or a light game-force, and that did not enthruse Bizon, who went on to game. The stakes were much higher here, where Junqueira led his singleton diamond. Bizon won dummy's ace to lead a club, Chalom winning the king and switching to ace and another spade. Bizon won the king, ruffed his club loser, and played on diamonds. The heart loser eventually went away on the fifth diamond, so that was 10 tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

On Boards 16 and 17 Brazil declared partscores at both table but only one of the four was successful. There was no swing on Board 16, but Poland gained 4 IMPs on Board 17.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 6
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ K 9 8 6 5
♣ Q J

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

♠ 10 9 8 7 5
♥ J 7 5
♦ J 2
♣ K 9 4

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczynski	Pain
—	—	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
—	—	1NT	All Pass

Chalom was left to declare 1NT and, after a spade lead and continuation, played on clubs, eventually coming to nine tricks for +150.

In the other room, Chagas doubled with the North hand, showing a four-card major and longer minor. Two Clubs was pass or correct and 2♦ showed the minor. The lead was the king of spades, Chagas winning the ace and leading a diamond to the jack and queen. Markowicz returned a heart to his partner's king

and back came a heart to the ace. Next, Markowicz switched to his remaining spade and Moszczynski won and switched back to hearts. Chagas won in hand and played the ♣J, which lost to the ace. He won the club return with dummy's king and led a diamond to nine, and the ♦A was his sole loser; down one for -100 but 2 IMPs to Poland.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 7
♥ 7
♦ A Q J 9 2
♣ K Q 7 5

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

♠ J 8
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 10 3
♣ J 10 8 6

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczynski	Pain
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		



Pain did as requested, taking out the take-out double and being left to declare 2♣ on a heart lead to the ten. Pain came to 10 tricks for +130.

Bizon did not take out the double, and Junqueira redoubled, clearly intended to be rescue looking at his weak hearts, but misunderstood as being a display of confidence in making 1♥ redoubled as it was left in by Chalom. Blat led his heart in time-honoured fashion after a leave in of a take-out double, and Bizon won the king and ace. A third heart saw Junqueira put in the five successfully and he played ace and another club. Blat won the second club and played ace and another diamond to dummy's king. A spade to the queen lost to the king and Bizon discarded his remaining spade on Blat's next play of the queen of diamonds. A club came next, and all Junqueira could make were his two trumps, the ace of spades no longer being cashable. Two down was a big fat -1000 and 13 IMPs to Poland, who led in the match for the first time at 29-25. Cashing the ace of spades instead of taking the finesse would have saved 6 IMPs for -400, but if the king had been onside the finesse would have made the contract.

A higher scoring game on Board 20 gave Poland another 2 IMPs, then:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczyński	Pain
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

The West hand is a shade light for the 2NT bid chosen by Markowicz, but anything looks worse so 2NT gets my vote. Moszczyński raised to 3NT, against which Chagas led the king of spades. Fearing a diamond switch, Markowicz won the first trick and had to get hearts right to make his contract. But why should he? He cashed the three top hearts immediately then cashed out for down one and -50.

Junqueira chose jump preference to 3♥ and, rather surprisingly, Chalom declined the game invitation. Chalom won the lead of the jack of spades with the ace and cashed the top hearts. As he was not in game, the fact that there was a heart loser was good news. Four hearts, four clubs and a spade meant nine tricks for +140 and 5 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 22 was passed out at one table while Chagas became declarer in 3♠ at the other and was down one for -50 and 2 IMPs to Poland.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczyński	Pain
—	—	—	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
—	—	—	3NT*
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Pain opened 4♥ as dealer and that ran round to Moszczyński, who doubled for take-out, left in by Markowicz, who hated his small doubleton heart for playing a five-level contract. As it happens, 5♣ is cold on the E/W cards, but it didn't have to be.

Bizon had a toy for the South hand, a 3NT opening to show a solid major. Blat converted to 4♥ and Chalom doubled for take-out, once again left in.

Both Easts led the king of spades to dummy's ace, after which there was no real pressure on the defence, despite declarer having such a long suit to cash. Both E/W pairs kept what they needed to keep, so it was a flat board at down one for -200.

Nobody is vulnerable and partner passes. What do you bid over an opposing 1♣ opener holding:

♠ K
♥ J 8
♦ K Q 9 5 3 2
♣ J 10 9 4

Chalom opted for 1♦, Moszczynski for 3♦. How did each one fare?

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Markowicz	Chagas	Moszczynski	Pain
Pass	1♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Junqueira	Blat	Chalom	Bizon
Pass	1♣	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

The 1♦ opening saw a controlled auction with neither side under real pressure, ending with Chalom as declarer in 3♦. He played safely for nine tricks so chalked up +110.

The 3♦ opening saw N/S get themselves into a tangle when Pain opted for a cuebid response to Chagas's reopening double. With no major he chose to declare 5♣, and was lucky not to be doubled. The opening lead was the king of diamonds, overtaken by Markowicz to switch to the jack of spades. Chagas put in the queen, losing to the bare king, and back came the jack of clubs to dummy's queen. Chagas led a heart up, winning the king, ruffed a diamond, then led a second heart. Markowicz ducked for a second time so Chagas won the ♥Q and took a second diamond ruff before leading a spade to his ace. That was ruffed and a diamond returned. Chagas ruffed and was left with two major-suit losers for down three and -150 – cheap compared to what might have been.

That was worth just 1 IMP to Poland, who had eked out a narrow win by 34-30 IMPs, converting to 11.38-8.62 VPs. That was sufficient for Poland to move up three places to 14th, while Brazil slipped from third to seventh.



Open Round 5

 SWITZERLAND v NORWAY 

Marc Smith

Kibitzers turned out in huge numbers today, for a rematch of the 2023 Bermuda Bowl final. It was the Swiss who won on that occasion, but the medal colours were reversed earlier this year at the European Championships in Denmark.

To say that the two teams had gotten off to contrasting starts here in Argentina would be an understatement. On Day 1, the Swiss scored comfortable wins against Austria and China. Their Bye then left them in third place overnight. Meanwhile, the Norwegians suffered losses to China and Italy, and were mullered by Brazil, leaving them just one place off the bottom of the pack at the end of the opening day. However, there is still plenty of troubled bridge to go over the water.

As usual, we begin with a couple of problems. Firstly, with neither side vulnerable, you are South holding:

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ 10
♣ K Q J 8 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	?

What action, if any, do you take?



Sjoert BRINK, Switzerland

Next, with both sides vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:


♠ Q 2
♥ K 6 5 3 2
♦ A
♣ A Q J 6 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♦	?

What do you bid?

While you consider those, we move on to Board 5 of the match with the Swiss leading 2-0.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

An excellent auction carried the Norwegians to a grand slam. They found their heart fit early and Thomas Charlsen showed his minimum opening when he declined his partner's 3♦ game invitation. When Thor Erik Hoftaniska then continued with a 4♦ cue-bid, Charlsen was prepared to advance beyond game to show his club control. That was all Hoftaniska needed to suggest a grand slam in his partner's first suit.

There was nothing to the play. E/W a fine +1440. The auction in the replay was less intelligible, but equally effective.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bakke	Drijver	Brogeland
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Bas Drijver started with a 12-14 1NT and Stayman quickly uncovered the heart fit. 2NT was then a relay and it looks like 4♠ was RKCB. Whatever he found out, Sjoert Brink decided he knew enough to commit to the grand slam. E/W +1510 and 2 IMPs to Switzerland, doubling their advantage in the match.

Although effectively a flat board, this was a good indication of the standard on display in this match. Of the eight matches in Group A of the Open Teams, both pairs bid to a grand in only one other (India v Italy). Only 7 of the 16 E/W pairs got to one of the making grands.

The crowds turn out in large numbers whenever Michal Klukowski plays, because there is always the chance that he will do something spectacular. They were not disappointed.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Kalita	Charlsen	Klukowski
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Hoftaniska's 1♦ opening promised at least a four-card suit and the Norwegians' convention card tells us that East had a pre-emptive 3♦ bid available. Had Charlsen chosen that option, there would perhaps have been no story. When he instead passed, Klukowski was left with the first of the bidding problems posed earlier.

Mere mortals would probably have considered Pass and perhaps 2♣ as options, but Klukowski knows the value of a solid suit when he sees one, so he balanced with 1♥. Jacek Kalita's raise to 2♥ shows a fairly good hand in this auction. Even so, how many would have found the competitive 3♥ bid chosen by Klukowski at his second turn? That was enough for Kalita to raise to game, and Charlsen ended the exciting auction with a red card.

I could have set the West hand as a lead problem, as there is a winning option. Can you see what it is even looking at all four hands?

Mr Gib tells us that a club lead will defeat the contract but, of course, Hoftaniska opted for the 'obvious' ♦K. That was all the help that Klukowski needed. He won with the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, and played a trump. When Hoftaniska played low, declarer called for the ♥J from dummy. He then ruffed dummy's remaining diamond and led a second heart from hand. Hoftaniska won with the ♥A and could have saved the overtrick by switching to a spade, but a fourth round of diamonds looked clear. Klukowski ruffed, drew the last trump, and claimed all but one of the remaining tricks with his five club winners. A spectacular N/S +690.

The Norwegians at the other table did about as well as they could to limit the loss...

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Brink	Bakke	Drijver	Brogeland
1NT	Dble	2♦	Dble
3♦	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Sjoert Brink's 1NT opening was 12-14 in this position. Christian Bakke started with a penalty double, and Bas Drijver retreated with a natural 2♦. Boye Brogeland made a take-out double and Bakke then offered him a choice of majors with his four-level cue-bid.

No stranger to brilliancies himself, Brogeland also got the ♦K lead, and the play was identical to that in the other room. N/S +450 but 6 IMPs to Switzerland.

A couple of deals later, both South players had to answer the second of today's bidding problems...

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bakke	Drijver	Brogeland
—	—	1♦	2NT*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Brogeland chose to get both suits in right away, with an Unusual 2NT overcall. The problem with taking that route on this intermediate-type hand is that you do not then know what to do when partner gives simple preference, and that is what happened here. Bakke responded 3♥ and, with no guarantee that his partner had anything much, Brogeland passed. Declarer made eleven tricks: N/S +200.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Kalita	Charlsen	Klukowski
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Christian BAKKE, NORWAY

Klukowski opted for a simple heart overcall at his first turn, and quickly found himself in game.

Hoftaniska opened the ♦9, covered by ten, jack and ace. Klukowski's first move was the ♠Q, overtaken by dummy's ace, and a heart to the king, which won. East won the second round of hearts and continued diamonds, but Klukowski ruffed, crossed to the ♠K, and took the club finesse. The ♣A and a third round of clubs set up declarer's hand with just the big trump to be lost. N/S +620 and 9 IMPs to Switzerland.

Not that it was all one-way traffic...



Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 5
♥ J 10 8
♦ A K Q 7 3
♣ A 9 8 3

♠ A 7 6 4 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ 4 2
♣ K 7 2



♠ 10 8
♥ A 4 3
♦ J 9 8 6 5
♣ J 10 5

♠ K Q J 9
♥ K 9 6 5 2
♦ 10
♣ Q 6 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Kalita	Charlsen	Klukowski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♦*	4♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Declarer can probably get out for one down in 5♦-doubled, so that would have been the practical choice here. Double dummy, 4♠-doubled can be beaten (a low diamond lead to the jack and a club switch) but, of course, that is never going to happen in real life.

Kalita started with two high diamonds, declarer ruffing and playing a low heart from dummy at trick three. The ♥Q won and Hoftaniska immediately played a second round of hearts, Kalita winning with the jack. He could have cashed the ♣A to save the overtrick, but when he instead tried to attack dummy's trump holding with a third round of diamonds, declarer was able to make the rest. E/W +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bakke	Drijver	Brogeland
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♠	3NT
4♠	All Pass		

Drijver opened the East hand here. Bakke got his diamonds in and Bogeland's 3NT was a save-inviting diamond raise, but Bakke thought he had enough defence to try to take four tricks. He ended up one short: E/W +420 and 7 IMPs to Norway.

As one might have expected, the quality of bridge on show was very high, and this was an excellent match. There were relatively few swings, and Switzerland ended up with a narrow victory, 19-12. Despite the Norwegians' poor start, it would be a major shock if both teams were not in action late into the competition.



RESULTS

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 4

1	ENGLAND	NEW ZEALAND	38	13	15.92	4.08
2	PAKISTAN	SWEDEN	15	46	3.12	16.88
3	CHILE	ARGENTINA	29	19	12.80	7.20
4	GERMANY	ROMANIA	13	37	4.26	15.74
5	SPAIN	GUADELOUPE	24	28	8.80	11.20
6	U.S.A.	SOUTH AFRICA	55	3	19.34	0.66
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS	17	30	6.48	13.52
8	HONG KONG, CHINA	IRELAND	31	34	9.09	10.91
9	ISRAEL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 5

1	U.S.A.	SWEDEN	17	22	8.52	11.48
2	ISRAEL	GERMANY	39	26	13.52	6.48
3	NETHERLANDS	CHILE	34	15	14.80	5.20
4	IRELAND	SOUTH AFRICA	44	25	14.80	5.20
5	GUADELOUPE	HONG KONG, CHINA	50	38	13.28	6.72
6	ENGLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	9	70	0.00	20.00
7	ROMANIA	SPAIN	50	46	11.20	8.80
8	NEW ZEALAND	PAKISTAN	61	6	19.61	0.39
9	ARGENTINA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 6

1	ARGENTINA	IRELAND	20	14	11.76	8.24
2	CHINESE TAIPEI	ISRAEL	6	72	0.00	20.00
3	GERMANY	GUADELOUPE	65	10	19.61	0.39
4	U.S.A.	SPAIN	35	69	2.69	17.31
5	SWEDEN	CHILE	5	34	3.42	16.58
6	HONG KONG, CHINA	SOUTH AFRICA	12	55	1.56	18.44
7	PAKISTAN	ENGLAND	26	33	7.97	12.03
8	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS	18	52	2.69	17.31
9	NEW ZEALAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R6

1	ISRAEL	90.94
2	NETHERLANDS	84.39
3	SWEDEN	79.78
4	U.S.A.	78.97
5	ROMANIA	76.14
6	SPAIN	72.41
7	ARGENTINA	67.25
8	IRELAND	63.29
9	CHILE	60.84
10	NEW ZEALAND	60.39
11	CHINESE TAIPEI	57.21
12	SOUTH AFRICA	54.97
13	GERMANY	49.96
14	ENGLAND	43.04
15	HK, CHINA	34.32
16	GUADELOUPE	34.27
17	PAKISTAN	23.83

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 4

11	CHINA	AUSTRALIA	39	7	17.03	2.97
12	SWITZERLAND	BRAZIL	36	33	10.91	9.09
13	KOREA	ITALY	12	38	3.91	16.09
14	INDIA	POLAND	17	38	4.81	15.19
15	KUWAIT	NORWAY	20	49	3.42	16.58
16	CANADA	AUSTRIA	33	24	12.55	7.45
17	FINLAND	HUNGARY	51	27	15.74	4.26
18	TURKIYE	DENMARK	17	14	10.91	9.09
19	FRANCE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 5

11	ITALY	INDIA	36	19	14.39	5.61
12	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	20	12	12.29	7.71
13	FRANCE	FINLAND	32	33	9.69	10.31
14	AUSTRIA	TURKIYE	26	57	3.12	16.88
15	AUSTRALIA	KUWAIT	79	6	20.00	0.00
16	CHINA	KOREA	20	41	4.81	14.69
17	HUNGARY	CANADA	20	23	9.09	10.91
18	DENMARK	BRAZIL	53	13	18.09	1.91
19	POLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 6

11	POLAND	DENMARK	30	46	5.82	14.18
12	SWITZERLAND	CANADA	81	43	17.85	2.15
13	KUWAIT	CHINA	46	70	4.26	15.74
14	KOREA	FRANCE	31	42	6.96	12.04
15	TURKIYE	BRAZIL	48	28	15.00	5.00
16	FINLAND	AUSTRIA	14	14	10.00	10.00
17	NORWAY	INDIA	24	31	7.97	12.03
18	HUNGARY	ITALY	28	50	4.62	15.38
19	AUSTRALIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R3

1	SWITZERLAND	86.81
2	ITALY	84.41
3	FRANCE	79.58
4	TURKIYE	77.75
5	FINLAND	71.57
6	POLAND	69.99
7	DENMARK	69.19
8	CHINA	66.69
9	BRAZIL	66.16
10	CANADA	58.37
11	HUNGARY	55.94
12	AUSTRALIA	55.85
13	NORWAY	47.39
14	INDIA	47.28
15	KOREA	45.42
16	AUSTRIA	37.73
17	KUWAIT	10.37

WOMEN

ROUND 5

21 U.S.A.	NORWAY	34	10	16.37	3.63
22 CANADA	NETHERLANDS	12	25	6.03	13.97
23 SWEDEN	MEXICO	24	38	5.78	14.22
24 GERMANY	IRELAND	16	7	12.90	7.10
25 BRAZIL	POLAND	19	56	1.59	18.41
26 AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	43	22	15.79	4.21
27 CHILE	HONG KONG, CHINA	25	29	8.62	11.38
28 TURKIYE	JAPAN	51	11	18.78	1.22
29 ENGLAND	NEW ZEALAND	15	15	10.00	10.00
30 INDIA	SPAIN	29	24	11.70	8.30
31 ARGENTINA	CHINA	10	55	0.66	19.34
32 SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY	8	50	0.98	19.02

ROUND 6

21 CHINA	FRANCE	6	15	7.10	12.90
22 SPAIN	TURKIYE	3	35	2.29	17.71
23 U.S.A.	NETHERLANDS	13	41	2.92	17.08
24 CHILE	INDIA	43	15	14.08	2.92
25 ARGENTINA	HONG KONG, CHINA	3	26	3.82	16.18
26 POLAND	MEXICO	26	22	11.38	8.62
27 SWEDEN	NEW ZEALAND	15	2	13.97	6.03
28 ENGLAND	IRELAND	49	4	19.34	0.66
29 SOUTH AFRICA	GERMANY	2	20	4.85	15.15
30 CANADA	ITALY	12	17	8.30	11.70
31 JAPAN	AUSTRALIA	21	40	4.63	15.37
32 BRAZIL	NORWAY	6	30	3.63	16.37

ROUND 7

21 ENGLAND	U.S.A.	7	28	4.21	15.79
22 MEXICO	AUSTRALIA	5	32	3.09	16.91
23 GERMANY	ARGENTINA	23	29	7.99	12.01
24 POLAND	TURKIYE	28	16	13.71	6.29
25 ITALY	BRAZIL	19	23	8.62	11.38
26 CHINA	JAPAN	28	12	14.70	5.30
27 CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA	30	27	11.05	8.95
28 NEW ZEALAND	SPAIN	32	26	12.01	7.99
29 INDIA	HONG KONG, CHINA	24	34	6.82	13.18
30 NORWAY	CHILE	48	32	14.70	4.80
31 FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	43	13	17.40	2.60
32 IRELAND	SWEDEN	5	41	1.72	18.28

ROUND 8

21 SWEDEN	FRANCE	17	13	11.38	8.62
22 SPAIN	JAPAN	18	26	7.39	12.61
23 CANADA	GERMANY	16	37	4.21	15.79
24 AUSTRALIA	IRELAND	11	20	7.10	12.90
25 TURKIYE	BRAZIL	33	8	16.55	3.45
26 CHILE	U.S.A.	7	44	1.59	18.41
27 ITALY	NORWAY	26	19	12.31	7.69
28 SOUTH AFRICA	CHINA	20	48	2.92	17.08
29 POLAND	ENGLAND	28	27	10.36	9.64
30 ARGENTINA	INDIA	17	36	4.63	15.37
31 NETHERLANDS	HONG KONG, CHINA	30	37	7.69	12.31
32 NEW ZEALAND	MEXICO	37	18	15.37	4.63

RANKING AFTER R8

1	SWEDEN	122.90
2	CHINA	113.79
3	ITALY	113.16
4	POLAND	113.16
5	GERMANY	109.52
6	AUSTRALIA	105.58
7	FRANCE	102.09
8	TURKIYE	86.06
9	NETHERLANDS	85.28
10	NORWAY	85.03
11	HK, CHINA	81.15
12	ENGLAND	80.58
13	NEW ZEALAND	78.95
14	U.S.A.	72.83
15	ARGENTINA	70.82
16	INDIA	69.49
17	BRAZIL	65.71
18	MEXICO	65.05
19	JAPAN	56.17
20	CANADA	52.78
21	CHILE	47.66
22	SOUTH AFRICA	47.54
23	IRELAND	45.82
24	SPAIN	45.38

SENIOR

ROUND 5

41 BRAZIL	POLAND	30	34	8.62	11.38
42 ARGENTINA	INDIA	45	10	18.14	1.86
43 TURKIYE	ITALY	49	14	18.14	1.86
44 SWEDEN	COLOMBIA	13	20	7.69	12.31
45 MOROCCO	ISRAEL	15	56	1.10	18.90
46 CHILE	HONG KONG, CHINA	7	53	0.56	19.44
47 JAPAN	SCOTLAND	21	26	8.30	11.70
48 FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	55	11	19.24	0.76
49 SWITZERLAND	CANADA	21	15	12.01	7.99
50 AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	30	26	11.38	8.62
51 U.S.A.	NETHERLANDS	49	1	19.64	0.36
52 DENMARK	GERMANY	10	28	4.85	15.15

ROUND 6

41 DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND	3	8	8.30	11.70
42 ARGENTINA	HONG KONG, CHINA	17	43	3.27	16.73
43 CANADA	AUSTRALIA	20	26	7.39	11.61
44 INDIA	ENGLAND	57	14	19.13	0.87
45 SCOTLAND	SWITZERLAND	39	19	15.58	4.42
46 POLAND	COLOMBIA	25	2	16.18	3.82
47 BRAZIL	NETHERLANDS	8	30	3.51	15.99
48 TURKIYE	ISRAEL	27	22	11.70	8.30
49 MOROCCO	FRANCE	21	19	10.71	9.29
50 SWEDEN	GERMANY	36	4	17.71	2.29
51 CHILE	JAPAN	10	14	8.62	11.38
52 U.S.A.	ITALY	17	22	8.30	11.70

ROUND 7

41 NETHERLANDS	CHILE	70	2	20.00	-3.00
42 POLAND	SWITZERLAND	23	25	9.29	10.71
43 TURKIYE	MOROCCO	21	33	6.29	13.71
44 JAPAN	HONG KONG, CHINA	12	15	8.45	11.05
45 GERMANY	SCOTLAND	14	30	5.30	14.70
46 DENMARK	U.S.A.	33	35	9.29	10.71
47 COLOMBIA	AUSTRALIA	29	27	10.71	9.29
48 ISRAEL	BRAZIL	33	46	6.03	13.97
49 FRANCE	ARGENTINA	26	12	14.22	5.78
50 NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN	12	37	3.45	16.55
51 ENGLAND	ITALY	25	52	3.09	16.91
52 INDIA	CANADA	33	28	11.70	8.30

ROUND 8

41 SWEDEN	ENGLAND	28	10	15.15	4.85
42 CHILE	U.S.A.	11	69	0.00	20.00
43 ITALY	HONG KONG, CHINA	41	32	12.90	7.10
44 ARGENTINA	JAPAN	10	10	10.00	10.00
45 AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	33	27	12.01	7.99
46 POLAND	DENMARK	20	13	12.31	7.69
47 GERMANY	COLOMBIA	14	27	6.03	13.97
48 TURKIYE	FRANCE	8	23	5.54	14.46
49 SWITZERLAND	BRAZIL	29	21	12.61	7.39
50 ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	21	14	12.31	7.69
51 SCOTLAND	CANADA	32	38	7.99	12.01
52 MOROCCO	INDIA	36	21	14.46	5.54

RANKING AFTER R8

1	U.S.A.	109.88
2	FRANCE	106.69
3	SWEDEN	101.88
4	SCOTLAND	96.21
5	INDIA	95.64
6	ISRAEL	93.36
7	TURKIYE	91.39
8	HK, CHINA	91.23
9	NETHERLANDS	91.12
10	POLAND	85.10
11	ARGENTINA	85.08
12	BRAZIL	84.22
13	GERMANY	82.10
14	ITALY	78.25
15	AUSTRALIA	77.92
16	NEW ZEALAND	74.99
17	CANADA	74.62
18	DENMARK	69.99
19	COLOMBIA	64.89
20	SWITZERLAND	63.95
21	MOROCCO	60.49
22	JAPAN	57.30
23	ENGLAND	51.87
24	CHILE	19.83

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ROUND 6

61 CHILE	COLOMBIA	23	18	11.35	7.65
62 HUNGARY	SPAIN	17	21	8.50	11.50
63 ISRAEL	NORWAY	15	13	10.77	9.23
64 ITALY	CROATIA	18	4	14.54	5.46
65 TURKIYE	FRANCE	0	24	3.22	16.78
66 HONG KONG, CHINA	IRELAND	16	10	12.18	6.82
67 U.S.A.	GERMANY	15	26	6.28	13.72
68 NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	24	18	12.18	7.82
69 MOROCCO	CHINA	17	12	11.85	8.15
70 SWITZERLAND	ARGENTINA	14	3	13.72	6.28
71 SWEDEN	ENGLAND	1	26	3.03	16.97
72 SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA	24	2	15.39	3.61
73 CANADA	BRAZIL	28	20	12.83	7.17
74 POLAND	DENMARK	22	5	15.29	1.71
75 JAPAN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 7

61 CHILE	SWEDEN	22	14	12.83	7.17
62 INDIA	SWITZERLAND	3	22	4.25	15.75
63 COLOMBIA	CHINA	23	18	11.85	8.15
64 BRAZIL	JAPAN	14	5	13.14	6.86
65 ENGLAND	HUNGARY	12	0	14.00	6.00
66 ITALY	NEW ZEALAND	39	23	15.05	4.95
67 FRANCE	ARGENTINA	38	2	18.71	1.29
68 HONG KONG, CHINA	TURKIYE	29	10	15.75	4.25
69 IRELAND	POLAND	0	60	0.00	20.00
70 DENMARK	U.S.A.	13	2	13.72	6.28
71 AUSTRALIA	CANADA	22	8	14.54	5.46
72 NORWAY	MOROCCO	42	6	18.71	1.29
73 SOUTH AFRICA	ISRAEL	0	72	0.00	20.00
74 CROATIA	GERMANY	16	23	7.49	12.51
75 SPAIN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 8

61 ISRAEL	JAPAN	4	37	1.70	18.30
62 SWITZERLAND	DENMARK	19	31	6.00	14.00
63 SPAIN	CROATIA	4	35	2.00	18.00
64 ENGLAND	ITALY	13	32	4.25	15.75
65 NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	28	20	12.83	7.17
66 U.S.A.	ARGENTINA	46	25	16.18	3.82
67 IRELAND	COLOMBIA	7	45	1.03	18.97
68 HUNGARY	HONG KONG, CHINA	11	38	2.66	17.34
69 GERMANY	SOUTH AFRICA	44	5	19.10	0.90
70 POLAND	TURKIYE	23	26	8.86	11.14
71 CHILE	MOROCCO	32	15	15.29	4.71
72 SWEDEN	CANADA	42	5	18.84	1.16
73 FRANCE	CHINA	38	22	15.05	4.95
74 BRAZIL	NEW ZEALAND	1	47	0.14	19.86
75 INDIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 9

61 ARGENTINA	POLAND	15	12	11.14	8.86
62 INDIA	SWEDEN	22	13	13.14	6.86
63 GERMANY	HUNGARY	20	8	14.00	6.00
64 IRELAND	ITALY	5	30	3.03	16.97
65 CHILE	SPAIN	19	8	13.72	6.28
66 AUSTRALIA	TURKIYE	8	1	12.51	7.49
67 DENMARK	CANADA	19	0	15.75	4.25
68 HONG KONG, CHINA	SWITZERLAND	3	7	8.50	11.50
69 JAPAN	ENGLAND	25	16	13.14	6.86
70 ISRAEL	MOROCCO	13	8	11.85	8.15
71 BRAZIL	COLOMBIA	0	10	6.57	13.43
72 U.S.A.	CHINA	20	6	14.54	5.46
73 CROATIA	FRANCE	19	3	15.05	4.95
74 SOUTH AFRICA	NEW ZEALAND	1	14	5.72	14.28
75 NORWAY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 10

61 CHILE	IRELAND	29	29	10.00	10.00
62 GERMANY	CHINA	40	12	17.51	2.49
63 ITALY	JAPAN	45	19	17.16	2.84
64 ENGLAND	INDIA	22	32	6.57	10.43
65 CANADA	U.S.A.	14	22	7.17	12.83
66 SWEDEN	CROATIA	24	15	13.14	6.86
67 FRANCE	HUNGARY	25	18	12.51	7.49
68 DENMARK	ISRAEL	42	20	16.39	3.61
69 NEW ZEALAND	ARGENTINA	51	22	17.68	2.32
70 SOUTH AFRICA	HONG KONG, CHINA	6	57	0.00	20.00
71 NORWAY	SWITZERLAND	37	19	15.52	4.48
72 POLAND	AUSTRALIA	37	19	15.52	4.48
73 MOROCCO	BRAZIL	39	21	15.52	4.48
74 SPAIN	TURKIYE	3	46	0.45	19.55
75 COLOMBIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R10

1	GERMANY	146.35
2	NORWAY	134.90
3	NEW ZEALAND	130.56
4	HK, CHINA	123.49
5	ITALY	121.27
6	POLAND	120.79
7	CROATIA	119.12
8	DENMARK	117.98
9	ISRAEL	112.09
10	COLOMBIA	111.80
11	SWITZERLAND	111.54
12	INDIA	111.21
13	FRANCE	107.90
14	ENGLAND	106.63
15	CHILE	105.72
16	AUSTRALIA	105.67
17	U.S.A.	105.37
18	JAPAN	96.86
19	CHINA	87.39
20	TURKIYE	85.07
21	SWEDEN	85.02
22	CANADA	84.60
23	SPAIN	84.13
24	ARGENTINA	81.48
25	IRELAND	67.84
26	HUNGARY	67.08
27	MOROCCO	66.93
28	BRAZIL	61.37
29	SOUTH AFRICA	47.34

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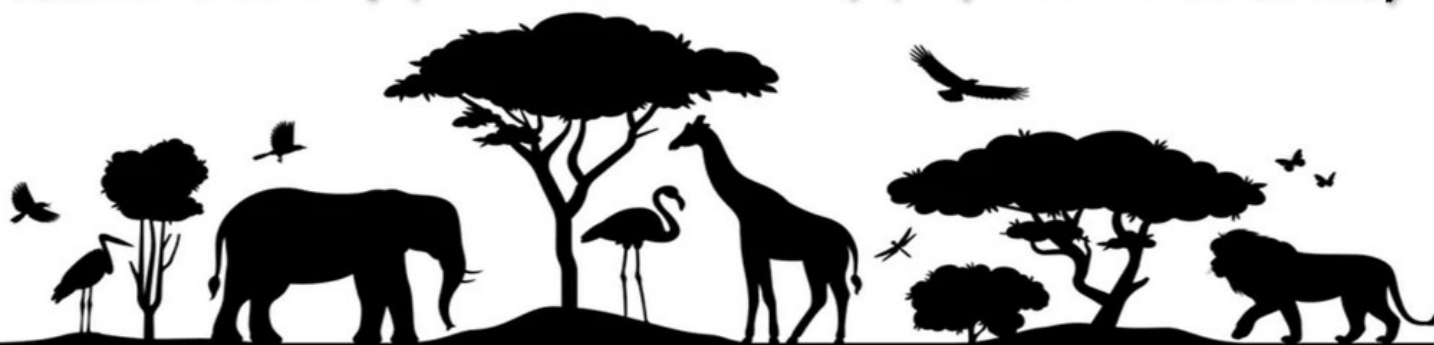
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