

THE LAST CUT IS THE DEEPEST



The WBF Congress was held today. Check out the report on page 5.

As we enter the final day of the round-robins the focus is on the teams on the cusp of qualification. In Open Group A **Romania** occupy eighth place, but seventh placed **Germany** must meet the leaders, **USA** in the penultimate round and then face another of the contenders, **England**, in the final round, while **Chile** is still within range. In Group B **Finland**, **Denmark**, **Korea** and **Brazil** are in the hot seats. In the Mixed **China** is currently in the hot spot, pursued by **Japan** and **Columbia**. In the Women's Championship **Hong Kong**, **China** must keep India at bay while in the Seniors **Netherlands**, **Morocco** and **Japan** will be hoping to overtake **Argentina**.

CAPTAINS MEETINGS

Please take note that at the end of the respective Round Robin a Captains' meeting will be held to determine the KO brackets.

They will start 30 minutes after the end of the round robin, specifically:

Open Teams at	16.00
Women and Seniors at	17.15
Mixed at	18.10

However, pending rulings and/or reviews may lead to a delay.

Please refer to point 13 of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for further details.

Maurizio Di Sacco
WBF Operations Director

SCHEDULE TODAY

Happy Birthday to **Rafael DIAS** (Brazil Mixed Team)
and **Michael GAMBLE** (Canada, Mixed Team)



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: R16 (16 boards)
13.15 - 15.30: R17 (16 boards)
16.00: Captains Meeting

Women Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R21 (12 boards)
12.15 - 14.00: R22 (12 boards)
15.00 - 16.45: R23 (12 boards)
17.15: Captains Meeting

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R21 (12 boards)
12.15 - 14.00: R22 (12 boards)
15.00 - 16.45: R23 (12 boards)
17.15: Captains Meeting

Mixed Teams

10.00 - 11.25: R26 (10 boards)
11.55 - 13.20: R27 (10 boards)
14.20 - 15.45: R28 (10 boards)
16.15 - 17.40: R29 (10 boards)
18.10: Captains Meeting



MATCHES ON BBO

Sunday, 27 October 2024



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: Israel - Argentina
Italy - China
Netherlands - England
13.15 - 15.30: England - Germany
Switzerland - Denmark
Argentina - Romania

Women Teams

10.00 - 11.25: China - Hong Kong, China
15.00 - 16.45: Netherlands - Brazil

Senior Teams

12.15 - 14.00: Brazil - Australia

The VuGraph theatre is located in the Auditorium at the foot of the stairs.



From left to right: Kip Rotchell, Bernard Pascal, Kari-Anne Opsal, Marcelo Caracci, Eric Laurant, José Damiani, Franck Riehm, Ben Thompson, Chip Martel, Adam Wildavsky, Yannan Wang, Nader Hanna, Helen Kruger, Gonzalo Herrera, Lilian Sun (interpreter), Fernando Lema, Marc De Pauw, AJ Stephani, Igor Chalupec, Catherine Draper, Arianna Testa, Kirubakara Moorthy
Front: Jan Kamras

DRAW TODAY

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 16

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

ROUND 17

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

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 16

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

ROUND 17

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

WOMEN

ROUND 21

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

ROUND 22

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

ROUND 23

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

SENIORS

ROUND 21

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

ROUND 22

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

ROUND 23

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

MIXED

ROUND 26

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

ROUND 27

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

ROUND 28

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

ROUND 29

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



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CONGRESS REPORT

Simon Stocken



David Harris, Adam Wildavsky, Marc De Pauw, Jan Kamras



Jan Kamras

At yesterday's WBF Congress meeting, two proposals were voted on by the delegates:

1. The proposal to approve an increase to raise the Annual Membership Dues from \$1 to \$1.20, beginning in 2025 was unanimously approved.
2. The proposal for indexation of the Dues as per the OECD metric was rejected by 36 votes to 16.

Those NBOs with 300 or fewer members remain unaffected and will continue to pay the \$300 flat fee.

Congress concluded with two presentations:

1. Marek Michałowski gave details about a World Bridge Series Event scheduled to take place in Katowice, Poland in 2026. The venue is well-suited to hosting a large event, centrally located in Katowice in the South of Poland - easily accessible by air, road and rail.
2. Jose Damiani gave a presentation about the upcoming World Online Championship, with the first edition scheduled for 2025. The event will be a two-stage championship with stage one involving online qualification over 4 months beginning September 2025; stage two will be a 3-day live final in a unique atmosphere with 500 players invited. The total cash prize for the event will be \$300,000 with the winner receiving \$100,000.



Marek Michałowski



José Damiani



EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 26/10/2024

We are always on the look out for unusual bridge terms. So far we have encountered the Moose (any big hand – for example if you open say a 15-17 1NT and table an 18 count that counts) (explanations available from Simon Stocken in return for an interesting deal). We are toying with the idea of introducing a new feature, Moose of the Day.

Then there is Canadian Bacon – we hope to discover more about that anon.

We usually welcome visitors to the office, but they must not step out of line. On Friday evening Dimitris Ballas dropped by and inadvertently trod on the switch supplying power to our network. It happened to coincide with the attempt to transmit the front page of the Bulletin to Francesca. He appealed against the imposition of a yellow card, but a VAR review upheld the decision.

On the principle that one picture is worth a thousand words:

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Barnet Shenkin

Cameron McLatchie was my first bridge partner in 1968 at Glasgow University. He now spends his time between Jersey in the Channel Islands and Orlando where he is more used to playing golf than bridge. This year he accomplished the most amazing feat of following an eagle at a par 5 with a hole in 1 at the very next hole!!!

Playing for Scotland with my cousin David Shenkin against Hong Kong China, in Round 14 of the Seniors he showed he can handle cards as well as clubs.

Board 12 Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chan	D Shenkin	Cheng	McLatchie
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♣ Heart support

West led the ♥A and played another. Cameron overtook and drew the last trump. He now made the key play of another trump. West had pitched a club but now had to pitch a spade or diamond. Whatever card West pitched declarer could Unblock the ♠A, cross to dummy with a diamond and cash the ♠K before ruffing a spade. He would cross again with another diamond to ruff out the last pointed card of West who was down to ♣AQJ. Now Cameron exited with a low club to the ♣J score the ♣K in the two card ending. This was worth 10 IMPs as the opponents could only take 9 tricks in 3♥ - nice work Cameron!



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Women Round 16

 **CHINA v SWEDEN** 
 **FRANCE v ITALY** 

Jos Jacobs

Two top matches in the Women group on Friday late afternoon. The ideal situation, I thought, to report about both of them in one story of differences. And yes, already on the opening board of the set the paths of the four teams diverged. Here is that board.

Board 1. Dealer North None Vul.

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

In the China v Sweden match, there was some unanimity: both E/W pairs got to 4♠ and could not make that slightly shaky contract. It would need a 3-3 spade break or a favourable diamond break, at first glance. Neither occurred so one and two down were the outcomes. Sweden thus got their first 2 IMPs.

In the other match, both E/W pairs did much better.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Costa</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Ruscalla</i>	<i>Kurek Beaulieu</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦	All Pass

On the actual heart lead and continuation, the 4-1 trump break was too much to handle for declarer. She thus had to concede one down and could consider herself slightly unlucky. France +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puillet</i>	<i>Pomares</i>	<i>Tartarin</i>	<i>Golin</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the French carefully reached a sound contract. One overtrick, France another +140 and 5 IMPs to open their account.

Two boards later, textbook technique was required to achieve the optimum result.

Board 3. Dealer South E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K Bertheau</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>J Wang</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Dble	Rdbl*
1NT	All Pass		

Rdbl Support, 3♠

On a heart lead by North, won by South's king, declarer might have been held to just 7 tricks but eventually emerged with an overtrick. Sweden +120.

The same results (E/W +120) were reached at both tables in our other match but in the Closed Room of the China v. Sweden match, there was more at stake:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zuo</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Yuan</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Once the Chinese managed to place the NT declaration in East, they were in with a remote chance of success when South led a heart. Dummy's queen

won and declarer went on to cash four rounds of clubs ending in her hand. South had discarded a spade and a diamond and North also discarded a spade, a vital mistake as it turned out. Declarer continued a low diamond from hand but because North had just thrown away her 4th spade, the defence suddenly had a serious problem. Had South risen with the $\diamond K$ and played two rounds of spades, the defence would probably have prevailed but when she played low instead, declarer could win the queen in dummy and continue the suit, felling the king. Yuan then established the $\diamond 10$ as her 9th trick.. Had North and South held on to all their spades, South could have risen with the $\diamond K$ and continued the $\spadesuit 10$, the textbook way to collect four spade tricks. As it was, China collected +600, good for 10 IMPs to them.

On the next board, there was a game bonus available for the brave.

Board 4. Dealer West All Vul.

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

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



\spadesuit J 8 3 2
 \heartsuit K Q J 6
 \diamond 10 2
 \clubsuit A 10 6

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

In the China v. Sweden match, both N/S pairs stopped at the three-level, one of them not even in their best fit. When the Swedish declarer in $3\heartsuit$ correctly tackled her side suit (spades) first, she, too, made her contract. Still, the Chinese gained an IMP for ending up in the better denomination.

In the other match, there was drama.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Costa	Leleu	Ruscalla	Kurek Beaulieu
Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit	Dble
Pass	3 \spadesuit	All Pass	

No, not at this table. Just made, France +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Puillet	Pomares	Tartarin	Golin
Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit	Pass
1NT	2 \clubsuit *	Dble	Pass
Pass	2 \diamond	Pass	3 \clubsuit
Pass	3 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The director was called about a possible non-alert (or invisible alert?) of North's 2 \clubsuit two-suited overcall but in the end, it was decided to let the score stand. So, Italy were credited with the full +930 for an easy doubled overtrick. They did not even have to bid game to obtain the game bonus. 13 IMPs to them.

With the end of the match approaching, we also came nearer to the slam zone...



Xiaoxue ZUO

Ida GRONKVIST

Emma OVELIUS

Xuefang YUAN

Board 8. Dealer West None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K Bertheau</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>J Wang</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Once South's 2NT response established the spade fit, the rest was routine. By locating the ♣Q correctly, declarer easily made an overtrick. China +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zuo</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Yuan</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Once North showed a hand just under the values for an opening bid at the one-level, South lost any real interest. Here too, declarer made all the tricks, but Sweden lost 11 IMPs in the process.

Needless to say that the French and Italian N/S pairs had no trouble in getting to the small slam; thus no swing there.

On the next deal we saw a marked difference in pre-emptive style between the teams:

Board 9. Dealer North E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K Bertheau</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>J Wang</i>
—	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

As the cards lay, double was the ideal action with the East hand after North's modern pre-empt. North led a club, so declarer could win and play ♥A and a heart to her ♥J. After cashing the ♥K, she successfully ruffed out South's ♠K, thus creating parking places for all her diamond losers. Twelve tricks, Sweden +480.



The Chinese managed to reach the slam but when North followed suit with the ♣9 to dummy's ♣A, declarer, after a long huddle, decided to go up with the ♣K in the second round of the suit. As she had already lost a more obvious trick to the ♦Q, this manoeuvre meant one down. Sweden an unexpected +50 and 11 IMPS to them rather than to China.

In our other match, there were no experiments. Both E/W pairs stayed on firm ground for an easy flat board.

The last deal of the match, and also of the day, was about to sacrifice or not to sacrifice:

Board 12. Dealer West N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K Bertheau</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>J Wang</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

We will never know whether East considered her ♦AK a useful defensive asset and thus a good reason to refrain from sacrificing. At the table, three rounds of diamonds were indeed the only tricks the defence could get but this was not enough to set 4♥. China +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zuo</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Yuan</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Dble
3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ Spades +♦/♣

Maybe, North's immediate 4♥ sounded convincing enough to West's ears so she bid once again. This time, she was quite right because the contract only

went two down. Sweden a mere +300 and 8 IMPs to China who eventually won the match 36-26 or 13.18 – 6.82 VPs.

In the France v Italy match, any chances of finding the sacrifice were lost for Italy when their E/W pair did not enter the auction:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Costa</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Ruscalla</i>	<i>Kurek Beaulieu</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Just made, France +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puillet</i>	<i>Pomares</i>	<i>Tartarin</i>	<i>Golin</i>
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Dble
3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

The French East had a tool available (Multi-Landy) to show her major-minor two-suiter over North's 1NT. From there, there was no way to stop West from sacrificing. Well done, +300 to Italy but 8 IMPs to France. The result of the match thus became 25-16 to Italy, 12.90–7.10 VPs.



Margaux KUREK BEAULIEU, France

Seniors Round 17

BRAZIL v USA

Brian Senior

Sixteen rounds completed, seven to go, and USA are assured of a place in the knockout stages, with a strong possibility that they will end the round robin stage at the head of the rankings. Brazil lie 13th, a full match clear of 17th, so also well placed to qualify, but still with some work to do.

The first deal saw both Wests declare 3♣, where they had three trump losers and no prospect of coming to nine tricks. Jose Nader, for Brazil, got out for down one and -100, while Reese Milner, for USA, was down two for -200 and 3 IMPs to Brazil. Then came a slam or, at least, that is what Nader and Ralf Chalom thought.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nader	Rodwell	Chalom	Levin
—	—	1♣	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Milner	Chagas	Lall	Pain
—	—	1♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

To be fair to the Brazilian pair, Bobby Levin's 4♠ overcall put them under intense pressure, and one can understand Nader's temptation to do more than just settle for 5♣. Against that, his two spade losers might prove to be a serious problem at the six level, and so it proved. Levin cashed two spades and that was a quick one down for -50.

By contrast, put under the same pressure, Milner contented himself with a quiet 5♣ and that ended the auction. Again, there were two spades to be lost, but that was all: 11 tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to USA.

On Board 15, Brazil gained 2 IMPs for playing a higher scoring game - 4♥+2 against 3NT+1, then it was the N/S pairs' turn to have to deal with an opposing pre-empt on Board 16.



Board 16. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 8 6 5 ♥ J ♦ K 8 7 4 2 ♣ A K Q		♠ Q 9 2 ♥ 9 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ J 9 8 6 4 2	♠ K J 10 3 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A 9 5 3 ♣ 7 3
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West	North	East	South
Nader	Rodwell	Chalom	Levin
Milner	Chagas	Lall	Pain
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Identical auctions saw the respective Souths at the helm in what proved to be a very comfortable spade game. With the opening pre-empt making it natural for declarer to play East for the ♠Q, there was just a diamond to be lost, so +680 and no swing.

Board 17 was a routine NT game for the N/S pairs, flat at +460, then we were back to the pre-empts once again.

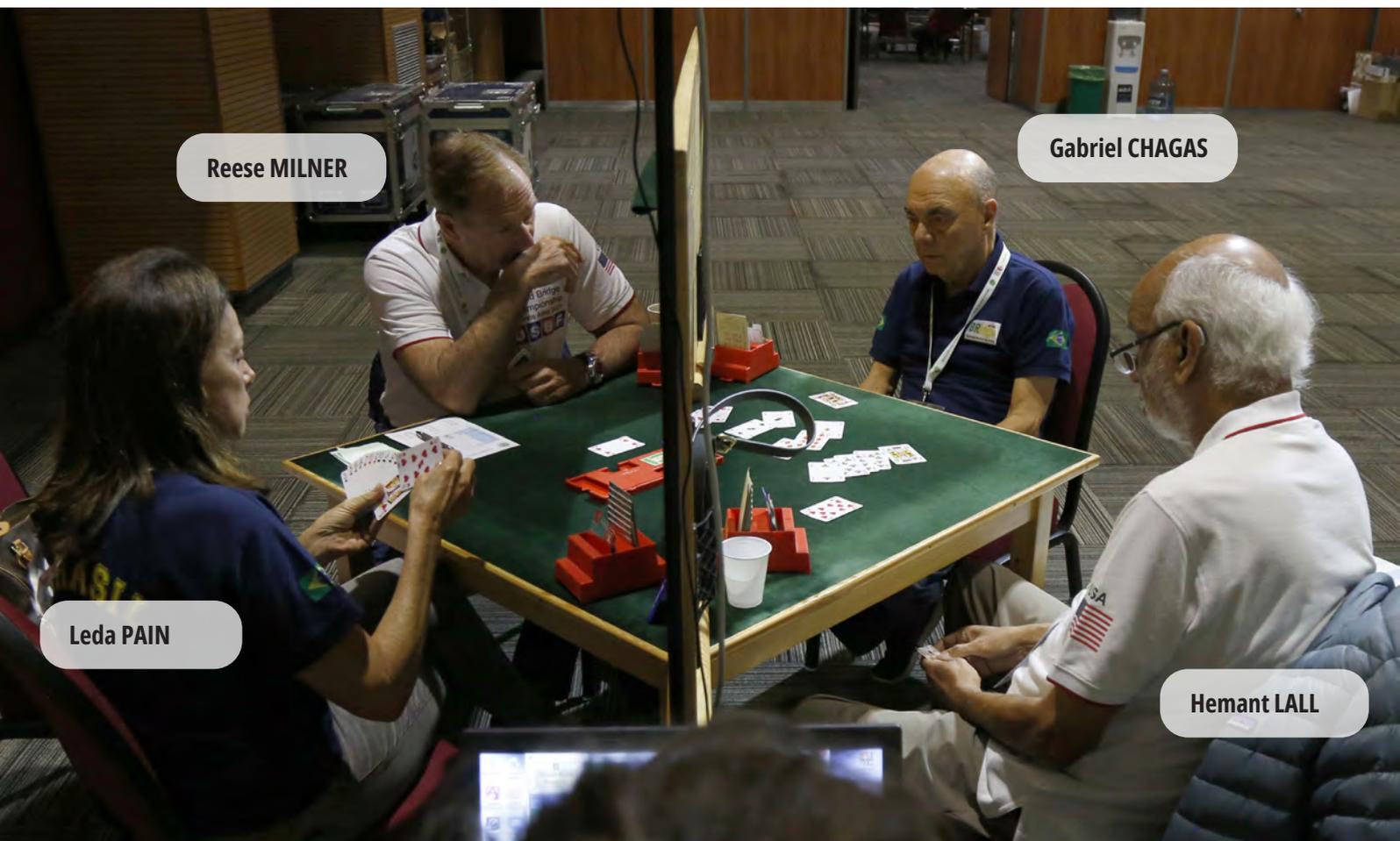
Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 5 ♥ — ♦ A 9 6 3 2 ♣ K J 10 8 7 3		♠ Q J 8 7 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ A 5 2	♠ 9 3 ♥ K Q 10 7 ♦ Q 8 7 5 ♣ Q 9 6
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West	North	East	South
Nader	Rodwell	Chalom	Levin
—	—	Pass	Pass
4♥	4NT*	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Milner	Chagas	Lall	Pain
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♥	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

With a 4♥ opening on his left, Rodwell overcalled 4NT to show a minor two-suiter, and Levin responded 5♦ and played there. A black-suit lead beats 5♦,



but Nader tried to cash the ace of hearts. That was ruffed and Levin played ace and another diamond, after which dummy's small spade went away on the king of hearts; +600.

Milner pre-empted a level lower than Nader and that left room for Gabriel Chagas to stress his longer suit by overcalling 4♣ rather than showing the two-suiter and committing game. That caught a raise from Leda Pain. It takes a spade lead to beat 5♣, but Hemant Lall made the normal lead of his partner's suit, and that went to the king, ace and ruff. Chagas played on clubs and could get his spade loser away on the queen of hearts then play on diamonds, so had 11 tricks for +600 and a push board.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Ralf Rafael CHALOM, Brazil



Hemant LALL, USA

West	North	East	South
Milner	Chagas	Lall	Pain
—	—	—	3♠
3NT	4♠	5♥	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

I can only assume that Levin's double of 5♥ was one of these modern 'I'd like to bid 5♠ but am doubling in case you would prefer to defend' actions. I've never understood them, and if that is what was going on here I'm still not sold on the idea. Levin led king then ten of clubs, Rodwell winning the ace. It didn't matter what he played now as the contract was cold, but in practice he tried to cash the ace of spades and that was ruffed; +850.

Pain bid 5♠ in the same position and Milner doubled to conclude the auction. Milner cashed the ace of hearts and king of diamonds then reverted to hearts. Pain ruffed and took the spade finesse then cashed the ♠A. There was a diamond to be lost, along with the king of spades, so that was down two for -300 but 11 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 20 was an easy game for N/S, with everything lying kindly for declarer either 3NT or 4♥ on the five-three fit was just a matter of overtricks. Rodwell made 3NT+3 for +690.

On Board 21 North declared a heart partscore, with Rodwell making an extra trick for 1 IMP to USA.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nader	Rodwell	Chalom	Levin
—	—	1♣	1♥
Dble	3♣	Pass	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Nader	Rodwell	Chalom	Levin
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Milner	Chagas	Lall	Pain
—	—	1♣	1♥
1♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Milner	Chagas	Lall	Pain
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both E/Ws bid to the spade game, Milner having it easy when Chagas led the king of diamonds. Milner won the ace and drew trumps ending in dummy then led a diamond to the jack, which was ducked. Next, he crossed to the ace of hearts to lead a club up, and couldn't go wrong; 10 tricks for +620.

Rodwell led his partner's hearts, leaving Nader with a more challenging task. Nader won the heart and drew trumps ending in dummy. He continued with a club to the king and, when that held, had to play diamonds for two winners and at most two losers. He started the suit by leading the jack from hand, to the queen and ace, and the fall of the bare seven on his right meant that he had the combined spot cards to create the required second winner, so he too had 10 tricks for +620 and no swing.

Nader doubled the opening 1♥ bid then bid 1NT to show a hand too good for an immediate 1NT overcall. Holding only four spades, it was natural for Chalom to simply raise this to 3NT. However, Rodwell led the two of hearts, Levin winning the ace and continuing with a low heart, and that established three more heart winners for Levin and the contract was down one for -100.

Milner also doubled the opening bid, but Lall liked his chunky spades enough to jump to 2♠ in response, and Milner raised that to game. Pain underled the ace of clubs at trick one, Lall winning the king and playing the queen of hearts, Pain won that and played ace and another club for Chagas to ruff, but that was with the long trump, which was always going to be a trick, so all it did was simplify and speed up the play. Lall won the heart return, drew trumps, and took the diamond finesse; 10 tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to USA.

The final deal was a quiet partscore for N/S, both Norths declaring 2♥ for +140 and a push board.

USA won the match by 24-16 IMPs, 12.61-7.39 VPs, and maintained their position at the head of the rankings. Brazil, meanwhile, slipped a place down to 14th, but were still over a match clear of 17th.



Open Round 13

 DENMARK v ITALY 

David Bird

Denmark and Italy are two of the strongest bridge nations in Europe. I am expecting some enjoyable, high-quality exchanges in the next two hours or so, fingers crossed.

We did not have to wait long for some excitement.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Konow	Sementa	Askgaard
—	—	1NT	2♣*
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Versace/Sementa use a 10-13 1NT in 1st seat when non-vulnerable. 2♣ showed both majors, and Alfredo Versace decided to double 2♥. (It must have been for penalties, since East passed with only one heart.)

The defenders started with three trump tricks, East throwing two clubs. GIB was predicting one down now, unless West switched to a diamond. Having no GIB button within easy reach, Versace returned the ♦6 to the queen and ace. A second diamond then went to the 7 and king. Kasper Konow crossed to the ♠A, continuing with a diamond to the jack. When that suit broke 3-3, the much-feared number of 670 was entered on the scorecards.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plejdrup	Donati	Bilde	Percario
—	—	Pass	1♥
1NT	2♥	Dble*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Plejdrup declined the chance to defend 2♥ and ended in 4♠. He won the heart lead with dummy's queen and played a trump to the queen. This brought good news and bad news. The queen won, but North followed with the jack. Three trump tricks had to be lost, for one down, and that was an early 12 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Konow	Sementa	Askgaard
1♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Antonio Sementa's 2♥ showed a weakish 5-4 in the majors (sometimes called the Reverse Flannery convention). Versace rebid a conservative 2♠, ending the auction. The defenders played three rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffing with the 6. He continued with three top trumps and a fourth trump to South, discarding a heart. Eight tricks were claimed according to the play record, but the official score was +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plejdrup	Donati	Bilde	Percario
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The Denmark East/West valued their cards more adventurously. The defenders scored two diamonds and a heart, North exiting with the ♣J. Andreas Plejdrup played a second top club, ditching a heart,

drew two rounds of trumps with the king and queen, and ruffed dummy's diamond with the ace. South eventually scored his trump trick and the damage was a surprisingly chunky 9 IMPs to Italy.

Only six pairs out of 32 bid an adventurous and making slam on the next board. I'm proud to say that the half dozen included both East/West pairs in this match.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Antonio SEMENTA, Italy

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Konow	Sementa	Askgaard
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Versace broke the transfer (which Al Hollander informed us would normally show four trumps). Antonio Sementa then suggested a slam with his heart cue-bid. Perhaps surreptitiously putting one of his four spades back into the club suit, Versace signed off in game. Sementa wasn't finished! He came again with a second heart cue-bid. Versace had to bid six then, despite the wasted ♥Q.

He won the ♣Q lead, crossed to a heart and played a trump to the king. A second heart to dummy allowed another trump lead, South's ace appearing. Versace won the next club, drew the last trump and breathed freely when the diamonds broke favourably. +980 was the reward for the Italians' bold bidding.



Morten BILDE, Denmark

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plejdrup	Donati	Bilde	Percario
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Plejdrup and Morten Bilde proceeded to match their counterparts, for a splendid push board. Well done!

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Giacomo PERCARIO, Italy

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2♠*	3♠	4♥	4♠
6♥	All Pass		

At both tables, West showed hearts and a minor with a Michaels overcall. When Sementa volunteered a heart bid, it was reasonable to hope that there would be no trump loser. The ♠A was likely to be missing, but there would be some play for no club losers whatever East held there.

Sementa ruffed the ♦A lead in dummy, picked up the trumps and recorded +1460 for his overtrick. It was another successful slam venture. When you're on a hot streak, keep going!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Plejdrup</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2♠*	3♠	4♣*	4♦
4♠*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Bilde's 4♣ was pass-or-correct for partner's minor. Giacomo Percario showed his diamonds and West's 4♠ then inviting a club slam. East could imagine that his ♠A was wasted, opposite a void, so it was hard for him to bid more than 5♣. Only two of the 32 East/West pairs in the Open failed to make a slam, though, so the loss of 13 IMPs may be considered justified.



Alfredo VERSACE

Kasper KONOW

Antonio SEMENTA

Michael ASKGAARD

The big boards kept rolling, I was pleased to see. Both sides had a good fit on this deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣	5♠
5NT*	Pass	6♦	All Pass



Kasper KONOW, Denmark

Versace's 4NT showed a second suit, *Sementa* showed his clubs, and *Michael Askgaard* stole more bidding space with his 5♠. *Versace's* 5NT was doubtless a pick-a-slam invitation, and *Sementa* seems to have played safe by choosing diamonds instead of hearts.

Versace won the ♣K lead with dummy's ace and made the safety play of a trump to the ace. He was soon writing +1370 on his card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Plejdrup</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	3♣*	3♥	4♠
4NT	5♠	Pass*	Pass
6♥	6♠	Dble	All Pass

The East/West bidding had been strong and *Donati* took little time to find the sacrifice in 6♠. The defenders scored their four aces, collecting 800. It was 11 well-deserved IMPs to Italy.

Are you about to meet your death by a 'surfeit on double-digit swings'? In that case, you had better delay reading about Board 30 until tomorrow.



Giovanni DONATI, Italy

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Dble	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

If you think I don't have a clue what South's bids meant, you are... wrong! 1♣ showed 16+ HCP and the heart bids were relays. In response, North showed 6 diamonds and 4 clubs. (Yes, yes, Al Hollander was commentating at this table, but I'm sure I could have

worked it out.)

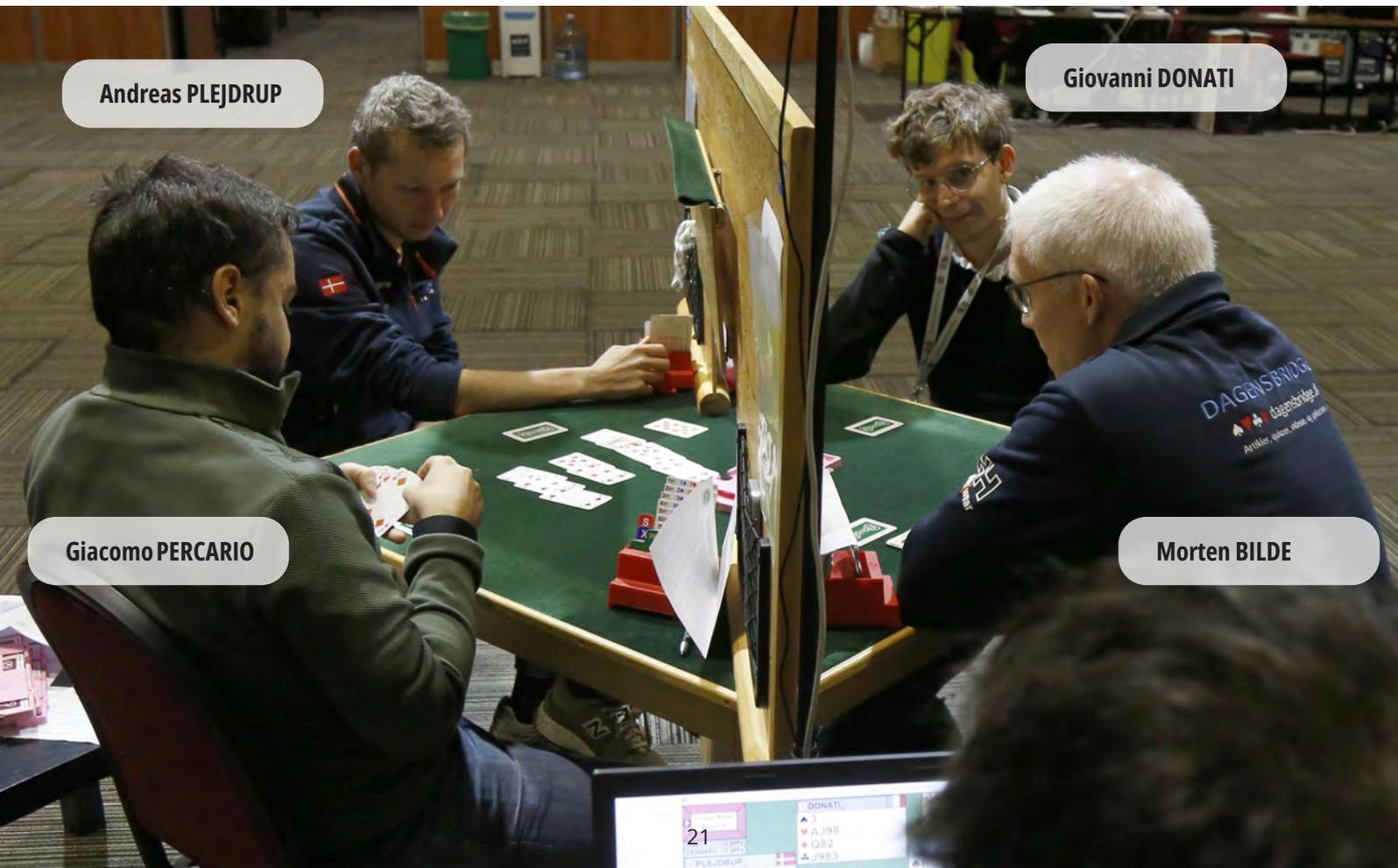
Versace's ♠4 lead went to the jack and queen. Askgaard unleashed a cascade of winners, heading for 11 tricks. In the four-card ending Versace was down to ♠K7 ♣AQ. Imagining he would be endplayed if he threw the ♣Q, he ditched the ♣A instead. So, declarer made twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Plejdrup</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣*
Dble	Pass	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Donati's 4♠ was a two-under bid suggesting a diamond slam. The meaning of 5♣ does defeat me, I admit, but they ended up in 6♦, played by the safe hand.

The ♥9 was led, and down went a disappointing dummy. Perhaps declarer should have heeded the warning given by West's double of 5♣. There is a double dummy make, using the ace and queen of spades to pin East's ♠J. Percario took an early straight finesse of the ♠Q, of course, and went one down. So, Denmark collected 11 IMPs, Italy winning an eventful match by 38-33.



Andreas PLEJDRUP

Giovanni DONATI

Giacomo PERCARIO

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RESULTS

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 13

1	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	37	26	13.04	6.96
2	ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	22	31	7.45	12.55
3	GUADELOUPE	SWEDEN	25	42	5.61	14.39
4	SOUTH AFRICA	CHINESE TAIPEI	38	42	8.80	11.20
5	SPAIN	PAKISTAN	42	9	17.17	2.83
6	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	43	19	15.74	4.26
7	NEW ZEALAND	U.S.A.	22	28	8.24	11.76
8	GERMANY	HONG KONG CHINA	40	13	16.26	3.74
9	CHILE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 14

1	U.S.A.	NETHERLANDS	51	37	12.75	6.25
2	ARGENTINA	SWEDEN	29	13	14.18	5.82
3	CHINESE TAIPEI	GERMANY	19	16	10.91	9.09
4	SOUTH AFRICA	ISRAEL	51	37	13.75	6.25
5	PAKISTAN	HONG KONG CHINA	18	45	3.74	16.26
6	CHILE	ENGLAND	20	49	3.42	16.58
7	NEW ZEALAND	GUADELOUPE	39	4	17.45	2.55
8	IRELAND	SPAIN	53	34	14.80	5.20
9	ROMANIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 15

1	U.S.A.	ISRAEL	41	29	13.28	6.72
2	SOUTH AFRICA	GERMANY	34	21	13.52	6.48
3	HONG KONG CHINA	NETHERLANDS	50	42	12.29	7.71
4	ARGENTINA	SPAIN	56	23	17.17	2.83
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	PAKISTAN	39	28	12.04	6.96
6	ENGLAND	IRELAND	42	35	12.03	7.97
7	CHILE	ROMANIA	55	30	15.92	4.08
8	SWEDEN	NEW ZEALAND	47	12	17.45	2.55
9	GUADELOUPE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R15

1	U.S.A.	201.06
2	ISRAEL	186.36
3	SWEDEN	178.24
4	ARGENTINA	171.94
5	IRELAND	165.32
6	NETHERLANDS	161.84
7	ROMANIA	157.18
8	GERMANY	156.62
9	ENGLAND	146.36
10	NEW ZEALAND	144.34
11	CHILE	137.87
12	SPAIN	134.59
13	SOUTH AFRICA	132.33
14	CHINESE TAIPEI	120.60
15	GUADELOUPE	88.95
16	HK, CHINA	82.55
17	PAKISTAN	52.85

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 13

11	CHINA	POLAND	51	17	17.31	2.69
12	DENMARK	ITALY	33	38	8.52	11.48
13	AUSTRALIA	SWITZERLAND	17	48	2.62	16.38
14	CANADA	KUWAIT	75	26	19.07	0.93
15	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	20	68	1.03	18.97
16	FINLAND	TURKIYE	40	45	8.52	11.48
17	FRANCE	HUNGARY	32	31	10.31	9.69
18	BRAZIL	KOREA	44	17	16.26	3.74
19	INDIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 14

11	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	23	42	5.20	14.80
12	POLAND	NORWAY	42	44	9.39	10.61
13	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRIA	74	32	18.33	1.67
14	KUWAIT	TURKIYE	26	74	1.03	18.97
15	DENMARK	CANADA	47	26	15.19	4.81
16	INDIA	CHINA	9	51	1.67	18.33
17	KOREA	FINLAND	45	28	14.39	5.61
18	BRAZIL	FRANCE	51	67	5.82	14.18
19	HUNGARY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 15

11	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE	58	17	18.21	1.79
12	CHINA	DENMARK	44	15	16.58	3.42
13	BRAZIL	FINLAND	28	63	2.55	17.45
14	POLAND	CANADA	53	28	15.92	4.08
15	TURKIYE	ITALY	26	56	3.27	16.73
16	INDIA	HUNGARY	29	24	11.48	8.52
17	KOREA	KUWAIT	101	14	20.00	0.00
18	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	38	15	15.56	4.44
19	AUSTRIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R15

1	CHINA	213.70
2	ITALY	206.10
3	SWITZERLAND	200.60
4	FRANCE	182.88
5	POLAND	182.51
6	NORWAY	169.88
7	FINLAND	160.28
8	DENMARK	158.21
9	KOREA	155.24
10	BRAZIL	153.18
11	HUNGARY	146.89
12	INDIA	144.45
13	TURKIYE	141.72
14	CANADA	133.07
15	AUSTRALIA	119.60
16	AUSTRIA	80.21
17	KUWAIT	24.48

WOMEN

ROUND 17

21	POLAND	SOUTH AFRICA	51	23	17.08	2.92
22	INDIA	FRANCE	37	6	17.56	2.44
23	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	26	28	9.29	10.71
24	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	17	19	9.29	10.71
25	HONG KONG CHINA	ITALY	1	41	1.22	18.78
26	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN	14	25	6.55	13.45
27	MEXICO	JAPAN	18	35	5.07	14.93
28	U.S.A.	BRAZIL	14	29	5.54	14.46
29	CHINA	TURKIYE	13	20	7.69	12.31
30	ENGLAND	CANADA	61	13	19.64	0.36
31	GERMANY	CHILE	37	7	17.40	2.60
32	ARGENTINA	SPAIN	38	22	14.70	5.30

ROUND 18

21	ITALY	SWEDEN	25	27	9.29	10.71
22	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA	28	27	10.36	9.64
23	CHINA	ENGLAND	21	40	4.63	15.37
24	GERMANY	NORWAY	16	26	6.82	13.18
25	TURKIYE	IRELAND	55	29	16.73	3.27
26	SPAIN	CANADA	28	11	14.93	5.07
27	FRANCE	ARGENTINA	44	20	16.37	3.63
28	NEW ZEALAND	BRAZIL	28	34	7.99	12.01
29	CHILE	POLAND	18	20	9.29	10.71
30	INDIA	MEXICO	14	19	8.30	11.70
31	SOUTH AFRICA	JAPAN	6	21	5.54	14.46
32	HONG KONG CHINA	U.S.A.	13	38	3.45	16.55

ROUND 19

21	SWEDEN	JAPAN	10	3	12.31	7.69
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24	U.S.A.	SOUTH AFRICA	28	16	13.71	6.29
25	ITALY	AUSTRALIA	13	32	4.63	15.37
26	HONG KONG CHINA	FRANCE	3	36	2.14	17.86
27	NORWAY	INDIA	16	7	12.90	7.10
28	NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	23	23	10.00	10.00
29	SPAIN	CHILE	37	15	15.99	4.01
30	ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	45	10	18.14	1.86
31	IRELAND	CANADA	26	25	10.36	9.64
32	GERMANY	BRAZIL	38	5	17.86	2.14

ROUND 20

21	POLAND	CHINA	27	3	16.37	3.63
22	SOUTH AFRICA	ARGENTINA	25	15	12.68	6.32
23	ENGLAND	GERMANY	27	7	15.58	4.42
24	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA	22	13	12.90	7.10
25	HONG KONG CHINA	MEXICO	42	4	18.54	1.46
26	JAPAN	IRELAND	24	1	16.18	3.82
27	NETHERLANDS	INDIA	21	14	12.31	7.69
28	FRANCE	BRAZIL	26	11	14.46	5.54
29	CHILE	SWEDEN	10	20	6.82	13.18
30	TURKIYE	U.S.A.	0	16	5.30	14.70
31	ITALY	SPAIN	16	18	9.29	10.71
32	NORWAY	CANADA	27	6	15.79	4.21

RANKING AFTER R20

1	POLAND	278.35
2	ENGLAND	267.36
3	SWEDEN	263.19
4	ITALY	262.38
5	NORWAY	252.91
6	TURKIYE	247.32
7	FRANCE	239.70
8	U.S.A.	234.99
9	AUSTRALIA	231.70
10	CHINA	226.65
11	GERMANY	225.04
12	NETHERLANDS	194.99
13	BRAZIL	191.35
14	NEW ZEALAND	189.12
15	JAPAN	186.99
16	HK, CHINA	180.52
17	INDIA	169.16
18	ARGENTINA	159.79
19	SPAIN	147.27
20	CANADA	137.85
21	SOUTH AFRICA	133.46
22	MEXICO	127.07
23	CHILE	126.37
24	IRELAND	118.97

SENIOR

ROUND 17

41	U.S.A.	BRAZIL	23	16	12.31	7.69
42	COLOMBIA	CANADA	0	61	0.00	20.00
43	INDIA	SWITZERLAND	0	0	12.94	0.00
44	POLAND	MOROCCO	44	25	15.37	4.63
45	ARGENTINA	SCOTLAND	10	26	5.30	14.70
46	JAPAN	ENGLAND	38	20	15.15	4.85
47	DENMARK	TURKIYE	34	17	14.93	4.57
48	FRANCE	CHILE	0	0	17.98	0.00
49	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN	18	33	5.54	14.46
50	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	22	29	7.69	12.31
51	NEW ZEALAND	ITALY	18	2	14.70	5.30
52	HONG KONG CHINA	ISRAEL	16	48	2.29	17.71

ROUND 18

41	GERMANY	BRAZIL	51	2	19.74	0.26
42	SCOTLAND	TURKIYE	24	28	8.62	11.38
43	SWITZERLAND	NEW ZEALAND	0	0	0.00	12.00
44	INDIA	DENMARK	26	34	7.39	12.61
45	ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	30	11	15.37	4.63
46	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	20	17	11.05	8.95
47	JAPAN	COLOMBIA	49	27	15.99	4.01
48	ITALY	AUSTRALIA	32	9	16.18	3.82
49	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	35	21	14.22	5.78
50	HONG KONG CHINA	U.S.A.	13	29	5.30	14.70
51	MOROCCO	CANADA	24	20	11.38	8.62
52	CHILE	POLAND	0	0	0.00	17.46

ROUND 19

41	FRANCE	BRAZIL	18	1	14.93	5.07
42	COLOMBIA	INDIA	14	27	6.03	13.97
43	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	38	11	16.91	3.09
44	ITALY	SWITZERLAND	0	0	12.00	0.00
45	U.S.A.	MOROCCO	3	27	3.63	16.37
46	NETHERLANDS	JAPAN	6	39	2.14	17.86
47	NEW ZEALAND	TURKIYE	32	47	5.54	14.46
48	HONG KONG CHINA	ENGLAND	28	8	15.58	4.42
49	GERMANY	POLAND	8	12	8.62	11.38
50	DENMARK	ARGENTINA	6	20	5.78	14.22
51	SWEDEN	CANADA	15	15	10.00	10.00
52	SCOTLAND	CHILE	0	0	17.38	0.00

ROUND 20

41	ENGLAND	BRAZIL	29	18	13.45	6.55
42	CANADA	NEW ZEALAND	27	23	11.38	8.62
43	HONG KONG CHINA	COLOMBIA	15	24	7.10	12.90
44	MOROCCO	ARGENTINA	2	42	1.22	18.78
45	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	15	15	10.00	10.00
46	ITALY	JAPAN	21	9	13.71	6.29
47	POLAND	INDIA	13	40	3.09	16.91
48	GERMANY	AUSTRALIA	37	1	18.28	1.72
49	SWITZERLAND	U.S.A.	0	0	0.00	14.43
50	CHILE	SWEDEN	0	0	0.00	17.99
51	NETHERLANDS	TURKIYE	16	28	6.29	13.71
52	DENMARK	FRANCE	7	15	7.39	12.61

RANKING AFTER R20

1	U.S.A.	266.94
2	FRANCE	258.84
3	SWEDEN	256.66
4	ISRAEL	245.67
5	INDIA	242.65
6	GERMANY	238.59
7	SCOTLAND	227.58
8	POLAND	223.76
9	ITALY	223.35
10	TURKIYE	223.20
11	DENMARK	208.10
12	CANADA	199.58
13	AUSTRALIA	194.65
14	HK, CHINA	189.05
15	BRAZIL	181.63
16	ARGENTINA	179.42
17	NETHERLANDS	177.65
18	MOROCCO	174.51
19	JAPAN	171.20
20	NEW ZEALAND	164.42
21	COLOMBIA	156.71
22	ENGLAND	145.60
23	SWITZERLAND	136.01
24	CHILE	24.00

MIXED

ROUND 21

61	SPAIN	ENGLAND	14	30	4.95	15.05
62	CANADA	GERMANY	3	19	4.95	15.05
63	TURKIYE	BRAZIL	28	1	17.34	2.66
64	HONG KONG CHINA	MOROCCO	0	0	14.71	0.00
65	SOUTH AFRICA	SWEDEN	3	26	3.41	16.09
66	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	35	6	17.68	2.32
67	U.S.A.	CHILE	17	9	12.83	7.17
68	IRELAND	JAPAN	7	41	1.56	18.44
69	ARGENTINA	HUNGARY	14	14	10.00	10.00
70	NORWAY	DENMARK	23	41	4.48	15.52
71	ITALY	POLAND	21	21	10.00	10.00
72	ISRAEL	CROATIA	50	12	18.97	1.03
73	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE	8	39	2.00	18.00
74	COLOMBIA	INDIA	39	1	17.97	1.03
75	AUSTRALIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 22

61	NORWAY	IRELAND	25	42	4.71	15.29
62	DENMARK	GERMANY	27	6	16.18	3.82
63	CHINA	SWITZERLAND	32	23	13.14	6.86
64	JAPAN	TURKIYE	17	21	8.50	11.50
65	BRAZIL	SPAIN	43	14	17.68	2.32
66	HUNGARY	SOUTH AFRICA	35	8	17.34	2.66
67	MOROCCO	ITALY	0	0	0.00	14.80
68	ARGENTINA	HONG KONG CHINA	10	43	1.70	18.30
69	CROATIA	CANADA	31	12	15.75	4.25
70	ENGLAND	U.S.A.	16	14	10.77	9.23
71	CHILE	INDIA	9	47	1.03	18.97
72	NEW ZEALAND	ISRAEL	17	26	6.86	13.14
73	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	11	35	3.22	16.78
74	COLOMBIA	SWEDEN	3	12	6.86	13.14
75	POLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 23

61	INDIA	MOROCCO	0	0	14.32	0.00
62	TURKIYE	ARGENTINA	21	9	14.00	6.00
63	HUNGARY	JAPAN	25	13	14.00	6.00
64	CANADA	FRANCE	21	4	15.29	4.71
65	BRAZIL	CHILE	35	17	15.52	4.48
66	SWEDEN	U.S.A.	18	31	5.72	14.28
67	NORWAY	CROATIA	22	20	10.77	9.23
68	SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY	12	22	6.57	13.43
69	COLOMBIA	NEW ZEALAND	4	28	3.22	16.78
70	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	14	18	8.50	11.50
71	GERMANY	POLAND	7	48	0.67	19.33
72	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	17	16	10.39	9.61
73	IRELAND	CHINA	22	27	8.15	11.85
74	SPAIN	DENMARK	12	5	12.51	7.49
75	HONG KONG CHINA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 24

61 NORWAY	SPAIN	51	18	18.30	1.70
62 NEW ZEALAND	HONG KONG CHINA	26	41	5.20	14.80
63 ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	25	16	13.14	6.86
64 INDIA	CHINA	24	31	7.49	12.51
65 TURKIYE	GERMANY	0	48	0.00	20.00
66 AUSTRALIA	IRELAND	19	35	4.95	15.05
67 ITALY	DENMARK	31	3	17.51	2.49
68 MOROCCO	JAPAN	0	0	0.00	13.36
69 CANADA	CHILE	44	17	17.34	2.66
70 SWEDEN	FRANCE	7	33	2.84	17.16
71 POLAND	ENGLAND	28	13	14.80	5.20
72 ARGENTINA	COLOMBIA	43	11	18.15	1.85
73 U.S.A.	HUNGARY	17	31	5.46	14.54
74 BRAZIL	SOUTH AFRICA	25	21	11.50	8.50
75 CROATIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 25

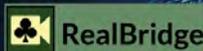
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62 INDIA	HONG KONG CHINA	58	3	20.00	0.00
63 CROATIA	U.S.A.	0	30	2.16	17.84
64 MOROCCO	POLAND	0	0	0.00	15.25
65 ISRAEL	ITALY	3	25	3.61	16.39
66 CHINA	TURKIYE	26	6	15.97	4.03
67 CHILE	AUSTRALIA	29	18	13.72	6.28
68 FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA	2	29	2.66	17.34
69 ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	32	18	14.54	5.46
70 DENMARK	HUNGARY	35	10	16.97	3.03
71 SPAIN	IRELAND	52	13	19.10	0.90
72 COLOMBIA	SWITZERLAND	12	30	4.48	15.52
73 GERMANY	BRAZIL	0	17	4.71	15.29
74 NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	23	12	13.72	6.28
75 SWEDEN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R25

1	U.S.A.	308.92
2	GERMANY	306.84
3	POLAND	306.42
4	ITALY	303.74
5	CROATIA	288.68
6	INDIA	283.97
7	HK, CHINA	282.06
8	DENMARK	279.46
9	NORWAY	276.53
10	AUSTRALIA	275.42
11	ENGLAND	273.83
12	SWEDEN	264.26
13	FRANCE	263.23
14	NEW ZEALAND	259.15
15	ISRAEL	258.29
16	CHINA	255.75
17	JAPAN	251.84
18	COLOMBIA	245.15
19	CANADA	237.51
20	SWITZERLAND	233.62
21	TURKIYE	231.39
22	SPAIN	230.47
23	ARGENTINA	225.19
24	IRELAND	225.01
25	HUNGARY	218.99
26	CHILE	206.81
27	BRAZIL	189.45
28	SOUTH AFRICA	144.22
29	MOROCCO	123.45

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