



Daily Bulletin

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TRICKS OR TREATS

There was no shortage of excitement as the quarterfinals concluded. In the Open Series, four-handed **Korea** finally ran out of steam against **Argentina**, and **Switzerland** was too strong for **USA**. **Poland** won after a titanic struggle against **China**, and **Italy** held off a strong challenge from **Israel**.

In the Mixed Teams **Poland** and **Germany** had comfortable wins, but **Italy** and **China** were taken all the way by **Israel** and **USA**.

In the Women's series **USA** and **Sweden** recorded comfortable victories, but **Türkiye** and **China** had to work harder, the latter surviving **England**'s charge by a 2 IMPs.

In the Senior Teams **India** and **France** won easily, and **Sweden** was too strong for **Germany**, but the **USA** were given a scare by **Türkiye** before they secured victory..

In the Pablo Lombardi Transnational Open Teams, Denmark Open, **Pero Bueno** and **Black** topped the qualifiers.

Nikos Delimpaltadakis and **Vassilis Vroustis**, representing **Greece**, won the qualifier in the Open/Senior Pairs and **Scotland**'s **Barnet Shenkin** and **Brian Spears** were the leading Senior pair.

In the Women/Mixed Pairs, **Croatia**'s **Vedran Zoric** and **Nikica Sver** topped the qualifiers with **Argentina**'s **Ana Maria Alonso** and **Monica Angeleri** being the leading Women's pair.

ANTI-DOPING TESTING

Anti Doping Testing will take place on Thursday 31st October, Friday 1st and possibly Saturday 2nd November

Players in all events other than the Senior Teams / Pairs should be aware that they could be tested and should check that their presence is not required before leaving the convention centre between stanzas or at the end of play.

Dr Jaap Stomphorst, Chair WBF TUE Committee

WORLD NATIONAL PAIRS

Open/Seniors

At the end of the qualification the top 13 pairs qualified to the 16 pairs Semifinal A, jointly with three drop in.

In the meanwhile 3 pairs dropped out. The remaining 16 pairs will play Semifinal B.

Make reference to the previous communication for further details.

Women/Mixed

19 Pairs qualified to Semifinal A, jointly with 5 drop in. The remaining 24 pairs will play Semifinal B.

Make please reference to the previous communication for further details.

SCHEDULE TODAY

Open Teams Semifinals

Women Teams Semifinals

Senior Teams Semifinals

Mixed Teams Semifinals

10.00 - 12.15: 1/6 (16 boards)

13.15 - 15.30: 2/6 (16 boards)

16.00 - 18.15: 3/6 (16 boards)

Pablo Lombardi

Transnational Open Teams

10.00 - 11.45: Round 5

12.05 - 13.50: Round 6

14.50 - 16.35: Round 7

16.55 - 18.40: Round 8

National Pairs

Women & Mixed

10.00 - 12.25

13.30 - 15.55

16.15 - 18.35

National Pairs

Open & Senior

10.00 - 12.15

13.30 - 15.45




16.15 - 18.30

Happy Birthday to **Shun Sum Alan SZE**
(Hong Kong, China) and **Jessica BRAKE** (Australia)!











OPEN TEAMS





R. OF 16

1		148
		114
2		83
		80
3		165
		75
4		132
		122
5		149
		41
6		128
		123
7		121
		70
8		121
		126

QUARTERFINALS

















		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
1	 CHINA	44	14	26	12	36	29	161
	 POLAND	21	23	16	51	38	41	190
2	 SWITZERLAND	35	35	29	49	21	32	203
	 USA	66	27	11	21	16	9	150
3	 ITALY	28	12	27	32	13	59	173
	 ISRAEL	27	11	27	23	21	23	132
4	 ARGENTINA	19	7	25	50	21	47	170
	 KOREA	48	18	28	18	14	22	148

SEMIFINALS









1	 POLAND
	 SWITZERLAND
2	 ITALY
	 ARGENTINA

WOMEN TEAMS





R. OF 16

1		116
		117
2		132
		149
3		120
		79
4		149
		56
5		120
		106
6		105
		98
7		209
		99
8		129
		123

QUARTERFINALS

















		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
1	 HONG KONG, CHINA	31	5	26	30	–	–	92
	 USA	37	59	57	64	–	–	226
2	 NORWAY	11	27	38	17	40	23	156
	 SWEDEN	43	45	34	35	28	34	219
3	 ITALY	50	17	28	43	17	4	159
	 TÜRKIYE	20	29	58	49	22	47	225
4	 CHINA	50	19	35	21	15	17	157
	 ENGLAND	16	19	24	35	14	47	155

SEMIFINALS









1	 USA
	 SWEDEN
2	 TÜRKIYE
	 CHINA

SENIOR TEAMS





R. OF 16

1		140
		70
2		182
		112
3		120
		105
4		155
		73
5		134
		88
6		86
		97
7		122
		78
8		113
		55

QUARTERFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
1	 USA	27	7	57	22	24	25	162
	 TÜRKIYE	42	23	33	33	5	12	148
2	 ISRAEL	36	13	13	27	–	–	89
	 FRANCE	30	29	63	49	–	–	174
3	 INDIA	51	33	23	40	21	–	168
	 CANADA	15	31	10	9	19	–	84
4	 GERMANY	27	29	14	19	5	17	111
	 SWEDEN	36	17	10	34	24	43	164

SEMIFINALS









1	 USA
	 FRANCE
2	 INDIA
	 SWEDEN

MIXED TEAMS





R. OF 16

1		140
		46
2		110
		145
3		84
		115
4		105
		71
5		137
		43
6		87
		112
7		83
		103
8		216
		106

QUARTERFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
1	 POLAND	37	43	29	22	56	42	229
	 NORWAY	35	21	27	18	17	24	142
2	 ISRAEL	35	23	24	44	29	28	183
	 ITALY	27	49	29	28	44	18	195
3	 GERMANY	33	17	23	40	32	49	194
	 FRANCE	13	13	37	7	10	10	90
4	 CHINA	36	22	24	44	11	53	190
	 USA	21	16	25	41	37	18	158

SEMIFINALS

1	 POLAND
	 ITALY
2	 GERMANY
	 CHINA



MATCHES ON VUGRAPH

Thursday, 31 October 2024



10.00:	Poland	-	Switzerland	Open Teams	BB01
	USA	-	Sweden	Women Teams	BB02
	USA	-	France	Senior Teams	BB03
	Poland	-	Italy	Mixed Teams	LoveBridge
13.15	Argentina	-	Italy	Open Teams	BB01
	China	-	Turkiye	Women Teams	BB02
	Sweden	-	India	Senior Teams	BB03
	China	-	Germany	Mixed Teams	LoveBridge
16.00	To be announced				

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

BBO Vugraph: <https://www.bridgebase.com/>

Lovebridge Vugraph: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/>

EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 30/10/2024

Herman usually brings his lunch box to the office. Yesterday his wife Carine gave him a large bag of chocolate cookies, but Herman found he could not fit them into his box. Carine was not slow to advise him – ‘in that case you will have to think out of the box!’

Every now and then I check the viewing figures for the BBO matches. Yesterday afternoon Kalita and Klukowski had 1979 spectators, while Rosenberg and Zia mustered 1264.

I spotted the possibility of registering for a free bridge lesson with Jack Stocken on the English Bridge Union's Web Site. When I asked Simon if Jack was his smarter brother, he replied, ‘He can't be that smart if the lesson is free’.

I bumped into Zia at the end of the fifth session of the quarter final. He mentioned this his book,

Bridge a Love Story has now sold over 5000 copies. You can't get it in Buenos Aires, but it will be available in Poznan at the European Transnational Championships next year.




AN OLD CHESTNUT

Mark Horton

Surfing through the opening set of the quarter finals I spotted this deal from the match between Germany and France in the Mixed Teams:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

This looks like a case for Herman – how many would open 1♥ and how many 1♦? Pending his report, I'll suggest that the field will be divided roughly 50/50.

(Not quite, Mark, in the mixed, it was 6/2 in favour of 1♥. It's 5/3 in the Open, 4/3 in the Women (1 North player passed!) and 6/2 in the Seniors. Herman)

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	Auken	Schmidt	Welland
Pass	1♦*	Dble	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 1♦ 5(4)♦ unbalanced, 4 cards only if 4♦441
- 2♦ Strong

I leave you to decide if East was strong enough to go down this route, or if West had enough to raise to game.

North led the ♦A and continued with the ♦9, South ruffing and returning the ♥2. North took the ace. North switched to the ♣7 and in due course declarer played South for the ♠J, one down, -50.

I confess I would have doubled 4♠, but remember I am sitting pretty in my office.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Frœhner	Thuillez	Nehmert	Reess
Pass	1♥	Dble	2NT*
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

2NT 4+♥ and a singleton

East led the ♣A and continued with the ♣K, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♦A and ruffing a diamond. A club ruff was followed by a diamond, declarer pitching a club from dummy. West ruffed and played the ♥10, East's ♥K being the setting trick, -200 and 6 IMPs to Germany.



Championship specials

The new **dealing machines** used to duplicate the boards during these championships are sold for **€2650**. The **playing cards** used in the event are **€0.80/deck**. Delivery from Sweden after the event.

The offer is on so long as supply lasts, but no longer than November 3. Email anna@jannersten.com to order



Quarterfinal – 3



USA v SWITZERLAND



OPEN



ITALY v TÜRKİYE



WOMEN

Jos Jacobs

Already on the first day of only the quarterfinals, the tension is mounting. In many of the matches in progress in each category, the margins between the competing teams are small and subject to change any moment, even more so because there is one more full day's play ahead of all the teams.

In this report, I should be focussing on the USA v Switzerland encounter only but like on various occasions these days, nothing very much was happening there during the first half of the set. I therefore once again sought for "compensation" in the other matches and...I found some in a women's QF.

Board 2. Dealer East N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 5

♥ 9 5 3

♦ Q 10

♣ K 7 6 3 2

♠ J 9 6 4 2

♥ K 7 4

♦ A 8 6 4

♣ 4



♠ 10

♥ A Q J 6 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q J 10

♠ K Q 7 3

♥ 10 8

♦ K J 3 2

♣ 9 8 5

Open Room

West

I Ozbay

—

2♥

4♥

North

Pomares

—

Pass

All Pass

East

Yavas

1♥

2NT

South

Golin

Pass

Pass

The Turkish women easily reached game after East's general try with 2NT. South led the ♠K and shifted to a trump but now, declarer won dummy's ♥K and simply finessed in clubs. After that, she could ruff two more clubs in dummy and thus came to her 10 tricks. Türkiye +420.

Closed Room

West

Costa

—

2♥

North

Acar

—

Pass

East

Ruscalla

1♥

3♥

South

Erkan

Pass

All Pass

In the Closed Room, West showed a weak raise only and thus, there were no further initiatives from the E/W front. Ten tricks here as well but 6 IMPs to Türkiye.

This happened to be the only board with serious (?) action in our USA-Switzerland match.

Irem OZBAY

Claudia POMARES Y DE MORANT

Cristina GOLIN

Dilek YAVAS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Fleisher	Kalita	Martel
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	3♣	Dble	All Pass

On general principles, one should not leave the opponents alone in 2♥. This sensible basic attitude cost 800 for down three, the first of a remarkable enough series of scores of 800 in the set.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Drijver	Grue	Brink
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

It did not really matter too much, in terms of IMPs, whether E/W would bid game or not. When the Americans stayed out of it, the Swiss had won 12 IMPs.

Back to the women again.

Board 5. Dealer North N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Ozbay	Pomares	Yavas	Golin
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- 2♦ 17-19 balanced or weak ♥/♠
 3♣ 4+♣ and 3+♥, 8-13
 3♦ Asking

According to the highly detailed system notes 3♠ promised 4♠ and 3♥.

The three-suited 2♦ opening bid worked well on this hand, of course. North led a diamond which solved the problem in one red suit. Declarer's next move was to cash the ♥K from hand, thus solving the problem in the other red suit as well. When next the spades broke 3-3, Ozbay had managed to make 12 tricks without any club ruff. Nicely done, Türkiye +480.

In the other room, the Italians bid in a more natural way.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Costa	Acar	Ruscalla	Erkan
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

With the trump suit already established by means of the 2NT rebid, cuebids could be launched immediately. All went very well, even, to a certain extent, including West's raise to 6♥. South led the ♣A and continued a diamond to declarer's ace. When a heart to dummy came next, declarer was in basically the same position as her Turkish counterpart, but she did not believe in her luck, apparently, because her next move was a heart to the ace. One down, Türkiye another +50 and 11 IMPs to them.

Next came:

Board 6. Dealer East E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Ozbay	Pomares	Yavas	Golin
—	—	1♠	2♠*
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

Though South duly showed her suits with 2♠, North did not move at this vulnerability. One down would have been a good sacrifice, even this time. Türkiye +650 on a top club lead and a trump continuation.

In the replay, South also showed her two-suiter.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Costa	Acar	Ruscalla	Erkan
—	—	1♠	2♠*
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

Contrary to what we saw in the Open Room, it was North who silenced everyone here. Just made, Türkiye another +420 and 14 more IMPs to them for recording a game at both tables.

Two boards later:

Board 8. Dealer West None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Ozbay	Pomares	Yavas	Golin
2♥*	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

West opened her Major-minor two-suiter alright and East, looking forward to a giant misfit, wisely awaited developments first. In the end, she could not resist temptation. West led the ♣J. East ruffed dummy's ♣A and returned a diamond but from here, declarer was sort of in control. She only lost one more trump and a heart. Italy +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Costa	Acar	Ruscalla	Erkan
Pass	2NT	4♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

At the other table, West did not have an opening bid available so N/S were given all the room in the world to reach game in the wrong major suit. Leaving the take-out double in was out of the question, of course. Down two, another +100 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

In what was destined to be my main match, we saw an interesting final contract and some fine declarer play.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Fleisher	Kalita	Martel
2♥*	Dble	2♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥10 to declarer's ♥Q. Next came the ♠A and ♠10 which won the trick. East won the next spade and exited with his last spade, dummy's queen winning. Now, declarer turned his attention to clubs. Low to the ace and...East did not follow suit. At this point, declarer had a complete count of the E/W hands (4-1-8-0 in East and thus 1-5-2-5 in West) and he played accordingly. He exited with a low diamond,

Elena RUSCALLA

Berrak ERKAN

Asli ACAR

Margherita COSTA

won the diamond return when East happened to win the diamond trick and played ♣A and a club, forcing West to concede the last two tricks to dummy's ♥J and his own ♥A. USA +430.

(Not easy for East to lead a diamond. Editor)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Drijver	Grue	Brink
Pass	2NT	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

In the other room, we saw sort of the same auction as in the women's match. The only difference was that East had bid his suit one level higher. As a consequence, the possible take-out character of South's double was far less obvious. Down four, one more board to add to our 800 festival.

The next deal to be shown was a curiosity in itself:

Board 11. Dealer South None Vul.

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

Cristina Golin, South for Italy's women, was in 5♦. Maybe, 4♠ was a better contract but that was not the

issue on this deal. What is worse: though Golin claimed her score as one down, she still was credited with the contract making when the TD was summoned to the table. This is what had happened:

Lead: ♥A and a club. Dummy's ace was called for, declarer cashed two top trumps and then crossed to dummy's spades. When West ruffed the 3rd spade, Golin conceded one more club to the defence, stating that the contract was one down. It turned out very soon, however, that West was no longer in a position to cash that club because she had only hearts left. In these cases, the Law is clear. If you concede a trick that cannot reasonably be lost, you may withdraw your concession. Just made because dummy will be reached with the ♥K to cash a further top spade. Italy a surprise +400 for a loss of only 3 IMPs. Their teammates had gone down 500 in 4♥ at the other table...

Two boards later, we could again welcome two participants to our 800 festival.

Board 13. Dealer North All Vul.

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

In the women's match, the Italians reached the spade game and the Turkish did not. Nobody tried a

Michal KLUKOWSKI

Martin FLEISHER

Chip MARTEL

Jacek KALITA

sacrifice, so Italy won 9 IMPs.

In the Open match, they were bidding at a much higher level, at both tables.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Martel</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♥	Dble	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
3♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

They reached the same contract, with the same obvious lack of success. Welcome again to the 800 club. No swing.

The next board indeed did bring a swing in the Open quarterfinal:

Board 14. Dealer East None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Martel</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

A normal auction to a normal contract. Just made, USA +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ 2+♣, 12-14 balanced or 18-20 balanced or 12+ unbalanced, 4+♣
- 1♦ 0-6 any/8-11
- 1♥ Any 12-14 balanced or ♣+♥ unbalanced

South's 4♠ very much looks like a misbid that could no longer be corrected. Whether or not this actually was the case, a misunderstanding being the alternative explanation, the Swiss were overboard from this point. One down, USA +50 and 10 IMPs to them to regain the lead.

The last board of the set was a simple enough game for E/W with sacrificing possibilities in N/S. Who would find them?

Board 16. Dealer West E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Martel</i>
1♦	2♥	Pass	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	2NT*	Pass	4♥
Dble	Pass	5♦	All Pass

In our Open match, both N/S pairs produced some noises in hearts but quickly subsided. No swing, +600 to E/W at both tables.

In the women's match, N/S were in hearts at both tables, albeit at different levels.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Ozbay	Pomares	Yavas	Golin
1♦	2NT*	Pass	4♥
Dble	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Pomares first showed her two-suiter and then did well to keep on sacrificing. Down three but -500 is better than -600.

In the Closed Room, Acar did never mention her second suit, for the simple reason that there was no need to do so...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Costa	Acar	Ruscalla	Erkan
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Dble	Pass	2♦	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

2♣ good heart raise



Cristina GOLIN, Italy

When West saw no good reason to experiment at the five-level ("in aces we trust"), the Italians, after their friendly defence (no trump lead), had to be content with just one down and +100 for a gain of 9 IMPs to Türkiye.

The scores after day 1, at the halfway stage of each match:

USA-Switzerland 105-99

Italy-Türkiye 95-107

A tense second day was ahead...



Seniors Quarterfinals - 3

GERMANY v SWEDEN

Brian Senior

After 32 boards of their Seniors quarter-final match-up, Germany led Sweden by 56-53 IMPs. The third and final session of day one would decide which team went to bed in the happier frame of mind at the end of the day.

It proved to be a tight, low-scoring session. Sweden gained an overtrick IMP in 1NT on the first board, then came what was to prove to be the biggest swing of the session.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

For Germany, George Cohner opened 1♥ then passed Claus Daehr's simple raise. By contrast, Sweden's Gote Berntsson also opened 1♥ but raised himself to game on seeing Henrik Wegnelius's simple raise. Of course it wasn't as simple as a huge difference in evaluation, as systemically Wegnelius showed 9-11 with his raise while Daehr would have a maximum of nine points.

Johan Sylvan led the ten of hearts against 2♥, Cohner winning in hand with the jack and cashing the ace of clubs then taking the ruffing club finesse. That lost to the king and Marten Gustawsson returned a trump. Cohner won the king and led a spade off the table, but

Gustawsson rose with the ace and played a third trump. That left Cohner with two diamond losers and nowhere to park them, so he made nine tricks for +140.

Norbert Schilhart led the king of spades against 4♥ and switched to the ten of hearts when that held the trick. Berntsson won the jack and played ace then queen of clubs, pitching a diamond from dummy. That lost to the king and back came a trump to dummy's king. Berntsson cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a spade to hand, then discarded dummy's remaining diamonds on the jack and ten of clubs. He could now take a diamond ruff and, though that still left him with one diamond loser, he had 10 tricks for +420 and 7 IMPs to Sweden. The spade lead, which opened up declarer's communications, had proved to be fatal to the defence.

Board 3 was flat in 4♥+1 by East, and on Board 4 both E/Ws played spade partscores for another flat board at +140.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Both Easts opened 1♣ then supported hearts and both Wests enquired with an artificial 2NT. They must have liked what they saw, as West's next bid was a jump to 4NT, Key-card. However, the two key-card but no trump queen response damped their enthusiasm and both passed out 5♥.

Nedju Buchlev led the two of diamonds round to the jack and king, and Wegnelius led a heart to the ace followed by a second heart, ducked to the queen. Buchlev returned a trump, but Wegnelius could win that, draw the remaining trump, and unblock the diamond. A spade to the ace put him in hand to cash the diamonds, and he could then cash three more spade tricks, having no decision to make on the third round as Schilhart had pitched a spade on the trump push; 11 tricks for +450.

Gustawsson also led a diamond to the jack and king and Daehr also led a heart to the ace. On seeing the fall of the ♥J, Daehr led the jack of clubs off the table, but Sylvan went up with the ace, felling declarer's king. Sylvan returned the nine of spades to the ten, jack and queen, and with the spades picked up Daehr now ducked a heart to the queen. He won the heart return and had the rest; 11 tricks for +450 and no swing.

Board 6 was a double fit hand on which South had a five-five hand and North had the missing honours in both suits to provide 10 easy tricks.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
—	—	1♠	2♠*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
—	—	1♠	2♠*
Dble	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Both Souths showed a sound hand with hearts and a minor.

Daehr passed with the West cards and Gustawsson jumped to the heart game, where he made the obvious 10 tricks for +420.

Wegnelius doubled the Michaels bid, presumably to show some spade support in a hand that wasn't actually worth a three-level spade bid. When Buchlev showed heart support, Schilhart went on to game, where the same 10 tricks were made for a push board.

Had Berntsson realised that there was such a big double fit, he could have bid 4♠ on the East hand and would have found that this was cold, even having taken the losing spade finesse.

In the other quarter-final matches 4♠ was bid and made once, by Michel Abecassis and Marc Bompis for France against Israel, while Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg, for USA, also bid to 4♠ and pushed their opponents, Turkey's Mesut Karadeniz and Adnan Musaoglu, to 5♥, which had to fail, and was actually down three as declarer took a long shot that didn't pay off, so 11 IMPs to USA.

Board 7 was flat in 3NT just making played by North, but there was some scope for a swing on Board 8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
2♥*	Dble	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	4♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
2♥*	Dble	3♦	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	


Both Wests opened with weak two-suited bids and both Norths doubled. Both Easts showed the diamonds and that went round to North. Now the auctions ceased to follow the same path.

Buchlev bid 3NT with the North cards and played there. It looks as though a diamond lead sets up that suit for the defence and that declarer cannot come to nine tricks without using the spade suit, so that the contract must fail, but how likely was it that partner would have a useful diamond holding, thought Berntsson? He led the ten of hearts and Buchlev won the queen and cashed the king of clubs. That revealed the five-zero split so Buchlev switched his attention to spades, cashing the ace and, on noting the fall of the nine on his right, continued with the seven, running it when Berntsson played low. Berntsson won the third spade and exited with the queen, Wegnelius discarding both his diamonds to keep his heart and club guards. But now Buchlev could cash the minor-suit winners and exit with a club to get a lead away from the ♥K at trick 12 for the overtrick; +430.

Gustawsson preferred to double for a second time but then bid 3NT in response to Sylvan's cuebid. When Cohner bid the long diamonds again, Gustawsson doubled and that was going to end the auction until Daehr lost confidence in what was going on and converted to 5♣, thinking that all this diamond bidding might still be a pass or correct situation. All that achieved was to push Cohner up a level and, when 5♦ too was doubled that just meant an extra 200 onto the penalty. Sylvan led the two of spades, Gustawsson winning the ace and switching to ace and another trump. That meant no ruffs in the dummy so Cohner was restricted to seven diamond tricks plus the king of spades; down three for -500 and 2 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 9 saw both Souths making 3♥ exactly while Board 10 saw both E/Ws down one in 4♥ when there were two trump losers due to ♥QJ97 being offside in their nine-card fit.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Dble	1♠	3♦
3♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Dble	1♠	2♦
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Both Norths felt that they were too good to start with a simple overcall so both doubled. East's spade bid no doubt made them feel substantially less enthusiastic about their hand.

Buchlev followed through with a natural 2♠ bid but then called it a day when Schilhart could only repeat the diamonds. Wegnelius led the queen of diamonds against 3♦. Schilhart ducked it so Wegnelius switched to ace and another heart. Schilhart won the king, drew trumps and cashed the spades; 11 tricks for +150.

Though Sylvan jumped to 3♦, the lack of a fitting diamond honour discouraged Gustawsson from bidding on and he allowed Daehr to play 3♥. Gustawsson led out three top spades, Daehr ruffing the third and leading his club up. Gustawsson took the ace and played a fourth spade. Daehr ruffed again and cashed the ace of hearts, and there were two diamonds and a heart to be lost, so down two for -100 but 2 IMPs to Germany.

Elsewhere in the Seniors Championship, most N/S pairs were in game. Three No Trump was made once, as was 5♦ doubled, where West's singleton club meant that the defence couldn't get at its third trick. One played in 3♠+1 and three played in the spade game, once making, twice being defeated.

If declarer in 4♠ knows that hearts are likely to be seven-two from a combination of the auction and the opening lead of the ♥10, so that he cannot be forced if East wins at least one of the club tricks, there are 10 easy tricks by drawing trumps then giving up two club tricks to establish the tenth trick – e.g. heart to the ace, heart to the king, draw trumps, and declarer has the luxury of two diamond entries to dummy to take club finesses. But suppose that the bidding has not been so clear and West switches to the singleton club at trick two. Might declarer play low, lose to the queen then concede a ruff? Winning the heart return there are two possible sources of a tenth trick. One is to cash the spades and hope to squeeze East in the

minors, but that won't work because he cannot be the one to hold three diamonds if West is two-one in the black suits. So declarer will cash one trump and hope that exhausts West of the suit, play ace and ruff a club, then try to get back to hand – but East has only two diamonds so ruffing a diamond back to hand promotes a trump trick for East and that is the setting trick.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
All Pass			

Schilhart couldn't bear to pass over the opposing 1♠ opening so made a slightly off-centre 1NT overcall and was left to play there, Wegnelius giving his partner lots of leeway for opening light in third seat when he might have doubled with 10 HCP and an attractive lead. Wegnelius cashed the ace of hearts, saw dummy's heart holding, and switched to the seven of spades to the ten, and ducked by Berntsson. Schilhart led a club to the jack and ace and a second club to the eight and king. He put in the queen on the low spade return and played the jack of spades back. Berntsson won the ace and played a spade back, so Schilhart won the king and cashed his seven winners for +90.

Sylvan followed the more classical approach to the South hand, passing over 1♠ but then reopening with a double when his opponents were about to playing his short suit. The 2NT response offered a

choice of minors and 3♣ was the obvious choice. Cohner won the spade lead and switched to the five of diamonds. Sylvan won the ace and cashed the king of spades for a diamond pitch then continued with the ♠J. Daehr had seen that one before so ruffed, and Sylvan over-ruffed and led dummy's queen of hearts. Daehr won that and played a diamond so the defence took the king and queen of those and played a heart. There was just a club to be lost from here, so down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to Germany.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Daehr	Gustawsson	Cohner	Sylvan
—	1♠	pass	2♣
3♥	4♣	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Wegnelius	Buchlev	Berntsson	Schilhart
—	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Schilhart made an invitational raise and Buchlev accepted the invitation and bid game. Berntsson led a club, setting up a possible defensive ruff. However, when Buchlev won dummy's queen and led a spade to the king, Berntsson ducked, and a second round of trumps ensured that there would be no ruff. Berntsson won the second spade and led a heart, which Buchlev ruffed in hand to lead a diamond towards the queen. When Berntsson ducked that, the queen scored and Buchlev could draw the missing trump and take four diamond discards on the clubs and ♥A; 12 tricks for +680.


Sylvan responded 2♣, leaving room for Daehr to come in with a pre-emptive 3♥ overcall, and Gustawsson supported the clubs. When Sylvan now admitted to spade support, Gustawsson tried for

slam, swiftly rejected by Sylvan.

Gustawsson felt that he had to try for slam as it would be likely to be very good if partner had a different ace instead of the heart. In practice, however, he had taken the partnership to a dangerously high level. N/S had bid and supported clubs on the way to 5♠, and had Cohner led a club he could have given his partner a ruff on getting in with the ace of spades, for down one. But Cohner led a heart, so Gustawsson could win the ace and play on trumps, and the chance had been missed; 11 tricks for +650 but 1 IMP to Germany.

Board 14 was flat in 4♥ by N/S for +420, but there was a swing on the next board.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Daehr</i>	<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Cohner</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Wegnelius</i>	<i>Buchlev</i>	<i>Berntsson</i>	<i>Schilhart</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	


Neither South opened a weak two bid at adverse vulnerability and with four cards in the other major, but both were happy to overcall at their next turn.

Gustawsson jumped to 2NT, a constructive four-card raise, and Sylvan bid game, visualising short hearts in his partner's hand after Daehr's support

double. Daehr led a diamond to the king and ace, and Cohner switched to the jack of clubs to king and ace. The defence continued with two more rounds of clubs, Sylvan ruffing, and there was just the ace of hearts to be lost, so down one for -100.

Buchlev went more slowly with the North hand and his more invitational sequence did not convince Schilhart that game would be a good bet. There were the same four losers as in the other room, but here that meant +140 and 6 IMPs to Germany.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Daehr</i>	<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Cohner</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Wegnelius</i>	<i>Buchlev</i>	<i>Berntsson</i>	<i>Schilhart</i>
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	3♥
4♦	All Pass		

Five Diamonds is the place to be on the E/W cards, and in other matches the diamond game was reached three times, though it somewhat carelessly went down at one of those tables. Neither of our pairs got there – indeed, the Germans didn't even play in diamonds. However, once game is not being reached, 1♠+2 for +140 is just as good at 4♦+1 for +150, so the match ended on a push board.

Germany won the set by 14-10 IMPs, and led overall by 70-63 at the midpoint in the match. There were 48 boards still to be played on the next day.

EARTHQUAKE IN YOKOHAMA

Simon Stocken

Playing bridge in Japan was an extraordinary experience and without doubt one of my most enjoyable: I played three times in three days, each time with a different partner in a different city - all enabled by Ken Sakiyama with whom I had played a few months before at Fukuoka Bridge Club in January of 2019. Fukuoka is the city closest to South Korea, which was why I had originally chosen to visit – the flights were the shortest and cheapest, and the Seoul Bridge Club, like the Fukuoka Bridge Club, is a friendly welcoming one, with partners arranged for wandering players. For my third visit to Japan in just a few months, Ken had set me up with partners for all three venues, with clear (and necessary) instructions on how to navigate my way to each venue.

Fukuoka Bridge Club, like the city itself is delightfully hospitable – it was much easier to find second time around and we played seven tables on a Friday afternoon with everything running efficiently, followed by drinks, refreshments and chat: I was treated as an honoured guest, before a final night out enjoying the culinary delights and sights of Fukuoka.

The next day involved an early morning flight to Tokyo followed by public transit to Yokohama for a 10.30 start in a two session Swiss pairs event. The Yokohama Bridge Club is located on the fourth floor of a small high-rise – not trivial to locate - so I arrived a little late, mid-way through the first match. Ken had fore warned my partner and a substitute ensured a smooth transition into the second match.

The name Yokohama evokes memories of one of the greatest stories the bridge world has ever witnessed, when in 1991 The Bermuda Bowl was famously and convincingly won by Iceland, a nation of just 300,000 people at that time. Two months before my visit to Yokohama, I had travelled to Reykjavík, to meet with and interview three of the members of the victorious team and find out the details. I was also fortunate enough to play bridge in Iceland's strongest bridge club, partnering a world-champion, Aðalsteinn Jörgensen for their Wednesday night barometer duplicate. A marginal second round take-out double, which I opted not to make cost us the win on the final round. Aðalsteinn was a wonderful host, and he drove me out to see a spectacular waterfall the following day before

meeting up with some of the 1991 Bermuda Bowl team over tea and cake.

Twenty-eight years on from 1991, I found myself in Yokohama Bridge Club partnered by Tadayoshi Nakatani, former Secretary General of Japan's Contract Bridge League and picked up the following hand as dealer with both sides vulnerable. We had agreed to play two over one so I opened 1♠ as South.

♠ A K Q J 5 4
♥ Q 7 2
♦ A J 8 4
♣ —

The bidding continued:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♥	?

What would you bid?

I was unsure how double would be taken and it risked the fastest route to a potential disaster. 3♦ and 4♠ were possible but the prospect of ♥AK followed by a heart ruff in a diamond or spade game discouraged these options. Bidding 3♠ might well mean missing the best game (3NT) as partner was unlikely to have a heart stopper, so I opted for 3NT myself, strange as it seemed with a void. I thought also that this might suggest a source of tricks, given my failure to double. This was the full deal:

Board 3 Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The auction continued:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Nakatane</i>	<i>Me</i>	
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♥	3NT
Passo	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

The 4♥ bid was intended to show a good hand, exploring for a diamond slam. I perhaps should have bid on to 6♦ anyway after my partner's 5♣ bid as 4♠ would outscore 5♦.

Thirteen tricks were simple – after bridge I joined Tadayoshi and two bridge-playing friends for a truly wonderful dinner and this hand soon came up for discussion. I suggested the possibility of him bidding 4♥ to enable us to reach our cast-iron slam and partner agreed – he had wanted to make the bid but chose the simpler bid instead as we were only a few boards into our partnership: he wasn't sure that I'd interpret it correctly: the perils of first-time partnerships.

The most unusual aspect of this event was the earthquake – I was declaring 3NT in the third match when it struck: the building started to move and then

continued to move. Everyone looked up as time stood still - mild concern breaking out on the faces around me. I took my cue from their calm, pausing mid-card for four long seconds before the building returned to normal and the cards flowed once more. No one seemed to give it a second thought.

My third partner, playing in a two session Sunday pairs event at the Yotsuya Bridge Club - easy to find - in Tokyo was a woman of international experience, Megumi Takasaki. I remember one board above all others although the exact details are elusive (the hand-records being back in England) – I had bid to 7NT after our keycard wires had got somewhat crossed against a married couple, who both refrained from doubling me, even though the husband on my left held one of the missing aces (duly cashed at trick one) and his wife on my right held another. They did not need to double as cashing just the one ace earned them 99% of the match-points without adding to the embarrassment of the hapless gaijin. My opponents discussed their suit preference, my partner said nothing, while I offered up an apology. Megumi Takasaki is here in Buenos Aires, as part of the Japanese Women's' team (pictured second from left) having started playing bridge over 30 years ago. The Japanese Women were narrowly defeated (120 – 106) in the Round of 16 by Italy who had placed third in the Round Robin.



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A MIXED BAG

Mark Horton

Time to look at the match between the USA and China in the quarterfinals of the Mixed Teams.

On the opening deal of the set EW held

♠ A 4 3 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K 10 3 2 ♣ K J 4 2 opposite

♠ 9 2 ♥ J 10 9 7 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 7 6 4.

With diamonds 3-3 and the ♣Q onside a Meckwellian 3NT was available.

This was the auction in the Closed Room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Fu	Wold	Chen
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♥*	Dble	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When the defenders started with three rounds of hearts declarer had an overtrick, +430 and 7 IMPs for the USA.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Shi	Lu	Korbel
1NT*	2♦*	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	2♠	Dble*	All Pass

1NT 14-16

2♦ One major

Rdbl Bid your major

Dble Takeout

East led the ♦A and switched to the ♠7. Declarer could score five spades and the ♥A for two down, -500.

That was poor compensation for the virtually cold 6♦.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Fu	Wold	Chen
1♦	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Being a level higher meant three down, -800 and IMPs for USA.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Shi	Lu	Korbel
—	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♣A and continued with the ♣K, declarer ruffing, playing a diamond to the ace and a heart for the ten and jack. The diamond return was taken in dummy and a heart to the queen lost to the king. Declarer won the diamond exit, cashed the ♥A, played a spade to the jack, and after considerable thought advanced the ♣J. If South covers that declarer ruffs and cashes the last heart, squeezing North in the black suits. South tried following with the ♣8, but declarer pitched the ♠5 and was home, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Fu	Wold	Chen
—	1♣*	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

North led the ♣A and switched to a diamond, declarer winning in dummy and playing a heart to the queen and king. North returned the ♠10 and having won with the ♠J declarer cashed the ♥A and took 11 tricks, +200 but a 6 IMP loss.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Shi	Lu	Korbel
2♥	Dble	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♣A and switched to the ♦4, declarer winning with the ♦10 and playing the ♠Q followed by a spade to the ten and the ♥9. When that held declarer ruffed a spade and claimed 11 tricks, +450.



Daniel KORBEL, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Fu	Wold	Chen
Pass	1♣	1♠	3♣
3♥	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

5♣ was three down, but that meant China collected 7 IMPs.

In Italy v Israel the contract was 5♣ doubled. East led the ♥J and when declarer played dummy's ♥5, Manno put up the ♥A and switched to the ♠Q. Not too shabby.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Shi	Lu	Korbel
—	1NT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

1NT 14-16
2♦ Transfer

5♦ was hopeless, a delayed heart ruff ensuring two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Fu	Wold	Chen
—	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠3 and West took the ♠A and returned the ♠J, declarer winning with the ♠Q and playing a diamond to the ten and ace. That resulted in a painless nine tricks and +400 was worth 11 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Shi	Lu	Korbel
—	—	1♦*	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Dble	2♠
3♦	3♠	3NT	4♠
All Pass			

1♦ 2+♦, 10-15

West led the ♥A and continued with the ♥6, declarer winning with dummy's ♥10 and playing the ♠Q. East won, cashed the ♦A and exited with a

spade, but declarer could claim, +620.

A minor suit switch at trick two should leave declarer a trick short.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Fu	Wold	Chen
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

South led the ♦8 and declarer won with the ♦A and tried to cash the ♦Q. North ruffed and switched to the ♠Q, declarer taking the ace and playing a heart for the king and ace. There was no way to avoid one down, -100 and 11 IMPs to the USA.

Should I mention that China's total at this stage was 111? Superstitious players would want to score at least an IMP as quickly as possible.

On Board 29 NS held

♠AKJ52 ♥J1065 ♦KJ ♣A3 opposite
♠Q94 ♥Q ♦Q953 ♣J10862.

China bid 1♠-2♠-4♠ and on a friendly defence had no trouble taking 11 tricks for +650. USA bid 1♣*-1*-1NT-2♠*-2NT which scored +180 but lost 10 IMPs.

At the end of the session China led 126-103.

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Open QF - 4



USA v SWITZERLAND



David Bird

Two of the strongest teams in the world meet in the quarterfinals. That is their misfortune, but very good luck for today's kibitzers. Let's see what we can learn from them. After 48 boards yesterday, the USA lead 105-99.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Grue	Kalita	Moss
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♠*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Pierre ZIMMERMANN, Switzerland

The ♠AK and a spade ruff leave just the trump suit to play. Moss crosses to the ♣A and cashes the ♥K, dropping West's 10. He then runs the ♥J to the queen and is one down. If that line had worked, we would have been impressed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Nowosadzki	Hurd	Zimmermann
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

After the same first three tricks, Pierre Zimmermann plays ace and another trump, claiming +420. It was an unexpected 10 IMPs to Switzerland.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Grue	Kalita	Moss
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Grue's 3♦ rebid guaranteed four hearts, as he could have used a 2NT transfer otherwise. West's 3♥ was not natural, however. Perhaps you can guess its meaning; I can't. Diamonds were agreed, and West cue-bid in hearts. In response to 4NT, he then showed two aces, the trump queen and one king. After ace and

another heart, declarer claimed the slam, for +1370.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Nowosadzki	Hurd	Zimmermann
1♦	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Kevin Bathurst's 1♦ showed diamonds, a weak 1NT or 17-19 balanced. John Hurd's negative double looks risky with such huge playing strength in a possible diamond fit. It was left in, which was not an automatic action on the West cards. Many would have preferred 2NT.

East led the ♦K and switched to the ♠7, drawing the 10 and king. Nowosadzki played the ♣7 to the jack and ace. East then won with the ♦10 and played the ♥7 to dummy's ace. East/West took two more side-suit winners and eventually picked up 500 for two down. Not enough. That was another 13 IMPs to Switzerland.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Grue	Kalita	Moss
Pass	1♦*	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The 1♦ opening showed (8)9-15 and 2+ diamonds (their strong 1♣ allows then to play very weak one-bids elsewhere.). East/West then bid aggressively – what else? – to reach a thin heart game.


Joe Grue led the ♣K, picking up declarer's ♣Q, and persisted with the ♣A, giving a ruff-and-discard. Michael Klukowski ruffed with dummy's ♥9 and pitched the ♠2. After running the ♥J successfully, he played ace and another trump to South. The ♦7 switch drew the 10, jack and ace, allowing declarer to claim +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Nowosadzki	Hurd	Zimmermann
2♥	Dble	4♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Bathurst did not dip into some well-thumbed notebook containing 99 excuses for not opening a weak-two. Zimmermann might have passed 4♥, since his heart honours could be worth little in a suit contract their way. He chose 5♣ and was doubled there. The ♦10 was led to the jack and ace. A heart return and a spade switch would then pick up +500. When Hurd instead played back a diamond, only +300 was taken. So, a modest 3 IMPs to Switzerland, but it was worth a watch.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Grue	Kalita	Moss
—	1NT	2♣*	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

At unfavourable vulnerability Jacek Kalita's 2♣ for the majors was stretching it a bit, even for these super-competitive guys. Moss bid 3NT, perhaps hoping that East might lead the wrong major. Klukowski's double was almost as surprising as the 2♣ bid. Did it carry any lead-directing meaning? No, because Brad Moss led the ♣5.

Dummy's ♣Q won, and the ♦J ran to East's ♠3. Declarer then played a heart to the queen and ace. Kalita persevered with the ♣J to dummy's ace. Declarer then cleared the diamonds, West winning the third round and playing the ♣9 to declarer's king. The ♦K and two heart tricks, via a finesse, landed +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Nowosadzki	Hurd	Zimmermann
—	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The defenders played a spade to the ace and a spade back. When declarer cleared the diamonds, his last spade stopper was removed. He could not make a heart trick and scored +400. It seemed to me that 4 IMPs away was a cheap price to pay for the Swiss exuberance in the Open Room.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



John HURD, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Grue	Kalita	Moss
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ was Polish Club, and 1♦ was multi-purpose. The 1♥ rebid can be the better major in a weak 1NT, or a strong hand. West's 2♣ showed 5-11 points and 5+ clubs. East's 2♥ then confirmed a strong hand with 5+ hearts. (Duty done on the bidding, tick.)

The ♣4 lead ran to declarer's jack, and +460 was made. No interest there, you may have thought, but...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Nowosadzki	Hurd	Zimmermann
—	—	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♣*	All Pass		

Bathurst intended 4♣ as a cue-bid, showing a diamond fit (and why not?). Hurd's 4♠ was initially read as RKCB by Al Hollander. However, Hurd then passed 5♣, seemingly reading partner for a weak hand with very long clubs. Anyone just tuning into BBO, hoping to watch the World Championship, must have thought they were looking at the wrong event.

I will not waste your time or mine with the play details. It was two down and 11 IMPs to Switzerland. They took the set by 49-20 and were now leading by 148-125.



Jacek KALITA; Switzerland

THE MOOSE HUNTER

Mark Horton

The moose hunter cares not for statistics, nor for idle chatter on the internet. The moose hunter looks only for moose, not mooses or meese, the bigger the better, no matter how wild. The pampas of Argentina have proved to be fertile breeding grounds for some of the largest moose ever seen outside of a Hungarian goulash restaurant.

7600 can be one of two things in bridge – the highest penalty possible, namely 13 down doubled and redoubled (rarer than the phoenix) or a distribution/hand-pattern (7-6-0-0) that occurs once every 17,712 deals. This shapely collection as the very first board of the BAM could be counted as the 822nd (or 823rd) deal of the tournament. At that point the odds of two 7-6-0-0 shapes happening were 1 in 95,400 approximately. As more hands are played this number falls unless a third sighting should occur – at which point various internet sub-dwellers would lose what little is left of their minds. Not so rare says the moose-hunter, sharpening the focus on his telescopic sight.

Board 1 Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Tommy Garvey for many years an Irish international, here in BA as the England coach stepped up to play after leading English player David Gold (third in the Open Butler, partnered with Andrew Black) took a well-earned break for the day. This was his first ever hand of bridge sitting opposite Peter Crouch, for team Black.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
—	Garvey	—	Crouch
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♥	4♦	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Crouch wanted to bid 6♦, but caution on their very first board, sat opposite the coach against opponents whom he felt might not find slam persuaded him otherwise.

This was one of only two draws on the board. Five out of twenty-six North-Souths found their way to 7♠, doubled only once. 6♠ was doubled four times and 4♠ doubled just once – the lesser-spotted stripe-tailed ape double for a score of 890. The convention takes its name because the doubler flees like a ‘stripe-tailed ape’ in the face of a redouble. The stripe-tailed ape double is a type of psychic bid – however a redouble, surely warranted, would not have been enough to win the board in this case as 4♠ redoubled, scoring 1480 would not have been sufficient to outscore 1510 achieved by team TU MAM for bidding and making the grand slam. Team Tu Mam for South Africa were beaten on a split tie by the Spanish team Gauss.



PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 5

1	IRELAND	PERO BUENO	16	40	3.63	16.37
2	FINLAND	BLACK	19	25	7.99	12.01
3	JAPAN SENIOR	POLAND WOMEN	22	37	5.54	14.46
4	ARMA MAJOR	DENMARK OPEN	14	41	3.09	16.91
5	BORTOLETTI	BRAITHWAITE	26	31	8.30	11.70
6	POLAND SENIORS	CHAGAS	14	17	8.95	11.05
7	FRANCE WOMEN	GERMANY OPEN	26	23	11.05	8.95
8	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	17	66	0.26	19.74
9	INDIAN MIXED	SHOURIE	18	29	6.55	13.45
10	DINKIN	NEW ZEALAND MIX	32	28	11.38	8.62
11	TAMEWARE	ADAMANT	42	37	11.70	8.30
12	DRINTEAM	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	38	13	16.55	3.45
13	CHILE MIXTO	SWEDEN MIXED	1	24	3.82	16.18
14	HOJA DE ARCE	VENTIN	5	43	1.46	18.54
15	GAUSS	ALGO DIVERTIDO	51	12	18.66	1.34
16	KIWI BLUE	CON SUERTE	42	4	18.54	0.46
17	ROMANIA	INDIAN WOMEN	47	42	11.70	8.30
18	SWISS MIXED	ROJO-BLANCO	21	63	0.98	19.02
19	NETTLETON	MSV	41	29	13.71	6.29
20	DENMARK MIXED	SYDNEY SWINGERS	10	47	1.59	18.41
21	ITALIAN SENIORS	CHARLIE	42	7	18.14	1.86
22	RIO	SAADA PATRICK	49	31	15.15	4.85
23	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	CAMPANITA	31	17	14.22	5.78
24	VITA LADIES	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	1	81	0.00	20.00
25	KIWI KIDS	COLOMBIANS	7	23	5.30	14.70
26	MEDANOS	ARMEX	66	9	20.00	0.00

ROUND 6

1	PERO BUENO	BLACK	5	12	7.69	12.31
2	IRELAND	DENMARK OPEN	22	46	3.63	16.37
3	POLAND WOMEN	FINLAND	48	29	15.37	4.63
4	NORWAY	BRAITHWAITE	42	23	15.37	4.63
5	CHAGAS	JAPAN SENIOR	38	19	15.37	4.63
6	FRANCE WOMEN	BORTOLETTI	34	32	10.71	9.29
7	POLAND SENIORS	SHOURIE	15	27	6.29	13.71
8	DRINTEAM	GERMANY OPEN	32	25	12.31	7.69
9	ARMA MAJOR	VENTIN	52	14	18.54	1.46
10	GAUSS	SWEDEN MIXED	21	21	10.00	10.00
11	DINKIN	TAMEWARE	36	24	13.71	6.29
12	KIWI BLUE	NEW ZEALAND MIX	9	54	0.66	19.34
13	INDIAN MIXED	ROJO-BLANCO	32	41	7.10	12.90
14	ADAMANT	AUSTRIA	23	31	7.39	12.61
15	SYDNEY SWINGERS	ITALIAN SENIORS	38	27	13.45	6.55
16	ROMANIA	NETTLETON	25	21	11.38	8.62
17	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	CHILE MIXTO	35	25	13.18	6.82
18	RIO	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	22	42	4.42	15.58
19	INDIAN WOMEN	HOJA DE ARCE	5	35	2.60	17.40
20	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	MEDANOS	43	22	15.79	4.21
21	ALGO DIVERTIDO	MSV	37	27	13.18	6.82
22	CON SUERTE	COLOMBIANS	3	54	0.08	19.92
23	SWISS MIXED	DENMARK MIXED	50	17	17.86	2.14
24	SAADA PATRICK	CAMPANITA	27	32	8.30	11.70
25	CHARLIE	KIWI KIDS	12	70	0.00	20.00
26	VITA LADIES	ARMEX	33	40	7.69	12.31

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ROUND 7

1	DENMARK OPEN	POLAND WOMEN	46	25	15.79	4.21
2	PERO BUENO	NORWAY	41	2	18.66	1.34
3	BLACK	CHAGAS	7	23	5.30	14.70
4	ARMA MAJOR	IRELAND	16	30	5.78	14.22
5	SHOURIE	FRANCE WOMEN	28	35	7.69	12.31
6	NEW ZEALAND MIX	FINLAND	18	60	0.98	19.02
7	DRINTEAM	DINKIN	40	16	16.37	3.63
8	BORTOLETTI	JAPAN SENIOR	55	7	19.64	0.36
9	BRAITHWAITE	GERMANY OPEN	17	6	13.45	6.55
10	POLAND SENIORS	SWEDEN MIXED	39	10	17.24	2.76
11	GAUSS	ROJO-BLANCO	49	5	19.24	0.76
12	SYDNEY SWINGERS	TAMEWARE	16	20	8.62	11.38
13	AUSTRIA	INDIAN MIXED	31	59	2.92	17.08
14	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	ADAMANT	28	41	6.03	13.97
15	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	VENTIN	28	11	14.93	5.07
16	HOJA DE ARCE	ROMANIA	22	10	13.71	6.29
17	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	COLOMBIANS	30	53	3.82	16.18
18	KIWI BLUE	ITALIAN SENIORS	18	32	5.78	14.22
19	NETTLETON	SWISS MIXED	19	7	13.71	6.29
20	ALGO DIVERTIDO	CHILE MIXTO	20	48	2.92	17.08
21	RIO	KIWI KIDS	22	14	12.61	7.39
22	INDIAN WOMEN	MSV	19	18	10.36	9.64
23	MEDANOS	CAMPANITA	21	17	11.38	8.62
24	SAADA PATRICK	CON SUERTE	45	8	18.41	1.59
25	DENMARK MIXED	VITA LADIES	26	27	9.64	10.36
26	CHARLIE	ARMEX	68	16	20.00	0.00

ROUND 8

1	DENMARK OPEN	CHAGAS	46	19	16.91	3.09
2	PERO BUENO	FINLAND	34	39	8.30	11.70
3	IRELAND	POLAND WOMEN	29	23	12.01	7.99
4	BORTOLETTI	BLACK	9	28	4.63	15.37
5	DRINTEAM	GAUSS	27	8	15.37	4.63
6	FRANCE WOMEN	POLAND SENIORS	9	31	4.01	15.99
7	NORWAY	ARMA MAJOR	40	21	15.37	4.63
8	BRAITHWAITE	SHOURIE	13	11	10.71	9.29
9	INDIAN MIXED	DINKIN	21	25	8.62	11.38
10	NEW ZEALAND MIX	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	14	41	3.09	16.91
11	GERMANY OPEN	TAMEWARE	71	18	20.00	0.00
12	ADAMANT	HOJA DE ARCE	26	27	9.64	10.36
13	COLOMBIANS	SWEDEN MIXED	18	28	6.82	13.18
14	SYDNEY SWINGERS	CHILE MIXTO	30	31	9.64	10.36
15	ITALIAN SENIORS	NETTLETON	38	21	14.93	5.07
16	JAPAN SENIOR	ROJO-BLANCO	38	18	15.58	4.42
17	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	AUSTRIA	15	16	9.64	10.36
18	ROMANIA	VENTIN	25	31	7.99	12.01
19	RIO	KIWI BLUE	49	21	17.08	2.92
20	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	SWISS MIXED	19	8	13.45	6.55
21	SAADA PATRICK	INDIAN WOMEN	45	19	16.73	3.27
22	MEDANOS	ALGO DIVERTIDO	27	41	5.78	14.22
23	MSV	KIWI KIDS	29	1	17.08	2.92
24	CAMPANITA	DENMARK MIXED	34	51	5.07	14.93
25	CHARLIE	VITA LADIES	31	13	15.15	4.85
26	CON SUERTE	ARMEX	32	20	13.71	6.29

RANKING AFTER R8

1	DENMARK OPEN	120.51
2	PERO BUENO	110.41
3	BLACK	103.52
4	DRINTEAM	103.23
5	FINLAND	102.60
6	IRELAND	101.68
7	POLAND SENIORS	99.89
8	NORWAY	99.16
9	POLAND WOMEN	97.54
10	CHAGAS	95.49
11	BORTOLETTI	94.08
12	GERMANY OPEN	93.39
13	BRAITHWAITE	92.61
14	GAUSS	90.47
15	SHOURIE	90.36
16	CH. TAIPEI OPEN	90.35
17	FRANCE WOMEN	89.22
18	ARMA MAJOR	86.66
19	INDIAN MIXED	85.72
20	DINKIN	85.23
21	ITALIAN SENIORS	83.78
22	JAPAN SENIOR	82.84
23	HOJA DE ARCE	82.42
24	SWEDEN MIXED	82.41
25	ADAMANT	82.20
26	SYDNEY SWINGERS	80.70
27	CHILE MIXTO	79.19
28	COLOMBIANS	78.47
29	RIO	78.21
30	NEW ZEALAND MIX	76.66
31	SAADA PATRICK	75.95
32	VENTIN	75.43
33	AUSTRIA	75.03
34	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	74.71
35	NETHERLANDS W.	73.16
36	NETTLETON	72.90
37	TAMEWARE	72.54
38	ROMANIA	72.48
39	MSV	71.36
40	ROJO-BLANCO	70.30
41	ALGO DIVERTIDO	69.13
42	CHARLIE	66.51
43	SWISS MIXED	65.83
44	KIWI BLUE	63.85
45	MEDANOS	60.94
46	DENMARK MIXED	59.45
47	INDIAN WOMEN	59.04
48	CAMPANITA	57.03
49	KIWI KIDS	56.66
50	CON SUERTE	51.78
51	VITA LADIES	48.45
52	ARMEX	26.47

BUTLER RANKING - PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
ASPLUND SIVELIND Sara	ASPLUND Karl	1.87	60
FISHER Blair	FISHER Elizabeth	1.33	48
BRAITHWAITE Andrew	DE LIVERA Arjuna Percival	1.30	60
BILDE Morten	PLEJDRUP Andreas	1.26	96
FITZGIBBON Nicholas	MESBUR Adam	1.25	60
SHAH Anal	BHATNAGAR DEVI MUTHU	1.02	48
CROUCH Peter	COPE Simon	1.02	60
CULLIN Per-Ola	MICHELSEN Marion	1.01	72
BOTTA Giorgia	GROSSACK Zachary	1.00	96
CHARLSEN Thomas	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	0.95	60
WHIBLEY Michael	BROWN Matthew	0.93	96
GUNEV Rosen	ANDONOV Mark	0.90	72
SARNIAK Anna	MORAWSKA Ewa	0.90	60
GOLD David	BLACK Andrew	0.88	60
LAI Wai Kit	TANG Tsz In	0.88	60
ERBIL Erdinc	PEYRET Hakan	0.87	60
BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	0.86	96
JUURI-OJA Jouni	NYBERG Clas	0.82	96
VECCHI Lanfranco	DI FEBO Tiziano	0.79	72
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	0.79	72
COLDEA Ionut	BACALU Iancu	0.79	48
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo	RODRIGUES Adriano	0.78	60
REPS Klaus	FRITSCHKE Joerg	0.68	60
VILLAS-BOAS Miguel	FIGUEIREDO Mauricio	0.68	60
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.63	72
COUTTS James	MILNE Liam	0.61	96
TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	MEIER Leon	0.59	96
WOLPERT Gavin	SHOURIE Rajath	0.58	48
GRAVERSEN Hans Christian	JEPSEN Emil	0.57	96
CHAGAS Gabriel	PELLEGRINI Carlos	0.56	96
MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	0.53	60
GODED Federico	FRACTMAN Gabriel	0.53	36
SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	NADAR Kiran	0.47	72
PUILLET Carole	TARTARIN Anne-Laure	0.47	60
KNOB Markus	WANHA Clemens	0.45	96
CARROLL John	MORAN Mark	0.44	72
WASIK Arturo	MEDIERO Marina	0.43	60
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	0.42	48
NACRUR Francisca	GURIDI Gonzalo	0.40	96
CASTILLO Juan Carlos	MADUENO Luisana	0.38	60
GRIGORIU Mihai	CALIPETRE David Cristian	0.33	48
GUERRA Francisco	MIQUELEZ CABALLERO I J	0.33	36
ERICHSEN Espen	ANDRESEN Martin	0.31	84
WESTOBY Jonathan	WU Mindy	0.31	72
KRANYAK John	DEMUY Vincent	0.31	72
SABATE Jordi	FRACTMAN Gabriel	0.31	36
IMAMOGLU Levent	UNAL Serkan	0.29	72
WU Ming-Hsuan	HUNG Chengyao	0.29	48
BROGELAND Boye	BAKKE Christian	0.27	48

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KOISTINEN Kauko	FAGERLUND Vesa	0.27	96
RAVENNA Pablo	TOMA Marcos	0.26	72
KHANDELWAL Rajeev	KHANDELWAL Himani	0.25	48
BLOND Jeff	TODD Bob	0.22	60
HUNG Yi-An	HUNG Chengyao	0.19	36
HANLON Tom	BOLAND Conor	0.18	60
LINDE Julius	SCHWERDT Christian	0.18	72
DUBOIN Giorgio	PORTA Federico	0.18	72
HOPFENHEIT Guido	REIM Sebastian	0.13	60
MAK Kwok-Fai	SHEN Qi	0.11	72
BART Brad	CABLE Lorraine	0.11	72
GINOSSAR Eldad	SAADA Patrick	0.08	96
CARACCI Marcelo	CUEVAS Loreto	0.08	96
ROCHE Michael	LYDER Daniel	0.08	60
BEEKMAN Fleur	CASPARIE Anouk	0.08	48
GOMEZ Ramon	GONCALVES Pedro	0.03	72
HELGEMO Geir	GRUDE Tor Eivind	0.03	72
GOLD Marusa	TOMMASINI Stefano	0.02	48
GAMIO Claudia Valerie	CRUSIZIO Maximo	0.01	96
LAVINGS Paul	IYENGAR Srinivasan	0.00	48
FORNACIARI Ezio	VIVALDI Antonio	0.00	48
KOWALSKI Apolinary	BORTOLETTI Carlo	0.00	48
McINTOSH Andrew	PASKE Thomas	-0.01	72
PONCIONI Graca	FURLAN Bruno	-0.03	60
GUMBY Pauline	LAZER Warren	-0.04	72
GRANT Alan	SOLOMON Richard	-0.05	60
GILL Peter	LU Charlie	-0.05	96
VAN DEN HEUVEL Lennie	VISSER Esther	-0.07	60
LIN Hung-Shih	CHEN Jiun-Ming	-0.08	48
NETTLETON Diana	NORTON Ben	-0.11	72
VAN DER VLUGT Maurits	NEUMANN Dagmar	-0.12	60
PROTO Luis Carlos	OLIVEIRA Horacio	-0.13	96
OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	-0.14	84
LENGY Assaf	COHEN Ilan	-0.16	96
HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	-0.17	60
CORREA Paula	CORREA Bernardo Simoes	-0.19	48
MILLINGTON Jenny	JONES Barry	-0.19	48
SCHNETZER CHAUVAUD J	MANASSEH HAWA S I	-0.19	48
JACOB Nick	JACOB Ella	-0.23	48
WILDAVSKY Adam	KAPLAN Adam	-0.25	96
SMYKALLA Gisela	RUTHENBERG Otto	-0.25	96
AHLESVED Catharina	AHLESVED Krister	-0.26	72
SHIROGANE Motomi	AKAMA Keisuke	-0.27	96
LORENTZ Gabi	BURGESS Stephen	-0.30	84
LANTARON Luis	SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	-0.31	72
RAMANI Thondiculam V	KOHLI Bindiya	-0.32	72
YOSHIDA Tadashi	MIZUMA Yoji	-0.32	84
POPPE Eva	SPRINKHUIZEN Malou	-0.36	84
LELEU Anais	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	-0.36	96
NEWELL Peter	CARTER Patrick	-0.36	96
BAUSBACK Nikolas	DING Hong	-0.36	96
SCHNETZER CHAUVAUD J	ZAHR Adriana	-0.42	48
BOGH-SORENSEN Flemming	TEISEN Peter	-0.42	96

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
CARDONI Ricardo Fernando	GRIEBEN SAUBIDET Arturo Raul	-0.45	96
DROGEMULLER Mette	ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	-0.47	96
SKIPPER Jane	SKIPPER John Leslie	-0.48	60
HUMPHRIES Susan	BRAKE Jessica	-0.50	60
OCHOA Juanita	BARRERA Jorge Andres	-0.50	60
HAMAOU Steve	ABATE Mario	-0.51	72
MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	-0.52	60
SEN Tezcan	KAYA Erdogan	-0.55	60
WADL Raffael Daniel	WEINBERGER Simon	-0.56	96
JACUBOVSKI Vivian	POKORNI Thomas Peter	-0.56	96
PENNINO DE DAO Rosa Maria	ANTONINI Mariana	-0.63	96
D'OREY CAPUCHO Manuel	LARA Maria Joao	-0.63	48
CARTNER Linda	PALMER Glenis	-0.64	72
DINKIN Sam	SOBEL Yoko	-0.68	96
BATRA Puja	SHARMA Asha	-0.72	72
SOMERVILLE Anne	GENC Murat	-0.72	72
MELLO Sylvia	VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella	-0.77	60
SAMPAIO Fabio	LAMA BARNANA Ana Isabel	-0.77	96
McMANUS Matthew	THOMPSON Jenny	-0.80	96
VENTIN Juan Carlos	PALMA Antonio	-0.83	72
CRUZ Danny	PARDO Susana	-0.86	96
TEODORESCU Cornel	CALIPETRE David Cristian	-0.88	48
SEMBEROIZ Santiago	GUERRA Francisco	-0.89	36
JAROSZ Aleksandra	ZAREBA Anna	-0.97	36
AMIGUET Jerome	BILLIET Cecilia	-0.99	72
MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	-1.07	96
DEY Bharati	KSHIRSAGAR Alka	-1.08	72
JARLVIK Fredrik	TRENDAFILOVA Tatyana	-1.15	60
WASIK Arturo	ROMAGUERA Nuria	-1.28	36
TEODORESCU Cornel	BACALU Iancu	-1.38	48
TUMA Diego	CEPEDA Enrique	-1.57	96
ROSEN MARSCHOFF Jorge	SCHAPIRA Silvia Monica	-1.63	96
CANER FUXMAN Matilde	MANASSEH HAWA Samia Ivonne	-1.75	48
CANER FUXMAN Matilde	ZAHR Adriana	-2.21	48

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1	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	GRE - GRE	57.31
2	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	MIGNOCCHI Kent	USA - USA	56.57
3	HO Wai Lam	HO Gordon	HKG - HKG	56.02
4	THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	55.73
5	SHENKIN Barnet J	SPEARS Brian	SCO - SCO	55.55
6	CARRERA Jaime	NINO Rafael	COL - COL	55.01
7	POPPER Richard	MADDEN Zachary	USA - USA	54.70
8	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	54.20
9	PRYOR Malcolm	SCERRI Ed	ENG - ENG	53.75
10	THOMPSON Ben	THOMSON Ian	AUS - AUS	53.72
11	STEPHENS Robert	VAN VUGHT Lex	RSA - RSA	53.17
12	DEY Sanjit	SHAW Binod Kumar	IND - IND	53.08
13	CARDWELL Paul	VERHEES Jan	NED - NED	52.91
14	ELIJOVICH Horacio	ANGELERI Ricardo	ARG - ARG	52.67
15	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND	52.17
16	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	51.92
17	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anirudh	IND - IND	50.89
18	PEJACSEVICH Alexis	MONTES DE OCA F. P.	ARG - ARG	50.88
19	SOWTER Anthony (Tony)	ROBINSON David	ENG - ENG	50.87
20	MATHIEU Philippe	SOUDAN Luc	GLP - GLP	50.04
21	KIZILBASH Anwar Mumtaz	HAI Zia	PAK - PAK	49.51
22	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	WAI Chiu Fai	HKG - HKG	49.31
23	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	48.47
24	DIAMOND Derek	SIME Iain	SCO - SCO	44.80
25	SIANO Gerardo	DURANTE Sergio Fernando	ARG - ARG	44.19
26	NUNEZ Ramiro	PASTORIZA Luis Guillermo	ARG - ARG	43.77
27	SHENKIN David	MCLATCHIE Cameron	SCO - SCO	43.15
28	BRUM Jose Roberto	LA ROVERE Emilio	BRA - BRA	43.13
29	HUSAIN Mohammad	ALHASHEMI Ahmad	KUW - KUW	41.23
30	TEIXEIRA Agustin	SZYFER Leonardo	URU - URU	40.92
31	SARKI Shahab	MOHAMMAD Yousuf Jan	PAK - PAK	40.62
32	ANABTAWI Rana	ABO HANTASH Naelah	KUW - KUW	38.44

PAIRS - WOMEN + MIXED

RESULTS AFTER SESSION 6

1	ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	CRO - CRO	60.79
2	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	FRA - FRA	59.30
3	KOLATA Suleyman	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	58.32
4	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	57.63
5	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	56.66
6	FUNG Kismet	GAMBLE Michael	CAN - CAN	55.40
7	HONTI Laszlo	MEZEI Katalin	HUN - HUN	55.10
8	NATT Shahzaad	NATT India	ENG - ENG	54.05
9	SZABO Csaba	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	53.52
10	WEISS SELWAY Florian	WEISS SELWAY Louise	AUT - AUT	53.21
11	ALONSO Ana Maria	ANGELERI Monica	ARG - ARG	52.59
12	OZBAY Tolga	ERYANIK Ceyda	TUR - TUR	52.47
13	DIKLIC Dubravko	PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	52.30
14	EBER Neville	BLOOM Valerie	RSA - RSA	52.28
15	CHIU Karic	LU Qin	HKG - HKG	51.95
16	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	51.51
17	MIYAKUNI Ayako	MIYAKUNI Kenji	JPN - JPN	51.32
18	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	51.28
19	SEZENSKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN	50.97
20	VINCENT Christine	SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	50.82
21	KOLESNIK Alex	BEYNON Sharon	USA - USA	50.68
22	HAUGH Mairead	CORFIELD Justin	IRL - IRL	50.60
23	YANEZ Pilar	DI PIETRO PAOLO Gabriel	ARG - ARG	50.51
24	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	50.44
25	LUPSAN Octavian	LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	49.88
26	LI Suet Yu Zoe	LUNG Ka-Cheung	HKG - HKG	49.78
27	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	49.69
28	ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	ARG - ARG	49.46
29	MITURA Amy	BAUER Tracey	USA - USA	49.16
30	HODOSI Peter	LAJOS Hanka	HUN - HUN	48.82
31	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	48.60
32	BRYANT Brenda	DAVIDSON Randal	CAN - CAN	48.26
33	MADALA Adolfo Andres	FEINTUCH Clara	ARG - ARG	47.98
34	GARATEGUY Maria D. R.	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG	47.79
35	FORTUNA Ricardo	WAGENER Diana	ARG - ARG	47.02
36	DORNON Glynis	PENLINGTON Dianne	RSA - RSA	46.48
37	RUBIO Gonzalo	ZEMAN Antonia	CHI - CHI	45.88
38	SHENKIN Maggie	BARRETT Lucia	SCO - SCO	45.62
39	HAMMOND Nicolas	PETERS Catherine	USA - USA	44.85
40	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	44.62
41	CUMMINS Patricia	ROTCHHELL Douglas	BAR - BAR	43.47
42	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	43.05
43	GRINBERG Martín Bernardo	LEONI Gladys Nilda	ARG - ARG	42.18
44	HINDS Roglyn	SPRINGER Norma	BAR - BAR	39.29
45	RAPETTI Maria Claudia	VALLONE Maria	ARG - ARG	33.15



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