

ALMOST EVERYTHING IS IN THE MELTING POT



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After the opening day's play in the semifinals several teams are in a good, but not decisive position, while other matches are too close to call. In the Open Series **Switzerland** won the first two sessions against **Poland** but gave up points in the third, reducing their advantage. **Argentina v Italy** is on a knife edge.

In the Mixed, **China** had a terrific third session against **Germany** to turn the match on its head, but **Poland's** lead over **Italy** is only 5 IMPs. In the Women's event **USA** made a solid start against **Sweden**, but the tide turned, and the Europeans hold a commanding overnight lead. **China** and **Türkiye** are separated by only 6 IMPs.

France had the better of things early on against **USA** in the Seniors, but a big second session saw the Americans take the lead. **India** had a big lead against **Sweden**, but a good third session saw the Swedes back in the match.

In the Pablo Lambardi Transnational Open Teams semifinals, **USA Mix**, **Braithwaite** and **Ireland** lead the way.

Shun Sum Alan Sze and **Wai -Lap Abby Chiu**, representing **Hong Kong, China**, lead in the Open/Senior Pairs Semifinal A, while **England's Malcolm Pryor** and **Ed Scerri** are the leading Senior pair. In Semifinal B Brazil's **Jose Roberto Brum** and **Emilio La Rovere** are on top.

In the Women/Mixed Pairs Semifinal A, **Türkiye's Suleyman Kolata** and **Hatice Özgür** are the leaders, while **Italy's Margherita Costa** and **Elena Ruscalla** are the leading Women's pair. Semifinal B is headed by **Argentina's Irene Elkin** and **Ana Lia Smalinsky**.

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

PLAY-OFF

The play-off for the bronze medal will be played over three sessions of sixteen boards each.

The playing requirement for master points purposes is one session out of three.

SCHEDULE TODAY

Open Teams Semifinals

Women Teams Semifinals

Senior Teams Semifinals

Mixed Teams Semifinals

10.00 - 12.15: 4/6 (16 boards)

13.15 - 15.30: 5/6 (16 boards)

16.00 - 18.15: 6/6 (16 boards)

Pablo Lambardi

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

13.20 - 15.55

16.15 - 18.35

National Pairs

Open & Senior

10.00 - 12.15

13.20 - 15.35

16.15 - 18.30

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

QF

1		161
		190
2		203
		150
3		173
		132
4		170
		148

SEMIFINALS

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
1	POLAND	7	17	41			65
	SWITZERLAND	33	33	20			86
2	ITALY	7	46	34			87
	ARGENTINA	18	55	17			90

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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

QF

1		92
		226
2		156
		219
3		159
		225
4		157
		155

SEMIFINALS

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
1	USA	24	26	1			51
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	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
2	SWEDEN	22	37	49			108
							*PROVISIONAL
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
2	TÜRKIYE	31	49	17			97
							*PROVISIONAL
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
2	CHINA	18	29	56			103
							*PROVISIONAL

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

QF

1		162
		148
2		89
		174
3		168
		84
4		111
		164

SEMIFINALS

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
USA	6	54	22				86

*PROVISIONAL

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
FRANCE	22	21	34				77

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	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
INDIA	17	53	37				108



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	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
SWEDEN	12	20	60				92









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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

QF

1		229
		142
2		183
		195
3		194
		90
4		190
		158

SEMIFINALS

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SEMIFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*	
	<div><div></div><div>POLAND</div></div>	20	17	43				80	*PROVISIONAL



MATCHES ON VUGRAPH

Friday, 1 November 2024



10.00:	Poland	-	Switzerland	Open Teams	BB01
	Argentina	-	Italy	Open Teams	BB02
	China	-	Türkiye	Women Teams	BB03
	USA	-	France	Senior Teams	LoveBridge
13.15	To be announced				
16.00	To be announced				

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

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EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 31/10/2024

One of the special things about a World Bridge Championship is that you get to meet a range of people from around the world. Yesterday the playing Captain of the Japanese Women's Team, Megumi Takasaki, dropped by the Bulletin Room, and we had a great time talking about the Yokohama Bridge Festival and all things bridge related.

Having, like a number of players and officials (Herman has been struck down) been laid low by a

combination of over exposure to the air conditioning and possible Hay Fever, I decided to consult the resident Doctor who is on site every day. After various tests she pronounced me fit to continue.

None of my team of reporters was covering the second session of the semifinals, but the VuGraph commentators were following the play and caught site of two incredible deals. Simon is busy typing them up, so watch out for them in this Bulletin.

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Open Quarterfinals – 6



USA v SWITZERLAND



ARGENTINA v KOREA



ITALY v ISRAEL



Jos Jacobs

At the start of the final 16 boards of the Open quarterfinals, the biggest margin of the four was the 30 IMPs difference between the USA and Switzerland. Poland was leading China by 17 but they would not be displayed on BBO. Italy was leading Israel by 5 and Korea led Argentina by 3.

As the pundits were expecting in their almost unlimited wisdom, Switzerland held on to their lead easily enough. Below, we shall see why. Poland had also held on to their lead until the last board of the set, on which they recorded a game swing when the Chinese declarer went down in 4♠. The play is not recorded so we don't know why. So, when the smoke cleared in that match, Poland had won by 29.

The other two matches were much more interesting, even more so in view of the respective scores. This was the opening board.

Board 17. Dealer North None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Sementa	Toledano	Versace
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
1♠	2♥	3♠	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

1♦ Hearts

On a club lead to the ace and a diamond back, declarer could win his ace but, unable to reach dummy, he had to play spades from his hand. This way, the defence got two spade tricks (a club overruff), two clubs and one trick in each red suit for down three. Italy +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Yekutieli	Donati	Tarnowski
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
1♠	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

1♦ Hearts

To me, North's 3♥ looks a slight overbid with, this time, severe consequences. You might make 5♥ by



Oren TOLEDANO, Israel

guessing the hearts but when declarer did not do this (and why should he, without any clear indication), the contract was one down. Italy another +50 and 11 IMPs to them to increase their lead to 16.

In our other crucial match, the Korean North also overbid slightly on this same hand. Here is the Open Room auction there.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ag Madala	Kang	Bianchedi	Roh
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Two aces and no trump queen brought the bidding to an end at the same uncomfortable level as in the Italy-Israel match. The outcome also was the same. One down, Argentina +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Rizzo	Kim	Lucena
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Lucena's transfer response of 1♦ worked to perfection here. Rizzo could immediately show his suitable hand so Lucena had no further problems. Just made, Argentina another +420 and 10 IMPs to them to take the lead by 7.

Two boards later, the Israeli N/S had a misunderstanding:

Board 19. Dealer South E/W Vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Sementa	Toledano	Versace
—	—	—	Pass
1♦*	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Nothing special here. Italy a routine +420.

1♦ 2+♦, 11-15, stiff honour possible

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Yekutieli	Donati	Tarnovski
—	—	—	Pass
1♦*	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦*	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

4♦ 12-14 balanced

Giacomo PERCARIO

Asaf YEKUTIELI

Bar TARNOVSKI

Giovanni DONATI

North's 3♦ looked like a choice of games, preferably in a major but his 4♠ certainly was intended no longer to offer a choice. Message lost on South, however. That's why the 3-4 fit was reached. Five Hearts had no play whatsoever and went down three. Italy another +150 and 11 more IMPs to them, a margin of 30 now. Board 18 and also the subsequent board 20 brought them 3 IMPs each.

I will skip the Polish slam on little more than a successful finesse of the ♦Q and go straight to:

Board 23. Dealer South All Vul.

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

This is a typical example of the differences in approach between the various systems:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Sementa	Toledano	Versace
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♣ Mixed Raise

Once Sementa opened his good five-card suit, as we all would probably have done way back in the 20th century, the Italians quickly ended up far too high. Nobody could double this, of course, but thwn two was inevitable. Israel +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Yekutieli	Donati	Tarnowski
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

The modern approach led to a much better contract. Declarer played well after East's heart lead. He won the second round of the suit and...exited in hearts. East won his king and, rather than immediately cashing his 13th heart, tried the effect of a spade. No good for him: dummy won the ♠K and declarer next called for a club to his...king!. Had it been taken by the ace, he would still have been in a good guessing position with the diamonds sort of frozen but when the king held the trick, he had his +90 straight away. This was 7 IMPs back to Israel.

In the other crucial match, they all were in 1NT as North – the general opening bid. Both Easts led a heart here as well, of course.

In the Open Room, Kang for Korea took the 3rd heart, cashed two spades ending in dummy and tried a club to the jack. East took the queen and continued a low diamond. Declarer ran this to his jack so when West produced yet another minor suit queen, Kang suddenly was one down, losing four tricks in the minors and three hearts. Argentina +100.

In the Closed Room, Rizzo showed the way. He won the 3rd heart and continued the ♣K – a standard



semi-misleading play. Would you immediately take the ace as West? When Lee played low, Rizzo had his seven tricks. Argentina another +100 and 5 well-deserved IMPs to lead by 12 now.

On the next board, the Korean defence let 3NT through for a loss of 7 more IMPs and a few boards later came:

Board 27. Dealer South None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Sementa	Toledano	Versace
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	3♣	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

North's 3♣ confirmed the diamond fit but Sementa nevertheless passed the penalty double. When declarer drew all the opponents' trumps rather than using the trumps in his hand to ruff both of dummy's diamonds, he had to go down two when the hearts did not break well for him,, Italy +300. We will leave his line of play for what it was and turn to Percario's approach at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Yekutieli	Donati	Tarnowski
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣*	2♦
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ Majors

North led the ♦A and continued a club. Declarer won the ace, crossed in hearts and presented the ♠Q. South covered, Percario won the ace and exited with a club to dummy's ♣10 and South's ♣K Next came the ♦K from South but dummy ruffed this and led a low trump. South took his ♠10 and tried a heart but declarer won his king, ruffed his last diamond in dummy with the ♠8 and drew South's last two trumps by way of a finesse before cashing his remaining hearts. Just made. Italy +590 and no less than 13 IMPs to them. Suddenly, there were leading by 29.

For once, I will switch to the USA v. Switzerland match. Kalita was also in 4♠x after this auction.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Kalita	Bathurst
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣*	2♦
3♦*	3♠	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ majors

3♦ I prefer your best major



Michal KLUKOWSKI

John HURD

Kevin BATHURST

Jacek KALITA

All players involved played to perfection, both in defence and in declarer play. That's why Kalita made his contract. This is what happened.

South led a top diamond and continued the suit. Kalita ruffed and ran the ♠J which held the trick. Next, he led a club up and ducked South's ♣K. Back came another diamond but Kalita ruffed again and continued the ♠Q, playing low from dummy when South covered with his ♠K. Bathurst persisted with diamonds but this time, Kalita discarded dummy's ♣J and ruffed in his hand with the ♠8, his last trump. Club to the queen and dummy's ace, two top hearts (the king and ace) and the ♣10, if necessary followed by more hearts, for a trump coup against South. Very well played, Switzerland +590

In the Closed Room, declarer's timing was not quite flawless:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	S Drijver	Grue	Brink
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	3♦	4♠	All Pass

Grue ruffed the second diamond and ran the ♠J. Next, he played another trump, ducking in dummy when South contributed the ♠10. He then had to ruff South's diamond return with his ♠Q and only now came a club to the king and ace, followed by a heart to the ace. Trumps were then drawn with a finesse against South's ♠K but when he next conceded a club to South, the latter could cash some diamonds so the contract went down two. Switzerland another +100 and 12 IMPs to them, the only sizeable swing of the set in their match.

Two more boards later, the Italians put a final nail

into the Israeli coffin.

Board 29. Dealer North All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Sementa	Toledano	Versace
—	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Dble	Rdbl	3♣
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Dble Both majors or one minor

North led ♣A, ♣Q to declarer's ♣K. The play was not recorded correctly so we do not know why declarer went two down. Anyway: that was another +200 to Italy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Yekutieli	Donati	Tarnowski
—	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	All Pass	



According to their CC, North showed a balanced 18-19 with his 2♦. They soon were in 2NT but when the defence led two rounds of spades, dummy's only entry was gone. The first club finesse went OK but when the ♣K did not appear under the ace, declarer had to go four down for another +400 and 12 IMPs to Italy. The final winning margin for Italy thus became 41.

In the Korea v. Argentina match, there also was a swing.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ag Madala	Kang	Bianchedi	Roh
—	1♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

The Koreans were left to play in their best fit when Bianchedi did not compete any further. With dummy rather out of reach, 3♣ had to go one down. The score of -100 to Korea looked a good investment against a possible spade game in E/W.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Rizzo	Kim	Lucena
—	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♣	4♠	All Pass

Because Lee bid his five-card suit first when 1♦ from North ran round to him, the Koreans soon



Michal KLUKOWSKI, Switzerland

were in their best denomination. North led the ♥Q, an unhappy choice. When next the trumps broke 2-2, declarer was home sooner than he might have thought. Korea +620 and 11 IMPs to them to finally reduce their deficit to 22.

The other margin: Switzerland +53 v USA.



THE SPECIAL ONES

Mark Horton

By the time you reach the semifinals of a World Championship, you might expect the bidding, play and defence to be flawless. However, such are the myriad possibilities inherent in the game, that perfection can be hard to achieve.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Meyers	Övelius	Sanborn
—	—	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♠ 10-13, 6♠
2NT Invitational+, asking

I'm guessing that 3♣ showed a minimum.

South led the ♣10 and declarer won with the ♣Q, cashed two spades ending in dummy and took the top clubs discarding a diamond. She then played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing and the 3-3 break delivered all the tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	Clementsson	S Rimstedt	Bertheau
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♣ Game forcing, balanced or 4+♣
3NT They play non-serious 3♠/3NT
4♣ Control
4NT RKCB
5♥ 2 keycards

Here South led the ♣5 and declarer was content to claim 12 tricks, +980 and 10 IMPs.

As you may have guessed, the Swedish sisters were the only Women to bid the slam, but those IMPs went to their new team, the USA.



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POLAND v SWITZERLAND



David Bird

Following a few tragic deaths due to nut allergies, wait staff in English restaurants are instructed to ask "Any allergies?" before taking your order. I find it hard to suppress an answer of 'part-scores'. Sadly, this semi-final started with four part-scores. I have marked them with a black cross on my sheet, obviously, awaiting some meatier fare.

The Great Dealer has been informed that this is a major semi-final and has served up a heart game on Board 5. It was an unimpressive effort. Eleven tricks were cold, for a push board of +450.

Well, I will write up board 7, even though it's a part score. That's because the Swiss have a rather good bidding gadget to show you. Now, where's my antihistamine spray?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 7
♥ Q 3
♦ A J 10 7 6 4 2
♣ 6

♠ Q 9 2
♥ 9 8 4
♦ K Q 3
♣ K 9 3 2



♠ K 7 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 8
♣ A Q J 10 5

♠ A J 5 3
♥ A K 10 6 5
♦ 5
♣ 8 7 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jagniewski	Nowosadzki	Gawel
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

+90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Bas Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♦*
All Pass			

Strong jump shifts are a distant memory. Bas Driver's 2♠ is invitational with clubs or diamonds.

Brink's 3♦ shows that he is interested opposite clubs, but not diamonds. That's neat. Eleven tricks are made, winning 2 IMPs.

The score is 11-6 to Switzerland, as the 'real match' starts.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A 8 7

♠ A K Q J
♥ A Q 10 9 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 6



♠ 6
♥ K 6 3 2
♦ K J 3
♣ K Q 9 5 2

♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ J 7
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 10 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jagniewski	Nowosadzki	Gawel
1♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

East's 3♠ was a splinter bid, and 3NT showed interest in a slam. East's 4♥ was alerted, but it wasn't enough to dissuade Zimmermann from a 4NT advance. When West had only one keycard, they stopped safely in 5♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Bas Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
1♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

East's 4♣ looks like a cue-bid, but there was no guarantee of the ace. Thereafter, there must have been an aberration by someone. How much would this lack of discipline cost Poland, do you think?

The answer is... not very much when Bas Drijver led

a trump! Declarer won and played a second trump. He then cashed four spades to ditch all of dummy's diamonds. When he led a club, North played low and the ♣K won. It was 11 IMPs to Poland.

What did you make of that? There are some deals where a defender to a slam has two aces and doesn't want his led ace to get ruffed. Could that be the case here, though, after West had employed Blackwood?

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jagniewski	Nowosadzki	Gawel
—	—	1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass	1NT	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

Wojciech Gawel played ace-king and another spade. The ♥A was known to lie with South, so declarer needed eight quick tricks from the minors. There was no guess in clubs, when the ♣J showed. Indeed, North had ditched a club on the second round of spades. Michal Nowosadzki took the right view in diamonds, too. North was counted for a large majority in that suit, even if he held the ♥Q. That was +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Bas Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	—	1♣	1♠
2♦*	Pass	2♥	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

Brink ducked the ♠9 lead. Wojciech Strzemecki picked up the clubs and took the correct view in diamonds, for a push board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jagniewski	Nowosadzki	Gawel
—	—	—	1♣*
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

South's Polish 1♣ shows a variety of hands: natural, a weak 1NT or any shapely strong hand.

The 3♠ rebid advertised the black two-suiter. Against 5♣, Pierre Zimmermann led the ♥K (5 from East) and switched to the ♦A (6 from East). Gawel ruffed the ♥K and had to divine the trump situation.



Pierre ZIMMERMANN

Rafal JAGNIEWSKI

Wojciech GAWEL

Michal NOWOSADZKI

He cashed the ♣A and Polish fans drew breath when he then crossed to the ♠Q. They were right to be worried. He ran the ♣10 and went one down. If he could read the red-suit lengths, from East's spot cards, each defender would hold eight red cards. Still, it was very much a guess.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Bas Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Here, West began with the ♥A (8 from partner), and played the ♥K. Brink ruffed and played clubs from the top. That was 10 IMPs to Switzerland.

Our final deal has the whiff of a slam about it. We will launch it with a bidding problem. What do you open, first to speak at Love All, on these cards:

♠ K 10 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ J ♦ A 8 2 ♣ Q J

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Jagniewski	Nowosadzki	Gawel
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West's 2♣ was game-forcing, balanced or a spade fit. East's 3♥ showed 6+ spades, and 4♥ was a shortage. Nowosadzki's 5♥ response to RKCB showed two keycards but no ♠Q. Who do you blame for missing this excellent slam?

Was your answer: "Zimmermann. Even facing six spades, the ♠Q might fall." That would not be my answer. Holding seven trumps, Nowosadzki might well have responded 5♠ to RKCB, pretending that he held the ♠Q.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Bas Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	—	4♠	All Pass

I don't think we can blame West for passing 4♠. If partner held seven or eight spades to the KQJ and no ace, they might be high enough already. I'm inclined to think that 1♠ is the better opening bid.

The first set of this majestic semi-final ended with Switzerland leading by 28 to 18. By the time you read this report, you will know the half-time score. As will I, when I wake up tomorrow morning and walk into my computer room.



Seniors SF - 2




INDIA v SWEDEN



Simon Stocken

The Indian seniors edged the first sixteen boards 17 – 12 and soon looked to extend their lead. The first board of the set saw both teams play in 2NT, making nine tricks with twenty-two points opposite three after RHO had opened the bidding. The second board saw an interesting lead problem against 4♠:

Board 18. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Berntsson	Das	Wegnelius
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	4♠	All Pass

The Swedish defender started with ♦Q after which

Das played ♣6 to ♣9 and North's ♣K, who returned ♠J. This was not enough to defeat the contract as the clubs could now be established and enjoyed. The only return to defeat the contract after North wins the ♣K is the ♥Q, locking declarer in dummy, while threatening a fourth defensive trick with a trump promotion. Leading a small heart rather than the ♥Q allows declarer to win with ♥10 and change tack – trumping a diamond instead now that the tenth trick has arrived in hearts.

Declarer can do better (as the cards lie) after the ♦Q lead by playing three rounds of diamonds, trumping in dummy for a ninth trick and then switching to clubs. North now has no answer – playing hearts concedes the tenth trick after which declarer can draw trumps. A diamond concedes the tenth trick immediately with a ruff and discard while playing a trump allows declarer to win in hand with ♠Q and knock out ♣A giving North no answer. With clubs 3-3 the tenth trick is established and the ♠K provides the entry.

At the other table the auction was identical except West leapt to 3♠ rather than 2♠ and the ♥9 was led. The defence took ♥Q, ♣A, ♥A and then another round of hearts ensured defeat with a trump promotion. If the second club is cashed first, then the defence will take five tricks instead of four. India's lead moved into double figures with this 10 IMP swing.

Pranab Kumar BARDHAN

Gote BERTSSON

Henrik WEGNELIUS

Badal Chandra DAS

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ K 10 2
♥ K J 10 6
♦ 9 7 3
♣ 10 6 2

♠ A J 8 6 5 4
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ J
♣ 9 5



♠ 9 7
♥ A 4
♦ Q 10 6 5 4 2
♣ A 7 3

♠ Q 3
 ♥ Q 8 3
 ♦ A K 8
 ♣ K Q J 8 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bardhan</i>	<i>Berntsson</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Wegnelius</i>
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	Pass	2♦	Dble
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the other room 1NT was opened and West had no reason not to lead a spade resulting in ten tricks for declarer. Bardhan for India led the $\diamond J$ after the above auction allowed East-West to communicate. $1\clubsuit$ is any 16+ or 17+ balanced. If $\diamond J$ is ducked then 3NT will make nine tricks as the diamond suit is now neutralized. Alas hasty play at trick one resulted in a 3-trick defeat for declarer when East had the two entries to establish and enjoy the suit.

This was worth 8 more IMPs to team India.

Board 30 offered up the same test with both declarers playing 3NT on a club lead:

Board 30. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ Q J 5 2
♥ Q 9
♦ J 7 6 5 2
♣ Q 9

♠ K 10 7 6 3
♥ A 3
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 10 6 3



♠ A 9
♥ J 10 7 5 4
♦ A K 10
♣ A K 2

♠ 8 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ Q 8
♣ J 8 7 5 4

Badal Das was at the helm in 3NT – and the man from Calcutta had no problem at all ducking North's ♣Q. The hearts could now be safely established with North unable to continue clubs after ♥A and another. At the other table the ♣Q was taken at trick one and

the contract had to go down with the defence able to establish three club tricks. That was the final swing of the match, another ten IMPs to India.

Returning to Board 20 we saw excellent defence at both tables:

Board 20. Dealer West. Game Vul.

♠	Q 5 2
♥	K 9
♦	A K 9 6
♣	K 8 6 5

♠ K 10
♥ A Q 10
♦ 2
♣ 10 9 3



♠ J 8 7
♥ J 6 5
♦ Q J
♣ A Q J 7 4

♠ A 9 6 4 3
♥ 8
♦ 10 8 7 5 4 3
♣ 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bardhan</i>	<i>Berntsson</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Wegnilius</i>
3♥	Dble	4♣	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Todi</i>	<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
1♥	Dble	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	



Pranab Kumar BARDHAN, India

4♠ was making and 5♥ would have made unless the correct switch is found at trick two. Both declarers started with ♦A and unerringly switched to spades – far from obvious when looking at ♦QJ in dummy. One down at both tables and a flat board.

Board 21. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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



Gote BERNTSSON, Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Berntsson	Das	Wegnelius
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
—	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT*	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

I asked the esteemed editor to my right, “What sort of bidding system opens 1♥ with 3-4-3-3 and a 13-count?” – his response is best left unprinted, but it was just the tonic for West who bludgeoned onwards to slam certain of ten trumps and optimistic about the diamond situation. The optimism was duly rewarded with the ♦Q perfectly placed: 11 IMPs back to Sweden.

Board 23 saw Sweden again open 1♥ on 13 points with 3-4-3-3 and a marginally better suit – clearly a very useful bid (said no-one ever), resulting in another 6 IMPs to Sweden.



Johan SYLVAN

Vibhas TODI

Kamal Krishna MUKHERJEE

Marten GUSTAWSSON

The next significant swing of the match came on board 25:

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Berntsson	Das	Wegnelius
—	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led ♠10 for Sweden. To hold declarer to eight tricks South needs to win ♠K and switch to clubs. Instead, South ducked and Bardhan had nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
—	Pass	1♦	2♦*
Dble	3♣	3♦	5♣
All Pass			

2♦ Clubs and Spades



Marten GUSTAWSSON, Sweden

In this room Mukherjee brought both suits into play, enabling the 5♣ sacrifice to be reached – this was just one down and India had eleven more IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

At both tables North arrived in 3NT after South had transferred into hearts.

The Indian East led spades, taking the first four tricks. The Swedish East chose to lead ♥J and declarer had a much easier time, cashing five heart tricks, forcing some discards and playing a club towards the ♣J for nine tricks. The Swedish declarer had to commit in the end position and opted for the diamond finesse at trick twelve after the ♣Q had not appeared – a reasonable line combining some squeeze chances in addition to the 50-50 diamond finesse.

The aggressive actions of India paid dividends, and the 16 boards scored 53-20 in India's favour, extending their overall lead to 38 IMPs.



Badal Chandra DAS, India

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ROUND 1

1	POLAND SENIORS	SAADA PATRICK	34	22	13.71	6.29
2	USA MIX	ADAMANT	68	18	19.83	0.17
3	TURKIYE SENIORS	SYDNEY SWINGERS	41	12	17.24	2.76
4	DENMARK OPEN	SWEDEN MIXED	40	17	16.18	3.82
5	ISRAEL MIXED	AUSTRIA	13	25	6.29	13.71
6	FINLAND	ROMANIA	25	24	10.36	9.64
7	ENGLAND WOMEN	CHILE MIXTO	38	20	15.15	4.85
8	NORWAY	VENTIN	28	37	7.10	12.90
9	POLAND WOMEN	NEW ZEALAND MIX	34	39	8.30	11.70
10	CHINA OPEN	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	23	15	12.61	7.39
11	PERO BUENO	RIO	34	17	14.93	5.07
12	BLACK	TAMEWARE	22	24	9.29	10.71
13	ISRAEL	NETTLETON	41	11	17.40	2.60
14	DRINTEAM	COLOMBIANS	47	33	14.22	5.78
15	IRELAND	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	47	14	17.86	2.14
16	JAPAN SENIOR	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
17	ARMA MAJOR	CHARLIE	14	49	1.86	18.14
18	CHAGAS	CAMPANITA	29	15	14.22	5.78
19	GERMANY OPEN	CON SUERTE	61	23	18.54	1.46
20	ITALIAN SENIORS	SWISS MIXED	36	12	16.37	3.63
21	BORTOLETTI	MSV	22	49	3.09	16.91
22	GAUSS	ALGO DIVERTIDO	41	26	14.46	5.54
23	INDIAN MIXED	VITA LADIES	68	13	20.00	0.00
24	SHOURIE	KIWI BLUE	30	21	12.90	7.10
25	BRAITHWAITE	ARMEX	61	24	18.41	1.59
26	FRANCE WOMEN	MEDANOS	30	22	12.61	7.39
27	HOJA DE ARCE	DENMARK MIXED	3	54	0.08	19.92
28	DINKIN	ROJO-BLANCO	31	38	7.69	12.31
29	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	INDIAN WOMEN	43	11	17.71	2.29

ROUND 2

1	DENMARK OPEN	IRELAND	11	34	3.82	16.18
2	PERO BUENO	DRINTEAM	32	51	4.63	15.37
3	GERMANY OPEN	USA MIX	25	35	6.82	13.18
4	BRAITHWAITE	POLAND SENIORS	39	30	12.90	6.10
5	INDIAN MIXED	ISRAEL	29	40	6.55	13.45
6	TURKIYE SENIORS	CHAGAS	27	65	1.46	18.54
7	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	BLACK	25	40	5.54	14.46
8	FINLAND	ENGLAND WOMEN	28	17	13.45	6.55
9	GAUSS	SHOURIE	38	16	15.99	4.01
10	ITALIAN SENIORS	CHINA OPEN	65	31	18.00	2.00
11	POLAND WOMEN	FRANCE WOMEN	21	37	5.30	14.70
12	NORWAY	JAPAN SENIOR	40	34	12.01	7.99
13	ISRAEL MIXED	BORTOLETTI	23	54	2.44	17.56
14	DINKIN	AUSTRIA	44	46	9.29	10.71
15	NEW ZEALAND MIX	VENTIN	24	27	8.95	11.05
16	MSV	CHARLIE	24	27	8.95	11.05
17	DENMARK MIXED	ARMA MAJOR	28	13	14.46	5.54
18	SWEDEN MIXED	COLOMBIANS	46	38	12.61	7.39
19	CHILE MIXTO	TAMEWARE	49	41	12.61	7.39
20	ROJO-BLANCO	SAADA PATRICK	49	26	16.18	3.82
21	RIO	SYDNEY SWINGERS	28	28	10.00	10.00
22	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	38	31	12.31	7.69
23	HOJA DE ARCE	ADAMANT	46	23	16.18	3.82
24	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	NETTLETON	54	41	13.97	6.03
25	ALGO DIVERTIDO	KIWI BLUE	69	18	19.92	0.08
26	MEDANOS	SWISS MIXED	22	37	5.54	14.46
27	CAMPANITA	INDIAN WOMEN	18	57	1.34	18.66
28	CON SUERTE	ARMEX	44	4	18.78	1.22
29	VITA LADIES	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

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ROUND 3

1	IRELAND	DRINTEAM	28	10	15.15	4.85
2	CHAGAS	USA MIX	3	35	2.29	17.71
3	BRAITHWAITE	GAUSS	23	1	15.99	4.01
4	BLACK	ISRAEL	3	9	7.99	12.01
5	ITALIAN SENIORS	FINLAND	22	51	2.76	17.24
6	DENMARK OPEN	PERO BUENO	14	17	8.95	11.05
7	GERMANY OPEN	FRANCE WOMEN	26	11	14.46	5.54
8	POLAND SENIORS	INDIAN MIXED	38	26	13.71	6.29
9	BORTOLETTI	NORWAY	28	21	12.31	7.69
10	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	ENGLAND WOMEN	14	21	7.69	12.31
11	TURKIYE SENIORS	POLAND WOMEN	13	22	7.10	12.90
12	SHOURIE	JAPAN SENIOR	33	21	13.71	6.29
13	DENMARK MIXED	CHINA OPEN	14	39	3.45	16.55
14	DINKIN	VENTIN	19	42	3.82	16.18
15	AUSTRIA	ROJO-BLANCO	24	12	13.71	6.29
16	CHARLIE	NEW ZEALAND MIX	29	15	14.22	5.78
17	HOJA DE ARCE	MSV	4	30	3.27	16.73
18	SWEDEN MIXED	CHILE MIXTO	30	35	8.30	11.70
19	ALGO DIVERTIDO	ISRAEL MIXED	3	32	2.76	17.24
20	ROMANIA	RIO	46	27	15.37	4.63
21	SYDNEY SWINGERS	ARMA MAJOR	20	26	7.99	12.01
22	COLOMBIANS	TAMEWARE	8	26	4.85	15.15
23	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	17	44	3.09	16.91
24	INDIAN WOMEN	SWISS MIXED	13	7	12.01	7.99
25	SAADA PATRICK	CON SUERTE	63	25	18.54	1.46
26	ADAMANT	NETTLETON	6	30	3.63	16.37
27	MEDANOS	VITA LADIES	52	2	19.83	0.17
28	KIWI BLUE	CAMPANITA	76	6	20.00	0.00
29	ARMEX	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 4

1	IRELAND	USA MIX	10	27	5.07	14.93
2	BRAITHWAITE	FINLAND	21	15	12.01	7.99
3	ISRAEL	GERMANY OPEN	30	26	11.38	8.62
4	DRINTEAM	BLACK	29	42	6.03	13.97
5	PERO BUENO	POLAND SENIORS	14	27	6.03	13.97
6	CHAGAS	DENMARK OPEN	15	18	8.95	11.05
7	BORTOLETTI	GAUSS	7	28	4.21	15.79
8	ENGLAND WOMEN	ITALIAN SENIORS	32	55	3.82	16.18
9	FRANCE WOMEN	CHINA OPEN	11	16	8.30	11.70
10	NORWAY	SHOURIE	25	35	6.82	13.18
11	INDIAN MIXED	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	13	55	0.98	19.02
12	POLAND WOMEN	VENTIN	18	33	5.54	14.46
13	MSV	AUSTRIA	17	47	2.60	17.40
14	CHARLIE	ISRAEL MIXED	9	18	7.10	12.90
15	TURKIYE SENIORS	ROMANIA	40	18	15.99	4.01
16	JAPAN SENIOR	CHILE MIXTO	30	55	3.45	16.55
17	TAMEWARE	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	61	8	20.00	0.00
18	ROJO-BLANCO	SWEDEN MIXED	14	38	3.63	16.37
19	DENMARK MIXED	SAADA PATRICK	34	49	5.54	14.46
20	DINKIN	ARMA MAJOR	22	34	6.29	13.71
21	NEW ZEALAND MIX	MEDANOS	28	11	14.93	5.07
22	HOJA DE ARCE	SYDNEY SWINGERS	59	13	19.44	0.56
23	INDIAN WOMEN	ALGO DIVERTIDO	57	17	18.78	1.22
24	NETTLETON	RIO	55	19	18.28	1.72
25	COLOMBIANS	KIWI BLUE	17	31	5.78	14.22
26	SWISS MIXED	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	7	51	0.76	19.24
27	ADAMANT	CON SUERTE	72	19	20.00	0.00
28	ARMEX	VITA LADIES	45	40	11.70	8.30
29	CAMPANITA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R4

1	USA MIX	87.25
2	BRAITHWAITE	82.11
3	IRELAND	81.26
4	FINLAND	76.64
5	ISRAEL	75.84
6	BLACK	74.51
7	POLAND SENIORS	73.89
8	GAUSS	72.45
9	GERMANY OPEN	71.84
10	ITALIAN SENIORS	71.31
11	CHINESE TAIPEI O.	70.96
12	DENMARK OPEN	70.00
13	DRINTEAM	68.67
14	CHAGAS	68.60
15	AUSTRIA	66.33
16	PERO BUENO	66.04
17	VENTIN	65.99
18	SHOURIE	65.40
19	CHINA OPEN	64.46
20	TURKIYE SENIORS	63.39
21	TAMEWARE	61.65
22	FRANCE WOMEN	61.55
23	BORTOLETTI	61.17
24	ISRAEL MIXED	60.47
25	CHILE MIXTO	60.11
26	ENGLAND WOMEN	59.43
27	NORWAY	59.42
28	SWEDEN MIXED	57.30
29	POLAND WOMEN	57.24
30	CHARLIE	55.91
31	HOJA DE ARCE	55.77
32	SAADA PATRICK	55.11
33	INDIAN WOMEN	54.14
34	NEW ZEALAND MIX	53.96
35	INDIAN MIXED	53.02
36	ARMA MAJOR	52.92
37	MSV	52.39
38	NETTLETON	52.28
39	ROMANIA	49.13
40	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	48.64
41	JAPAN SENIOR	47.13
42	DENMARK MIXED	46.37
43	DINKIN	45.69
44	KIWI BLUE	45.60
45	ROJO-BLANCO	45.01
46	ADAMANT	43.22
47	NETHERLANDS W.	41.59
48	MEDANOS	41.43
49	COLOMBIANS	37.60
50	SYDNEY SWINGERS	36.31
51	ALGO DIVERTIDO	35.44
52	RIO	34.62
53	SWISS MIXED	31.64
54	ARMEX	26.51
55	CON SUERTE	22.90
56	VITA LADIES	21.07
57	CAMPANITA	20.92

PAIRS - OPEN + SENIORS

RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

SEMIFINAL A

1	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	56.67
2	THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	54.97
3	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	GRE - GRE	54.62
4	STEPHENS Robert	VAN VUGHT Lex	RSA - RSA	54.54
5	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	MIGNOCCHI Kent	USA - USA	54.04
6	PRYOR Malcolm	SCERRI Ed	ENG - ENG	53.15
7	SHENKIN Barnet J	SPEARS Brian	SCO - SCO	52.26
8	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	49.52
9	THOMPSON Ben	THOMSON Ian	AUS - AUS	49.26
10	JACOB Dan	KLIMOWICZ Piotr	CAN - CAN	49.07
11	DEY Sanjit	SHAW Binod Kumar	IND - IND	48.81
12	ELIJOVICH Horacio	ANGELERI Ricardo	ARG - ARG	46.22
13	POPPER Richard	MADDEN Zachary	USA - USA	45.48
14	HO Wai Lam	HO Gordon	HKG - HKG	45.42
15	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND	45.16
16	CARRERA Jaime	NINO Rafael	COL - COL	40.77

SEMIFINAL B

1	BRUM Jose Roberto	LA ROVERE Emilio	BRA - BRA	60.30
2	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	58.54
3	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anirudh	IND - IND	55.63
4	PEJACSEVICH Alexis	MONTES DE OCA F. P.	ARG - ARG	54.15
5	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	WAI Chiu Fai	HKG - HKG	54.05
6	MATHIEU Philippe	SOUDAN Luc	GLP - GLP	51.48
7	KIZILBASH Anwar Mumtaz	HAI Zia	PAK - PAK	50.49
8	DIAMOND Derek	SIME Iain	SCO - SCO	49.48
9	SHENKIN David	MCLATCHIE Cameron	SCO - SCO	49.26
10	SOWTER Anthony (Tony)	ROBINSON David	ENG - ENG	47.51
11	SIANO Gerardo	DURANTE Sergio Fernando	ARG - ARG	45.79
12	NUNEZ Ramiro	PASTORIZA Luis Guillermo	ARG - ARG	45.23
13	TEIXEIRA Agustin	SZYFER Leonardo	URU - URU	41.26
14	SARKI Shahab	MOHAMMAD Yousuf Jan	PAK - PAK	36.82

PAIRS - WOMEN + MIXED RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

SEMIFINAL A

1	KOLATA Suleyman	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	58.80
2	HONTI Laszlo	MEZEI Katalin	HUN - HUN	57.18
3	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	FRA - FRA	55.68
4	NATT Shahzaad	NATT India	ENG - ENG	54.67
5	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	54.39
6	SZABO Csaba	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	53.60
7	ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	CRO - CRO	52.60
8	WEISS SELWAY Florian	WEISS SELWAY Louise	AUT - AUT	52.07
9	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	51.86
10	COSTA Margherita	RUSCALLA Elena	ITA - ITA	50.90
11	ARRIGONI Gianna	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ITA - ITA	50.65
12	FUNG Kismet	GAMBLE Michael	CAN - CAN	50.02
13	DIKLIC Dubravko	PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	49.74
14	OZBAY Tolga	ERYANIK Ceyda	TUR - TUR	49.39
15	ALONSO Ana Maria	ANGELERI Monica	ARG - ARG	49.18
16	POMARES Y DE MORANT C.	GOLIN Cristina	ITA - ITA	48.97
17	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	47.77
18	SJODAL Elisabeth Grasholt	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	47.58
19	VINCENT Christine	SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	47.53
20	EBER Neville	BLOOM Valerie	RSA - RSA	45.90
21	KOLESNIK Alex	BEYNON Sharon	USA - USA	44.09
22	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	42.89
23	SEZENSKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN	42.08
24	NEUMANN Wai Fong Nancy	CHEUNG Kwai Yin	HKG - HKG	42.05

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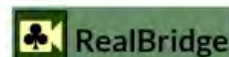
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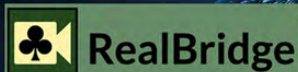
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SEMIFINAL B

1	ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	ARG - ARG	58.11
2	MADALA Adolfo Andres	FEINTUCH Clara	ARG - ARG	56.46
3	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	55.40
4	HODOSI Peter	LAJOS Hanka	HUN - HUN	55.29
5	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	54.78
6	GARATEGUY Maria Del R	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG	53.63
7	RUBIO Gonzalo	ZEMAN Antonia	CHI - CHI	53.21
8	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	53.10
9	BRYANT Brenda	DAVIDSON Ranald	CAN - CAN	53.04
10	YANEZ Pilar	DI PIETRO PAOLO Gabriel	ARG - ARG	52.27
11	MITURA Amy	BAUER Tracey	USA - USA	51.19
12	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	50.64
13	SHENKIN Maggie	BARRETT Lucia	SCO - SCO	50.61
14	DORNON Glynis	PENLINGTON Dianne	RSA - RSA	47.63
15	CUMMINS Patricia	ROTHELL Douglas	BAR - BAR	46.66
16	GRINBERG Martín Bernardo	LEONI Gladys Nilda	ARG - ARG	46.00
17	LUPSAN Octavian	LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	44.68
18	FORTUNA Ricardo	WAGENER Diana	ARG - ARG	44.55
19	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	44.29
20	HINDS Roglyn	SPRINGER Norma	BAR - BAR	43.85
21	HAMMOND Nicolas	PETERS Catherine	USA - USA	43.23
22	RAPETTI Maria Claudia	VALLONE Maria	ARG - ARG	41.36

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