

GOLD LEVEL TANGOS



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We now know who will contest the gold medal rounds in Buenos Aires. In the Open **Poland** enjoyed a terrific day to dispose of **Switzerland** while **Italy** edged out **Argentina**.

In the Mixed, **China** overwhelmed **Germany**, and **Poland** won a nail-biting encounter against **Italy**.

In the Women's event **Sweden** defeated the **USA** with a session to spare, but **Türkiye** had to withstand a strong challenge from **China**.

USA managed to stay ahead of **France** in a hard-fought match in the Seniors, while **India** forced a concession from **Sweden** to join them in the final.

In the Pablo Lambardi Transnational Open Teams semifinals, **USA Mix** held on to the top spot followed by **Pero Bueno** and **Israel**.

Shun Sum Alan Sze and **Wai -Lap Abby Chiu**, representing **Hong Kong, China**, maintained their lead to top the Open/Senior Pairs Semifinal A, while **England's Malcolm Pryor** and **Ed Scerri** remained the leading Senior pair. In Semifinal B **Poland's Bartosz Chmurski** and **Igor Chalupec** finished on top.

In the Women/Mixed Pairs Semifinal A, **Hungary's Laszlo Honti** and **Katalin Mezei** finished in pole position while **Norway's Elisabeth Grasholt Sjodal** and **Sofie Grasholt Sjodal** were the leading Women's pair. Semifinal B was topped by **Germany's Anja Alberti** and **Beatrix Wodniansky**.

Happy Birthday to Thor Erik HOFTANISKA (Norway),
Nicolas LHUISSIER (France), Cecilia BILLIET (Switzerland),
Ceyda ERYANIK (Türkiye)



SCHEDULE TODAY

National Teams Final & Play-Off

Open / Women

Senior / Mixed

10.00 - 12.15: 16 boards

13.15 - 15.30: 16 boards

16.00 - 18.15: 16 boards

Pablo Lambardi Transnational Open Teams

10.00: A1-B1-C1

11.30: A1-B1-C1

13.40: A1-B1-C1

15.10: A1-B1-C1

16.40: A1-B1-C1

18.10: A1-B1-C1

National Pairs

Mixed Pairs Final A

10.00 – 12.15 15 boards

13.30 – 15.45 15 boards

16.15 – 19.10 21 boards

Open Pairs Final A

10.00 – 12.25 16 boards

13.30 – 15.55 16 boards

16.15 – 19.15 20 boards

Women Pairs Final A

10.00 – 12.15 15 boards

13.30 – 15.45 15 boards

16.15 – 18.30 15 boards

Final B

10.00 – 12.25 16 boards

13.30 – 15.55 16 boards

16.15 – 18.40 16 boards

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	46	28	38	177
1							
SWITZERLAND	33	33	20	12	24	25	147
2							
ITALY	7	46	34	50	23	32	192
2							
ARGENTINA	18	55	17	12	35	35	172

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	24	20	–	95
2 SWEDEN	22	37	49	32	46	–	186
1 TÜRKIYE	31	49	17	55	3	56	211
2 CHINA	18	29	56	21	20	29	173

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
1 USA	6	54	22	42	20	16	160
2 FRANCE	22	21	34	38	8	29	154
3 INDIA	17	53	37	45	42	–	195
4 SWEDEN	12	20	60	35	2	–	129
1 USA							
2 INDIA							

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

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
1 POLAND	20	17	43	26	33	47	186
2 ITALY	22	35	18	35	16	59	185
1 GERMANY	26	31	24	11	46	27	165
2 CHINA	26	11	65	27	58	44	228



MATCHES ON VUGRAPH

Saturday, 2 November 2024



10.00 – 13.15 – 16.00

Poland - Italy
Sweden - Türkiye
Poland - China
USA - India

Open Teams BB01
Women Teams BB02
Mixed Teams BB03
Senior Teams LoveBridge

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 1/11/2024

Janice Seamon-Molson dropped by the office to commend the efforts of the staff in the playing rooms. They are doing everything to ensure the players have the best possible conditions.

Ron Tacchi, now ensconced in Madeira as Editor of the Festival's Bulletin, told me that he had been roped into playing in the opening one session pairs event. On the very first deal he picked up these cards as North: ♠4 ♥J854 ♦KQJ107 ♣J108. East opened 3♥ and everyone passed. What he had failed to register was that his partner had doubled 3♥! There was no making contract available for NS, but

as 3♥ could only be defeated by the impossible to find defence of playing three rounds of diamonds (partner held ♦A654 and ♥Q) his result did not trouble the scorers.

Today's email included one from London's National Gallery – Get closer to Van Gogh. Which reminded me to mention you still have time to pay a visit to the magnificent Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes – just walk over the bridge, turn right and you are there. The works include paintings by such giants as Monet, Manet, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Sisley & Degas. Entrance is free!

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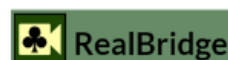
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OPEN & WOMEN TEAMS SEMIFINALS SEGMENT 3

Jos Jacobs

After one third of both the Open and the Women's semifinals, one of the teams in either category had already built up what one might call (for what it is worth) "the beginning of a considerable lead."


In the Women's event, Türkiye were leading China by 33 and in the Open, Switzerland was leading Poland by 42.

So, it would be part of the natural flow to expect that by the end of the day, at the halfway stage, two of the four matches would be quite near a decisive state already.

In the other two matches, USA v. Sweden(women) and Argentina v. Italy (Open), the margins stood at 9 to Sweden and 20 to Argentina.

Some of these margins had to be revised immediately, as this was the opening board of the set.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

USA v Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
K Bertheau	Schireson	Clementsson	Baker
—	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

From this auction, one would deduce that E/W are a very well-established partnership. East made a very aggressive double and West bid a very tame game. Sweden +510 when declarer easily made all the tricks.

In the Closed Room, the Americans showed the virtue of the early Swedish action.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Grönkvist	Sanborn	Övelius
—	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Once East passed after the same pre-empt as in the other room, West was in dire trouble on her balanced-looking type of hand. After her pass, she soon found out that even beating the contract was out of the question...Sweden another +420 and 14 IMPs to increase their lead to 23.

In the two Open semifinals there was much, much more action all round.

Poland v Switzerland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
—	2♦*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

4♦ Bid your suit

Both the Swiss paid the price for their sensible lack of aggression at their first turn to bid. West, with his suddenly very powerful hand, did not know exactly what to think of partner's balancing action. Here, too, 13 tricks were easily made. Switzerland +510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	S Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
—	3♠	Dble	4♠
5♠*	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Once Jagniewski made an aggressive first-round double, staying out of slam had become impossible. Poland +1010 and 11 IMPs to them to start reducing their deficit!?

In the other Open semifinal, they treated us to a slight variation or two.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena
—	2♠	3♦	4♠
5♠*	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

This is the sort of action one would expect from players who are full of temperament, the cliché states. A good show by all players round the table but +1090 to Italy when South obligingly led a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Donati	Bianchedi	Percario
—	2♠	3♦	4♠
6♦	Dble	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

At the other table, the aggressive actions were even better judged. The Italians managed to have the last word here as well, paying just -500 against a cold slam. It brought Italy 11 more IMPs.

The initial excitement was not over yet as this board came next.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



USA v Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
K Bertheau	Schireson	Clementsson	Baker
—	—	Pass	1NT
3♠	All Pass		

When North could not take action over 3♠, the Swedes had to pay only a small price. Down two, USA +100.

At the other table, Ida Grönkvist indeed had something to say.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Grönkvist	Sanborn	Övelius
—	—	Pass	1NT
3♠	Dble	4♠	Dble
All Pass			



Her double automatically launched her partner back into the game again and that was down three when East also bid. Sweden +500 and 9 more IMPs. Their lead now stood at 32.

On the next board, we are in the slam zone again.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After his aggressive attitude on the opening board, Di Franco this time showed a more restraint part of himself when he bid 4♥ only. Italy an easy +480

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Donati	Bianchedi	Percario
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	2NT	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Madala's double of 3♠ gave Bianchedi a clear picture of partner's shape so he had no trouble in going on. Twelve easy tricks here as well but +980 and 11 IMPs to Argentina.

There was no swing in our other matches here but a little later, on board 6, there were chances.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



The normal contract is 3NT but there is something strange going on. If East leads a top spade, declarer



suddenly has a probable additional stopper in the suit and might thus make his contract after all. If West is the one who leads a spade, declarer should go down. Though spades were led at two of our eight tables, the contract only went down once – and not, curiously enough, at the table where West led a low spade. At that table, East signalled vigorously by playing the ♠K under dummy's ace, thereby providing declarer with an extra stopper. At the table where East led the ♠K herself, declarer did not believe in her luck and went one down after all. We don't know how because the play is not recorded. So the only notable swing occurred in this, the China v. Türkiye match: 10 IMPs to China who thus continued their rally.

On the next board, an Argentinian fell from grace.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena
—	—	—	3♠
Pass	Pass	3NT	4♦
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

With apparently no two-suited opening bid available, South had to find a different way if he wanted to show his suits. Because both his suits were not of any importance, his action cost -1400 (down five).

At the other table, his team-mates quietly were in 3NT.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Donati	Bianchedi	Percario
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two overtricks, Argentina +660 but 12 IMPs back to Italy to reduce their deficit to 5,

On the next board, all but one pairs attempted a club contract.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

On the actual layout, even 5♣ is already too high. Spades don't break, heart finesse does not work and there is no squeeze.

So full marks to the Chinese women who were the only N/S pair to stay on firm ground.

Andrea MANNO

Leonardo RIZZO

Carlos LUCENA

Massimiliano DI FRANCO

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I Ozbay	Liao	Yavas	Wang
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Two overtricks, China +460 and 11 IMPs to them. They had taken over the lead, by 3 IMPs at this point. Two boards later, we saw a remarkable flat board:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
K Bertheau	Schireson	Clementsson	Baker
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

No, not in this women's match but elsewhere. Two overtricks, Sweden +1070.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Grönkvist	Sanborn	Övelius
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	All Pass

The Swedes passed the “balancing test” on this deal when they resisted temptation. Two overtricks here as well but one digit (a zero) less in the score: 170 rather than 1070. Good for 14 IMPs to Sweden.

No, no flat board in the Argentina v Italy match either. Here too, both teams did reasonably well in the aforementioned “balancing test.”

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Italy +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Donati	Bianchedi	Percario
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Not that this contract stood any chance but going two down for -200 would cost you only 1 IMP when the team-mates are good enough to bring in +170.



In the other women's match, they reached 2♠x at only one table so Türkiye scored +1070 minus 140 for a gain of 14 more IMPs.

The real flat board occurred in the Poland v. Switzerland match, where both tables produced identical auctions like we saw at the table where the Swedes were sitting E/W. That was twice +1070 to E/W but still no swing!

Time for a few more quiet boards now. We tune in again at the penultimate board, where a few players found inspiration (or maybe were deliberately playing for a swing?).

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J 7 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 5 4
♣ Q 7 5

♠ 10 8 5
♥ 10 2
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ K J 8 6

♠ A Q
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 9 4 3 2

♠ K 9 6 4 2
♥ A 9 8 7
♦ Q 9 3
♣ 10

In the USA v. Sweden match, both N/S pairs ended up in 2♠. The Swedes made two overtricks and the Americans did not, so the Swedes got 2 more IMPs.

In the other women's match, both E/W pairs were more active and they both bought the contract in 3♣. When the Turkish South led the ♣10, the Chinese declarer had an easy enough overtrick for a score of +130 to China. At the other table, diamonds were led so the contract eventually went one down when

declarer lost a trump trick as well as control. That was another +50 and 5 IMPs to China.

In the Open semifinals, all four tables were in 1NT. Jagniewski, East for Poland, was the only declarer who risked a club finesse when South followed suit with the ♣10 in the first round. That was +120 and 6 IMPs to Poland when the Swiss went a more normal two down at the other table.

The last deal once again produced some unusual numbers:

Board 16. Dealer West E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 7
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ K J 9 2
♣ A 10

♠ A 8 3 2
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ A Q 10 6
♣ 2

♠ 9 5
♥ A 4
♦ 8 5 4
♣ K Q 9 6 5 3

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ K 9 7
♦ 7 3
♣ J 8 7 4

USA v Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K Bertheau</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Baker</i>
1♦	1NT	2NT*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

When East did not want to throw the axe with her nine-count, the Swedish ended up in a playable but unlucky contract themselves. One down, USA +100.



At the other table, the American axe was more of a boomerang.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Grönkvist	Sanborn	Övelius
1♦	1NT	Dble	All Pass

Making an overtrick was not really a problem here. Sweden +280 and 5 IMPs to them. Overnight, they would be leading by 57, having won this set 49-1.

In the China v. Türkiye match, they were more aggressive. At one table, North's 1NT overcall was doubled but declarer emerged with even two overtricks for +380 to China. At the other table, the Turkish N/S eventually doubled them in 2♣ which went one down for +200 to Türkiye but still 5 IMPs to China. So, China had won the set convincingly by 56-17 IMPs to take the lead by 6: 103-97.

In the Open event, they had the same type of problems, of course. Here is how they dealt with them:



Rafal JAGNIEWSKI, Poland

Poland v Switzerland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
1♦	1NT	Dble	All Pass

Diamond lead by East to the ace and a heart return by West meant two overtricks. Poland +380.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	S Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
1♦	Dble	2♣	All Pass

In the replay, East stayed quiet and just bid his suit. Two Clubs went one down but the Poles had still gained 7 IMPs to trail by 21 at the halfway stage.

In the other semifinal the board was a push at +280 to N/S. You can easily work out now for yourself what the contract was. At the end of the day, Argentina was still leading but by only 3 IMPs now.

So, contrary to what I wrote (on purpose) in the opening lines of this report, there would be everything to play for on Friday. Only the Swedish women might possibly feel a little more relaxed...



Seniors SF - 2




INDIA v SWEDEN



Brian Senior

A quiet set of boards had seen India take a narrow lead by 17-12 after 16 boards of their Seniors Championship semi-final against Sweden. Set two offered much more in the way of potential swing deals, starting with:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S 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		

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

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♠*	Dble	4♠	All Pass


For India, Pranab Bardhan's 2♠ showed a good raise and was sufficient to see Badal Das raise himself to game over Gote Berntsson's take-out double. Meanwhile, Johan Sylvan, for Sweden, made a constructive jump raise to 3♠ and Marten Gustawsson too went on to game over Vibhas Todi's double.

Kamal Mukherjee led the nine of hearts against Gustawsson. Todi won the queen, cashed the king of clubs to get a count signal, then switched back to ace and a third heart. Gustawsson ruffed with the ace and cashed the queen then king of spades before taking a club pitch on the king of hearts. But Mukherjee was ruffing that, so the contract was down one for -50.

Henrik Wegnelius led the queen of diamonds against Das, who won the ace and led the six of clubs to the nine and king. Berntsson returned the jack of

spades, but Das could win that in hand with the ace and play the jack of clubs. Berntsson won the ace and cashed the ace of hearts before switching to a diamond. Das won the ♦K and drew trumps ending in dummy, and had 10 tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to India. The defence had been powerless from the moment that Wegnelius failed to find a heart lead.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
—	—	—	1NT
All Pass			


Mukherjee opened 1NT and was left to play there. Sylvan led the six of spades to the two, nine and queen, and Mukherjee led a heart to the ten and ace, won the diamond return with the ace, and played on clubs. Gustawsson won immediately and played the queen of diamonds, but Mukherjee had four clubs and three hearts to cash and that was 10 tricks for +180.

Wegnelius opened a two-way club, any 16+ or 11-13 balanced, and Bardhan overcalled 1♠. Berntsson did not join in, not being interested in competing if he was facing the weak hand-type. However, when Wegnelius doubled Das's 2♦ response, he was

known to have the 16+ variety, and now Berntsson caught up for his previous pass by cuebidding, asking for a diamond stopper, with Wegnelius duly obliging by bidding 3NT. Bardhan led the jack of diamonds, and Wegnelius won the ace and played on clubs. Das won the ace and cleared the diamonds, and when Wegnelius played on hearts Das could win and had four diamonds to cash plus his partner's ace of spades; down three for -150 and 8 IMPs to India.

With diamonds six-one and spades six-two, Wegnelius would have made his game had he ducked the first trick, just losing one trick in each suit.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Berntsson	Das	Wegnelius
3♥	Dble	4♣	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

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


Bardhan opened with a pre-empt and Berntsson doubled. Das showed his clubs and heart support, and Bardhan, with decent hearts and some club length, took the push to 5♥, which Berntsson doubled. Berntsson cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a spade for Wegnelius's ace, and there was still the king of hearts to come so down one and -200.

Sylvan opened at the one level and Gustawsson showed his clubs. Mukherjee did not get involved at this point, preferring to watch his opponents' auction then decide what to do – if anything. On seeing that his opponents had a heart fit, Mukherjee jumped to 4♠ and Sylvan, with extra heart length, a semi-club fit, and less defence than he might have had, went on to 5♥, which Todi doubled. Todi too cashed a

diamond then switched to a spade for down one and a push board.

Four Spades would have made, so both E/W pairs did the best that they could by going on to 5♥.

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	

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

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




Vibhas TODI, India

Das opened 1♣ then showed his heart support and Bardhan was content to play in game rather than hope to find what he needed for slam. Berntsson led the jack of spades and, when that held the trick, switched to a club. Bardhan won the ace, cashed the top hearts, then the king of diamonds, before leading the jack of diamonds and running it to the doubleton queen; 11 tricks for +450.

Gustawsson was playing four-card majors so opened the East hand with 1♥, and Sylvan first showed a game-forcing raise then asked for key-cards and bid the small slam. Mukherjee's opening lead of the queen of diamonds served only to speed up the play. Sylvan won, drew trumps, and just lost a spade; +980 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

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


Bardhan opened 1♣ and Das made a negative double but then said that he didn't actually have the four-card heart holding which that had implied. Three Clubs on a four-three fit and with two balanced hands was a little high, particularly when trumps proved to be five-one. Berntsson cashed the ace and king of spades then switched to the seven of hearts. Bardhan won the ♥Q, led a low club to the queen, then crossed back to dummy with the ace of hearts to run the jack of clubs, getting the bad news. He led a heart to the king followed by a diamond to the king,

and a second diamond to the ten and ace. The ten of hearts was ruffed in dummy and over-ruffed, and a club returned to the now bare ace. Bardhan could cash the queen of diamonds but had to concede the king of clubs at trick 13 so was down one for -100.

Sylvan could open his four-card major and that kept the E/W bidding low as Gustawsson's negative double denied four hearts, making it easy for Sylvan to rebid 1NT and nobody had anything more to say. Having bid spades, Todi tried the effect of a low diamond lead round to the jack and queen. Sylvan crossed to the queen of hearts to lead the jack of clubs and run it. A second club to the queen saw Todi discarding a diamond, so Sylvan switched his attention to that suit. Todi won the ♦A and returned a heart to dummy's ace, but Sylvan had nine tricks for +150 and 6 IMPs to Sweden.

It appeared that the momentum in the match had swung the way of the Swedes, but that was about to change once again.

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	

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

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


Wegnelius overcalled 1♠ but then left his opponents to get on with it, leaving his longer club suit unbid. Three No Trump was the conclusion for E/W and Berntsson had no reason to lead other than his partner's suit. Wegnelius ducked the ten of spades, hoping that his partner would hold a doubleton, and

the jack of spades was declarer's ninth trick; +600.

Wegnelius could, of course, have beaten 3NT by winning the first trick and switching to a club, but that required a lot of help from partner.

Mukherjee could show a black two-suiter in one bid so did so. When Todi competed freely to 3♣, Mukherjee jumped to the club game. Gustawsson led the king of diamonds, which Todi ruffed. He played the king of hearts to Sylvan's ace and back came a diamond, again ruffed in dummy. Todi played a club to the king and ace and won Gustawsson's club return. He cashed the jack of hearts then the ace and king of spades, discarding a diamond, and ruffed a spade. The queen of hearts came next, but the four-two split meant that the best Todi could do from here was to ruff a heart, give up a spade, and settle for one down. That was -50, but 11 IMPs to India.

Board 29. Dealer North. All 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	

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Berntsson	Das	Wegnelius
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
—	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			


Both Norths opened 1NT and became declarer in 3NT after a transfer sequence.

Das led the seven of spades, Bardhan winning the king and returning the six to the queen and ace. Das cashed the ♠J, Bardhan unblocking the ten in case his partner had started with five cards in the suit. Das cashed the ♠9 then exited with the ten of hearts. Berntsson won the ♥K and cashed out four more heart tricks, coming down to ♦AQ ♣K8 in hand facing ♦10 ♣A103 in dummy. He cashed the clubs then, when the queen did not put in an appearance, fell back on the diamond finesse and was down a trick when the king proved to be offside; -100.

Gustawsson led the jack of hearts, Todi winning

the king then cashing the rest of the hearts, throwing three diamonds from hand. That saw Sylvan throw one diamond and Gustawsson two diamonds then a spade. Todi led a club to the jack and, when that held, continued with king of clubs and a club to the ace. The fall of the queen meant that he had a fourth club trick and, when he then exited with a spade and ducked it to Gustawsson, who had come down to ♠AJ doubleton, he came to two diamonds in the endgame so 10 tricks in all for +630 and 12 IMPs to India.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Das rebid 2NT and Bardhan transferred to spades then bid 3NT to offer a choice of games, Das opting for 3NT. Gustawsson rebid an artificial 2♣ then showed his hand-type with a jump to 3NT at his next turn, and he too became declarer in the NT game.

Mukherjee led the five of clubs to the ten, queen and ace, and Gustawsson played ace and another heart. Todi won the queen and returned his remaining club, which cleared the suit. When Gustawsson next played a third heart, Mukherjee won the king and had clubs to cash so the contract was down one for -50.


Wegnelius too led a club to the ten and queen, but Das ducked. He won the club continuation, perforce, and played ace and another heart, but here Berntsson

was out of clubs so could only return a diamond. Das won and played the ten of hearts, and Wegnelius could win and clear the clubs, but it was too late. Das had three hearts and two in each of the other three suits, and when Berntsson found himself squeezed in spades and diamonds there was a tenth trick to come for +430 and 10 IMPs to India.

Had Berntsson found a diamond switch at trick two, Das would have had to win and play for the layout to be something like the actual one.

Note that this was the second time in the set where a Swedish declarer had won the opening lead and then been defeated in 3NT, while the Indian declarer had ducked at trick one and made his contract.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Berntsson	Das	Wegnelius
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			



Gote BERNTSSON, Sweden

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Todi	Gustawsson	Mukherjee
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Berntsson passed the North hand but then responded in his long suit and Wegnelius raised him to game. Das led the two of hearts, Berntsson winning the ace and leading a diamond to the nine and ace. Back came the jack of hearts. Berntsson played low from dummy and ruffed in hand. He continued with a diamond ruff, a spade to the queen, a second diamond ruff, and a spade to the jack. A third diamond ruff was followed by a heart ruff to hand to play ace and ten of clubs, and the king of clubs was the only loser, so 11 tricks for +400.

Todi liked his 10 cards in the minors enough to open 3♣ in second seat, and Mukherjee raised him to game. Gustawsson led the ten of spades, Todi winning in hand and playing the ace of clubs then, on seeing the fall of the queen, cashing a second spade winner before playing a second trump. Gustawsson won the ♣K and returned a heart, but Todi could win the ace, cash the jack of clubs to draw the outstanding trump, and cash three spade winners. That just left one diamond to be lost at the end, so 11 tricks for +400 and no swing.

The late surge had seen India win the set by 53-20, and increase their overall lead to 70-32 after 32 boards. There were still four more 16-board sets to play and, in a very lively third set, Sweden pulled back 23 IMPs to trail by only 92-108 overnight.



Kamal Krishna MUKHERJEE, India

A PLETHORA OF POLES

Mark Horton

In session five of the Open semifinal between Poland and Switzerland six of the players bore Polish names.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	7♠	All Pass

- 1♣ 11-14 balanced or 4441♦, 15+, 5(4)+♣ 0r 18+ any
- 1♥ 4+♥, 7+
- 4♣ Control
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 1 keycard
- 6♦ Asking for third round diamond control

North led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ♣A. On this layout no winning line was available (which is a way of indicating that the BBO transmission closed before I had time to follow the exact sequence of plays. If I had waited for it to appear in the archive, this article would not have been ready in time for the Bulletin.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	7♠	All Pass

- 2♣ Game forcing, semi natural
- 3♥ Fourth suit
- Rdbl First round control
- 4♣ Control
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 keycard
- 5♥ Grand slam try
- 5NT Pick a slam
- 6♦ Asking for third round diamond control

North led the ♥6 and declarer took dummy's ace pitching a club, played a spade to the ace, and three rounds of diamonds, ruffing with the ♠9. The cruel overruff meant he was one down, -50.

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Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
—	—	Pass	1♣
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣K and declarer won and drew trumps before playing on diamonds, +650 when North didn't take the ♥A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	3♣
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		



Przemysław JANISZEWSKI, Poland

2NT Invitational, 3+♠ or weak game force or mixed raise

Having passed initially South was brave enough to get in his lead directing bid – he did have some protection because of the known spade fit and the vulnerability.

West cashed the ♠AK and switched to the ♥8, East winning with the ♥Q. Returning a heart would have set up the possibility of a ruff for four down but switching to the ♦Q allowed declarer to win and play a club, eliminating the possibility of a ruff, three down, -500 and 4 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	2♣	3♥
3♠*	4♥	All Pass	

1NT Forcing for one round

3♠ Club support

West led the ♣3 and declarer ruffed the second round of the suit and cashed the ♥A and ♥K, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1NT Non forcing

West led the ♣3 and declarer ruffed the second round of the suit, cashed the ♥A and ran the ♥J to lose 12 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
—	Pass	Pass	2♦
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	4NT	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

North led a devilish ♠5 and declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the queen, a heart to the king, a club to the ace, ruffed a spade, returned to hand with a club, ruffed a spade, came to hand with a diamond and played the ♥J. North could win, but the ♥A was the last defensive trick, a superlative piece of play for +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
—	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Dble	Pass	2♥	2♠*
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

1NT 9-12

2♣ Non promissory Stayman

In theory South's 2♠ suggested five spades and invitational values.

The defence started with three rounds of clubs and then took two rounds of diamonds. A heart switch at this point would have meant four down, but a third diamond gave declarer an entry to hand, and he escaped for three down, -150 picking up 11 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠2 for the ten, queen and ace and declarer continued with a club to the king, a heart to the ace and a second club, West taking the ace as East pitched the ♠8. When West's next card was the ♥6, +660.

The system card says discards are S/P (standard). Does that mean East should have pitched the ♠3?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Drijver	Janiszewski	Brink
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠6 and declarer took East's queen with the ace, unblocked the spades, drew two rounds of trumps, pitched a diamond on the ♠J, cashed the ♥Q and played a club to the king, +620. Poland had gained an IMP instead of losing 13.

Had West led a diamond...

With 16 deals remaining Poland was ahead 139-122.



Open SF - 4



ARGENTINA v ITALY



David Bird

It is always good to see the home nation performing well in a championship. It is also a reward to them for volunteering to stage the event, which must involve considerable expense and hard work. Many thanks to everyone involved!

At the start of the fourth session, Argentina led Italy by 90-87. Let's see some action.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percurio</i>	<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	2♠	Pass
3♠	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 2♥ Fewer than 5 points

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Dble	Rdble
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

- 2♣ Game forcing or 22-23 balanced
- 2♦ Waiting or hearts
- 3♣ Transfer Puppet Stayman
- 3♥ No major

Again 5♣ was reached. Alfredo Versace won the spade lead and played similarly for his +420. It was a much more impressive push board than in the other semi-final where both sides made a lucky +920!

The North/South pairs ran into trouble on this deal.



Giovanni's Donati's 2NT was game-forcing with 4-card heart support, and the 3♠ rebid showed a minimum hand. South cue-bid in clubs but thought he had done enough over partner's 4♦. RKCB then led to the slam, which was easily made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Sementa	Bianchedi	Versace
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Sementa's 2♣ was forcing to game. My in-depth knowledge of the Italians' system seems to shrink alarmingly when Al Hollander is not at the table. I will not waste your time by guessing. Let's just congratulate both teams for their excellent bidding, honed over many years.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percurio	Rizzo	Donati	Camberos
—	1♠	Pass	1NT*
2♥	Dble	All Pass	

1NT Semi forcing

Rizzo doubled 2♥ for take-out, and Camberos liked the look of his heart suit more than Mr GIB did. Rizzo cashed the ♠A and switched to the ♣K, won in the dummy. The ♥10 was run successfully, North discarding the ♠5. The ♦5 to the jack and ace, was followed by the ♦10 to the king. After ruffing a diamond, Percurio led a club to North's queen. He then claimed eight tricks for +470.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Sementa	Bianchedi	Versace
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

What wonderful judgement from Versace! If can't quite convince myself that I would have done the same. The contract did go one down, after the ♥10 lead, but it was 9 IMPs to Italy.

Before the next board, you can tackle a bidding problem. The vulnerability is favourable and your partner passes. What will you say over the next player's natural 1♣ on:

♠10942 ♥AK3 ♦AKJ92 ♣J

Have you decided?

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percurio	Rizzo	Donati	Camberos
—	Pass	1♣*	Dble
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass
1♣	2+♣		

Camberos started with a take-out double and seemingly paused for a while over 3♣. The voice commentators suggested that North might then not bid. East/West were pushed up a level and could have been beaten in 4♣. Camberos led the ♦A and then needed to deliver a heart ruff. Maybe put off by the fact that East had not let West's 3♥ stand, he switched to the ♠10. Declarer then had his +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	1♦
1♥	4♦	All Pass	
1♣ 2+♣			

Alejandro Bianchedi preferred to overcall 1♦ with a possible take-out double on the next round. Sementa made an admirable leap to 4♦, winning the auction. After a club lead to the ace, Camberos needed to switch to the ♠K, not easy. Versace then landed a second beatable +130 by running the ♠10. It was 6 IMPs to Italy.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percurio</i>	<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

It seemed that Camberos had done well to pass on the first round. When West's 1NT response was passed round to him, he could resist the beckoning of his wonderful heart suit no longer. Pass–Pass–Dble, and he was caught in a trap with no escape.

The ♠K and a second spade to the queen were followed by the ♠A. Declarer needed to ruff high to escape for three down. He discarded the ♣6 instead, and the merciless Mr GIB was predicting four down. West, meanwhile, threw the ♦J. Declarer won the trump switch with the ace and cashed the trump king, all following. When he continued with the ♦Q, West showed count and Donati held up his ace, to prevent declarer from reaching the ♦K and the good ♠10. The hold-up was misguided, as it led to his partner being end-played in the trump suit.

When West won the next diamond with the 10, the defenders could have taken three clubs, but West would then have to lead away from his ♥J87. Percario tried the ♣J to partner's ace. The ♦A was ruffed with the ♥2 and overruffed with the ♥7. The king and 9 of clubs went to South's queen and he had 'escaped' for 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♥*
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT*	All Pass		

Bianchedi reached 3NT at the other table. Versace cashed the ♥KQ and switched to a club, won with dummy's 9. The ♦J was won with the queen and the ♣Q returned to dummy's king. Bianchedi finessed successfully in diamonds, and landed his +400. That was 9 IMPs away, rather than 6 IMPs gained if 1NT had been allowed to play at the other table.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percurio</i>	<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Rizzo led the ♥3 to the queen and king, Percario then cashing dummy's ♣AK. A diamond to the queen was followed by the ♣Q, all following. After two more club tricks, the ♠K was won by North. Ten tricks were claimed for +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Sementa	Bianchedi	Versace
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This time Sementa led the ♦5 to the jack and queen, removing the entry to the blocked clubs.

Madala cashed the ♣AK and tried a spade to the king. No luck there, as North won with the ace.

The ♦10 was taken in dummy and declarer ventured a heart to the king. Oh no, this lost, too. A heart to the queen allowed South to clear a defensive diamond trick. Declarer cashed dummy's ♠K and exited with the ♦7 to North's 9. He could cash two heart winners before surrendering the last trick to dummy's ♣Q. That was two down and 13 IMPs to Italy.

We will see one more deal:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percurio	Rizzo	Donati	Camberos
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Camberos led the ♥3 to North's queen and Rizzo exited with the ♠K to the ace. Donati eliminated the hearts and exited in clubs, forcing the defenders to open the diamond suit. He was one down for 100 away.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Sementa	Bianchedi	Versace
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	3♠	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	4NT*
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Versace's 4NT showed two places to play. When this was doubled, Sementa left the decision to his partner. Versace ruffed the spade lead and led the ♥J, covered by the king and ace. He then drew trumps, followed by four more rounds of hearts for a diamond discard. He played a diamond to the jack, in an elimination end position, and that was +400. Italy had gained another 11 IMPs, winning the 4th set by 50-12. The quality of their play had deserved such a result.



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ARGENTINA v ITALY



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MANNO A MANO

Italy began the penultimate session of sixteen boards with a 35 IMP advantage. One of the boldest plays of the tournament so far would ensure that Argentina's fight-back was kept to a minimum. The perpetrator was Italy's Andrea Manno.

I witnessed a great moment from the same man two days prior when Argentina emerged from their quarter-final to great cheers from the home-town support, having trailed for most of the match to a four-man Korea team that had come within a whisker of achieving an incredible feat. I had spoken to Team Korea after eight days and remarked on their four-man status: "Yes we are tired" said one, "Really tired" said another. Bridge at this level is sheer endurance and to attempt it without a six man team is brave indeed.

The Koreans emerged from the match, utterly crestfallen having been unable to sustain their brilliance in the final set and the first man to go up and console them was Andrea Manno, who along with his partner Massimiliano Di Franco had trained the team in just a few years to achieve what many would have suggested simply was not possible, especially playing every single board without pause or rest. Korea can be rightfully proud.

Board 1 Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Donato</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	1♦	2♣	2♦
Dble	3♦	Dbl	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The Italians started badly – one half of the partnership seemed to be headed towards a making slam, while the other was passing an intended cue-bid. The 3-2 trump fit is rarely a thing of beauty and this was no exception – the contract drifted three off and Italy were losing twelve IMPs instead of gaining eleven. The Argentinians bid comfortably to game – Manno's decision not to show diamond support made the prospects of his opponents reaching slam less likely.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rizzo</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Lucena</i>	<i>Manno</i>
—	1♦	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The next five boards saw three one IMP swings before board seven gave additional fire to the Argentinian fight-back. “Eight ever nine never” clearly is not universally accepted.

Board 7 Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Donato</i>	<i>Madala</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena	Manno
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Madala opted to play for the drop in trumps while Manno didn't, mirroring the other semi-final. Argentina gained a second twelve IMP swing to narrow the margin down to twelve.

Board 12 Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Bianchedi	Donato	Madala
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
2♠	2NT*	3♦	Pass
4♦	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led ♣A and continued the suit and the contract was quickly down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena	Manno
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Dble	3NT

Manno took the ♠2 lead in dummy with ♠K and played the ♦5 off the table – one of the most brazen swindles I've seen attempted in bridge. East played low and the ♦Q scored in the South hand, becoming Manno's eighth trick. Now declarer played a club towards dummy's ♣K for the ninth trick when West played low. Declarer ran for home and cashed six

more winners finessing East's ♠Q while in dummy for the last time, chuckling to himself no doubt, as well he might – a very neat exercise in deception: the hearts had been well concealed in both the bidding and play. Italy had recovered 12 IMPs.

Board 13 Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Bianchedi	Donato	Madala
—	Pass	1♣*	1♦
Dble	2♦	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led ♦J won by ♦K. Declarer crossed to ♥A and played a heart back, hoping for ♥K doubleton with South to keep the damage to down one but it was not to be in this hopeless contract so North South took six tricks for + 200. In the other room East chose not to double on the second round and the auction subsided in a gentle part-score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena	Manno
—	Pass	1♣*	1♦
Dble*	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Manno's ♠5 lead was taken by dummy's ♠Q. Lucena now led a club towards ♣K, losing to South's ♣A. The ♣5 was returned to North's ♣Q and East's ♣2 but the diamond suit preference was not clear as North returned a heart, so no club ruff was forthcoming and declarer soon emerged with ten tricks. The extra overtrick cost an extra IMP – nine in total on the board.

Board 15 Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Bianchedi	Donato	Madala
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

North started with ♦A, South playing ♦6 and switched to ♣A, with South playing ♣6. Clubs were continued won by ♣K in dummy. Declarer trumped a diamond and successfully finessed in hearts, winning in dummy with ♥J, after which he cashed ♥A. Percario now trumped another diamond, bringing down the ♦K from North (now with more trumps than declarer). Declarer played ♥K, followed by a spade to dummy's ♠A and at trick eleven the ♦Q was cashed which

North had to trump only to be end-played in spades to concede the last two tricks, making ten in total.

In the other room East ended the auction with a penalty double of the 1NT opener and led ♦3 won by dummy's ♦J. Declarer played on spades repeatedly while the defenders persisted with diamonds from the East seat and hearts from the West seat. Declarer eventually established a spade trick to bring his tally to five in total, but the loss of 500 gave Italy the final swing of 8 IMPs, reducing the set deficit to twelve: 35 – 23 to Argentina, still 23 IMPs adrift of Italy overall with sixteen boards to play.



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ROUND 5

1	USA MIX	BRAITHWAITE	23	12	13.45	6.55
2	IRELAND	FINLAND	12	29	5.07	14.93
3	ISRAEL	POLAND SENIORS	23	21	10.71	9.29
4	BLACK	GAUSS	21	15	12.01	7.99
5	GERMANY OPEN	ITALIAN SENIORS	21	13	12.61	7.39
6	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	DENMARK OPEN	21	10	13.45	6.55
7	DRINTEAM	CHAGAS	24	21	11.05	8.95
8	AUSTRIA	PERO BUENO	2	50	0.36	19.64
9	VENTIN	SHOURIE	23	15	12.61	7.39
10	CHINA OPEN	TURKIYE SENIORS	30	13	14.93	5.07
11	TAMEWARE	FRANCE WOMEN	32	11	15.79	4.21
12	BORTOLETTI	CHILE MIXTO	9	21	6.29	13.71
13	ISRAEL MIXED	ENGLAND WOMEN	43	8	18.14	1.86
14	NORWAY	SWEDEN MIXED	20	5	14.46	5.54
15	POLAND WOMEN	CHARLIE	23	0	16.18	3.82
16	HOJA DE ARCE	SAADA PATRICK	27	24	11.05	8.95
17	INDIAN WOMEN	NEW ZEALAND MIX	14	21	7.69	12.31
18	INDIAN MIXED	ARMA MAJOR	4	32	2.92	17.08
19	MSV	NETTLETON	47	11	18.28	1.72
20	ROMANIA	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	25	16	12.90	7.10
21	JAPAN SENIOR	DENMARK MIXED	14	32	4.85	15.15
22	DINKIN	KIWI BLUE	49	25	16.37	3.63
23	ROJO-BLANCO	ADAMANT	23	31	7.39	12.61
24	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	MEDANOS	26	33	7.69	12.31
25	COLOMBIANS	SYDNEY SWINGERS	8	37	2.76	17.24
26	CON SUERTE	VITA LADIES	19	44	3.45	16.55
27	SWISS MIXED	ARMEX	15	38	3.82	16.18
28	ALGO DIVERTIDO	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 6

1	USA MIX	FINLAND	17	21	8.62	11.38
2	BRAITHWAITE	ISRAEL	7	32	3.45	16.55
3	BLACK	IRELAND	20	24	8.62	11.38
4	PERO BUENO	GERMANY OPEN	14	0	14.22	5.78
5	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	POLAND SENIORS	7	29	4.01	15.99
6	GAUSS	CHINA OPEN	30	9	15.79	4.21
7	DRINTEAM	ITALIAN SENIORS	27	18	12.90	7.10
8	ISRAEL MIXED	VENTIN	28	17	13.45	6.55
9	CHAGAS	TAMEWARE	8	11	8.95	11.05
10	DENMARK OPEN	NORWAY	10	38	2.92	17.08
11	CHILE MIXTO	POLAND WOMEN	29	31	9.29	10.71
12	SHOURIE	MSV	27	0	16.91	3.09
13	ARMA MAJOR	TURKIYE SENIORS	20	24	8.62	11.38
14	BORTOLETTI	HOJA DE ARCE	2	11	7.10	12.90
15	AUSTRIA	NEW ZEALAND MIX	21	54	2.14	17.86
16	FRANCE WOMEN	SAADA PATRICK	24	1	16.18	3.82
17	SWEDEN MIXED	DINKIN	28	7	15.79	4.21
18	ROMANIA	INDIAN WOMEN	30	13	14.93	5.07
19	DENMARK MIXED	ENGLAND WOMEN	14	13	10.36	9.64
20	CHARLIE	INDIAN MIXED	19	30	6.55	13.45
21	ADAMANT	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	25	19	12.01	7.99
22	NETTLETON	MEDANOS	7	20	6.03	13.97
23	SYDNEY SWINGERS	ROJO-BLANCO	24	14	13.18	6.82
24	JAPAN SENIOR	KIWI BLUE	16	29	6.03	13.97
25	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	ALGO DIVERTIDO	45	17	17.08	2.92
26	ARMEX	COLOMBIANS	34	34	10.00	10.00
27	VITA LADIES	SWISS MIXED	8	67	0.00	20.00
28	CON SUERTE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

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ROUND 7

1	USA MIX	ISRAEL	17	30	6.03	13.97
2	FINLAND	PERO BUENO	12	30	4.85	15.15
3	POLAND SENIORS	IRELAND	14	16	9.29	9.71
4	GAUSS	DRINTEAM	22	16	12.01	7.99
5	BLACK	BRAITHWAITE	26	14	13.71	6.29
6	ISRAEL MIXED	NORWAY	26	7	15.37	4.63
7	GERMANY OPEN	SHOURIE	6	28	4.01	15.99
8	TAMEWARE	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	15	27	6.29	13.71
9	CHAGAS	ITALIAN SENIORS	28	10	15.15	4.85
10	VENTIN	CHINA OPEN	44	21	16.18	3.82
11	POLAND WOMEN	HOJA DE ARCE	17	45	2.92	17.08
12	NEW ZEALAND MIX	CHILE MIXTO	48	30	15.15	4.85
13	FRANCE WOMEN	TURKIYE SENIORS	19	30	6.55	13.45
14	DENMARK OPEN	ARMA MAJOR	16	67	0.08	19.92
15	SWEDEN MIXED	ROMANIA	38	4	18.41	2.44
16	BORTOLETTI	DENMARK MIXED	18	31	6.03	13.97
17	MSV	ENGLAND WOMEN	16	48	2.29	17.71
18	INDIAN MIXED	AUSTRIA	33	22	13.45	6.55
19	SAADA PATRICK	ADAMANT	26	33	7.69	12.31
20	MEDANOS	INDIAN WOMEN	31	6	16.55	3.45
21	SYDNEY SWINGERS	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	58	17	18.90	1.10
22	CHARLIE	DINKIN	32	35	8.95	11.05
23	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	KIWI BLUE	18	10	12.61	7.39
24	NETTLETON	ROJO-BLANCO	30	24	12.01	7.99
25	JAPAN SENIOR	ARMEX	63	25	18.54	1.46
26	SWISS MIXED	CON SUERTE	46	23	16.18	3.82
27	ALGO DIVERTIDO	VITA LADIES	58	5	20.00	0.00
28	COLOMBIANS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 8

1	ISRAEL	PERO BUENO	13	39	3.27	16.73
2	USA MIX	BLACK	33	4	17.24	2.76
3	POLAND SENIORS	GAUSS	23	18	11.70	8.30
4	FINLAND	ISRAEL MIXED	21	17	11.38	8.62
5	IRELAND	SHOURIE	17	30	6.03	13.97
6	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	CHAGAS	32	15	14.93	5.07
7	VENTIN	DRINTEAM	37	2	18.14	1.86
8	NEW ZEALAND MIX	ARMA MAJOR	24	17	12.31	7.69
9	BRAITHWAITE	SWEDEN MIXED	26	29	8.95	11.05
10	HOJA DE ARCE	NORWAY	22	22	10.00	10.00
11	TAMEWARE	GERMANY OPEN	9	68	0.00	20.00
12	TURKIYE SENIORS	ITALIAN SENIORS	21	18	11.05	8.95
13	ENGLAND WOMEN	FRANCE WOMEN	32	13	15.37	4.63
14	CHILE MIXTO	CHINA OPEN	6	14	7.39	12.61
15	POLAND WOMEN	DENMARK MIXED	37	13	16.37	3.63
16	SYDNEY SWINGERS	MEDANOS	24	10	14.22	5.78
17	INDIAN MIXED	BORTOLETTI	9	24	5.54	14.46
18	ADAMANT	DENMARK OPEN	46	16	17.40	2.60
19	ROMANIA	DINKIN	15	43	2.92	17.08
20	JAPAN SENIOR	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	20	38	4.85	15.15
21	MSV	SAADA PATRICK	29	4	16.55	3.45
22	AUSTRIA	CHARLIE	51	15	18.28	1.72
23	NETTLETON	KIWI BLUE	23	13	13.18	6.82
24	SWISS MIXED	ALGO DIVERTIDO	7	9	9.29	10.71
25	INDIAN WOMEN	ARMEX	19	24	8.30	11.70
26	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	CON SUERTE	14	20	7.99	12.01
27	ROJO-BLANCO	VITA LADIES	34	6	17.08	2.92

RANKING AFTER R8

1	USA MIX	132.59
2	PERO BUENO	131.78
3	ISRAEL	120.34
4	POLAND SENIORS	120.16
5	SHOURIE	119.66
6	VENTIN	119.47
7	FINLAND	119.18
8	CHINESE TAIPEI O	117.06
9	GAUSS	116.54
10	ISRAEL MIXED	116.05
11	GERMANY OPEN	114.24
12	IRELAND	113.45
13	BLACK	111.61
14	NEW ZEALAND MIX	111.59
15	BRAITHWAITE	107.35
16	HOJA DE ARCE	106.80
17	CHAGAS	106.72
18	ARMA MAJOR	106.23
19	SWEDEN MIXED	106.04
20	NORWAY	105.59
21	TURKIYE SENIORS	104.34
22	ENGLAND WOMEN	104.01
23	POLAND WOMEN	103.42
24	DRINTEAM	102.47
25	CHINA OPEN	100.03
26	SYDNEY SWINGERS	99.85
27	ITALIAN SENIORS	99.60
28	ADAMANT	97.55
29	CHILE MIXTO	95.35
30	BORTOLETTI	95.05
31	TAMEWARE	94.78
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33	AUSTRIA	93.66
34	FRANCE WOMEN	93.12
35	MSV	92.60
36	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	91.49
37	MEDANOS	90.04
38	DENMARK MIXED	89.48
39	INDIAN MIXED	88.38
40	NETTLETON	85.22
41	ROMANIA	84.51
42	ROJO-BLANCO	84.48
43	DENMARK OPEN	82.15
44	JAPAN SENIOR	81.40
45	ALGO DIVERTIDO	81.07
46	SWISS MIXED	80.93
47	SAADA PATRICK	79.02
48	INDIAN WOMEN	78.65
49	KIWI BLUE	77.41
50	CHARLIE	76.95
51	NETHERLANDS W	75.45
52	ARMEX	65.85
54	CON SUERTE	54.18
55	VITA LADIES	40.54

BUTLER RANKING - PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
HUNG Yi-An	WU Ming-Hsuan	1.94	36
JACOB Nick	JACOB Ella	1.63	24
UBERTI Mauro	GURIDI Gonzalo	1.58	24
WASIK Arturo	SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	1.54	24
LORENTZ Gabi	BURGESS Stephen	1.46	24
LINDE Julius	SCHWERDT Christian	1.39	72
RAMANI Thondiculam V	KOHLI Bindiya	1.30	57
HOLLANDS Peter	JACOB Nick	1.29	48
CULLIN Per-Ola	MICHIELSEN Marion	1.25	72
AMIGUET Jerome	MEYERSON Adam	1.25	24
WANG Wen Fei	LAI Wai Kit	1.17	48
HELGEMO Geir	GRUDE Tor Eivind	1.15	72
WHIBLEY Michael	BROWN Matthew	1.13	96
HERBST Ilan	HERBST Ophir	1.11	96
COLDEA Ionut	BACALU Iancu	1.04	24
LAVINGS Paul	IYENGAR Srinivasan	1.04	24
GUMBY Pauline	LAZER Warren	1.02	60
KORBEL Daniel	SHI Sylvia	1.00	72
WOLD Eddie	ZHANG Susan	1.00	48
SARNIAK Anna	MORAWSKA Ewa	0.99	72
BLOND Jeff	TODD Bob	0.93	72
ZACK Yaniv	PACHTMAN Ron	0.92	48
KOISTINEN Kauko	FAGERLUND Vesa	0.88	60
NEWELL Peter	CARTER Patrick	0.86	35
GRANT Alan	SOLOMON Richard	0.85	72
MAK Kwok-Fai	SHEN Qi	0.81	72
GAMIO Claudia Valerie	CRUSIZIO Maximo	0.79	72
WU Ming-Hsuan	HUNG Chengyao	0.78	36
GOMEZ Ramon	GONCALVES Pedro	0.76	96
PROTO Luis Carlos	OLIVEIRA Horacio	0.72	96
BAUSBACK Nikolas	DING Hong	0.71	72
JARLVIK Fredrik	TREDAFILOVA Tatyana	0.70	84
MILLINGTON Jenny	JONES Barry	0.69	72
FORNACIARI Ezio	VIVALDI Antonio	0.67	72
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.65	72
McINTOSH Andrew	PASKE Thomas	0.65	60
NYBERG Clas	FAGERLUND Vesa	0.63	24
BAREKET Ilan	ASULIN Adi	0.58	24
CHEN Jiun-Ming	HUNG Yi-An	0.58	24
ERBIL Erdinc	PEYRET Hakan	0.58	69
BOTTA Giorgia	GROSSACK Zachary	0.57	96
HANLON Tom	BOLAND Conor	0.57	72
BROGELAND Boye	BAKKE Christian	0.56	84
WASIK Arturo	ROMAGUERA Nuria	0.50	24
SEN Tezcan	KAYA Erdogan	0.49	57
LI Jie	ZHANG Yongge	0.47	72
SMITH Nicola	SENIOR Nevena	0.47	60
TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	MEIER Leon	0.46	96
HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	0.45	60
DIMA Claudiu	SHIROGANE Motomi	0.42	48
D'OREY CAPUCHO Manuel	LARA Maria Joao	0.42	48
CHARLSEN Thomas	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	0.40	48
SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	HAMPSON Geoff	0.38	72
BOGH-SORENSEN Flemming	TEISEN Peter	0.38	96
DROGEMULLER Mette	ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	0.36	72

BUTLER #BOARDS

NETTLETON Diana	NORTON Ben	0.35	60
LENGY Assaf	COHEN Ilan	0.34	96
PUILLET Carole	TARTARIN Anne-Laure	0.34	96
WADL Raffael Daniel	WEINBERGER Simon	0.31	96
INCE Mehmet Ali	KOKTEN Namik	0.27	60
KRANYAK John	DEMUY Vincent	0.26	72
VAN DEN HEUVEL Lennie	VISSER Esther	0.25	60
BEKKOUCHE Nadia	DANIELSEN Flemming	0.23	48
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo	RODRIGUES Adriano	0.21	72
GOLD David	BLACK Andrew	0.20	60
FISHER Blair	FISHER Elizabeth	0.17	83
DUBOIN Giorgio	PORTA Federico	0.17	60
GILL Peter	LU Charlie	0.16	96
TOLEDANO Oren	ZAMIR Ami	0.15	60
LANTARON Luis	MEDIERO Marina	0.15	48
MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	0.14	72
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	0.14	72
GUNEV Rosen	ANDONOV Mark	0.13	72
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	0.13	48
GODED Federico	FRACTMAN Gabriel	0.10	96
MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	0.08	36
CARROLL John	MORAN Mark	0.07	60
ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	0.06	48
HUMPHRIES Susan	BRAKE Jessica	0.05	60
GRIGORIU Mihai	CALIPETRE David Cristian	0.04	72
BATRA Puja	SHARMA Asha	0.03	72
DEY Bharati	KSHIRSAGAR Alka	0.03	72
BURGESS Stephen	IYENGAR Srinivasan	0.03	72
GRAVERSEN Hans Christian	JEPSEN Emil	0.02	84
HAMAOUI Steve	ABATE Mario	0.02	48
KARADENIZ Mesut	MUSAOGLU Adnan	0.02	48
LANTARON Luis	SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	0.02	48
VECCHI Lanfranco	DI FEBO Tiziano	0.01	72
AHLESVED Catharina	AHLESVED Krister	0.01	84
LIN Hung-Shih	CHEN Jiun-Ming	0.00	60
MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	-0.02	96
VILLAS-BOAS Miguel	FIGUEIREDO Mauricio	-0.05	60
WILDAVSKY Adam	KAPLAN Adam	-0.06	72
HOPFENHEIT Guido	REIM Sebastian	-0.06	72
BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	-0.07	60
JUURI-OJA Jouni	NYBERG Clas	-0.07	60
VENTIN Juan Carlos	PALMA Antonio	-0.07	72
SHAH Anal	BHATNAGAR DEVI MUTHU	-0.08	48
PAULY Michael	RUTHENBERG Otto	-0.10	48
LIAN Yong	CAI Yang	-0.10	48
OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	-0.11	84
FITZGIBBON Nicholas	MESBUR Adam	-0.12	60
ROCHE Michael	LYDER Daniel	-0.14	72
BROCK Sally	DHONDY Heather	-0.18	60
COUTTS James	MILNE Liam	-0.19	96
SMYKALLA Gisela	SCHNEIDER Michael	-0.19	72
CARACCI Marcelo	CUEVAS Loreto	-0.23	96
NACRUR Francisca	GURIDI Gonzalo	-0.24	72
REPS Klaus	FRITSCHKE Joerg	-0.25	48
SOMERVILLE Anne	GENC Murat	-0.25	72
TUMA Diego	CEPEDA Enrique	-0.26	84
CRUZ Danny	PARDO Susana	-0.32	84

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
ERKEL Murat	COPUR Mehmet Emin	-0.33	84
CHAGAS Gabriel	PELLEGRINI Carlos	-0.34	96
JACUBOVSKI Vivian	POKORNI Thomas Peter	-0.34	96
KNOB Markus	WANHA Clemens	-0.34	96
BRAITHWAITE Andrew	DE LIVERA Arjuna Percival	-0.35	72
CROUCH Peter	COPE Simon	-0.36	72
KONOW Kasper	BILDE Morten	-0.39	36
KOISTINEN Kauko	SALONEN Jari	-0.42	36
BERNAL Diana Cecilia	HOYOS Carlos	-0.42	24
McMANUS Matthew	THOMPSON Jenny	-0.43	96
BEEKMAN Fleur	CASPARIE Anouk	-0.46	72
ERICHSEN Helen	BROWN Fiona	-0.46	72
BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	-0.47	95
KHANDELWAL Rajeev	KHANDELWAL Himani	-0.47	57
TEODORESCU Cornel	BACALU Iancu	-0.51	72
LELEU Anais	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	-0.52	96
YOSHIDA Tadashi	MIZUMA Yoji	-0.54	84
SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	NADAR Kiran	-0.57	72
SKIPPER Jane	SKIPPER John Leslie	-0.58	48
DINKIN Sam	SOBEL Yoko	-0.61	96
SEMBEROIZ Santiago	MIQUELEZ CABALLERO Ignacio	-0.63	24
ERICHSEN Espen	ANDRESEN Martin	-0.63	60
HOU Xu	SUN Gang	-0.67	72
ASPLUND SIVELIND Sara	ASPLUND Karl	-0.67	24
BART Brad	CABLE Lorraine	-0.67	48
AMIGUET Jerome	BILLIET Cecilia	-0.69	36
ROSEN MARSCHOFF Jorge	SCHAPIRA Silvia Monica	-0.70	84
RAVENNA Pablo	TOMA Marcos	-0.72	60
BILDE Morten	PLEJDRUP Andreas	-0.75	24
GUERRA Francisco	MIQUELEZ CABALLERO Ignacio	-0.75	24
WOLPERT Gavin	SHOURIE Rajath	-0.77	48
VAN DER VLUGT Maurits	NEUMANN Dagmar	-0.79	72
SCHNETZER CHAUVAUD	ZAHR Adriana	-0.81	48
GINOSSAR Eldad	SAADA Patrick	-0.83	96
VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella	CORREA Paula	-0.85	48
FURLAN Bruno	CORREA Bernardo Simoes	-0.90	48
POPPE Eva	SPRINKHUIZEN Malou	-0.90	60
GOLD Marusa	TOMMASINI Stefano	-0.90	72
OCHOA Juanita	BARRERA Jorge Andres	-0.92	60
IMAMOGLU Levent	UNAL Serkan	-0.98	60
SHIROGANE Motomi	NODA Yuko	-1.04	48
KOWALSKI Apolinary	BORTOLETTI Carlo	-1.05	60
WASIK Arturo	MEDIERO Marina	-1.13	48
SEMBEROIZ Santiago	GUERRA Francisco	-1.14	36
LAI Wai Kit	TANG Tsz In	-1.15	48
WILDAVSKY Adam	JACOB Nick	-1.17	24
BERNAL Diana Cecilia	MADUENO Luisana	-1.22	36
MANASSEH HAWA Samia Ivonne	ZAHR Adriana	-1.44	36
YEKUTIELI Asaf	ZAMIR Ami	-1.50	36
PENNINO DE DAO Rosa Maria	ANTONINI Mariana	-1.63	84
SAMPAIO Fabio	LAMA BARNA Ana Isabel	-1.67	36
CARDONI Ricardo Fernando	GRIEBEN SAUBIDET Arturo Raul	-1.83	36
CANER FUXMAN Matilde	MANASSEH HAWA Samia Ivonne	-1.88	48
SCHNETZER CHAUVAUD	CANER FUXMAN Matilde	-2.36	36
PLEJDRUP Andreas	CAMPDEPADROS Tomas	-2.47	36
HUNG Yi-An	HUNG Chengyao	-2.54	24
HOLLANDS Peter	JACOB Ella	-2.67	24

PAIRS - OPEN + SENIORS

RESULTS AFTER SESSION 6

SEMIFINAL A

1	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	53.87
2	THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	53.78
3	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	GRE - GRE	53.29
4	PRYOR Malcolm	SCERRI Ed	ENG - ENG	53.24
5	STEPHENS Robert	VAN VUGHT Lex	RSA - RSA	53.09
6	JACOB Dan	KLIMOWICZ Piotr	CAN - CAN	52.87
7	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	MIGNOCCHI Kent	USA - USA	52.45
8	SHENKIN Barnet J	SPEARS Brian	SCO - SCO	52.09
9	HO Wai Lam	HO Gordon	HKG - HKG	50.77
10	ELIJOVICH Horacio	ANGELERI Ricardo	ARG - ARG	49.86
11	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	46.65
12	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND	46.59
13	POPPER Richard	MADDEN Zachary	USA - USA	46.53
14	THOMPSON Ben	THOMSON Ian	AUS - AUS	46.44
15	DEY Sanjit	SHAW Binod Kumar	IND - IND	45.43
16	CARRERA Jaime	NINO Rafael	COL - COL	43.11

SEMIFINAL B

1	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	57.37
2	BRUM Jose Roberto	LA ROVERE Emilio	BRA - BRA	57.33
3	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anirudh	IND - IND	54.40
4	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	WAI Chiu Fai	HKG - HKG	54.15
5	PEJACSEVICH Alexis	MONTES DE OCA F P	ARG - ARG	51.60
6	DIAMOND Derek	SIME Iain	SCO - SCO	51.27
7	SOWTER Anthony (Tony)	ROBINSON David	ENG - ENG	50.52
8	SHENKIN David	MCLATCHIE Cameron	SCO - SCO	49.22
9	KIZILBASH Anwar Mumtaz	HAI Zia	PAK - PAK	46.70
10	NUNEZ Ramiro	PASTORIZA Luis Guillermo	ARG - ARG	46.44
11	SIANO Gerardo	DURANTE Sergio Fernando	ARG - ARG	46.25
12	TEIXEIRA Agustin	SZYFER Leonardo	URU - URU	43.39
13	SARKI Shahab	MOHAMMAD Yousuf Jan	PAK - PAK	40.58

PAIRS - WOMEN + MIXED RESULTS AFTER SESSION 6

SEMIFINAL A

1	HONTI Laszlo	MEZEI Katalin	HUN - HUN	59.15
2	SZABO Csaba	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	56.09
3	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	FRA - FRA	54.82
4	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	53.95
5	KOLATA Suleyman	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	53.88
6	NATT Shahzaad	NATT India	ENG - ENG	52.69
7	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	52.47
8	ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	CRO - CRO	52.23
9	WEISS SELWAY Florian	WEISS SELWAY Louise	AUT - AUT	50.62
10	SJODAL Elisabeth Grasholt	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	50.46
11	DIKLIC Dubravko	PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	50.11
12	FUNG Kismet	GAMBLE Michael	CAN - CAN	49.71
13	EBER Neville	BLOOM Valerie	RSA - RSA	49.52
14	POMARES Y DE MORANT C	GOLIN Cristina	ITA - ITA	49.52
15	COSTA Margherita	RUSCALLA Elena	ITA - ITA	49.41
16	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	48.16
17	ARRIGONI Gianna	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ITA - ITA	48.04
18	VINCENT Christine	SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	47.74
19	OZBAY Tolga	ERYANIK Ceyda	TUR - TUR	46.77
20	ALONSO Ana Maria	ANGELERI Monica	ARG - ARG	46.07
21	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	46.04
22	KOLESIK Alex	BEYNON Sharon	USA - USA	45.51
23	SENESEKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN	45.22
24	NEUMANN Wai Fong Nancy	CHEUNG Kwai Yin	HKG - HKG	41.32

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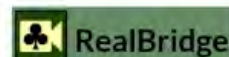
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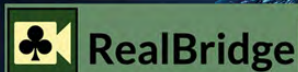
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SEMIFINAL B

1	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	56.52
2	ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	ARG - ARG	55.31
3	HODOSI Peter	LAJOS Hanka	HUN - HUN	54.86
4	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	54.49
5	RUBIO Gonzalo	ZEMAN Antonia	CHI - CHI	53.91
6	BRYANT Brenda	DAVIDSON Ranald	CAN - CAN	53.77
7	MITURA Amy	BAUER Tracey	USA - USA	53.34
8	MADALA Adolfo Andres	FEINTUCH Clara	ARG - ARG	52.20
9	SHENKIN Maggie	BARRETT Lucia	SCO - SCO	51.47
10	YANEZ Pilar	DI PIETRO PAOLO Gabriel	ARG - ARG	51.34
11	GARATEGUY Maria Del R	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG	51.16
12	DORNON Glynis	PENLINGTON Dianne	RSA - RSA	50.42
13	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	50.38
14	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	49.52
15	FORTUNA Ricardo	WAGENER Diana	ARG - ARG	48.08
16	GRINBERG Martín Bernardo	LEONI Gladys Nilda	ARG - ARG	47.26
17	LUPSAN Octavian	LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	46.81
18	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	46.32
19	HINDS Roglyn	SPRINGER Norma	BAR - BAR	44.76
20	CUMMINS Patricia	ROTHELL Douglas	BAR - BAR	44.57
21	RAPETTI Maria Claudia	VALLONE Maria	ARG - ARG	42.73
22	HAMMOND Nicolas	PETERS Catherine	USA - USA	40.78

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