

BATTLES OF THE RIVER PLATE

Congratulations to the winners of the bronze medal matches, **Switzerland** (Open) **Germany** (Mixed) **USA** (Women) and **France** (Seniors).

Meanwhile, we are enjoying some of the most exciting finals in the history of world championship play. In the Open **Italy** made a magnificent start against, but a stunning counterattack saw **Poland** take the third session 62-0 to reduce their deficit to 2 IMPs.

In the Mixed, **Poland** started strongly but were stunned by a tremendous third session comeback by **China** who lead by 28 IMPs.

In the Women's event **Türkiye** led after two sessions, but **Sweden** hit back to lead by 7 IMPs.

USA started like an express train, but **India** fought back to be almost level pegging before a strong third session gave the Americans a significant 39 IMP advantage.

In the Pablo Lambardi Transnational

Open Teams Final A, **Pero Bueno** has the lead, followed by **Shourie** and **Israel**. **China Open** lead Final B and **Bortoletti** Final C.

Shun Sum Alan Sze and **Wai -Lap Abby Chiu**, representing **Hong Kong, China** lead the Open/Seniors Pairs Final, with **England's** second placed **Malcolm Pryor** and **Ed Scerri** the leading Senior pair.

In the Women's Pairs Final, **Italy's Claudia Pomares Y de Morant** and **Cristina Golin** hold the overnight lead.

In the Mixed Pairs Final **Türkiye's Suleyman Kolata** and **Hatice Özgür** have a significant lead.

In the combined Pairs B Final **South Africa's Craig Gower** and **Diana Rosslee** were the convincing winners – congratulations!



SCHEDULE TODAY

National Teams Final

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: A7-B7-C7
11.30: A8-B8-C8
13.40: A9-B9-C9
15.10: A10-B10-C10
16.40: A11-B11-C11

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



Adolfo D. Madala Memorial

10.00 – 12.25 16 boards
13.30 – 15.55 16 boards

The Prize Giving Ceremony will be held at 19.00 in the Auditorium. Cocktail and fingerfood will follow.



OPEN TEAMS

FINAL

	c/o	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
 POLAND	1	22	1	62				86*
 ITALY		40	48	0				88*



*PROVISIONAL

PLAY-OFF

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
 ARGENTINA	16	24	21	61
 SWITZERLAND	36	22	48	106



WOMEN TEAMS

FINAL

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
 SWEDEN	40	27	57				124*
 TÜRKIYE	39	41	37				117*



*PROVISIONAL

PLAY-OFF

	c/o	R1	R2	R3	TOT
 CHINA		45	56	0	101
 USA	1	24	18	88	131



SENIOR TEAMS

FINAL

	c/o	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
 USA		36	31	53				120*
 INDIA	3	35	36	7				81*



*PROVISIONAL

PLAY-OFF

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
 FRANCE	46	18	38	102
 SWEDEN	33	45	22	100


MIXED TEAMS

FINAL

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT*
 POLAND	46	25	0				71*
 CHINA	42	5	52				99*

*PROVISIONAL

PLAY-OFF

	R1	R2	R3	TOT
 GERMANY	42	18	54	114
 ITALY	19	36	22	77



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MATCHES ON VUGRAPH

Monday, 3 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/>

PRIZES

Teams:

Open/Women/Mixed/Seniors

Medals and gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Replicas of the trophy for the winners.

Pablo Lambardi Transnational Open Teams:

Final A

Medals and gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Final B-C

Gifts for the 1st of each final

Pairs:

Final A

Medals and gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Final B

Gold Medals and gifts for the first pair of each category

Open/Women/Mixed/Seniors

BAM:

Gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Adolfo Daniel Madala Memorial:

Gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

EDITOR'S LOG

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Allow me to point you in the direction of **Bridge Unleashed: Journey into the World of Bridge**, Tracey Bauer's YouTube channel dedicated to the game. It features interviews with top players and personalities, as well as historical insights and lessons for beginners. Do look – and don't forget to subscribe to the channel!

Did it really happen?

At the start of the finals of the pairs, the English-speaking director announced "*Start playing two boards*".

A few minutes later there was a director call. When the director arrived, four local players had 13 cards in each hand and two rows of bids were neatly laid out on the bidding tray. The players had diligently followed the director's instructions and wanted to know if they

had to play both boards at the same time as well.

One thing we do no for sure is that at another table, having completed boards 1 & 2 (both sedate 1NT contracts) the players lost no time in tackling Board 3 and rapidly reached 3NT before an eagle-eyed Director pointed out the error of their ways.

We understand that if any of the matches are tied the teams will face a play off at mini-table tennis. We happened to be on hand when the equipment was being test(a)ed.

Many bridge players have hidden talents. One of Simon's is the ability to keep his balls in the air for long periods of time. (I'm still hoping to discover a hidden talent.)



EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Mark Horton

At one time, it was normal practice for the VuGraph commentators to be given a set of the deals just before the start of play. Edgar Kaplan would always look at the last two deals to see if they promised anything in the way of a dramatic finish should any of the matches be close. He would have enjoyed the last two deals of the final session of the semifinals:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

7♥ is clearly a good grand slam, but is doomed by the 4-1 spade break and the location of the ♣K. Even 6♥ will fail after a club lead by North.

In the Open Poland and Switzerland were both in 7♥ (as were USA and France in the Seniors). Italy tried a doomed 6NT while Argentina stopped in 4♥.

Italy's making 6♥ in the Mixed was a winner when Poland essayed 7♥, and Germany picked up a swing for making 6♥ while China rested in game.

In the Women's series China stopped in 6♥, Türkiye bid 7♥ – but they were both one down.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

This is an almost laydown 6♣ (and 7♣ can be made with a winning view in the trump suit).

In the Open Poland and Switzerland both bid 6♣ but Argentina gained when Italy stopped in 3NT.

Türkiye did the same in the Women's event, China being the ones to play in 3NT.

In the Seniors USA and France both stopped in 3NT (had France bid 6♣ they would have won.)

In the Mixed Germany and China rested in 3NT. Poland bid 6♣.

This was the Italian auction (I trust I have interpreted everything correctly):

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Attanasio	Dufrat	Manara
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

2♦ Natural game force or a weak raise

4♥ Control

4♠ Control

4NT Turbo, showing an even number of keycards

North had taken some time before bidding 3NT, and the Director was called. (Remember you must call from the correct side of the screen in a hesitation situation!)

It was established that the time taken was 26 seconds.

A poll was conducted and as a result the contract was returned to 3NT, enough for Poland to advance to the final.

I suspect that many players will not be aware that although thinking is allowed, once you take more than 20 seconds before making a bid, you run the risk of giving unauthorised information to your partner.

One more thing, our Directors are the best in the world, so despite any disappoint you may suffer, they always deserve your respect.

OPEN TEAMS SF – 6



POLAND v SWITZERLAND



ARGENTINA v ITALY



Jos Jacobs

With one segment of 16 boards to play, both semifinals were still looking everybody's game. Italy were 23 IMPs up against the host country and Switzerland were only 17 down against Poland. The best that the neutral spectators could hope for was a set of boards as interesting as the previous one had been...

After a routine warming-up game (maybe unnecessary after the 32 boards already played) the second board once again showed the effect of a pre-empt. This time, there was only a part score at stake but at the current state of the match, every IMP would count and so did these six to Switzerland: their deficit now was just 11, one swing, so to speak.

And yes: right on the subsequent deal there indeed was a double-digit swing already. In the Open Room, they produced an innocent enough auction with a vicious ending.

Board 19. Dealer South E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Buras	Kalita	Nowak
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

For North, the vulnerability must have been an extra consideration to convert partner's double. Also, the N/S hands did not look as if they were fitting very well. So, North passed and hit upon the best lead: the ♦J. This ran to declarer's ace and Klukowski's next

move was an unlucky one: a low trump to dummy's jack. South won perforce and three rounds of hearts came next. Declarer ruffed the 3rd heart and played a club to dummy's king and South's ace. Back came a club, the ♣10 losing to the jack. North exited in clubs, but declarer still had to give up two more diamond tricks before he could catch North in a trump endplay for one more loser: down three, a shock result on a part score deal: Poland +800.

In the Closed Room, the Swiss N/S missed the same chance, in rather uncharacteristic fashion, one might say.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

Just made, Switzerland +140 but 12 IMPs to Poland.

In the other semifinal, we saw a far less spectacular swing:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bianchedi	Sementa	Ag Madala
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

When Versace led a low spade away from his ace, declarer emerged with an easy overtrick. Argentina +170.

In the other room, the Italians showed their natural optimism, I would say:

Closed Room

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

Di Franco might even have made his contract. A spade was led to West's ace and a low spade came back on which Di Franco played the ♠10. East won the jack and continued the suit, declarer winning the king. From there, the defenders would have four spade tricks and the ♦A. If declarer ducks East's ♠9, a club shift will sink 3NT after all so no harm done at this point. No, declarer had missed his possible chance at trick two. Had he played low to West's spade return, his ♠K10 would have brought him his contract – bar the immediate club shift at trick 3, that is, of course. As it happened, the contract still went one down for +50 to Argentina and 6 IMPs to them to reduce their deficit to 17.

Two boards later, more IMPs changed hands:

Board 21. Dealer North N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

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

On the lead of a top spade, followed by a trump shift, declarer made an overtrick when the defence did not attack diamonds in time. That was +170 to Switzerland.

In the other room, the Poles in fact reached that heart game:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
—	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The defence was made to look easy enough. North led a top spade and continued a low spade, ruffed by South. With only two top clubs available for discards of losers, declarer still had one loser too many left by

the end of play. One down, Switzerland another +50 and 6 more IMPs to them. Their margin now was back to the initial -17 again.

In the Argentina v Italy match, there also was a swing, but of a different nature:

Open Room

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

Once Versace passed over 1NT, the E/W heart fit was out of the picture. After his eventual double, the Italians languished in 3♦. Down two was the outcome, Argentina +100.

Closed Room

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

In the Closed Room, the Argentineans did nothing. That was worth +200 when 2♠ proved as unplayable as anything else. Argentina got 7 IMPs for their combined efforts.

On the next deal, the Swiss were unlucky:

Board 22. Dealer East E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

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

Would there be an alternative for North, something better than a club lead? Buras did not think so and that was worth +100. Please note that every relevant card

is well placed for the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In spite of Gawel's initial transfer response, he still became the declarer in 4♠. When the Swiss North indeed found an alternative for a club lead, namely a top diamond, the game contract came home for another +620 and 12 IMPs to Poland to increase their lead to 29.

On the next deal, it was 3NT for E/W off the spade suit. In the Argentina v. Italy match, neither East had made any noises so both Wests led the logical ♥Q. That brought the declarers into the overtricks region, Argentina scoring 1 IMP on the board.

Board 23. Dealer South All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
Rdbl*	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

The redouble showed a spade top honour so N/S knew they did not have a good spade stopper. Well judged, well bid for a loss of a further 13 IMPs. Two Diamonds scored only +130, of course.

Board 25. Dealer North E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

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

In the other match, it was quite a different story:

Open Room

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

Over North's forcing 1NT, Kalita as East seized his chance. When Klukowski doubled the final contract, Kalita had a difficult problem which he failed to solve. A spade lead would have been much better than his actual heart lead. Could or should he have known? Anyway, one overtrick and +950 to Poland. Time seemed to be running out a little for the Swiss.

In the Closed Room, the Swiss N/S avoided the for them hopeless game contract:

North's Multi soon saw the Poles sailing into the proper contract. West (!) led a club and, seeing the danger of a possible ruff, declarer played ♥A and another, hoping for the best. His hopes were more than fulfilled when East shifted to a diamond rather than a spade. Declarer, of course, could not be sure that he was already out of danger. Poland +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Drijver	Jagniewski	Brink
—	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Here, too, the heart game was reached and here too, a club was led. It was East's lead at this table, but the singleton danger was as imminent as at the other

table. So, declarer won and played ♥A and another and now, East shifted to a low spade upon winning his ♥K. West won the ♠Q but with a club ruff no longer possible, the contract was made after all. That was +420 to Switzerland but 1 more IMP to Poland.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bianchedi	Sementa	Ag Madala
—	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Sementa's final double certainly would score high on my perpetual list of imaginative doubles but look at its disastrous effect this time. East led his club, of course. Declarer won his king and put his money on a diamond finesse, intending to get rid of a few spade losers quickly. A diamond to dummy's jack won the trick and so did the ♦A continuation. West, however, ruffed next diamond, but declarer, sticking to his plan, threw a spade loser, thus suddenly opening the way for himself to go down. West returned a club, East ruffed and underled his ♠A for another club ruff. That was a surprise one down, Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Di Franco	Lucena	Manno
—	2♥	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

No nonsense at the other table. A club lead by East, won in hand and followed by the ♥Q. When next the ♥A brought down the king, declarer had two overtricks. Italy +480 and 11 IMPs from nowhere to lead by 20 again.

We were approaching the end of the match when this one hit the deck:

Board 28. Dealer West N/S Vul.

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

A normal enough 4♠ at all tables. Only Versace for Italy and Klukowski for Switzerland managed to make 10 tricks when they both led the ♦A and low to dummy's eight, bringing down the ♦K. That was 10 IMPs to both Switzerland and Italy.

On the penultimate deal, both Switzerland and Poland went down in a good grand slam.

Board 31. Dealer South N/S Vul.

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

Seven Hearts is odds-on but not on this layout.

In our other match, they had...other ideas. The Italian E/W reached 6NT which went down two and the Argentineans managed to reach 4♥. Their twelve tricks gained them a slightly undeserved 11 IMPs. We will keep the rather uninstrusive bidding sequences away from you...

Board 32. Dealer West E/W Vul.

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

No problems for three of the N /S pairs involved. The only exception this time was the Italian N/S pair that ended up in 3NT. So, the Argentineans gained another 10 IMPs, winning the set at the post but... by only 3 IMPs, by no means enough to make up for their earlier deficit.

The results:

Poland v. Switzerland	177-147
Argentina v Italy	172-192


It would be a European final in a different part of the world.

OLD ADAGES

Mark Horton

There is a well-known saying in cricket, 'catches win matches'. Checking the scores during the first session of the finals I spotted this deal from the Seniors final between USA and India.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bapat	Rodwell	Goenka	Levin
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

- 2♣ Game forcing, any
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ 2 keycards + ♠Q

Having attempted to hit a six, declarer looked sure to be caught on the boundary, but when North led the ♠10 he was given a temporary reprieve.

It appeared that declarer would need to dispose of three of his clubs. In order to do that he would need to score four diamonds and two hearts.

He took the trump lead in dummy, came to hand with a spade and played a heart to the queen. When that passed off peacefully he played a diamond to the ace and took the diamond finesse. Alas, North's required three diamonds did not include the queen and South won and two rounds of clubs meant two down, -200.


Amazingly there was a way to arrive at 12 tricks!

Declarer knows North must hold the ♥K and cannot have the ♣AK.

Having taken the spade lead in dummy declarer must

cash the ♠Q and then run the ♦J. Then a diamond to the ace is followed by a spade to dummy's seven allowing a club to be discarded on the ♦K. Declarer ruffs a diamond and plays another trump to reach this position:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

When declarer cashes the ♠J North cannot afford to part with a heart so must pitch a club. Declarer throws a club and South a heart. Now declarer plays the ♥10. If North has pitched the ♣K it will be enough to win with the ♥Q cash the ♥A and play a club towards the queen, but if North has pitched the ♣8 and now follows with the ♥8 declarer must let it run and then exit with a club. If North is allowed to win he is endplayed to lead into dummy's heart tenace, while if South overtakes declarer scores the last two tricks with the ♣Q10.

Its also worth noting that were declarer to play a club from dummy at trick two South would need to avoid winning with the ace and playing a second spade as then declarer would (by guessing diamonds) be able to squeeze North in hearts and clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milner	Das	Lall	Bardhan
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 3NT Non serious
- 4♦ Control

As soon as East denied a club control West could shut up shop and +650 meant 13 IMPs and an early lead for the USA.

Open FINAL - 1



POLAND v ITALY



David Bird

The players take their seats for the final. What an achievement that is for these two great teams.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Janiszewski	Sementa	Strzemecki
—	—	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2NT was rather a stretch, but players like to show their intentions when a big match starts. Wojciech Strzemecki raised to game. The ♠4 was led to the jack and Przemyslaw Janiszewski took the king while he could. The ♣Q was run to the king, and Versace returned the ♥2. Declarer rose with the ♥K, and could see possible light at the end of the tunnel when this card won. He cashed four rounds of diamonds and finessed the ♣10. West won with the jack and cashed four hearts for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Di Franco let 2♠ go by and collected +100 for two down. It was an early 7 IMPs for Italy.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

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



Wojciech GAWEL

Massimiliano DI FRANCO

Rafal JAGNIEWSKI

Andrea MANNO

The Poles' auction was basically natural, after the artificial 2♣ game-forcing response. Strzemecki thought he had enough for a slam, but this didn't prove to be the case. He had no alternative but to run the ♦J lead and conceded one down when it lost. +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Al Hollander very kindly emailed me with his explanation of this auction. North's 2♣ was a game-forcing relay and 2♥ showed four cards in the other major. 2♠ was a relay, announcing a heart fit, and 3♦ showed 4-5-2-2 shape. 3♥ asked for the range and 3NT announced 14-16. 4♣ was a cue-bid and 4♥ denied a diamond control. 5♣ showed a second control in clubs, also a diamond control since partner had denied one. Manno's 5♦ showed the ♦Q, having already denied anything better. Al describes 5♥ as 'run out of steam'. What a wonderful account he painted for us. It is much appreciated!

The ♦J was led again, and the Italians' auction was proved accurate. It was a well-deserved gain of 11 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Janiszewski	Sementa	Strzemecki
—	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♣	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sementa's 1NT showed 10-13 at the score, but the Poles reached 3NT. Versace led the ♥2 to the 9 and ace. Sementa held up the ♠A for two rounds, and Strzemecki cleared the suit. East then returned the ♣8. When a heart to the 10 lost the jack, declarer won the next club and led a third heart to West's king. There was no entry to dummy at this stage, Versace returned the ♦7 and Strzemecki rose with dummy's ♦K. (He knew from the 10-13 1NT that East held the ♦A-J.) Sementa had to win and resurrect the dummy, either with a spade or a lead from his ♦J-9. It was a hard-earned +600.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Manno won the ♣9 lead and played three rounds of spades to East's ace. Rafal Jagniewski then chose to return a spade to dummy. After a diamond to the queen, and the ♦8 to the 9, East played the ♥9 to South's ace. Manno's three remaining club winners brought the total to nine, and it was a push board.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Janiszewski	Sementa	Strzemecki
—	—	—	1♥
3♣*	Dble	3♦	All Pass

West's 3♣ was Ghestem, and it was followed by two or three bids before the Director was called. Apparently, North had not been informed about the 3♣ bid. The auction was rolled back to 3♣, and he then doubled. East chose 3♦ and I can only assume that Strzemecki thought his pass would then be forcing. (Why not bid 3♥, anyway?) The diamond part-score went 200 down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	—	—	1♥
3♣*	Dble	3♦	3♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Ghestem again, but the subsequent Italian bidding was accurate. Manno ruffed the second spade, led the ♣7 to the ace, returned to the ♦A and ruffed a diamond. After ruffing a spade in his hand, he ruffed his last diamond with the jack. A spade ruff with the ace then gave him +620, even though he had run out of trumps before East. It was 9 IMPs to Italy, who led 27-0.

You like high-level competitive auctions: spades against hearts? So do I!

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Janiszewski	Sementa	Strzemecki
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	3♥*	3♠*	4♦
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
All Pass			

West's 5♥ would have been two down on a diamond lead, one down on a spade lead. We wondered if South should have passed the decision to partner, after showing his hand so well with the 4♦ bid. 5♠ had to lose to the three aces and was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	—	2♥*	4♦*
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

Wojciech Gawel's spirited 5♥ more or less forced North to bid 5♠, and it was another push board.

On Board 12 Poland retried another 9 IMPs, beating a 24-point vulnerable 3NT by two and making 1NT+2 at the other table. However, there was still a big firework to come!

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dble	Rdble
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

We have seen some players rebidding 3♥ on North hands like that. After rebidding only 2♥, with a slam-try from South, North's sign-off seems an under-evaluation.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥*	Dble	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Di Franco's 1♣ showed 2+ clubs and 1♦ was a transfer. The 1♥ rebid showed around 12-14/15 with a 3-fit, or 11-13 with a 4-fit. Al Hollander concluded that 4♣ might have been a transfer splinter bid (4♦ would have been a re-transfer). North could see a useful hand before him and headed to the slam. +980 was worth 11 IMPs, and Italy took the set by 40-22.

May I end by saying that the bulletins have all looked splendid, as world-class as the players we have enjoyed watching. Many thanks to Francesca Canali, the Layout Editor, who completes a difficult jigsaw on page after page. Also, how good have the colour photos been? The other writers will surely agree with me how rewarding it is to have our efforts so splendidly decorated.



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BRIEF ENCOUNTER

Mark Horton

There was no shortage of action during the first session of the finals. Here are a couple of deals from the Women's Championship:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Özbay	Grönkvist	Yavas	Övelius
—	—	—	1♥
3♣*	Pass	3♦	3♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

3♣ Spades and Diamonds

South led the ♠5 and declarer won with dummy's ♠A and played the ♦K. South won and switched to the ♣4, North winning with the ♣K and returning the ♠7 for South to ruff. A club to the ace allowed South to collect another spade ruff and the ♥A meant four down, -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Tekir Doga	Clementsson	Seker
—	—	—	1♥
2NT	3♣	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2NT Spades and Diamonds

West started with the ♠AK and declarer ruffed, played the ♣10 to dummy's ♣A, drew trumps and ducked a club, ensuring 11 tricks but losing 10 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Özbay	Grönkvist	Yavas	Övelius
—	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2NT Invitational + with 4+♠

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1 keycard

East led the ♣Q and declarer won, cashed the top spades, eliminated the hearts and exited with a club. West won and exited with the ♣7 and declarer ruffed in hand, cashed the ♦K and claimed when her majesty appeared.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Tekir Doga	Clementsson	Seker
—	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1NT Semi forcing

Looking at the system card, a rebid of 2♣ by North would have been natural or game forcing. I'll have to leave you to figure out the meaning of what followed as the clock is ticking.


East led the ♣Q and declarer won, cashed the ♠K and played a spade to the jack to lose 14 IMPs.

MAN OVERBOARD

Mark Horton

With Brian Senior unavailable to cover any sessions from the finals, our resources are a little stretched. Here is a rapidly compiled look at the second session of the Open final:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ Natural or artificial game forcing relay

2♦ Relay

There was no time to discover the exact meaning of the bids after 2♦ but they were designed to discover partner's shape and range.

East led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠8 and played a heart for the jack and ace. He won the heart return with dummy's king, pitching the ♣5, cashed the ♠10 and then played on diamonds, West scoring a third-round ruff, so +650.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Percario</i>
2♦*	2♠	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♦ 4-10, 6(5)+ ♥/♠

The opening lead was the ♥Q for the king and ace and West return of the ♥6 was taken by dummy's jack. A spade to the nine and then the ♠Q were followed by a club to the queen. When that worked declarer cashed the ♣A, crossed to the ♠A, cashed the ♠K and claimed – he knew East was about to be squeezed in the minors. That was +1430 and 13 IMPs for Italy.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♥	All Pass


South led the ♠9 and having won with dummy's ♠A declarer played a heart to the ace and then played two rounds of diamonds, North winning with the king. The best he could do was cash the ♣A, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	3♦*	4♦	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♥	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥7 and East won with the ♥A and continued with the ♥K, declare ruffing in dummy and playing the ♠9. West won and switched to the ♣6 and when the ♣Q held declarer played a spade to dummy's ten and a diamond for the nine and queen. When East cashed the ♦A declarer claimed nine tricks, -300 but 8 IMPs for Italy.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jagniewski	Sementa	Gawel
1♣	2♠	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		


North led the ♠K and declarer won and played three rounds of clubs, South winning and continuing with the ♦A followed by the ♦3. Declarer won with the ♦J crossed to dummy with the ♥A and cashed the clubs, which squeezed South in the red suits, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nowak	Donati	Buras	Percario
1NT	2♦*	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠Q and declarer won with the ♠A, cashed the ♣A and the ♥K and played a heart for the queen and ace. He cashed the ♥J and then played the ♣J. When South followed with the ♣7 declarer put up the ace and finished one down, -50 and another 11 IMPs for Italy.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jagniewski	Sementa	Gawel
—	—	—	1♣*
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West led the ♦4 and declarer took dummy's top diamonds discarding a heart as West ruffed and switched to the ♥6. Declarer took East's ♥10 with the ♥A, cashed the ♣A and then played the ♣Q. East won, cashed the ♥K and then played the ♦Q, promoting West's ♣9 for three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nowak	Donati	Buras	Percario
—	—	—	1♣
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦3 and having won with dummy's ♦J declarer continued with the ♣Q, East taking the ♣K and switching to the ♥K. Declarer took dummy's king (ducking is best) cashed the ace and jack of clubs and then ran the ♥9. East won, cashed the ♥Q and could exit in either major, sure to score the ♦Q at the end. That was one down, -100, still worth another 5 IMPs for Italy who won the session 48-1 to lead 88-23.

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1	GAUSS	ISRAEL	34	39	7.95	12.05
2	VENTIN	FINLAND	36	10	17.69	2.31
3	SHOURIE	POLAND SENIORS	25	7	16.00	4.00
4	ISRAEL MIXED	USA MIX	0	35	0.89	19.11
5	GERMANY OPEN	PERO BUENO	6	48	0.05	19.95
6	IRELAND	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	27	30	8.73	11.27

ROUND 2

1	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	ISRAEL	22	31	6.55	13.45
2	PERO BUENO	IRELAND	18	12	12.42	7.58
3	USA MIX	GERMANY OPEN	15	30	4.77	15.23
4	POLAND SENIORS	ISRAEL MIXED	36	12	17.31	2.69
5	FINLAND	SHOURIE	8	12	8.33	11.67
6	GAUSS	VENTIN	22	24	9.14	10.86

ROUND 3

1	ISRAEL	ISRAEL MIXED	13	11	10.86	9.14
2	GERMANY OPEN	SHOURIE	0	18	4.00	16.00
3	IRELAND	VENTIN	31	2	18.21	1.79
4	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	GAUSS	7	6	10.44	9.56
5	PERO BUENO	FINLAND	13	13	10.00	10.00
6	USA MIX	POLAND SENIORS	25	14	14.09	5.91

ROUND 4

1	ISRAEL	VENTIN	20	5	15.23	4.77
2	SHOURIE	GAUSS	13	0	14.68	5.32
3	ISRAEL MIXED	FINLAND	1	22	2.82	16.18
4	GERMANY OPEN	POLAND SENIORS	5	22	4.25	15.75
5	IRELAND	USA MIX	12	23	5.91	14.09
6	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	PERO BUENO	14	22	6.88	13.12

ROUND 5

1	USA MIX	ISRAEL	17	25	6.88	13.12
2	POLAND SENIORS	PERO BUENO	20	28	6.88	13.12
3	FINLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	8	14	7.58	12.42
4	GAUSS	IRELAND	14	4	13.78	6.22
5	VENTIN	GERMANY OPEN	31	6	17.50	2.50
6	SHOURIE	ISRAEL MIXED	23	10	14.68	5.32

ROUND 6

1	PERO BUENO	ISRAEL	24	12	14.39	5.61
2	USA MIX	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	9	41	1.32	18.68
3	POLAND SENIORS	IRELAND	32	8	15.81	2.19
4	FINLAND	GERMANY OPEN	14	18	8.33	11.67
5	GAUSS	ISRAEL MIXED	19	26	7.23	12.77
6	VENTIN	SHOURIE	16	9	12.77	7.23

RANKING AFTER R6

1	PERO BUENO	93.00
2	SHOURIE	87.26
3	ISRAEL	79.32
4	POLAND SENIORS	73.66
5	VENTIN	71.38
6	USA MIX	71.26
7	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	70.24
8	FINLAND	57.73
9	GAUSS	55.98
10	IRELAND	48.84
11	GERMANY OPEN	38.70
12	ISRAEL MIXED	35.63

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FINAL B ROUND 1

7	CHINA OPEN	CHAGAS	12	36	2.69	17.31
8	ENGLAND WOMEN	POLAND WOMEN	36	5	18.53	1.47
9	TURKIYE SENIORS	ARMA MAJOR	34	12	16.90	3.10
10	SYDNEY SWINGERS	NEW ZEALAND MIX	41	19	16.90	3.10
11	ITALIAN SENIORS	HOJA DE ARCE	2	16	5.04	14.96
12	CHILE MIXTO	DRINTEAM	21	4	15.75	4.25

ROUND 2

7	DRINTEAM	CHAGAS	24	9	15.23	4.77
8	HOJA DE ARCE	CHILE MIXTO	15	30	4.77	15.23
9	NEW ZEALAND MIX	ITALIAN SENIORS	3	41	0.50	19.50
10	ARMA MAJOR	SYDNEY SWINGERS	6	47	0.15	19.85
11	POLAND WOMEN	TURKIYE SENIORS	1	38	0.63	19.37
12	CHINA OPEN	ENGLAND WOMEN	31	3	18.04	1.96

ROUND 3

7	CHAGAS	SYDNEY SWINGERS	28	13	15.23	4.77
8	ITALIAN SENIORS	TURKIYE SENIORS	28	12	15.50	4.50
9	CHILE MIXTO	ENGLAND WOMEN	25	17	13.12	6.88
10	DRINTEAM	CHINA OPEN	1	20	3.77	16.23
11	HOJA DE ARCE	POLAND WOMEN	13	20	7.23	12.77
12	NEW ZEALAND MIX	ARMA MAJOR	21	27	7.58	12.42

ROUND 4

7	CHAGAS	ENGLAND WOMEN	0	19	3.77	16.23
8	TURKIYE SENIORS	CHINA OPEN	0	34	1.03	18.97
9	SYDNEY SWINGERS	POLAND WOMEN	12	1	14.09	5.91
10	ITALIAN SENIORS	ARMA MAJOR	11	31	3.54	16.46
11	CHILE MIXTO	NEW ZEALAND MIX	15	4	14.09	5.91
12	DRINTEAM	HOJA DE ARCE	19	12	12.77	7.23

ROUND 5

7	NEW ZEALAND MIX	CHAGAS	16	17	9.56	10.44
8	ARMA MAJOR	HOJA DE ARCE	18	34	4.50	15.50
9	POLAND WOMEN	DRINTEAM	12	32	3.54	16.46
10	CHINA OPEN	CHILE MIXTO	35	0	19.11	0.89
11	ENGLAND WOMEN	ITALIAN SENIORS	9	40	1.47	18.53
12	TURKIYE SENIORS	SYDNEY SWINGERS	12	4	13.12	6.88

ROUND 6

7	HOJA DE ARCE	CHAGAS	31	24	12.77	7.23
8	NEW ZEALAND MIX	DRINTEAM	14	36	3.10	16.90
9	ARMA MAJOR	CHILE MIXTO	29	16	14.68	5.32
10	POLAND WOMEN	ITALIAN SENIORS	15	21	7.58	12.42
11	CHINA OPEN	SYDNEY SWINGERS	29	15	14.96	5.04
12	ENGLAND WOMEN	TURKIYE SENIORS	15	17	9.14	10.86

RANKING AFTER R6

1	CHINA OPEN	93.00
2	ITALIAN SENIORS	75.53
3	DRINTEAM	73.38
4	TURKIYE SENIORS	72.78
5	HOJA DE ARCE	72.46
6	SYDNEY SWINGERS	69.53
7	CHAGAS	67.75
8	CHILE MIXTO	64.40
9	ENGLAND WOMEN	60.21
10	ARMA MAJOR	59.31
11	NEW ZEALAND MIX	40.75
12	POLAND WOMEN	36.90

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ROUND 1

13	BORTOLETTI	ROMANIA	26	10	15.50	4.50
14	TAMEWARE	ROJO-BLANCO	4	21	4.25	15.75
15	DINKIN	ALGO DIVERTIDO	31	19	14.39	5.61
16	AUSTRIA	SWISS MIXED	22	33	5.91	14.09
17	MSV	SAADA PATRICK	25	17	13.12	6.88
18	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	INDIAN WOMEN	9	18	6.55	13.45
19	MEDANOS	KIWI BLUE	40	14	17.69	2.31
20	DENMARK MIXED	CHARLIE	14	22	6.88	13.12
21	INDIAN MIXED	ARMEX	52	0	20.00	0.00
22	NETTLETON	CON SUERTE	16	13	11.27	8.73

ROUND 2

13	BORTOLETTI	DINKIN	32	17	15.23	4.77
14	INDIAN MIXED	MEDANOS	36	26	13.78	6.22
15	MSV	ROJO-BLANCO	32	17	15.23	4.77
16	TAMEWARE	SWISS MIXED	2	20	4.00	16.00
17	AUSTRIA	INDIAN WOMEN	21	20	10.44	9.56
18	CHARLIE	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	22	19	11.27	8.73
19	NETTLETON	DENMARK MIXED	26	29	8.73	11.27
20	CON SUERTE	SAADA PATRICK	16	43	2.13	17.87
21	ALGO DIVERTIDO	ROMANIA	17	45	1.96	18.04
22	KIWI BLUE	ARMEX	49	15	18.97	1.03

ROUND 3

13	BORTOLETTI	INDIAN MIXED	35	3	18.68	1.32
14	MSV	SWISS MIXED	19	2	15.75	4.25
15	MEDANOS	DINKIN	10	43	1.17	18.83
16	SAADA PATRICK	CHARLIE	15	25	6.22	13.78
17	AUSTRIA	ROMANIA	12	13	9.56	10.44
18	INDIAN WOMEN	DENMARK MIXED	9	31	3.10	16.90
19	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	KIWI BLUE	40	11	18.21	1.79
20	NETTLETON	ROJO-BLANCO	22	12	13.78	6.22
21	TAMEWARE	CON SUERTE	44	5	19.62	0.38
22	ALGO DIVERTIDO	ARMEX	39	0	19.62	0.38

ROUND 4

13	BORTOLETTI	MSV	17	12	12.05	7.95
14	DINKIN	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	46	6	19.74	0.26
15	DENMARK MIXED	INDIAN MIXED	7	45	0.50	19.50
16	CHARLIE	TAMEWARE	19	16	11.27	8.73
17	NETTLETON	AUSTRIA	1	22	3.32	16.68
18	SWISS MIXED	ROMANIA	0	26	2.31	17.69
19	SAADA PATRICK	MEDANOS	12	23	5.91	14.09
20	ALGO DIVERTIDO	ROJO-BLANCO	38	11	17.87	2.13
21	INDIAN WOMEN	KIWI BLUE	16	5	14.09	5.91
22	CON SUERTE	ARMEX	5	48	0.00	20.00

ROUND 5

13	BORTOLETTI	AUSTRIA	30	4	17.69	2.31
14	DINKIN	MSV	11	31	3.54	16.46
15	INDIAN MIXED	ROMANIA	19	10	13.45	6.55
16	CHARLIE	ALGO DIVERTIDO	26	6	16.46	3.54
17	TAMEWARE	INDIAN WOMEN	30	6	17.31	2.69
18	MEDANOS	DENMARK MIXED	5	20	4.77	15.23
19	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	NETTLETON	19	22	8.73	11.27
20	SAADA PATRICK	KIWI BLUE	11	18	7.23	12.77
21	SWISS MIXED	ARMEX	19	19	10.00	10.00
22	ROJO-BLANCO	CON SUERTE	25	20	12.05	7.95

ROUND 6

13	BORTOLETTI	CHARLIE	32	11	16.68	3.32
14	MSV	INDIAN MIXED	8	20	5.61	14.39
15	DINKIN	TAMEWARE	37	29	13.12	6.88
16	ROMANIA	DENMARK MIXED	16	15	10.44	9.56
17	AUSTRIA	MEDANOS	23	17	12.42	7.58
18	NETTLETON	ALGO DIVERTIDO	43	0	20.00	0.00
19	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	SWISS MIXED	11	23	5.61	14.39
20	SAADA PATRICK	INDIAN WOMEN	28	18	13.78	6.22
21	ROJO-BLANCO	ARMEX	4	57	0.00	20.00
22	KIWI BLUE	CON SUERTE	28	8	16.46	3.54

RANKING AFTER R6

1	BORTOLETTI	106.83
2	INDIAN MIXED	85.44
3	DINKIN	83.39
4	MSV	81.12
5	TAMEWARE	70.79
6	NETTLETON	70.37
7	CHARLIE	69.22
8	ROMANIA	68.66
9	AUSTRIA	65.32
10	DENMARK MIXED	64.34
11	SWISS MIXED	61.04
12	KIWI BLUE	58.21
13	SAADA PATRICK	57.89
14	MEDANOS	56.52
15	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	54.09
16	ARMEX	51.41
17	INDIAN WOMEN	49.11
18	ALGO DIVERTIDO	48.60
19	ROJO-BLANCO	40.92
20	CON SUERTE	22.73

PAIRS FINAL A

RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

OPEN + SENIORS

1	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	58.82
2	PRYOR Malcolm	SCERRI Ed	ENG - ENG	57.19
3	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	GRE - GRE	56.09
4	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	MIGNOCCHI Kent	USA - USA	55.41
5	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	52.16
6	JACOB Dan	KLIMOWICZ Piotr	CAN - CAN	51.07
7	HO Wai Lam	HO Gordon	HKG - HKG	50.42
8	SHENKIN Barnet J	SPEARS Brian	SCO - SCO	49.98
9	ELIJOVICH Horacio	ANGELERI Ricardo	ARG - ARG	47.72
10	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	46.64
11	THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	45.16
12	BRUM Jose Roberto	LA ROVERE Emilio	BRA - BRA	45.04
13	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND	44.88
14	STEPHENS Robert	VAN VUGHT Lex	RSA - RSA	36.02

WOMEN

1	POMARES Y DE MORANT C	GOLIN Cristina	ITA - ITA	56.64
2	ARRIGONI Gianna	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ITA - ITA	56.23
3	SJODAL Elisabeth Grasholt	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	55.12
4	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	55.00
5	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	52.59
6	VINCENT Christine	SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	51.83
7	COSTA Margherita	RUSCALLA Elena	ITA - ITA	49.12
8	NEUMANN Wai Fong Nancy	CHEUNG Kwai Yin	HKG - HKG	46.10
9	ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	ARG - ARG	42.56
10	ALONSO Ana Maria	ANGELERI Monica	ARG - ARG	34.80

PAIRS FINAL A

RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

MIXED

1	KOLATA Suleyman	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	64.32
2	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	54.34
3	ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	CRO - CRO	54.16
4	EBER Neville	BLOOM Valerie	RSA - RSA	53.37
5	RUBIO Gonzalo	ZEMAN Antonia	CHI - CHI	52.68
6	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	51.88
7	DIKLIC Dubravko	PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	51.20
8	SZABO Csaba	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	50.33
9	WEISS SELWAY Florian	WEISS SELWAY Louise	AUT - AUT	48.61
10	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	FRA - FRA	48.03
11	OZBAY Tolga	ERYANIK Ceyda	TUR - TUR	47.84
12	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	47.19
13	HONTI Laszlo	MEZEI Katalin	HUN - HUN	46.85
14	HODOSI Peter	LAJOS Hanka	HUN - HUN	46.70
15	FUNG Kismet	GAMBLE Michael	CAN - CAN	45.12
16	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	45.11
17	BRYANT Brenda	DAVIDSON Ranald	CAN - CAN	44.99
18	NATT Shahzaad	NATT India	ENG - ENG	43.24

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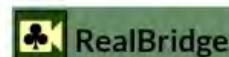
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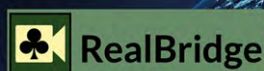


PAIRS FINAL B FINAL RANKING

1	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	66.86
2	DEY Sanjit	SHAW Binod Kumar	IND - IND	57.83
3	PEJACSEVICH Alexis	MONTES DE OCA Francisco	ARG - ARG	57.30
4	THOMPSON Ben	THOMSON Ian	AUS - AUS	56.57
5	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anirudh	IND - IND	54.12
6	SOWTER Anthony (Tony)	ROBINSON David	ENG - ENG	53.53
7	GARATEGUY Maria Del R	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG	53.53
8	LUPSAN Octavian	LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	53.42
9	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	WAI Chiu Fai	HKG - HKG	52.56
10	CUMMINS Patricia	ROTCHHELL Douglas	BAR - BAR	52.41
11	POPPER Richard	MADDEN Zachary	USA - USA	51.86
12	MADALA Adolfo Andres	FEINTUCH Clara	ARG - ARG	51.21
13	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	51.12
14	GRINBERG Martín Bernardo	LEONI Gladys Nilda	ARG - ARG	50.86
15	SEZENSKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN	50.03
16	FORTUNA Ricardo	WAGENER Diana	ARG - ARG	48.70
17	SHENKIN David	MCLATCHIE Cameron	SCO - SCO	48.39
18	TEIXEIRA Agustin	SZYFER Leonardo	URU - URU	47.54
19	SARKI Shahab	MOHAMMAD Yousuf Jan	PAK - PAK	47.27
20	HINDS Roglyn	SPRINGER Norma	BAR - BAR	46.64
21	HAMMOND Nicolas	PETERS Catherine	USA - USA	46.52
22	MITURA Amy	BAUER Tracey	USA - USA	45.71
23	SIANO Gerardo	DURANTE Sergio Fernando	ARG - ARG	45.61
24	DORNON Glynis	PENLINGTON Dianne	RSA - RSA	45.00
25	SHENKIN Maggie	BARRETT Lucia	SCO - SCO	43.24
26	NUNEZ Ramiro	PASTORIZA Luis Guillermo	ARG - ARG	43.17
27	RAPETTI Maria Claudia	VALLONE Maria	ARG - ARG	33.75

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