

DON'T CRY FOR US ARGENTINA



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At the end of a memorable fortnight, we salute the winners and medallists at these fantastic Championships. Although we are sorry to be leaving we will take away some everlasting memories.



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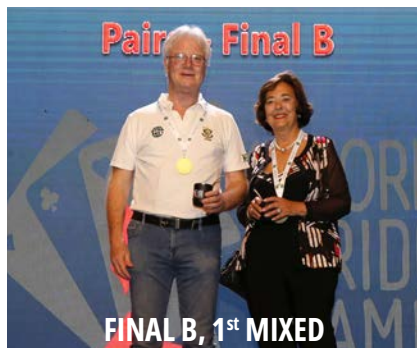


ADOLFO DANIEL MADALA MEMORIAL

1. Sanjit DEY – Binod Kumar SHAW
INDIA
2. Adolfo Andres MADALA – Clara FEINTUCH
ARGENTINA
3. Chi-Cheung Baron NG – Chiu Fai WAI
HONG KONG, CHINA



FINAL B, 1st OPEN



FINAL B, 1st MIXED

PAIRS – FINAL B

- 1st place OPEN
Sanjit DEY – Binod Kumar SHAW
INDIA
- 1st place WOMEN
Maria Del Rosario GARATEGUY – Maria Elena IACAPRARO
ARGENTINA
- 1st place SENIOR
Anthony SOWTER – David ROBINSON
ENGLAND
- 1st place MIXED
Craig GOWER – Diana ROSSLEE
SOUTH AFRICA



Arianna Testa, Emcee



CLOSING SPEECH



Good evening everyone!

I am standing in for our President Jan Kamras tonight. He had to return to Israel last week for some scheduled treatment. He is well and working from home. I wish him all the best for his treatment.

At the end of these magnificent championships, with its wide array of transnational and national representative events, the time has arrived to celebrate.

But first I would like to spend a few minutes reflecting on the last 2 weeks, and to offer a thought for the future.

It takes a lot of people and a lot of support to hold events like these, and I would like to celebrate them first.

These championships would not have been possible without the great support and hard work of many people, including:

- The late Pablo Lambardi, who originally conceived the idea of holding the world championships in Buenos Aires, drove it to fruition, and worked through the early planning stages before his passing
- The former president of Argentina, Mauricio Macri – who of course also represented Argentina in the Seniors Teams
- The municipality of Buenos Aires, and its mayor Jorge Macri, who visited the championships during the first week
- The Asociación del Bridge Argentino (the Argentinian Bridge Association), and its president Fernando Lema
- Our local organising partner, PopArt, and our project manager Martin Zubiri
- And of course – our wonderful staff – and I mean our regular WBF staff, the local staff, and the staff from PopArt. These staff quickly became a seamless unit delivering a fantastic experience for all of the players

Right now, almost all of our staff are working to break down all of our equipment, and load it into 2 40-foot containers to go back to Italy. Incredibly they will be done by midnight. I would appreciate a loud round of applause for all of our supporters, but especially our staff, who will hopefully hear it in the main playing area!

I hope you've all enjoyed your time both playing and being in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires for me has been a wonderful location for our world championship. The food, the music, the culture, the vitality of the people, all make Buenos Aires a truly magical city. Thank you, Buenos Aires.

Like any championship, we have seen extraordinary bidding and play. We will award and celebrate our newest champions shortly. But I want to remind you that every one of us is a champion of the game in our own way. Whether we came here to represent our country or to participate in the transnational events, every one of us showed the mindset of a champion – the desire to test ourselves against the best.

The participation of so many strong bridge players from all around the world is what makes a world championship a world championship. I would like to say thank you to all the participants – whether at this ceremony or elsewhere.

We all know bridge has struggled coming out of covid. Many people leave bridge every year for all sorts of reasons, but covid really accelerated that process for a few years. Every bridge organisation around the world is trying to rebuild but they need help.

I have a request – a challenge – for you. I would like you to be not just champions OF bridge. I ask you to be champions FOR bridge. Please do one simple thing for the game we love – find one person, introduce them to bridge, and – very importantly – help them continue in bridge. It doesn't matter if they play socially once a month, or every day at their local club – it's one more bridge player.

When you go back home, I ask you to encourage everyone in your bridge circle to take personal responsibility to be a champion FOR bridge. It's easy to make the maths sound impressive but it's also obvious. If our half million registered bridge lovers around the world each take personal responsibility for introducing just one new person to bridge every year, we all win.

And with that thought for the future, I will hand back to Arianna for the awards, and the celebration of our newest champions.

Ben Thompson
1st WBF Vice-President



CHAMPIONSHIP LOGO

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Mr. Antonis Kapiris** for his generous contribution in designing the championship logo. It is one of the finest logos we have ever had.

EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 3/11/2024

Yesterday was one of the most remarkable I can recall in the history of World Championships. The third session of the finals offered up a collection of potential swing deals. In the Mixed Teams China won the session 52-0 against Poland while in the Open series Poland outscored Italy 62-0. Those remarkable results were eclipsed in the Women's bronze medal playoff match between China and the USA, in which the Americans, trailing 43-101, turned the match around with a stunning 88-0 scoreline!

It's almost time to bid farewell to this wonderful City and these magnificent Championships. I hope you have enjoyed following the exploits of the players who have travelled from around the globe to compete in Buenos Aires. Our team of writers, David Bird, Jos Jacobs, Brian Senior and Simon Stocken made the most of some newsworthy deals. They were fortunate that the legendary Al Hollander was on hand to assist with the interpretation of some of the more complex systems. Details of deals that might have slipped through our net were delivered by the VuGraph team of Barry Rigal, David Stern and Ben Green. I have lost count of the number of pictures taken by our tireless photographer, Paula Zoltowski – Dziękuję! Herman De wael (despite being under

the weather) was (amongst other things) our main proofreader.

At various times we had vital help from Hans van Staveren, Manolo Eminent, Traian Chira, Fotis Skoularikis and Peter Eidt. Maurizio Di Sacco kept us well informed about the ever-changing schedule and ensured that all necessary notices were posted.

Arianna Testa saved us from disaster more than once, and was a vital link with our Layout Editor, the incomparable Francesca Canali, who worked ridiculously long hours, late into the night to get the Bulletins online. I can't decide how best to describe them, so, appreciating that your knowledge of Italian is undoubtedly superior to mine, here a few adjectives to choose from: Fantastico Meraviglioso Stupendo Eccezionale Formidabile. Select one and you will not be wrong.

Meanwhile we are looking forward to a trip to Denmark in 2025. See you then!

Mark Horton
Editor

THE RABBIT'S RESOURCE

Mark Horton

On the final deal of the last match in the Griffins Swiss Teams Championship the Hog's Team needed a big swing to be sure of defeating Papa's squad and securing the handsome trophy

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
H.H.	Karapet	R.R.	Papa
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When the Rabbit introduced the fourth suit, the Hog reluctantly showed his spade support and three control showing bids followed. Envisaging a possible

Grand Slam, H.H. asked for keycards, but when R.R. showed only three, he settled for 6♠.

As his partner was marked with some values Papa decided to make an attacking lead, hoping to find partner with the ♦K and the missing keycard and tabled the ♦2.

R.R. won that in his hand, taking the ♦J with the ♦A and decided that his best chance was to establish dummy's hearts. He cashed dummy's top spades, pleased to find the missing trumps divided, then played three rounds of hearts, ruffing, as South discarded a club. R.R. was pretty sure the ♥Q had not yet appeared, so he went back to dummy with the ♦K and ruffed another heart, establishing the ♥J. All that remained was to return to dummy to discard a club on the ♥J and then give up a diamond. However, it was only now that R.R. spotted a snag. His remaining spades, the ♠K10 were bigger than the ♠6. Hoping that by some miracle he might score a trick with the ♣K R.R. exited with the ♣7. Karapet won with the ♣A and was forced to exit with a club. R.R. could ruff in dummy pitching a diamond from his hand, discard his remaining diamond on the ♥J and claim the last two tricks with the ♠K10.

In the other room Colin the Corgi overcalled 2♣ with North's cards and when Oscar the Owl found himself on lead against 6♠ he selected a club, which ensured the demise of the contract.

This was Board 8 from the third session of the final. After a diamond lead, you will appreciate that other lines were available to declarer!

Championship specials

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

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



Open FINAL - 3



POLAND v ITALY



Jos Jacobs

Jeszcze Polska nie zginęła

This, the opening line of a cheerful mazurka (IMHO) also known as the Polish National Anthem, came to my mind almost automatically after the 3rd session of the Open Teams Final ended with a score of 62-0 to Poland. Poland is not yet lost... For once, I have to tell you about the ending of my report already at the beginning, because for once, there are no hidden surprises but only, yes certainly, a lot of possibly one-sided but still interesting deals to talk about. They may have different ideas about this in Rome and surroundings but as we all know: That's the way it is. The ancient Romans will certainly remember the proverb: Hodie mihi, cras tibi. (today it's me, tomorrow it's you). With one full day still to play, scores can change very quickly so both teams, almost level after day 1, have everything to play for on day 2. And let us not forget that the second set of this final had ended with a score of 48-1 to Italy. Where did that bloody IMP come from??

For those who are interested in record margins for one set, there is more good news. USA beat China in the women's playoff for the bronze by no less than 88-0 over the same 16 boards. So apparently it's the boards who are to blame...

Over now to these boards. The first one, as so often, a routine warming up game but then, an interesting slam deal arrived:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Buras	Di Franco	Nowak
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♣ Game forcing, 2+♣

Once North, with his balanced hand, began to show interest in a higher contract in spades, South

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Krzysztof BURAS

Kamil NOWAK

Massimiliano DI FRANCO

cooperated. The keycards were checked, and the slam was announced. West had a strange dilemma with his opening lead. Sometimes, any lead would cost you a trick but this time, he was confronted with a Morton's Fork situation at trick 1. The logical club lead would result in the diamond loser going away on a top heart and the $\diamond A$ lead would result in the two club losers disappearing on a diamond and a heart. Poland +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing relay

2♦ Minimum (possibly denies 4♥)

In spite of all their relays, the Italians did not manage to express the full value of their combined hands. I was wondering whether any system would be able to cope with a Morton's Fork type of opening lead situation... Italy +680 but 13 IMPs to Poland,

A few boards later, the question was: "How high can you go?"

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
—	—	1♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Nowak's weak jump overcall was high enough to keep West out of the action and North's raise then

also silenced East. No double, no trouble but a chance to score 500 lost by the Italians.

The Poles had already won the board in the Open Room but in the Closed Room, they even went for the maximum and got it, too:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♦*	2♥*	4♥	All Pass

Two Diamonds showed a weak heart raise, but this did not deter Janiszewski. Even on a trump lead, 4♥ can be made, I think, because North is holding the two missing aces and only two trumps. This will enable declarer to both ruff a spade after all and to discard two more spades on the clubs – they are 3-3, as we have seen so often, according to a common expression (in my circles, anyway).

One flat board in between and then another slam:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass
2♣	Gazzilli		
2♦	8+		
2♠	3+♠		

Gazzilli and cuebids were in operation here and thus a playable slam was reached. South led a club,

however, so declarer was left with an inescapable diamond loser when the heart suit did not bring in two discard possibilities. Poland +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

A splinter and 3 keycards later the Poles also arrived at the slam but the difference with the other table was that here, North was on lead. When he led a trump rather than the far from obvious ♣A declarer needed only one discard on the heart suit and, this hurdle taken, simply gave up a diamond trick. Poland another +980 and 14 more IMPs to them.

On the next deal, we saw some very highly competitive auctions:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Giacomo PERCARIO, Italy

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
—	1♥	Dble	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opposite South's mixed raise, North did not bother to try for game, but East did. It would have taken a club lead or continuation after winning the ♠A for the defence to beat 4♠ but when declarer misguessed in trumps, leading to the king rather than the jack, the contract went down anyway. Poland +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	1♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

On a top club lead by East and a spade continuation, this contract went down only one so it might well have been a perfect sacrifice. As it was, the Poles added another +100 to their score, good for 5 more IMPs.

The next deal was a matter of placing the declaration at the right side of the table:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1NT Game forcing relay

North led a club and South won his ♣A to continue the ♣10. North could play the jack and, with his clubs now established, could await further developments in

peace because there was no effective endplay available for declarer. One down, Poland +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With East the declarer, it was a different story. Of course, South might have led the ♣A and another to set the contract but when he tried a more normal low heart, North's entry for the clubs was gone prematurely. North won the ♥K and switched to a club alright but when South won the ♣A and returned the ♣10, the ♣Q became declarer's 9th trick earlier than he might have expected. So that was another +600 and 12 more IMPs to Poland.

Board 12 did not produce a swing in our featured match (only a peanut was at stake there) but we saw an interesting squeeze developing. In the other matches, a few declarers went down because they took an early spade finesse after getting a heart lead.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Krzysztof BURAS, Poland

If they lead hearts, declarer should concentrate on East's entries only and thus attack both minors. He (she?) will then lose three tricks (♦AQ and ♣A) but when East cashes his diamond winners, West is squeezed in the blackies. The 13th heart then only makes it worse for West...

On board 13, the Poles put the final nail into the Italian coffin, to finish off their version of the All Souls' celebrations, so popular in the Latin Americas:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's 3NT is not the place to be but we cannot blame South here for forgetting to lead his 4th best club rather than the ♣Q...Italy +600.

In the Closed Room, the Poles once again showed the way:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Yes, dummy's ♥J was a welcome asset against any trump promotion possibility, so this contract was ice cold for another +790 and the final 5 IMPs to a remarkable Polish victory in the set. We were all looking forward now to an exciting last day in Buenos Aires!

IMAGINATION

Mark Horton

Barnet Shenkin sent us this deal from the second session of the Open & Senior Pairs Final where both sides did well in the bidding:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K 10 8 6
♥ A Q 9 8 7 6 2
♦ —
♣ K

♠ Q 5
♥ J 10 4
♦ A K J 9 8
♣ 9 6 4



♠ J 9 7 3
♥ K 3
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 8 2

♠ 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ A J 10 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
Prior	Spears	Scerri	Shenkin
1♦	2♦*	3♠*	4♥
Pass	4NT*	5♣	Pass*
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠

2♦ Majors
3♠ Splinter
4NT RKC
Pass 1 keycard



One suspects that East intended to bid 3♥ as a splinter, but inadvertently misbid. Not wanting partner to lead a spade against a diamond contract Barnet tried the effect of 4♥!

When his partner pushed on to slam he could convert to spades. East's thoughtful 5♣ meant West led a club, +980 being 8/4 for NS.

No one was prepared to venture a save at the seven-level with the EW cards!



YOU'VE STARTED SO YOU'LL FINISH

Open Pairs Final Round One

Simon Stocken

Sent out on assignment by the editor to get some coverage of the Pairs, so far mostly overlooked in favour of the big guns playing Teams, I sat down hoping for some interesting boards in the 7-table Open Pairs final behind an anime T-shirt belonging to Joel Woodridge.

The first two boards both subsided in dull 1NT contracts, thereby demanding the application of Bird's Law. Ignore and move on: one of us duly did just this (that'd be me) while the remaining four did not, as we discovered during the third board when the bidding had got as far as 1NT. It was at this point that the director called the move and the four players realized what I had suspected and the director knew: we were playing two-board rounds not three. The third board should have been played elsewhere against fresh opponents. As a kibitzer I later learnt I'd done the right thing keeping silent.

Joel suggested initially the possibility of bidding the same way against the correct opponents "just like they do at my home club" – the director, McKenzie

Myers informed Joel "that his home club was clearly in breach of ACBL rules" – so Joel after a little consideration came back with generous suggestion number two: "You can do whatever you want to do" – "Ok, I'm going for a beer", came back Mr Myers, quick as a flash, before invoking Law 15:

"Once a bridge hand has started it has to be finished" – so the board continued while the four other affected pairs – it being a Howell – were shuffled off to neighbouring tables to play board three against each other. Masterfully smooth was my assessment as the director assured everyone that correct balance would be restored in future sessions. Wooldridge finished the bidding with a leap to 3NT. West led ♥7

Board 3 Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klimowicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Mignocchi</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT		

I later checked on the bidding as playing Walsh responses to 1♣, 1♦ is the normal response on the North cards holding game-values: after Joel confirmed his 1♠ response, I asked him "So what would 1♦ have shown?" "Diamonds – I was just f***ing around".

The ♥7 was won by ♥J in dummy and a spade was led, declarer covering East's ♠7 with ♠8. West won ♠Q and switched to ♣6, won by ♣K. A second spade collected ♠J, ♠K and ♠A. West switched to ♦J, ducked in dummy and overtaken by East with



♦Q, who returned a club. The defence had three tricks and collected one more at trick 13 with ♥K. This was exactly average: Ho-Ho were not laughing much after their 2♣ interference got punished for minus 800 while Pryor and Scerrie (who would emerge as leaders after the first session) found a fifth defensive trick to defeat 3NT after West kicked off with ♣J. Double dummy analysis confirms nine tricks are available whatever the lead.

Order was restored for the fourth board after a four table musical chair Howell movement mid-round and a confident assurance of rectification in subsequent sessions by the director.

Board 4 Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Spears</i>	<i>Brum</i>	<i>Shenkin</i>	<i>La Rovere</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass.

Brum found the best lead of the ♣6, won by dummy's ♣J, presenting declarer with communication problems. Unblocking the ♥KQ early would reveal the whole hand and guarantee the defence found their spade tricks when the inevitable diamond trick was lost: there were not sufficient entries to attempt to bring in the whole diamond suit even if North did happen to hold the miracle K10x in the suit, except by overtaking a heart honour. Spears chose to play ♦5 off dummy at trick two while the defenders were (hopefully) still in the dark. North won ♦K and did not take long to find the key switch of ♠K followed by ♠10. South thought for a while before arriving at the correct decision to overtake, thereby holding declarer to nine tricks and earning 10 out of the 12 available matchpoints along with two others. Ten tricks (achieved once) was average while eleven tricks mirrored nine tricks, occurring three times, with matchpoints divided two and ten – twice after ♥4 was led.

The fifth board threw up some exciting bidding

Board 5 Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Ho</i>	<i>Ferenca</i>	<i>Ho</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♣*	Pass	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♣	3♦	4♦
Dble	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ was a transfer to diamonds with virtually any strength. Three out of seven pairs declared 5♦ from East, all doubled while two pairs declared 4♦ as West, once doubled.

South started with ♣A and switched to ♦5 covered by ♦8 and overtaken by ♦J once North held back ♦9. Next came ♥J, forcing South to rise with ♥A and continue the suit. Declarer preserved ♥K in dummy and trumped all three losing hearts in hand before eventually trumping another black card in dummy at



trick eleven with $\diamond 10$, drawing North's final trump and cashing $\heartsuit K$ for eleven tricks doubled and made; sadly Ho-Ho had the last laugh as making $5\diamond$ doubled (three of the seven scores) was only worth 4 out of 12 of the available matchpoints, beaten by $4\diamond$ doubled and two North-Souths conceding telephone numbers in $3H$ doubled, 800 and 1100. East played $4\diamond$ at two tables, making twelve tricks after North led $\heartsuit 6$.

Board 6 saw more feisty bidding and is best presented as a lead problem for West after the auction below. Your first double of $4\spadesuit$ is pulled by partner who opened the bidding with $1\diamond$ in first seat vulnerable. Luckily you get another shot when North also removes his partner's double and $5\spadesuit$ comes round to you: unsurprisingly doubling still seems to make sense....

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Ho</i>	<i>Ferenca</i>	<i>Ho</i>
—	—	$1\diamond$	$4\spadesuit$
Dble	Pass	$5\diamond$	Dble
Pass	$5\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		


\spadesuit K 5 3
 \heartsuit Q 10 9
 \diamond A 7
 \clubsuit Q J 9 8 4

Putting yourself in West's shoes what would you lead?

Partner's suit - $\diamond A$
 Club Sequence - $\clubsuit Q$
 Trump - $\spadesuit 3$
 Interior heart sequence - $\heartsuit 10$

Over to you.....
 Here is the full hand:

Board 6 Dealer North. Both Vul.

\spadesuit 9 7		\spadesuit 6
\heartsuit 7 5 4 3 2		\heartsuit K J 8 6
\diamond 6 4		\diamond Q J 10 9 5 3 2
\clubsuit K 10 7 5		\clubsuit 6
\spadesuit K 5 3		\spadesuit 6
\heartsuit Q 10 9		\heartsuit K J 8 6
\diamond A 7		\diamond Q J 10 9 5 3 2
\clubsuit Q J 9 8 4		\clubsuit 6
\spadesuit A Q J 10 8 4 2		
\heartsuit A		
\diamond K 8		
\clubsuit A 3 2		

The Bidding again:

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Ho</i>	<i>Ferenca</i>	<i>Ho</i>
—	—	$1\diamond$	$4\spadesuit$
Dble	Pass	$5\diamond$	Dble
Pass	$5\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The first penalty double was pulled by East, perhaps regretting his opening gambit of $1\diamond$ and total absence of any tricks. The next penalty double (from South) was erroneously pulled by North, perhaps expecting less strength and more length. The third penalty double saw West with a second bite of the cherry, still expecting to defeat the enemy spade contract even with his recalcitrant partner, but with a difficult lead problem: partner's suit, the QJ sequence, away from the $\heartsuit Q$ or a trump? The trump is indisputably the safest option and might have been necessary to cut down trumping in dummy, but West was expecting some assistance from partner as the $\diamond A$ hit the table and one defensive trick disappeared into oblivion as partner contributed $\diamond Q$. West switched to $\heartsuit 10$ at trick two, with East playing $\heartsuit K$, won by declarer's $\heartsuit A$. Declarer continued with $\spadesuit A$ and $\spadesuit Q$ taken by West's $\spadesuit K$, with East contributing $\diamond J$ to this trick. West could not imagine a universe where his partner did not hold the $\clubsuit A$ and the $\clubsuit Q$ switch proved to be the final nail in the coffin for the defence. Ho-Ho racked up eleven tricks and an outright top for North-South. Two other North-Souths managed eleven tricks and two managed ten tricks all playing $4\spadesuit$. The other two tables both saw $3\spadesuit$ contracts, one with a trump lead resulting in ten tricks, the other after $\clubsuit Q$ lead somehow ending in only nine tricks with Pryor and Scerri the beneficiaries – leading the open field after two sessions (at the time of writing).

I watched half the sixteen boards in the first session – seven and eight were almost as dull as the first two so remain unreported.



Ken Mignocchi and Joel Wooldridge

BID LIKE A BONG

Simon Stocken

Bengal, whose capital is Calcutta, is responsible for many of India's finest bridge players: its residents are known as 'bongs'. The deal below features the youngest pair, Sanjit Dey and Binod Shaw playing their first World Championships for the Open team.

Playing matchpoints the pair soon sailed into a fine slam. Binod Shaw started playing auction bridge literally on the streets of Calcutta – a rug is spread on the ground and bridge is played auction-style for money. I played my first ever auction bridge event as part of a knock-out tournament in Calcutta last year. I was knocked out early on as I failed to grasp the bidding intricacies of auction. At auction bridge the dealer opens the bidding and must declare to win at least the odd trick in a suit or at Notrump. Editor

Board 1 Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunez	Dey	Pastoriza	Shaw
—	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

2♠ was third suit forcing and 4♦ was Keycard for Diamonds with 4NT showing two without the ♦Q. The Club lead held the contract to twelve tricks. One other pair found 6♦ making an overtrick after a spade lead. The USA pair Tracy Bauer and Amy Mitura, playing for the first time found 6♥ for an outright top after the following auction.

West	North	East	South
Rapetti	Bauer	Vallone	Mitura
—	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

After the first session of the Adolfo Madala Memorial Pairs Dey and Shaw were just ahead of Adolfo Madala and Clara Feintuch (Argentina) with 68% and 67% respectively.

At auction bridge the dealer opens the bidding and must declare to win at least the odd trick in a trump suit or at No-trump.



Marc van BEIJSTERVELDT

Open FINAL - 4




POLAND v ITALY



David Bird

We are halfway through the Open final, with Italy leading Poland by 88-86. I do not remember a world championship where most matches have been so excitingly close.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

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

Well, they made a lot of bids. Would Rafal Janiszewski make a lot of tricks? He allowed the ♦Q lead to win and won the ♦J with dummy's ace. He then led to the ♠K, losing to the ace. When the ♦2 was returned, declarer won with the king. All now depended on his play of the heart suit. A low heart to the 10 lost to the queen, and that was one down.


Closed Room

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

East's 1♠ was a transfer, and they stopped in a part score. That was +110 and 4 IMPs to Poland, giving them the match lead, by 2 IMPs.

The same two different contracts were found on the next deal, although Poland played both this time:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

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

Antonio Sementa started with ace, king and another club, giving dummy a fourth entry. It seemed that the contract might hang on the diamond suit. Janiszewski played a diamond to the queen, Versace having chosen to play the 6. When the finesse won, declarer crossed to the ♠A and led the ♦5, the ♦8 appearing from West. Janiszewski then took his time, choosing which card to play. To finesse the ♦9 would not only cost the contract, it would allow East on lead to cash four more clubs tricks.

Should he play West for ♠K-10-8-6? In that case, East's 4 would not have been a true count signal from 4-2, on their methods. Perhaps West's false-carding had not assisted the East/West cause. Eventually, the ♦J was successfully played, and it was +600 to Poland.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gavel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	Dble	3♣	All Pass

Rafal Jagniewski went two down in 3♣, but Poland picked up 11 IMPs.

I'm not one to complain unduly, but this had been a tiresome session to watch and then write up. The system jams continually, and then seemingly blames me for my BBO connection being slow. Whether that is due to some massive audience online, who can say? I will soldier on.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ AK104	
	♥ A96	
	♦ J104	
	♣ K43	
♠ 8		♠ J732
♥ J1084		♥ KQ532
♦ A965		♦ Q3
♣ 10987		♣ A2
	♠ Q965	
	♥ 7	
	♦ K872	
	♣ QJ65	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Janiszewski	Sementa	Strzemecki
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♣*	Dble	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Alfredo Versace's 3♣ was a 'mixed raise', showing four trumps and a fairly wide lower range. Przemyslaw Janiszewski ventured a take-out double. East signed off and Strzemecki ended in 4♠. West naturally led the ♥J, and this gave declarer a chance. He won with dummy's ace and ruffed a heart in his hand, continuing with a club to the king and ace. He ruffed the East's ♥K return (a club would also have beaten the contract) and played the queen and ace of trumps, West showing out. The ♦J ran to the ace, and declarer ruffed the ♥10 with the ♠10. He then drew another round of trumps and played clubs. East ruffed the third round and cashed a heart for one down.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Gavel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♠*	Dble*	3♥	Dble*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Wojciech Gavel also led the ♥J to the ace. Manno

ruffed a heart and played a club to the king and ace. This time the ♦J was covered by a (helpful) queen, king and ace. Gavel returned the ♣10 to dummy's queen and declarer ran the ♦7 through West's 9. Ten tricks were claimed, Italy gaining 10 IMPs.

Board 25 was flat in 7♠ bid and made. The deadline for this article is close, and the system response still diabolical. I can either leave out the slam deal, or just give you the bare bidding without explaining the vast number of bids. Which would you prefer? OK, I'll do that.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gavel	Di Franco	Jagniewski	Manno
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Thirteen tricks were easy when spades broke 3-2, and it was a push board. The better contract of 7♥ would have survived a 4-1 spade break. In the four main finals 7♠ was bid 3 times, 7♥ 3 times, 6♠ and 6♥ once each.

Right, now for something more interesting. Would you like to see both tables in 1♥ doubled?

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Dble	1♥	Dble
All Pass			

1♦ was a transfer, and Wojciech Strzemecki's double an inspired move. "Yes, yes, 'Page Unresponsive'. I know that. Show me my carefully saved play record! Ah, thank you." Sementa won the ♦J with the ace, and played a diamond to the queen, ruffed by North. He led a low diamond to West's queen ruffed by North. He then cashed the ♠A and ♠K, surprising us by switching to the ♣6. South won with the ace and returned the ♣4 to dummy's king, the queen falling from declarer. Sementa called for a heart, allowing North's ♥10 to win.

At this stage declarer was heading for two down. North cashed the ♠Q and continued with the ♠4. The voice commentators gasped as Sementa discarded a diamond, rather than ruffing with the ♥K. He was now heading for three down. South ruffed with the ♥Q and gave partner a diamond ruff with his ♥J. It was an amazing 800 penalty, out of the blue.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gavel</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Manno</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Dble	1♥	Dble
All Pass			

I could barely believe it when the same sequence arose in the Closed Room. (I thought at first that I had saved the same board twice.) Jagniewski won the ♦J lead and led the ♣Q to South's ace. Andrea Manno then gave away a trick by switching to the ♥Q, instead of delivering a diamond ruff or switching to spades. Declarer won with the ♥K. led a club to the king, and ruffed a club. A diamond to the queen was ruffed with North's ♥10. Di Franco could make two more spades and another trump, but dummy now had a long trump, and declarer could add a diamond winner to his pile. That was only one down and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

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

East's 2♣ was Gazzilli and 2♦ then forcing to game. Sementa's 3♣ showed spades, a heart side suit and 15-17 points. Versace's 4♦ was a transfer. After a ♦4 lead to the ace. Janiszewski returned the ♣6. Sementa won and played two spades, followed by the ♦Q overtaken with the king. He ditched a spade on the ♦J and South ruffed. Ace and another trump then left declarer one trick short. That was +50 to Poland.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gavel</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Massimiliano Di Franco won the $\diamond 8$ lead and switched to the $\clubsuit 6$, won with declarer's ace. He continued with the $\spadesuit A-K$ and a spade ruffed with the 10. A club ruff was followed with another spade, ruffed with the $\heartsuit J$. He then ruffed another club with his $\heartsuit 6$ and overtook the $\diamond Q$ with the king. Manno, in the South seat was now down to his $\heartsuit A742$, The $\clubsuit J$ to North's $\clubsuit K$ was ruffed with the $\heartsuit Q$ and overruffed with the ace. Declarer had eight tricks, with two more trump tricks to come. It had been a sparkling piece of card play, netting 10 IMPs.

How is my blood pressure after all these tiresome 'Page cannot be loaded' and similar messages. I think I can survive, telling you about one more big swing.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	\spadesuit A K 5	
	\heartsuit A 6 4 3	
	\diamond 6 4	
	\clubsuit J 10 7 6	
\spadesuit 7 6 4 2		\spadesuit J
\heartsuit Q 9 8		\heartsuit J 10
\diamond Q J 9 8		\diamond A K 10 7 2
\clubsuit A 3		\clubsuit K Q 9 8 5
	\spadesuit Q 10 9 8 3	
	\heartsuit K 8 5 2	
	\diamond 5 3	
	\clubsuit 4 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
—	1 \clubsuit	1 \diamond	1 \heartsuit^*
2NT*	Pass	3 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \diamond	Pass	4 \clubsuit	Pass
5 \diamond	All Pass		

Sementa won the trump lead with dummy's 8. He drew a second round of trumps, followed by the $\clubsuit AKQ$ for a heart discard. He then ruffed a club with the $\diamond 9$, setting up the thirteenth card in the suit. It was to no avail. Janiszewski won the first round of spades, and the defenders scored their two heart winners for one down.

That was a surprising result. Declarer can play three rounds of clubs, ruffing, overtake a diamond, cash two clubs pitching hearts from dummy and claim. Editor

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gavel</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Manno</i>
—	1 \clubsuit	1 \diamond	1 \heartsuit^*
3 \diamond	Pass	4 \clubsuit	Pass
5 \diamond	All Pass		

At the other table Manno led the $\heartsuit 5$ to North's ace. Di Franco played the $\spadesuit K$ ($\spadesuit 10$ from partner) and continued with a disastrous $\spadesuit A$. Jagniewski was then able to ruff, draw trumps, and establish the clubs to discard the $\heartsuit Q9$. It was 12 IMPs to Poland. They picked up a further 10 on the penultimate board to take the set by a whopping 56-16. That gave them the lead by 142-104. There's only one thing I need now... a whopping gin and tonic!




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POLAND v ITALY



Jos Jacobs

After the morning session on Sunday, the Poles had increased their lead to a comfortable enough 41 IMPs but, as we saw on Saturday, even one session might be enough to completely turn around the score. Once the Italians would be able to reduce their deficit to under 30 or so, the final session of another full 16 boards might be more than enough for them to restore order (in their view, that is...).

Here are a few big swing boards from that vital middle segment..

Board 7. Dealer South All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Buras	Donati	Nowak
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Once the West hand produces an opening bid, it is difficult, especially for younger players (IMHO), to stay on firm ground. When the defence made no mistake (spade to the ace and ♦A and another), something to be expected at this level, Donati had to accept one down. Poland +50.

Closed Room

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

Rafal JAGNIEWSKI

Alfredo VERSACE

Antonio SEMENTA


Wojciech GAWEL



Once Gawel had showed some interest by superaccepting the transfer, he could persist with signing off until the auction came to an end. Just made, Poland +420 and 10 IMPs to them. Italy was beginning to need a few miracles, maybe...

A few boards later, for once the Polish defence was not up to the required standards:

Board 10. Dealer East All Vul.

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

Open Room

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

An 18-19 balanced hand and a Puppet approach easily saw the Italians end up in the proper contract. South led a heart to North's ♥10 and declarer's ace. From here, the contract should fail because South can win the ♠A, cross to partner's ♥K and his return of the ♣8, a notorious singleton in not only The Netherlands (I hope) would then settle the issue. South wins the ace and returns the suit.

Not here, this time. For reasons only known to himself, South returned a heart upon winning his ♣A. Italy +620.

Closed Room


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

Same contract in the Closed Room. South led a heart here as well but declarer asked for dummy's queen. From here, he would always go down, preferably two

with the help of a club ruff. That's what happened, not surprisingly. Italy another +200 and 13 IMPs back.

Near the end of the set, it was time to get into action again:

Board 13. Dealer North All Vul.

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

Open Room

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

Basically, there is little wrong with the final contract of 5♣, except that 4♠ might have been much easier (no, not today but that's another story...).

Donati was quite right in his expression of disbelief and thus added +800 to the Italian credits.

In the Closed Room, they reached the same contract:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

To me, this auction would not have sounded all that convincing but at the table, with the sound switched off, this might well have been less clear. When East refrained from doubling, the Poles had to be content with just +300 only, which meant the Italians could register another double-digit swing (11 IMPs). With just the final session ahead, the margin now stood at 29 to Poland...

Final Countdown

Mark Horton and Simon Stocken

There is usually insufficient time to cover the final session of a world championship match on the basis that we want to publish the last Bulletin as quickly as possible. With all four matches still in the balance to a greater or lesser degree, we'll attempt to deliver any significant highlights as we go along. We are typing virtually live, so to keep up with the players there might not be time for exhaustive analysis – that will have to wait for the World Championship Book.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

China v Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Marcinowski	Sun	Zmuda
—	—	1♥	Dble
2♥	2NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♠3 and declarer was allowed to win with the ♠8 (not yet fatal). The ♦Q and the ♦9 ducked saw West continue with the ♠4 (and that was fatal, a heart or club being necessary). East won the trick with the ♠K and a third spade allowed declarer to emerge with an overtrick, +950.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Fu	Dufrat	Chen
—	—	1♥	Dble
2♥*	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥Q and a sound defence (an early switch to clubs) left declarer with only eight tricks, 14 IMPs to Poland.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

China v Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Marcinowski	Sun	Zmuda
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	3NT	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♥Q and declarer was rapidly two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Fu	Dufrat	Chen
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	4♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♠A and switched to the ♣Q, the defenders easily restricting declarer to eight tricks, -500 and 13 IMPs.



Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Poland v Italy

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
Pass	1♠	2NT*	3♠
4♠*	Dble	Rdbl*	Pass
5♥*	Dble	Pass*	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2NT Minors

Whatever the precise meaning of the bids that followed the double of 4♠ (first round spade control, then exclusion Blackwood) West would have done better to bid 6♣ hoping to avoid the spade lead that South made here, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Percario</i>
Pass	1♠	2NT*	3♠
4♥*	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♥K and that was -1540 along with 17 IMPs.

Sweden v Turkey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Özbay</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Berhteau</i>
Pass	1♠	2NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Naturally North led the ♠K, +620.
Anyone for a bold 6♣ with the West cards?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Övelius</i>	<i>Acar</i>	<i>Crönkvist</i>	<i>Erkan</i>
Pass	1♠	3♣*	3♥
5♣	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass*	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

It was a bad hand for the Swedish pairs methods, but South took out insurance which cost -800 and 5 IMPs.

USA v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Todi</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
Pass	1♠	2NT*	3♥
6♣	All Pass		

North led the ♣A, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Bapat</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Goenka</i>
Pass	1♠	2NT*	Pass
3♠*	4♥	Pass	6♥
7♦	Dble	All Pass	

North cashed his ♣A to collect 17 IMPs – that only levelled the set score.

China vs Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Marcinowsk</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♥
4♦*	4♥	5♣	5♥
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♠8 for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Chen</i>
Pass	1♠	2NT*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

North led the ♥K to lose 1370 and 17 IMPs.
Poland had acquired 44 IMPs in three deals to get right back into the match.

On Board 19 Sementa overcalled North's 1♣ with 1♦ holding

♠ 2 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ K J 8 5 3 ♣ 7 4 3.

Versace bid 1♥ with

♠ K Q 8 6 4 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q 5

and North doubled with

♠ A J ♥ K Q 6 4 ♦ A 10 ♣ K J 9 8 6,

which resulted in -500, Poland playing in 2♠ on the NS cards going one down when West led his diamond. Those 11 IMPs took the score to 198-153 and it was clear which way the wind was blowing.

Board 27 was a dubious slam. Down one at both tables in the Mixed, while the Women stayed in game. That will have to wait for the book!

With 5 deals remaining China led Poland by 11, while Sweden trailed Türkiye by 13.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

China v Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Marcinowski	Sun	Zmuda
—	Pass	1♣*	1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

What a moment for a misunderstanding.

North led the ♣7 and followed to the second round with the ♣2 and when South played a third club declarer was only one down, -200. How costly might that be (for both sides?). With ♣102 North would have led the ♣10.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Fu	Dufrat	Chen
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led a heart. It was the....♥4, +660 and 13 IMPs that left Poland very close at 181-184.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

China v Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Marcinowski	Sun	Zmuda
1♥	Dble	1♠	2♣
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Declarer managed 11 tricks, +150.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zatorski	Fu	Dufrat	Chen
1♥	2♦	4♠	5♦
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
Dble	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led her club and that was four down -800.



That meant 14 IMPs to Poland who had again recorded a historic comeback.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL

			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
	POLAND	1	22	1	62	56	19	37	207
	ITALY		40	48	0	16	31	21	156



 POLAND

WOMEN TEAMS FINAL

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
	SWEDEN	40	27	57	32	37	39	232
	TÜRKIYE	39	41	37	45	55	28	247



 TÜRKIYE

SENIOR TEAMS FINAL

			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
	USA		36	31	53	22	41	75	258
	INDIA	3	35	36	7	29	23	32	165

 USA

MIXED TEAMS FINAL

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
	POLAND	46	25	0	15	25	84	195
	CHINA	42	5	52	25	45	11	184

 POLAND

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BRINK Sjoert	DRIJVER Bas	0.28	64	Switzerland
LIAN Yong	LIAN Ruoyang	0.25	48	China
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BUTLER RANKING - WOMEN TEAMS KO UP TO QUARTERFINALS

		BUTLER	#BOARDS	
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MEYERS Jill	SANBORN Kerri	0.27	48	U.S.A.
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SEKER Olgu	TEKIR DOGAN Pinar	0.16	32	Turkiye
BROCK Sally	DHONDY Heather	0.05	80	England
YAVAS Dilek	OZBAY Irem	0.04	80	Turkiye
WANG Jian	LIAO Zhengjiang	-0.09	64	China
RUSCALLA Elena	COSTA Margherita	-0.11	80	Italy
WANG Nan	GUO Ke	-0.23	64	China
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LING Pauline	KOO Hor Yung Charmian	-0.68	80	Hong Kong, China
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NEUMANN Wai Fong Nancy	CHEUNG Kwai Yin	-0.99	80	Hong Kong, China
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		BUTLER	#BOARDS	
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MAHMOOD Zia	ROSENBERG Michael	0.97	64	U.S.A.
BAPAT Arun	GOENKA Ravi	0.94	64	India
DAS Badal Chandra	BARDHAN Pranab Kumar	0.64	64	India
GUSTAWSSON Marten	SYLVAN Johan	0.53	96	Sweden
SOULET Philippe	VINCIGUERRA Herve	0.38	64	France
INCE Mehmet Ali	KOKTEN Namik	0.38	96	Turkiye
PILON Dominique	CHOTTIN Philippe	0.27	48	France
WEGNELIUS Henrik	BERNTSSON Gote	0.09	96	Sweden
MUKHERJEE Kamal Krishna	TODI Vibhas	-0.02	64	India
RODWELL Eric	LEVIN Bobby	-0.06	80	U.S.A.
SCHILHART Norbert	BUCHLEV Nedju	-0.11	64	Germany
HARGREAVES Mike	McORMOND Gordon	-0.39	64	Canada
DAEHR Claus	COHNER George	-0.41	64	Germany
WENNING Ulrich	FRERICHS Hans	-0.42	64	Germany
ERKEL Murat	COPUR Mehmet Emin	-0.48	48	Turkiye
KLIMOWICZ Piotr	JACOB Dan	-0.53	64	Canada
KARADENIZ Mesut	MUSAOGLU Adnan	-0.56	48	Turkiye
KALISH Avi	GRINBERG Nir	-0.59	64	Israel
CARRUTHERS John	LEBI Robert	-0.64	64	Canada
ENGEL Joseph	COHEN Dani	-0.89	64	Israel
LALL Hemant	MILNER Reese	-0.90	48	U.S.A.

BUTLER RANKING - MIXED TEAMS KO UP TO QUARTERFINALS

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AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	0.84	80	Germany
KAZMUCHA Danuta	HUTYRA Maciej	0.60	48	Poland
SUN Yanhui	KUANG Yuegang	0.59	32	China
PACHTMAN Ron	ASULIN Adi	0.58	96	Israel
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BARONI Irene	GANDOGLIA Alessandro	0.42	64	Italy
NEHMERT Pony Beate	FROEHNER Christian	0.33	48	Germany
GROMOELLER Michael	GLADIATOR Anne	0.27	64	Germany
KORBEL Daniel	SHI Sylvia	0.14	80	U.S.A.
SIVERTSVIK Ranja	EVENSTAD Stian	0.00	48	Norway
SUN Yanhui	LIU Yinghao	0.00	32	China
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ZATORSKI Piotr	DUFRAT Katarzyna	-0.44	64	Poland
REESS Vanessa	THUILLEZ Laurent	-0.55	64	France
SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	-0.56	96	Norway
CRONIER Philippe	CRONIER Benedicte	-0.64	64	France
ATTANASIO Dario	MANARA Gabriella	-0.81	48	Italy
BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	-0.83	80	Israel
ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	-0.88	16	Israel
SIVERTSVIK Ranja	BOGO Kaare	-0.94	48	Norway

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FINAL A

ROUND 7

1	IRELAND	ISRAEL	10	19	6.55	13.45
2	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	GERMANY OPEN	13	24	5.91	14.09
3	PERO BUENO	ISRAEL MIXED	24	16	13.12	6.88
4	USA MIX	SHOURIE	5	6	9.56	10.44
5	POLAND SENIORS	VENTIN	15	17	9.14	10.86
6	FINLAND	GAUSS	26	1	17.50	2.50

ROUND 8

1	POLAND SENIORS	ISRAEL	13	21	6.88	13.12
2	FINLAND	USA MIX	0	14	5.04	14.96
3	GAUSS	PERO BUENO	1	13	5.61	14.39
4	VENTIN	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	0	6	7.58	12.42
5	SHOURIE	IRELAND	0	0	10.00	10.00
6	ISRAEL MIXED	GERMANY OPEN	17	0	15.75	4.25

ROUND 9

1	ISRAEL	GERMANY OPEN	15	19	8.33	11.67
2	IRELAND	ISRAEL MIXED	16	22	6.58	11.92
3	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	SHOURIE	1	22	3.32	16.68
4	PERO BUENO	VENTIN	17	32	4.77	15.23
5	USA MIX	GAUSS	35	25	13.78	6.22
6	POLAND SENIORS	FINLAND	0	70	0.00	20.00

ROUND 10

1	SHOURIE	ISRAEL	5	10	7.95	12.05
2	ISRAEL MIXED	VENTIN	15	24	6.55	13.45
3	GERMANY OPEN	GAUSS	14	12	10.86	9.14
4	IRELAND	FINLAND	23	31	6.88	13.12
5	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	POLAND SENIORS	11	42	1.47	18.53
6	PERO BUENO	USA MIX	6	29	2.89	17.11

ROUND 11

1	ISRAEL	FINLAND	11	31	3.54	16.46
2	GAUSS	POLAND SENIORS	9	14	7.95	12.05
3	VENTIN	USA MIX	25	25	10.00	10.00
4	SHOURIE	PERO BUENO	10	11	9.56	10.44
5	ISRAEL MIXED	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	14	4	13.78	6.22
6	GERMANY OPEN	IRELAND	1	24	2.89	17.11

FINAL RANKING

1	SHOURIE	141.89
2	PERO BUENO	138.61
3	USA MIX	136.67
4	FINLAND	129.85
5	ISRAEL	129.81
6	VENTIN	128.50
7	POLAND SENIORS	119.96
8	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	99.08
9	IRELAND	95.76
10	ISRAEL MIXED	90.51
11	GAUSS	87.40
12	GERMANY OPEN	82.46

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FINAL B ROUND 7

7	CHILE MIXTO	CHAGAS	26	6	16.46	3.54
8	DRINTEAM	ITALIAN SENIORS	13	13	10.00	10.00
9	HOJA DE ARCE	SYDNEY SWINGERS	2	29	2.13	17.87
10	NEW ZEALAND MIX	TURKIYE SENIORS	23	21	10.86	9.14
11	ARMA MAJOR	ENGLAND WOMEN	26	14	14.39	5.61
12	POLAND WOMEN	CHINA OPEN	31	5	17.69	2.31

ROUND 8

7	ARMA MAJOR	CHAGAS	6	1	12.05	7.95
8	POLAND WOMEN	NEW ZEALAND MIX	1	15	5.04	14.96
9	CHINA OPEN	HOJA DE ARCE	18	6	14.39	5.61
10	ENGLAND WOMEN	DRINTEAM	17	0	15.75	4.25
11	TURKIYE SENIORS	CHILE MIXTO	0	4	8.33	11.67
12	SYDNEY SWINGERS	ITALIAN SENIORS	0	22	3.10	16.90

ROUND 9

7	CHAGAS	ITALIAN SENIORS	33	26	12.77	7.23
8	CHILE MIXTO	SYDNEY SWINGERS	42	25	15.75	4.25
9	DRINTEAM	TURKIYE SENIORS	27	9	16.00	4.00
10	HOJA DE ARCE	ENGLAND WOMEN	5	36	1.47	18.53
11	NEW ZEALAND MIX	CHINA OPEN	0	77	0.00	20.00
12	ARMA MAJOR	POLAND WOMEN	39	14	17.50	2.50

ROUND 10

7	TURKIYE SENIORS	CHAGAS	12	45	1.17	18.83
8	SYDNEY SWINGERS	ENGLAND WOMEN	10	20	6.22	13.78
9	ITALIAN SENIORS	CHINA OPEN	18	20	9.14	10.86
10	CHILE MIXTO	POLAND WOMEN	27	16	14.09	5.91
11	DRINTEAM	ARMA MAJOR	34	3	18.53	1.47
12	HOJA DE ARCE	NEW ZEALAND MIX	37	19	16.00	4.00

ROUND 11

7	CHAGAS	POLAND WOMEN	8	9	9.56	10.44
8	CHINA OPEN	ARMA MAJOR	0	21	3.32	16.68
9	ENGLAND WOMEN	NEW ZEALAND MIX	22	15	12.77	7.23
10	TURKIYE SENIORS	HOJA DE ARCE	19	15	11.67	8.33
11	SYDNEY SWINGERS	DRINTEAM	20	14	12.42	7.58
12	ITALIAN SENIORS	CHILE MIXTO	14	12	10.86	9.14

FINAL RANKING

1	CHINA OPEN	143.88
2	CHILE MIXTO	131.51
3	DRINTEAM	129.74
4	ITALIAN SENIORS	129.66
5	ENGLAND WOMEN	126.65
6	ARMA MAJOR	121.40
7	CHAGAS	120.40
8	SYDNEY SWINGERS	113.39
9	TURKIYE SENIORS	107.09
10	HOJA DE ARCE	106.00
11	POLAND WOMEN	78.48
12	NEW ZEALAND MIX	77.80

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FINAL C ROUND 7

13 BORTOLETTI	TAMEWARE	25	14	14.09	5.91
14 INDIAN MIXED	DINKIN	22	7	15.23	4.77
15 MSV	NETTLETON	10	24	5.04	14.96
16 CHARLIE	ROMANIA	3	34	1.47	18.53
17 AUSTRIA	KIWI BLUE	32	0	18.68	1.32
18 DENMARK MIXED	SAADA PATRICK	28	11	15.75	4.25
19 SWISS MIXED	MEDANOS	26	2	17.31	2.69
20 GEELY AUTOMOBILE	ARMEX	11	16	7.95	12.05
21 INDIAN WOMEN	ROJO-BLANCO	26	6	16.46	3.54
22 ALGO DIVERTIDO	CON SUERTE	29	7	16.90	3.10

ROUND 8

13 BORTOLETTI	NETTLETON	14	13	10.44	9.56
14 INDIAN MIXED	AUSTRIA	28	13	15.23	4.77
15 DINKIN	ROMANIA	14	11	11.27	8.73
16 MSV	DENMARK MIXED	3	24	3.32	16.68
17 SWISS MIXED	CHARLIE	17	1	15.50	4.50
18 TAMEWARE	ALGO DIVERTIDO	22	0	16.90	3.10
19 INDIAN WOMEN	ARMEX	16	12	11.67	8.33
20 SAADA PATRICK	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	11	31	3.54	16.46
21 KIWI BLUE	ROJO-BLANCO	20	24	8.33	11.67
22 MEDANOS	CON SUERTE	26	11	15.23	4.77

ROUND 9

13 BORTOLETTI	DENMARK MIXED	34	26	13.12	6.88
14 INDIAN MIXED	NETTLETON	31	18	14.68	5.32
15 DINKIN	SWISS MIXED	31	26	12.05	7.95
16 ROMANIA	TAMEWARE	58	1	20.00	0.00
17 MSV	INDIAN WOMEN	23	38	4.77	15.23
18 AUSTRIA	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	0	48	0.00	20.00
19 MEDANOS	ARMEX	10	16	7.58	12.42
20 ALGO DIVERTIDO	KIWI BLUE	41	8	18.83	1.17
21 SAADA PATRICK	ROJO-BLANCO	24	0	17.31	2.69
22 CHARLIE	CON SUERTE	29	27	10.86	9.14

ROUND 10

13 BORTOLETTI	SWISS MIXED	52	2	20.00	0.00
14 INDIAN MIXED	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	28	16	14.39	5.61
15 ROMANIA	NETTLETON	20	5	15.23	4.77
16 DINKIN	DENMARK MIXED	26	27	9.56	10.44
17 TAMEWARE	AUSTRIA	5	21	4.50	15.50
18 INDIAN WOMEN	ALGO DIVERTIDO	50	9	19.85	0.15
19 ARMEX	SAADA PATRICK	0	47	0.00	20.00
20 CHARLIE	KIWI BLUE	15	28	5.32	14.68
21 MEDANOS	ROJO-BLANCO	13	11	10.86	9.14
22 CON SUERTE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 11

13 BORTOLETTI	INDIAN WOMEN	16	10	12.42	7.58
14 INDIAN MIXED	SAADA PATRICK	21	4	15.75	4.25
15 ROMANIA	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	23	23	10.00	10.00
16 DINKIN	NETTLETON	35	14	16.68	3.32
17 DENMARK MIXED	AUSTRIA	24	13	14.09	5.91
18 MEDANOS	ALGO DIVERTIDO	23	6	15.75	4.25
19 CHARLIE	ARMEX	16	0	15.50	4.50
20 TAMEWARE	KIWI BLUE	12	25	5.32	14.68
21 SWISS MIXED	CON SUERTE	15	20	7.95	12.05
22 ROJO-BLANCO	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

FINAL RANKING

1	BORTOLETTI	176.90
2	INDIAN MIXED	160.72
3	ROMANIA	141.15
4	DINKIN	137.72
5	DENMARK MIXED	128.18
6	INDIAN WOMEN	119.90
7	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	114.11
8	AUSTRIA	110.18
9	SWISS MIXED	109.75
10	MEDANOS	108.63
11	NETTLETON	108.30
12	SAADA PATRICK	107.24
13	CHARLIE	106.87
14	TAMEWARE	103.42
15	KIWI BLUE	98.39
16	ALGO DIVERTIDO	91.83
17	ARMEX	88.71
18	ROJO-BLANCO	79.96
19	CON SUERTE	63.79

BUTLER RANKING - PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL FINAL A

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
HUNG Yi-An	WU Ming-Hsuan	1.44	32
FAGERLUND Vesa	SALONEN Jari	1.31	16
VENTIN Juan Carlos	PALMA Antonio	1.07	56
CARROLL John	MORAN Mark	1.00	48
SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	HAMPSON Geoff	0.98	56
KOISTINEN Kauko	SALONEN Jari	0.95	40
JUURI-OJA Jouni	NYBERG Clas	0.94	48
HELGEMO Geir	GRUDE Tor Eivind	0.68	72
HERBST Ilan	HERBST Ophir	0.47	64
KOISTINEN Kauko	FAGERLUND Vesa	0.47	32
KRANYAK John	DEMUY Vincent	0.44	64
WHIBLEY Michael	BROWN Matthew	0.30	88
HUNG Yi-An	HUNG Chengyao	0.25	8
GOMEZ Ramon	GONCALVES Pedro	0.22	88
ZACK Yaniv	PACHTMAN Ron	0.20	40
KORBEL Daniel	SHI Sylvia	0.19	80
D'OREY CAPUCHO Manuel	LARA Maria Joao	0.18	40
COUTTS James	MILNE Liam	0.14	88
REPS Klaus	FRITSCHKE Joerg	0.10	48
WOLPERT Gavin	SHOURIE Rajath	0.10	40
TOLEDANO Oren	ZAMIR Ami	0.07	72
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	0.03	32
BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	0.02	48
ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	-0.13	32
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	-0.15	72
CULLIN Per-Ola	MICHIELSEN Marion	-0.16	80
TARNOVSKI Bar	YEKUTIELI Asaf	-0.18	40
LIN Hung-Shih	HUNG Yi-An	-0.25	40
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	-0.25	72
JUURI-OJA Jouni	FAGERLUND Vesa	-0.28	32
FITZGIBBON Nicholas	MESBUR Adam	-0.54	56
HANLON Tom	BOLAND Conor	-0.57	72
LIN Hung-Shih	CHEN Jiun-Ming	-0.60	40
BAREKET Ilan	ASULIN Adi	-0.68	40
HOPFENHEIT Guido	REIM Sebastian	-0.78	72
WOLD Eddie	ZHANG Susan	-0.83	40
NYBERG Clas	FAGERLUND Vesa	-0.88	8
WU Ming-Hsuan	HUNG Chengyao	-1.10	48
GODED Federico	FRACTMAN Gabriel	-1.11	88
LINDE Julius	SCHWERDT Christian	-1.13	56
CHEN Jiun-Ming	HUNG Yi-An	-1.38	8
PACHTMAN Ron	ASULIN Adi	-1.56	16

BUTLER RANKING - PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL FINAL B

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
BROCK Sally	SENIOR Nevena	2.00	8
VILLAS-BOAS Miguel	FIGUEIREDO Mauricio	1.55	56
HOU Xu	SUN Gang	1.50	56
LIAN Yong	CAI Yang	1.25	56
HUMPHRIES Susan	BRAKE Jessica	1.10	48
IMAMOGLU Levent	UNAL Serkan	0.94	64
CAMPOS Joao-Paulo	RODRIGUES Adriano	0.88	56
SMITH Nicola	SENIOR Nevena	0.77	56
FORNACIARI Ezio	VIVALDI Antonio	0.73	80
HAMAOU I Steve	VECCHI Lanfranco	0.54	24
BLOND Jeff	TODD Bob	0.52	88
NACRUR Francisca	GURIDI Gonzalo	0.47	88
TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	MEIER Leon	0.38	88
VECCHI Lanfranco	DI FEBO Tiziano	0.36	56
INCE Mehmet Ali	KOKTEN Namik	0.30	40
LI Jie	ZHANG Yongge	0.23	64
CARACCI Marcelo	CUEVAS Loreto	0.19	88
SARNIAK Anna	MORAWSKA Ewa	-0.14	64
ERKEL Murat	COPUR Mehmet Emin	-0.16	64
SEN Tezcan	KAYA Erdogan	-0.23	56
BROCK Sally	DHONDY Heather	-0.25	40
VAN DER VLUGT Maurits	NEUMANN Dagmar	-0.27	64
CHAGAS Gabriel	PELLEGRINI Carlos	-0.32	88
ERICHSEN Helen	BROWN Fiona	-0.33	64
GUMBY Pauline	LAZER Warren	-0.36	64
BROCK Sally	SMITH Nicola	-0.38	8
ERBIL Erdinc	PEYRET Hakan	-0.38	56
HAMAOU I Steve	ABATE Mario	-0.44	16
KARADENIZ Mesut	MUSAOGLU Adnan	-0.74	72
BART Brad	CABLE Lorraine	-0.90	88
MILLINGTON Jenny	JONES Barry	-0.94	88
BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	-1.00	64
RAVENNA Pablo	TOMA Marcos	-1.09	64
JAROSZ Aleksandra	ZAREBA Anna	-1.33	48
FISHER Blair	FISHER Elizabeth	-1.61	88

BUTLER RANKING - PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL FINAL C

		BUTLER	#BOARDS
DUBOIN Giorgio	PORTA Federico	2.05	56
TEODORESCU Cornel	GRIGORIU Mihai	1.79	24
COLDEA Ionut	BACALU Iancu	1.79	24
SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	NADAR Kiran	1.66	56
BHATNAGAR DEVI MUTHU	SHARMA Asha	1.50	16
SEMBEROIZ Santiago	MIQUELEZ CABALLERO Ignacio	1.50	24
WANG Wen Fei	LAI Wai Kit	1.47	64
GUNEV Rosen	ANDONOV Mark	1.44	64
KHANDELWAL Rajeev	KHANDELWAL Himani	1.21	48
BOTTA Giorgia	GROSSACK Zachary	1.13	88
WASIK Arturo	MEDIERO Marina	0.98	40
HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	0.94	72
TEODORESCU Cornel	BACALU Iancu	0.78	64
MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	0.75	72
LENGY Assaf	COHEN Ilan	0.73	88
DROGEMULLER Mette	ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	0.52	56
RAMANI Thondiculam V	KOHLI Bindiya	0.46	72
WANG Wen Fei	SHEN Qi	0.38	8
SHAH Anal	BHATNAGAR DEVI MUTHU	0.31	16
McMANUS Matthew	THOMPSON Jenny	0.31	88
JACUBOVSKI Vivian	POKORNI Thomas Peter	0.28	88
GRIGORIU Mihai	CALIPETRE David Cristian	0.28	64
BAUSBACK Nikolas	DING Hong	0.23	56
KOWALSKI Apolinary	BORTOLETTI Carlo	0.20	56
KNOB Markus	WANHA Clemens	0.18	88
LANTARON Luis	MEDIERO Marina	0.13	24
BATRA Puja	SHARMA Asha	0.11	64
MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	-0.03	88
GAMIO Claudia Valerie	CRUSIZIO Maximo	-0.04	80
GOLD Marusa	TOMMASINI Stefano	-0.05	40
MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	-0.17	88
DEY Bharati	KSHIRSAGAR Alka	-0.19	80
GRANT Alan	SOLOMON Richard	-0.26	88
ROSEN MARSCHOFF Jorge	SCHAPIRA Silvia Monica	-0.26	88
PAULY Michael	RUTHENBERG Otto	-0.28	64
BOGH-SORENSEN Flemming	TEISEN Peter	-0.35	80
GINOSSAR Eldad	SAADA Patrick	-0.40	88
WADL Raffael Daniel	WEINBERGER Simon	-0.44	88
SOMERVILLE Anne	GENC Murat	-0.44	88
LANTARON Luis	SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	-0.46	48
DINKIN Sam	SOBEL Yoko	-0.48	88
MAK Kwok-Fai	TANG Tsz In	-0.50	24
MAK Kwok-Fai	SHEN Qi	-0.55	56
NETTLETON Diana	NORTON Ben	-0.56	32
GILL Peter	LU Charlie	-0.60	88
PROTO Luis Carlos	OLIVEIRA Horacio	-0.73	88
TUMA Diego	CEPEDA Enrique	-0.74	88
BEKKOUCHE Nadia	DANIELSEN Flemming	-0.88	48
LAI Wai Kit	TANG Tsz In	-0.92	24
DIMA Claudiu	SHIROGANE Motomi	-1.03	80
SMYKALLA Gisela	SCHNEIDER Michael	-1.09	56
PENNINO DE DAO Rosa Maria	ANTONINI Mariana	-1.16	80
WASIK Arturo	SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	-1.21	24
TOMMASINI Stefano	NORTON Ben	-1.28	32
SEMBEROIZ Santiago	GUERRA Francisco	-1.47	32
CRUZ Danny	PARDO Susana	-1.49	80
CRUSIZIO Maximo	MIQUELEZ CABALLERO Ignacio	-1.50	8
GUERRA Francisco	MIQUELEZ CABALLERO Ignacio	-1.53	32
WASIK Arturo	ROMAGUERA Nuria	-1.88	8

PAIRS FINAL A FINAL RANKINGS

OPEN + SENIORS

1	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	MIGNOCCHI Kent	USA - USA	58.55
2	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	54.91
3	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	GRE - GRE	54.65
4	JACOB Dan	KLIMOWICZ Piotr	CAN - CAN	51.04
5	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	50.81
6	PRYOR Malcolm	SCERRI Ed	ENG - ENG	50.78
7	HO Wai Lam	HO Gordon	HKG - HKG	50.74
8	SHENKIN Barnet J	SPEARS Brian	SCO - SCO	49.19
9	ELIJOVICH Horacio	ANGELERI Ricardo	ARG - ARG	48.94
10	BRUM Jose Roberto	LA ROVERE Emilio	BRA - BRA	47.73
11	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	47.56
12	THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	46.09
13	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND	45.48
14	STEPHENS Robert	VAN VUGHT Lex	RSA - RSA	41.12

WOMEN

1	ARRIGONI Gianna	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ITA - ITA	57.50
2	SJODAL Elisabeth Grasholt	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	55.57
3	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	52.69
4	POMARES Y DE MORANT C	GOLIN Cristina	ITA - ITA	52.07
5	NEUMANN Wai Fong Nancy	CHEUNG Kwai Yin	HKG - HKG	51.57
6	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	51.22
7	VINCENT Christine	SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	50.90
8	COSTA Margherita	RUSCALLA Elena	ITA - ITA	46.39
9	ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	ARG - ARG	43.07
10	ALONSO Ana Maria	ANGELERI Monica	ARG - ARG	39.01

PAIRS FINAL A FINAL RANKINGS

MIXED

1	KOLATA Suleyman	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	59.53
2	DIKLIC Dubravko	PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	53.21
3	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	52.94
4	EBER Neville	BLOOM Valerie	RSA - RSA	52.40
5	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	52.34
6	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	51.94
7	FUNG Kismet	GAMBLE Michael	CAN - CAN	51.06
8	WEISS SELWAY Florian	WEISS SELWAY Louise	AUT - AUT	50.04
9	ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	CRO - CRO	49.54
10	RUBIO Gonzalo	ZEMAN Antonia	CHI - CHI	49.24
11	SZABO Csaba	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	48.02
12	OZBAY Tolga	ERYANIK Ceyda	TUR - TUR	47.96
13	HODOSI Peter	LAJOS Hanka	HUN - HUN	47.64
14	BRYANT Brenda	DAVIDSON Randal	CAN - CAN	46.67
15	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	FRA - FRA	46.25
16	HONTI Laszlo	MEZEI Katalin	HUN - HUN	45.91
17	NATT Shahzaad	NATT India	ENG - ENG	45.27

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1	DEY Sanjit	SHAW Binod Kumar	IND - IND	66.28
2	MADALA Adolfo Andres	FEINTUCH Clara	ARG - ARG	59.68
3	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	WAI Chiu Fai	HKG - HKG	58.42
4	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	56.64
5	PEJACSEVICH Alexis	MONTES DE OCA Francisco	ARG - ARG	53.61
6	SARKI Shahab	MOHAMMAD Yousuf Jan	PAK - PAK	52.17
7	NUNEZ Ramiro	PASTORIZA Luis Guillermo	ARG - ARG	51.95
8	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anirudh	IND - IND	51.20
9	HINDS Roglyn	SPRINGER Norma	BAR - BAR	49.85
10	SOWTER Anthony (Tony)	ROBINSON David	ENG - ENG	49.71
11	DIAMOND Derek	MCLATCHIE Cameron	SCO - SCO	49.10
12	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	47.36
13	FORTUNA Ricardo	WAGENER Diana	ARG - ARG	46.21
14	MITURA Amy	BAUER Tracey	USA - USA	45.73
15	TEIXEIRA Agustin	SZYFER Leonardo	URU - URU	45.20
16	CUMMINS Patricia	ROTCHHELL Douglas	BAR - BAR	44.21
17	LUPSAN Octavian	LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	41.96
18	RAPETTI Maria Claudia	VALLONE Maria	ARG - ARG	31.34

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Open Teams

Gold: **Poland**

Krzysztof Buras, Wojciech Gawel, Rafal Jagniewski, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Kamil Nowak, Wojciech Strzemecki, Marek Pietraszek, non-playing captain

Silver: **Italy**

Massimiliano Di Franco, Giovanni Donati, Andrea Manno, Giacomo Percario, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Pierfrancesco Parolaro, non-playing captain

Bronze: **Switzerland**

Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Jacek Kalita, Michał Klukowski, Michał Nowosadzki, Pierre Zimmermann, Fernando Piedra, non-playing captain

Krzysztof Buras previously won two world championships, the 2019 Bermuda Bowl and the 2022 Open Pairs. He also has three silver and one bronze medal.

Kamil Nowak and Wojciech Strzemecki were World Junior Teams Champion in 2016.

Wojciech Gawel won bronze in the 2014 Mixed Teams.

Alfredo Versace now has 12 world medals in his trophy cabinet, Antonio Sementa has ten.

Giovanni Donati has won three world medals in junior events. Massimiliano Di Franco and Giacomo Percario have two, Andrea Manno has one junior silver.

All six were on the bronze winning Bermuda Bowl team last year.

Michał Klukowski, Michał Nowosadzki, Bas Drijver and Jacek Kalita now all have nine world medals, Sjoert Brink has eight, Pierre Zimmermann seven. Among them of course last year's Bermuda Bowl.

Women Teams

Gold: **Türkiye**

Berrak Erkan, Aslı Acar, İrem Özbay, Dilek Yavaş, Olgu Şeker, Pınar Tekir Doğan, Mehmet Gökhan Yılmaz, non-playing captain, Zeynep Yılmaz coach

Silver: **Sweden**

Kathrine Bertheau, Sanna Clementsson, Linnea Edlund, Jenny Evelius-Nohren, Ida Grönkvist, Emma Övelius, Linnea Edlund, playing captain, Jenny Evelius-Nohren, coach

Bronze: **United States of America**

Lynn Baker, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jill Meyers, Sandra Rimstedt, Kerri Sanborn, Olivia Schireson, Joe Stokes, non-playing captain, Sam Dinkin, coach

Aslı Acar and Berrak Erkan were on the silver winning team for the Venice Cup last year.

Dilek Yavaş won the silver in 2022. İrem Özbay has both those medals.

Kathrine Bertheau, Sanna Clementsson and Emma Övelius have won two Venice Cups and several other World medals. Ida Grönkvist has one Venice Cup.

Cecilia Rimstedt was on one of the Swedish Venice Cup winning teams.

Jill Meyers has won four Venice Cups, She now has 16 World medals. Kerri Sanborn also has 16 medals, including two Venice Cups, a McConnell, and a World Games win. Lynn Baker has won two McConnell Cups.



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Senior Teams

Gold: United States of America

Hemant Lall, Bobby Levin, Zia Mahmood, Reese Milner, Eric Rodwell, Michael Rosenberg, Jacek Pszczoła, non-playing captain, Joyjit Sensarma, coach

Silver: India

Arun Bapat, Pranab Kumar Bardhan, Badal Chandra Das, Ravi Goenka, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Vibhas Todi, Girish Bijoor, non-playing captain, Girish Bijoor, coach

Bronze: France

Michel Abécassis, Marc Bompis, Philippe Chottin, Dominique Pilon, Philippe Soulet, Hervé Vinciguerra, Hervé Fleury, Wilfried Libbrecht, coach

Seniors obviously have many medals already to their credit, let's just count them all:

Zia Mahmood, Eric Rodwell and Michael Rosenberg 12, Reese Milner 9, Bobby Levin 8, Hemant Lall
The French are not nearly as rich: Philippe Soulet 7, Marc Bompis 5, Dominique Pilon 3, Michel Abécassis 2
By contrast, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee has one previous medal in the 1988 Rosenblum. And Badal Chandra Das has a bronze from the 2016 Senior Pairs.

Mixed Teams

Gold: Poland

Katarzyna Dufrat, Maciej Hutyra, Danuta Kazmucha, Piotr Marcinowski, Piotr Zatorski, Justyna Żmuda, Piotr Koluda, non-playing captain

Silver: China

Chen Yichao, Fu Bo, Kuang Yuegang, Liu Yinghao, Lu Yan, Sun Yanhui, Xu Jianguo, non-playing captain, Wang Xiaojing, coach

Bronze: Germany

Sabine Auken, Christian Fröhner, Anne Gladiator, Michael Gromöller, Pony Beate Nehmert, Roy Welland, Max Weiss, non-playing captain

Justyna Żmuda (2), Danuta Kazmucha (2) and Katarzyna Dufrat (1) have five titles in World Girl teams between them., Justyna has two other World titles as well. They have several bronze medals to add to that. Maciej Hutyra was on the silver-winning transnational team in 2023.

Sun Yanhui previously won gold in the 2010 World Games Mixed Teams.
Chen Yichao has three bronze medals from junior events, Fu Bo two

Sabine Auken has won her 17th world medal here. Her two Venice Cups wins were together with Pony Nehmert, who is on seven medals. Sabine also shared two world titles with Roy Welland, at National Open Pairs and in Mixed Teams.



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Transnational Open Teams – Pablo Lambardi Trophy

- Gold: **Shourie**
Vincent Demuy, Tor Eivind Grude, Geir Helgemo, John Kranyak, Rajath Shourie, Gavin Wolpert
- Silver: **Pero Bueno**
Matthew Brown, James Coutts, Liam Milne, Michael Whibley
- Bronze: **USA Mix**
Geoff Hampson, Daniel Korbel, Janice Seamon-Molson, Sylvia Shi, Eddie Wold, Susan Zhang

This is Geir Helgemo's 22nd World medal, his seventh World Championship. Janice Seamon-Molson has 13 world medals.

Open Pairs

- Gold: **Joel Wooldridge – Kent Mignocchi (USA)**
Silver: **Shun Sum Alan Sze – Wai Lap Abby Chiu (HKG)**
Bronze: **Nikos Delimpatakis – Vassilis Vroustis (GRE)**

Joel Wooldridge has previously won 2 golds, a silver and a bronze at World Junior Teams. He also has three medals at the senior level, but this is his first world title. Ken Mignocchi also has a gold and a bronze in World Junior Teams.

Players from Hong Kong have previously won eight medals at junior level, this is their first medal at the senior level.

And the same is true for Greek players. Nine medals so far, all at junior level.

Senior Pairs

- Gold: **Dan Jacob – Piotr Klimowicz (CAN)**
Silver: **Malcolm Pryor – Ed Scerri (ENG)**
Bronze: **Barnet J Shenkin – Brian Spears (SCO)**

Dan Jacob had won a bronze medal in the 2014 Rand Cup.

Malcolm Pryor had won silver in the 2019 D'Orsi Trophy.

Barnet Shenkin had won bronze in the 2018 Rand Cup.

Women Pairs

- Gold: **Gianna Arrigoni – Gabriella Olivieri (ITA)**
Silver: **Elisabeth Grasholt Sjødal – Sofie Grasholt Sjødal (NOR)**
Bronze: **Anja Alberti – Beatrix Wodniansky (GER)**

Gabriela Olivieri previously won a World title at Mixed Teams.

Mixed Pairs

- Gold: **Süleyman Kolata – Hatice Özgür (TUR)**
Silver: **Dubravko Diklić – Marina Pilipović (CRO)**
Bronze: **Mike Capelletti Jr. – Allison Howard (USA)**

Hatice Özgür has the same two silver Venice cup medals as İrem Özbay. They now both have a gold as well.

Marina Pilipović had won the National Women pairs in 2016.



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Other tournaments:

BAM-teams

1. **Gauss:**
Gabriel Fractman, Federico Goded, Gonzalo Goded, Ramón Gómez, Pedro Gonçalves, Jordi Sabaté
2. **Tu Mam:**
Hennie Fick, Carol Stanton, Diana Rosslee, Craig Gower
3. **Hollands:**
Peter Gill, Leon Meier, Peter Hollands, Charlie Lu

All Pairs Final B

1. **Craig Gower - Diana Rosslee**
2. **Sanjit Dey - Binod Kumar Shaw**
3. **Alexis Pejacsevich - Francisco Pablo Montes de Oca**

Adolfo D Madala Memorial

1. **Sanjit Dey - Binod Kumar Shaw** (IND)
2. **Adolfo Andres Madala - Clara Feintuch** (ARG)
3. **Chi-Cheung Baron Ng - Chiu Fai Wai** (HKG)

Pablo Lambardi Transnational Teams – Final B

1. **China Open**
Cai Yang, Hou Xu, Li Jie, Lian Yong, Sun Gang, Zhang Yongge
2. **Chile Mixto**
Marcelo Carracci, Lionelo Cuevas, Gonzalo Guridi, Francisca Nacrur, Mauro Liberti
3. **Drinteam**
João-Paul Campos, Mauricio Figueiredo, Pablo Ravenna, Adriano Rodrigues, Marcos Toma, Miguel Villas-Boas

Pablo Lambardi Transnational Teams – Final C

1. **Bortoletti**
Mark Andonov, Carlo Bortoletti, Giorgio Duboin, Rosen Gunev, Apolinary Kowalsky, Federico Porta
2. **Indian Mixed**
Himani Khandelwal, Rajeev Khandelwal, Bindiya Kohli, Kiran Nadar, Thondiculam Venkatraman Ramani, Bachiraju Satyanarayana
3. **Romania**
Iancu Bacalu, David Cristian Calipetre, Ionut Coldea, Sabin-Horia Donciu, Mihai Grigoriu, Cornel Teodorescu

Diana Rosslee and Craig Gower were the most successful pair in the side games to the championships, with an additional fourth place in the A D Madala Memorial



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