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THE JUNIORS ARE COMING!

Today's Programme

BB, VC, OT

Round 7
11:00 - 13:20

Round 8
14:30 - 16:50

Round 9
17:20 - 19:40

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Let's Play Bridge!

The Opening Ceremony of the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships will take place today in the VuGraph Theatre (Salle Pasteur), immediately after play has finished (approximately 19.45). Come along to welcome the next generation of Champions.

Don't forget that NPC's, Journalists & WBF Officials can nominate one Junior, one Youngster, one Girl and one Kid to receive the *Joan Gerard Youth Award*, which rewards, aptitude for fair play, good sportsmanship and a friendly international spirit, rejecting any discrimination.

After two days play in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy any initial nerves should have been dispelled and the teams can settle down to the task of ensuring that they qualify for the knock-out rounds.

Rules & Regulations/Systems Committees

There will be a meeting of the Rules & Regulations Committee on Wednesday, 16th August at 11:00 in the WBF Executive Room (Rhône 3A on the 1st floor of the venue) to be followed immediately by the Systems Committee in the same room at 12:00.

Seniors' Committee

There will be a meeting of the Seniors' Committee on Wednesday, 16th August at 10:00 in **Room Rhône 5 on the first floor** at the venue.



Schedule

11:00 - 13:20

14:30 - 16:50

17:20 - 19:40

Bermuda Bowl

1 MONACO	MEXICO	1 INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	1 BULGARIA	INDONESIA
2 BANGLADESH	GERMANY	2 GUADELOUPE	BRAZIL	2 USA1	USA2
3 USA2	ARGENTINA	3 CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI	3 CHINA	SWEDEN
4 INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS	4 EGYPT	BANGLADESH	4 CHINESE TAIPEI	MONACO
5 BULGARIA	SWEDEN	5 GERMANY	USA1	5 BRAZIL	MEXICO
6 USA1	AUSTRALIA	6 AUSTRALIA	BULGARIA	6 NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
7 INDIA	ITALY	7 SWEDEN	INDONESIA	7 INDIA	ARGENTINA
8 CHINESE TAIPEI	EGYPT	8 ITALY	MEXICO	8 GUADELOUPE	NETHERLANDS
9 BRAZIL	CHINA	9 NETHERLANDS	USA2	9 ITALY	GERMANY
10 NEW ZEALAND	GUADELOUPE	10 SOUTH AFRICA	MONACO	10 EGYPT	AUSTRALIA
11 FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA	11 ARGENTINA	FRANCE	11 BANGLADESH	FRANCE

Venice Cup

21 SWEDEN	BRAZIL	21 AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	21 EGYPT	ITALY
22 MOROCCO	USA2	22 INDIA	ARGENTINA	22 NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND
23 ENGLAND	USA1	23 EGYPT	RUSSIA	23 CANADA	MOROCCO
24 CANADA	CHINESE TAIPEI	24 JORDAN	CANADA	24 RUSSIA	SWEDEN
25 NETHERLANDS	ITALY	25 CHINESE TAIPEI	NEW ZEALAND	25 ARGENTINA	BRAZIL
26 NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	26 POLAND	NETHERLANDS	26 ISRAEL	USA2
27 AUSTRALIA	CHINA	27 INDONESIA	ENGLAND	27 AUSTRALIA	USA1
28 RUSSIA	JORDAN	28 CHINA	BRAZIL	28 INDIA	INDONESIA
29 ARGENTINA	EGYPT	29 USA1	MOROCCO	29 CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI
30 ISRAEL	INDIA	30 USA2	SWEDEN	30 JORDAN	POLAND
31 FRANCE	INDONESIA	31 ITALY	FRANCE	31 NETHERLANDS	FRANCE

d'Orsi Trophy

41 POLAND	PAKISTAN	41 CANADA	AUSTRALIA	41 USA1	CHINA HKG
42 TURKEY	SWEDEN	42 FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA	42 EGYPT	INDIA
43 INDIA	USA2	43 BRAZIL	ARGENTINA	43 NEW ZEALAND	TURKEY
44 CHINA HKG	CHINA	44 JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	44 ARGENTINA	POLAND
45 USA1	GUADELOUPE	45 AUSTRIA	EGYPT	45 SOUTH AFRICA	PAKISTAN
46 EGYPT	ISRAEL	46 ISRAEL	USA1	46 AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN
47 CANADA	ITALY	47 GUADELOUPE	CHINA HKG	47 CANADA	USA2
48 ARGENTINA	JAPAN	48 ITALY	PAKISTAN	48 FRANCE	CHINA
49 SOUTH AFRICA	BRAZIL	49 USA2	TURKEY	49 ITALY	AUSTRIA
50 AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	50 SWEDEN	POLAND	50 JAPAN	ISRAEL
51 NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRIA	51 CHINA	INDIA	51 BRAZIL	GUADELOUPE

VuGraph SCHEDULE

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Salle Pasteur

11:00		14:30		17:20	
BRAZIL-CHINA (BB)	VG/BBO 1	NETHERLANDS-USA2 (BB)	VG/BBO 1	ITALY-GERMANY (BB)	VG/BBO 1
BULGARIA-SWEDEN (BB)	BBO 2	GERMANY-USA1 (BB)	BBO 2	BULGARIA-INDONESIA(BB)	BBO 2
ENGLAND-USA1 (VC)	BBO 3	POLAND-NETHERLAND (VC)	BBO 3	USA1-USA2 (BB)	BBO 3
CANADA-ITALY (SD)	BBO 4	USA2-SWEDEN (VC)	BBO 4	RUSSIA-SWEDEN(VC)	BBO 4
FRANCE-SOUTH AFRICA (BB)	BBO 5/ FB	ISRAEL-USA1 (SD)	BBO 5/ FB	BANGLADESH-France(BB)	BBO 5/ FB
FRANCE-INDONESIA (VC)	BBO 6/ FB	ITALY-FRANCE (VC)	BBO 6/ FB	NETHERLANDS-FRANCE (VC)	BBO 6/ FB
AUSTRALIA-France (SD)	BBO 7/ FB	ARGENTINA-FRANCE (BB)	BBO 7/ FB	ISRAEL-USA (VC)	BBO 7/ FB
AUSTRALIA-CHINA (VC)	BBO 8/ OG	CHINA-INDIA (SD)	BBO 8/ OG	CHINA-SWEDEN (BB)	BBO 8/ OG

courtesy of



Bermuda Bowl After Round 6		Venice Cup After Round 6		d'Orsi Trophy After Round 6	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	77.91	1 NETHERLANDS	86.25	1 USA2	92.45
2 GERMANY	74.70	2 CHINA	82.58	2 FRANCE	88.10
3 NETHERLANDS	73.77	3 ENGLAND	78.40	3 AUSTRALIA	85.54
4 USA1	72.63	4 POLAND	75.02	4 ISRAEL	83.71
5 USA2	72.09	5 INDONESIA	74.22	5 ITALY	76.80
6 SWEDEN	70.13	6 EGYPT	74.12	6 SWEDEN	70.44
7 EGYPT	69.81	7 FRANCE	64.90	7 USA1	65.77
8 AUSTRALIA	64.89	8 BRAZIL	63.48	8 AUSTRIA	63.64
9 ITALY	64.87	9 ISRAEL	63.29	9 JAPAN	63.41
10 BULGARIA	61.90	10 SWEDEN	63.20	10 ARGENTINA	59.42
11 INDONESIA	61.75	11 ARGENTINA	62.93	11 SOUTH AFRICA	59.08
12 NEW ZEALAND	61.30	12 ITALY	62.65	12 TURKEY	57.84
13 BRAZIL	59.72	13 RUSSIA	62.47	13 POLAND	56.32
14 MONACO	55.70	14 AUSTRALIA	61.33	14 INDIA	55.95
15 ARGENTINA	52.77	15 USA1	61.01	15 CHINA HONG KONG	54.77
16 BANGLADESH	51.22	16 USA2	54.53	16 CANADA	52.92
17 CHINESE TAIPEI	50.94	17 NEW ZEALAND	54.37	17 CHINA	51.10
18 CHINA	47.23	18 MOROCCO	45.58	18 EGYPT	48.73
19 INDIA	47.06	19 CANADA	39.96	19 NEW ZEALAND	41.58
20 SOUTH AFRICA	46.05	20 INDIA	33.61	20 PAKISTAN	37.18
21 MEXICO	40.05	21 CHINESE TAIPEI	29.14	21 BRAZIL	31.34
22 GUADELOUPE	39.26	22 JORDAN	26.96	22 GUADELOUPE	23.66

Robots Battle in Lyon

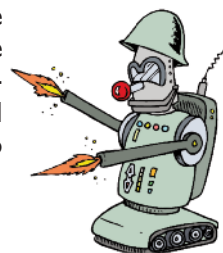


The 21st World Computer Bridge Championship, hosted by the World Bridge Federation and supported by the American Contract Bridge League, will take place here in Lyon, August 19-24. Seven top robots will compete in the six-day event including last year's champion, Wbridge5, developed by Yves Costel from France and last year's silver medalist, Micro Bridge developed by Tomio Uchida from Japan.

Come visit and watch the action live at a room to be announced.

Follow the results at www.computerbridge.com as well as view past results, and the many articles written on past play at these championships.

Al Levy
coordinator



Le (bon) coin francophone

Jean-Paul Meyer



LE QUATRIEME POUVOIR

Lyon est la troisième ville de France avec plus de 500.000 habitants, l'agglomération a une population triple. Le Progrès est le quotidien local le plus lu. Les organisateurs du championnat ont pu mesurer l'impact des informations publiées.

En première page, le 10 août le journal lyonnais avait annoncé une «fan zone» pour ces championnats du Monde ainsi que des journées portes ouvertes.

Depuis, c'est un plus d'une centaine de visiteurs par jour qu'a vu se présenter l'accueil, débordé pour la confection des badges réclamés par la sécurité.

Il a été organisé des visites groupées et on en a profité pour organiser des séances de découverte du bridge. Un joli succès pour la notoriété du bridge.



UNE SECURITE TOP

Certes, il vous est demandé d'ouvrir vos sacs ou vos sacoches à l'entrée, certes de nombreux agents de sécurité surveillent les très nombreux mètres carrés du Palais mais ils ont tous un point commun, une très grande amabilité. Cela méritait d'être écrit.

ELECTION

Le prochain Président de la WBF ne prendra ses fonctions que dans un an. Son élection ou son renouvellement aura lieu vendredi 18 après-midi. Trois candidats sont en présence **Gianarrigo Rona**, le Président sortant, **Yves Aubry**, le Président de l'EBL, et **Al Levy**, USA.

20 votants, 15 suffrages sont nécessaires pour être élu. Affaire à suivre.

LIVRES DEDICACES

La boutique du Bridgeur au niveau -1, propose, bien naturellement les éditions du BRIDGEUR.

De nombreux livres ont été écrits par des joueurs présents à Lyon.

Vous pouvez les acquérir avec une dédicace personnalisée.



Par exemple *Les coups psychologiques* (Philippe Toffier) *Système de compétition* (Nicolas Lhuissier et Godefroy de Tessières). *Du non classé à l'expert* (E. Conti-J-P. Meyer), *Contrat sous garantie* (J-P. Meyer), *Système d'enchères Français* (M. Bessis, P. Cronier et J-C. Quantin) le best seller 2016-2017 et le tome 2, qui vient de paraître, consacré aux

enchères après intervention. *Le bridge autorisé à tous les publics* (P. Schmidt), *Les cours de bridge* (P. Marmion) Enfin, last but not least *Les dossiers Rodwell*, en français naturellement, avec la dédicace d'**Eric Rodwell** - USA1.

Réservez vos exemplaires au stand rapidement car il ne sera pas ouvert que cette semaine.

TECHNIQUE ET PROBABILITE

La donne du jour est extraite du match France-Italie open

Donne 23

♠ —

♥ AV 9 7

♦ DV 9 4

♣ RV 10 9 2

♠ A D 8 4 3

♥ R 3 2

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 6 4



♠ V 7 5

♥ D 10 8 5 4

♦ 10 8

♣ A 5 3

♠ R 10 9 6 2

♥ 6

♦ A R 7 5

♣ D 8 7

Dans les deux salles, le contrat fut Cinq Carreaux par Sud, après qu'Est ait montré un intérêt pour les Cœurs. En salle fermée, Donati entama en Ouest le deux de Carreau contre le déclarant Jean-Christophe Quantin.

L'entame fut prise en main, Cœur pour l'As et Cœur coupé. Sud rejoua Carreau vers le mort... et dès lors n'avait plus de solution gagnante

En salle ouverte, le maestro Benito Garozzo, nonagénaire montra la voie vers le succès. Entame Cœur, prise de l'As et Cœur coupé et maintenant Trèfle pour le Valet du mort, laissé maître (meilleure défense, dans le match Brésil-France féminin, la défense brésilienne pris le premier Trèfle, facilitant la tâche de Jennifer Mourgues, tandis que, dans l'autre salle, le contrat de Six Carreaux se révéla une tâche impossible sur entame atout) Cœur coupé du Roi et Trèfle à nouveau pour l'As d'Est qui donne une coupe à son partenaire. Ouest rejoue un petit Pique, Sud, pas devin, coupe au mort, puis coupe, de l'As de Carreau, le Cœur suivant.

Il lui suffirait maintenant d'encaisser Dame et Valet de Carreau mais il a vu seulement deux Trèfles et trois Cœurs en Ouest et décide, à tort ou à raison, que les atouts étaient initialement 4-1 et, donc, fournit le neuf de Carreau du mort lorsqu'il jouera le sept de Carreau de la main, une de chute!

Egalité, finalement. Le Maestro a-t-il commis une erreur de calcul ? La France remportera la victoire avec 22 IMPs d'avantage.

Intergénérationnel vous avez dit intergénérationnel ?

Deux générations dans une même équipe. La Squadra Azzura dispose dans ses rangs, à la fois, du plus jeune joueur de la compétition, Giovanni Donati, 18 ans et du plus âgé, Benito Garozzo, 90 ans. Récemment le lyonnais Thibaut Vincenot, qui participe aux Internationaux de France, a remporté le championnat de France par paires open associé à Claude Gerber de 49 ans son aîné. «Génération bridge... A vous de jouer !»

Heureux événements !

Marlène et Michel Duguet ont terminé en tête des deux premières séances des Internationaux de France. Belle performance, côté bridge, mais l'événement pour eux se situait ailleurs... La famille des champions parisiens s'est agrandie avec l'arrivée de leur 5e petite-fille, Lola, fille de Marion Canonne, championne du monde en moins de 21 ans en 2008 et de Quentin, le fils de Marlène, champion d'Europe juniors 2010.

Avec une telle ascendance, nous devrions croiser Lola autour des tables des Mondiaux 2035...

Revue de presse

Cédric Lorenzini à l'honneur sur les ondes de France Bleu Alsace Matin il raconte le programme de son entraînement pour aborder sereinement la compétition, dans Le Parisien c'est sous le titre «une paire d'as du bridge aux championnats du monde» qu'il partage l'affiche avec Mathilde Thuillez.



Légende : Jérôme Rombaut (France) et son capitaine Lionel Sebbane interviewés par France 3.

«4000 joueurs pour le Mondial», c'est l'accroche d'un article sur les Mondiaux de nombreux quotidiens régionaux : Le Progrès, Est Eclair, Nord Littoral, Le Courrier Picard, Le Télégramme, Lyon Première, Le Républicain Lorrain, Ardennais, L'Union, Vaucluse Matin, Le Dauphiné Libéré,

L'agence France Presse Mondiale s'est également fait l'écho de l'annonce des championnats.

2^e visite de France 3 Rhône-Alpes qui a réalisé un reportage sur les compétitions majeures.

Le chiffre du jour 250

Le bridge attire les foules. Première journée des Mondiaux et déjà 250 visiteurs venus supporter les équipes de France ou les participants aux Internationaux. Souriez, vous êtes observés !

Parmi eux, également, des néophytes qui ont découvert le bridge lors des séances d'initiation proposées dans le hall de la cité internationale.

Internationaux de France

Mardi 15 Août

19h30 remise des prix suivi d'un cocktail au forum 3.

Dédicace...

Guillaume Lamy dédicacera son livre «Les tables mythiques de Lyon» mardi à 18h au forum 3.

Misclick this Hand with Me

Mark Horton

Modern technology is magnificent but can still - for the time being - be affected by human error. Take a look at this deal from the third round Venice Cup match between USA 1 and Poland:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldysz	Zur-Campanile	Baldysz	Meyers
—	—	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Polish pair use two way checkback over a 1NT rebid, so I assume that by raising to 2NT West denied possession of five spades.

With little to go on South led the nine of clubs and that greatly simplified declarer's task. She covered with dummy's ten, took the jack with the ace and played back a club. There were ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Zmuda	Palmer	Dufrat
—	—	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	Invitational + checkback		

I'm not sure about the precise meaning of 2♦. Here South found the very nasty lead of the four of hearts (low from a doubleton) and when declarer put in dummy's seven North (allegedly) played the jack, declarer winning with the ace and playing the ace of clubs and a club to the ten, North winning with the jack and returning the nine of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ten, gave up a club, won the heart return crossed to dummy with a spade, cashed the king and then claimed. Not, however, the nine that are available, but only six, which meant -300 and 14 IMPs to Poland, a huge result that was especially significant in a match they won 19-15 IMPs.

As you may have guessed, the answer lies in the play to the first trick. North must have played the nine of hearts, not the jack that the BBO operator clicked on. Realising the mistake the operator then 'recovered' by keying in the 'correct' card at trick four.

You can replay this deal at:

http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?bbo=y&linurl=http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/vugraph_infetech.php?id=52689



Journalists' Outing on Tuesday August the 22nd 2017

Organized and offered by the FFB - French Bridge Federation

- 09:45** Departure by coach from the Cité Internationale (in front of the big brown bear statue) Visit to the Musée Lumière - the brothers Lumière invented the cinema in Lyon. See: www.institut-lumiere.org/musee/présentation.html
- 12:30** Lunch at the Villa Marguerite (Home of the Lumière brothers). The Villa is an old house and not too big, hence a maximum of 40 participants.
- 14:00** Guided tour of Lyon by bus
- 15:45** Return at the Cité Internationale

All IBPA journalists in good standing are invited to be on this trip. Enroll in the Press Room* with Jan Swaan before Monday the 21st 12:00hrs.

* The Press Room is situated at the end of the hall alongside the playing area, going up the escalator, turn left, in the Salle Bellecour 2.



IBPA Executive Meeting

There will be a meeting of the executive of the International Bridge Press Association on Wednesday morning, 16 August, at 10:00, in the WBF Meeting Room 2 (near the vu-graph theatre).



RR - R2

BB - USA2 v China

VC - USA 2 v Italy



Jos Jacobs

For the opening day of these Championships, a specific combination of two matches in the second round caught my eye. How often would it occur that two teams from the same country, playing in different events, would make their appearance on VuGraph simultaneously?

Of course, this happens more often than one might think at first glance, but reporting about both the matches in just one report is another story – and this time also the story you will find below.

The boards were relatively quiet but as usual, the more worthwhile things would happen on the same boards in either match. This was board 18:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 4	♠ K 9 2	♠ Q 10 8 6 5
♥ J 7 6 4 3	♥ A K Q 9	♥ 10 2
♦ J 4	♦ A K 7	♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ A 9 6 4 3	♣ K 5 2	♣ 8
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	
	♠ A J 7 3	
	♥ 8 5	
	♦ Q 5 3	
	♣ Q J 10 7	

Reaching the cold slam on the N/S cards was not everybody's cup of tea. In the BB, half the N/S pairs reached a slam, one of them going down when they chose an



Chip Martel, USA 2

unsuccessful denomination. Martin Fleisher for USA2 was one of the South players who took the bull by the horns:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	C. Martel	L. Yang	Fleisher
—	—	2♠*	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

2♠ 5♠ + 4♦/♣, weak

After the Polish style 2♠ from East, North showed a hand too strong for a 2NT overcall. This was enough for South to launch a Baron-style further try. 5NT looked like a quantitative raise, which North accepted. USA 2 +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Jia Li	B Moss	B Zhang
—	—	2♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

For China, N/S apparently were on less firm ground about the exact strength of 3NT. China +690 but 13 IMPs to USA2.

In the Venice Cup, the slam fared even worse: only 8 out of the 22 N/S pairs reached it. Our featured match did not take part in sharing these honours as you can see from their two auctions:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ferlazzo	Ladyzhenskaya	Manara	De Young
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

A simple natural weak two from West quickly ended N/S's ambitions. USA2 +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	Baroni	Jenkins	Golin
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	2♠	3NT
All Pass			

At the other table, a second-round overcall by East proved enough to stop the N/S machinery. Italy +690 and no swing in this match.

Two boards later, it looked as if declarer pulled a wrong card:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>C. Martel</i>	<i>L. Yang</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>
2♣	2♥	Pass	2NT*
3♣	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2NT Heart support

After this Precision-style auction, East led his singleton club to West's ♣Q. When West continued the ♣J (!), declarer discarded a low diamond and East ruffed. This way, with a spade and a diamond still to lose, declarer had to accept one down. One can hardly believe it but the official result was scored as +100 to China.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>Jia Li</i>	<i>B. Moss</i>	<i>B. Zhang</i>
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♣*
4♣	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♣ Heart support

Nothing special at the other table, China an easy +620 and 12 IMPs back to them.



Chianming Dai, China

In the VC match, Ferlazzo took no half measures:
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferlazzo</i>	<i>Ladyzhenskaya</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>De Young</i>
5♣	Dble	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

North's double was quite aggressive and so was South's raise to slam. The Americans soon paid the price: down two, Italy +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Winestock</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>Jenkins</i>	<i>Golin</i>
1♣	2NT*	Pass	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

At the other table, the 5♣ bid came too late, one might say. As N/S had been able to exchange some useful information in the previous round of bidding, Golin now had an easy double of her own. Down three, Italy another +800 and 14 IMPs to them.

On board 24, we make an excursion to the Argentina v. Netherlands BB match.

In the BB, the very cold heart slam was missed by one E/W pair and another E/W pair doubled the opponents in 5♠.

For Argentina, Pellegrini and Lucena went all the way in sacrificing:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Lucena</i>
1♥	1♠	2NT	Pass (!)
4♥	Pass	4NT	5♦
5♥	Pass	6♥	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

As South has to ruff the 3rd round of clubs high, there is no longer a side entry to his diamonds, so the contract will go down four: a spade, a heart and three clubs. Netherlands +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Muzzio	De Wijs	Camberos	Muller
1♥	Pass	4NT	5♦
Dble	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT was Jacoby but N/S allowed their opponents to play the slam. Argentina +980 and 5 IMPs to them.

On board 27, 5♣ was a popular and good contract but nearly all declarers went down.



Irene Baroni, Italy

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ J 6 5	
	♥ A K Q 10 9 3	
	♦ 10 9	
	♣ J 5	
♠ A 9	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ K Q 10 7
♥ 8 7 6		♥ 5 4
♦ A Q		♦ K 8 7 6
♣ A Q 9 8 4 2		♣ K 10 6
	♠ 8 4 3 2	
	♥ J 2	
	♦ J 5 4 3 2	
	♣ 7 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	C. Martel	L. Yang	Fleisher
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♦*	Dble	2♥*
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

2♦ showed a one-suiter, which turned out to be hearts.

The problem in 5♣ is: what to do when North leads three rounds of hearts? Following the theory of “empty spaces,” declarer ruffed with the king in dummy and then finessed the ♣J through South. Down One.

They reached 5♣ in the other room after a more or less identical auction (North overcalled a natural 2♥) and play followed an identical course.

For Germany, Martin Rehder made 5♣ when Helness continued with a spade at trick 3 after cashing two top hearts.

In the VC match, there was a swing, however:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ferlazzo	Ladyzhenskaya	Manara	De Young
—	—	—	Pass
2♣	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Ferlazzo, too, duly went one down in her 5♣.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	Baroni	Jenkins	Golin
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When Winestock, West for USA 2, opened 1NT, Irene Baroni made a wise pass and soon found herself on lead. She knew what to do, down two, Italy +100 and 2 IMPs to them.

In the Argentina v. Netherlands match, we saw a typical “Dutch revenge” for the slam “stolen” from them a few boards earlier:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Pellegrini	Bob Drijver	Lucena
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♥	Dble	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

We will never know why North shifted to a spade when South played the ♥2 on the ♥Q lead.

Twelve tricks, Netherlands +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Muzzio	De Wijs	Camberos	Muller
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Not surprisingly, De Wijs made a wise pass over West's 1NT opening bid and cashed out for +100 shortly afterwards. 14 IMPs back to the Netherlands.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 10 7 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ J 9 5 2		♠ J 4 ♥ K Q J 9 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ Q 8 7 6	
♠ A 8 5 ♥ 10 6 ♦ K 9 6 2 ♣ A K 10 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 6 2 ♥ A 8 7 3 2 ♦ A 10 7 4 ♣ 4	

The last board of the round was a touch-and-go 3NT. On the actual layout, 3NT is cold because the long spade suit has no entries. Still, you have to play well to make nine tricks, so it is no surprise that quite a number of declarers went down in 3NT.



Ladyzhenskaya, USA 2

Very often, playing well comes down to counting well and this board is no exception. You win the third round of spades and play a heart. If South wins his ace on the 1st or 2nd round of the suit, you are home as there is ample time to establish two more tricks in diamonds, bringing your total to a spade, three hearts, three top clubs and two diamonds, nine in all.

So South has to duck the hearts twice. If you continue hearts now, South establishes his hearts with his ♦A still there as an entry but...with two hearts in the bag, it's time to test the clubs. Cash the ♣A and cross to dummy's ♣Q. If they break 3-2, you can continue diamonds to set up the last two tricks needed in that suit but if they don't break, South has to find a discard!

If South discards a heart, you can safely drive out the ♥A first and later establish two diamond tricks. If South discards a diamond (unlikely as the cards lie), you attack

diamonds first.

Please note that after the heart discard, the South hand can be counted as 3-5-4-1 when North discards on the 3rd heart. This enables you later to finesse the ♦10 if necessary.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	C. Martel	L. Yang	Fleisher
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Three rounds of spades were followed by two rounds of hearts. When dummy led the ♦Q after the second heart, South ducked. The ♦J was then taken by South's ace and a diamond came back, giving declarer a premature decision. When Dai went up with his king, the contract was one down. USA2 +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Jia Li	B. Moss	B. Zhang
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♥
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Joe Grue followed the correct line as suggested above and thus recorded +600 and 12 IMPs to make the final score 33-24 to USA2 or 12.55 – 7.45 V.P.

In the VC match, both teams found the sacrifice in spades, and both defending pairs dropped a trick.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ferlazzo	Ladyzhenskaya	Manara	De Young
INT	2♠*	Dble	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ showed spades and a minor.

East led the obvious and excellent trump to declarer's king. Next came a diamond ducked to West's nine and West played ace and another trump. At this point, declarer looks set for down four but when the defenders led clubs themselves rather than persisting with red suits, declarer managed to get a club trick as well to just go down just three. Italy still +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	Baroni	Jenkins	Golin
1♦	1♠	Dble*	2♥
Pass	2♠	Dble	3♠
Dble	All Pass		

When East made the obvious-looking lead of a top heart, declarer was quick to take dummy's ace and lead a club up. West rose with her ace and continued a low trump to declarer's king but the ensuing club ruff in dummy proved declarer's 7th trick. USA2 +300 but 5 IMPs to Italy who thus won the match 27-9 or 14.6 – 5.4 V.P.



Bermuda Bowl RR - R2



The Desert Song: France v Egypt

Mark Horton

The Desert Song is an operetta with music by Sigmund Romberg and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Otto Harbach and Frank Mandel. It was inspired by the 1925 uprising of the Riffs, a group of Moroccan fighters, against French colonial rule. It was also inspired by stories of Lawrence of Arabia aiding native guerrillas. Many tales romanticizing Arab North Africa were in vogue, including *Beau Geste* and *The Son of the Sheik*.

It seemed to me to be an appropriate introduction to the match between France and Egypt in Round 2 of the Bermuda Bowl.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Bessis	El Ahmady	Volcker
—	2♠	Dble	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The combination of the weak two and the defensive raise proved to too hot to handle, +510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Dagher	Quantin	El Geddayy
—	2♦*	Dble	Pass*
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass
2♦	Multi		
Pass	Diamonds		
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	0-3 key cards		
6♥	No side kings, ♥Q		

The standard way to treat the double of a multi is to promise either 13-15 balanced or various stronger hands, but some French pairs use the double to show a hand that is short in spades. +1010 meant 11 IMPs for France.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

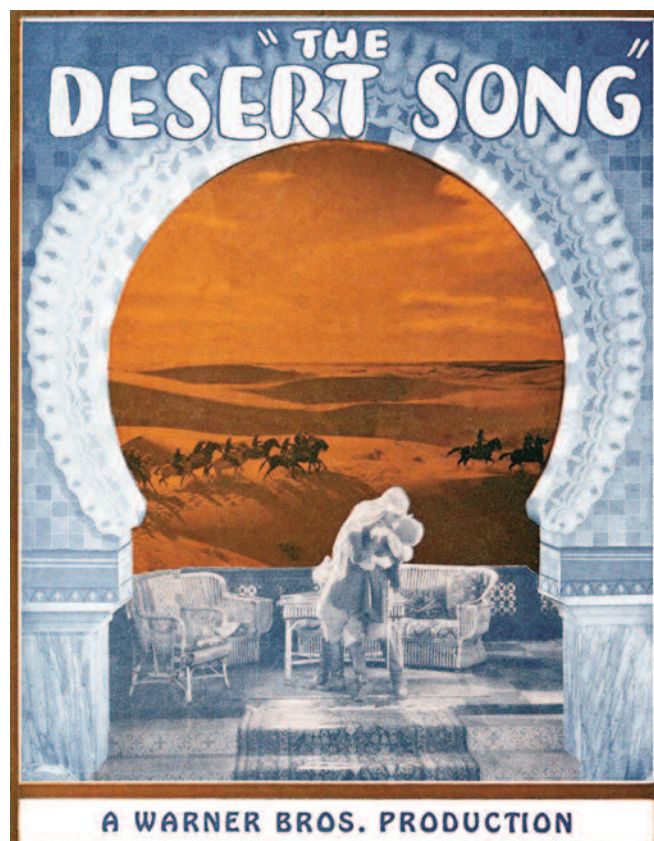
♠ 4	♠ K 9 2	♠ Q 10 8 6 5
♥ J 7 6 4 3	♥ A K Q 9	♥ 10 2
♦ J 4	♦ A K 7	♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ A 9 6 4 3	♣ K 5 2	♣ 8
	♠ A J 7 3	
	♥ 8 5	
	♦ Q 5 3	
	♣ Q J 10 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Bessis	El Ahmady	Volcker
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥*	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♥ 5+♥ and any other five card suit, 6-11

West led the four of clubs and declarer won in hand, played a club to the king, cashed the king of spades, played a spade to the jack and claimed when it held, +690.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Dagher	Quantin	El Geddawy
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♥	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
2♦ Multi, weak major			
Rdbl Bid your suit			

When North jumped to 3NT South knew he was facing a good hand. 4NT may have been an invitational raise, with North being happy to show two 'old fashioned' aces. Whatever the precise meaning N/S had reached a making contract, +1440 and 13 IMPs to give Egypt the lead.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Bessis	El Ahmady	Volcker
5♣	All Pass		

5♣ is a practical shot, but declarer caught a worthless dummy. North held the king of hearts and switched to the king of spades. Declarer had to lose the obvious five tricks, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Dagher	Quantin	El Geddawy
1♣	2NT*	Pass	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			
2NT Red suits			

I'll leave you to debate the merits of the 2NT overcall. At this vulnerability I think many players would prefer to start with 1♥. South chose to bid a direct 4♥ rather than suggest he had some high card strength by 3♣. That left him with a problem on the next round and bidding 5♥ proved to be the wrong decision. West led the ace of spades, switched to the ace of clubs and followed that with the seven of

diamonds. Declarer had to go one down, -100 and 9 IMPs to France.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Bessis	El Ahmady	Volcker
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the three of clubs and declarer naturally played the eight from dummy, taking North's queen with the king and running the jack of hearts. When it held he ducked a diamond, North winning and returning a club to dummy's jack. Declarer ran the queen of spades and South won with the king and cleared the clubs. Declarer cashed dummy's ace of hearts and played a spade. When he failed to finesse the ten he had to lose five tricks, -50.

I suppose you could describe that as an unlucky sequence of plays.

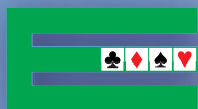
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Dagher	Quantin	El Geddawy
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♦ Game forcing			

North led the four of clubs, and declarer won with the jack and ran the queen of spades. South won and switched to the four of diamonds, but declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed two spades pitching a diamond and ran the jack of hearts. North won, but that was the last trick for the defence, +450 and 11 IMPs to France who won 47-16 IMPs, 17.03-2.97 VP.

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Bermuda Bowl RR - R4



Italy v France

David Bird

Kibitzers were flocking to the BBO-7 table, the moment that the name GAROZZO appeared on the front panel. With two of Europe's foremost bridge nations about to face each other. Who would want to be anywhere else?

The early boards provided little interest and very few IMPs. This was the first swing of note:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Masoero	Bessis	Garozzo
—	—	1♣	INT
2♦ *	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Garozzo preferred INT to a double and West's 2♦ response showed hearts. Masoero may have had the option of bidding 2♥ for take-out. The meaning of his double was unclear to me and Bessis rebid 2♥. If North's double had shown diamonds, Garozzo would surely have bid 3♦. Two passes left North in the pass-out seat. I was expecting him to double for take-out, although it's true that the ♥K was not a good card. 2♥ was passed out, with nine tricks available for N/S in diamonds.

Garozzo led the ♦A followed by the ♦5, ruffed in dummy. After a club to the 10 and ace, South played the ♦Q, ruffed in dummy. A club to the king was followed by the ♥Q, run to the bare king. Bessis won the spade return and cleared the clubs. He could then win the next spade, draw trumps and claim an overtrick for +140.

The French N/S were more active at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Lorenzini	Gandoglia	Quantin
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♥	2♦	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Donati had to rebid his hearts at the three-level or not at all. Gandoglia expected his partner to be short in

diamonds, in which case ten tricks might be possible. He raised to game and North led a diamond, South winning with the ♦Q and continuing with the ♦A.

If declarer sniffs out the trump position, he can make the game. (He must start on the clubs before laying down the ♥A). In practice Donati ruffed the second diamond and crossed to a spade to run the ♥Q. He won the spade return and played a second trump, North showing out. With trump control lost, the game went three down and 10 IMPs were lost.

The next board was tricky to bid, tricky to play. (Both N/S pairs were playing a two-over-one system.)

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Masoero	Bessis	Garozzo
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Dble	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠ *
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

3NT can be beaten by a heart lead from either side. 5♣ is beaten only by the lead of ace and another trump. Garozzo arrived in 5♦. How would you play this contract when the ♥2 is led?

Four trumps, four clubs and the ♥A bring the total to nine. You therefore need to add two ruffs to the pile. Since the ♥A has been removed, it makes sense to look for heart ruffs, rather than spade ruffs.

Garozzo won with the ♥A, ruffed a heart in his hand immediately and led the ♣7 to the jack, East holding up the ace. A second heart ruff (with the ♦A) was followed by the ♣8 to the ♣9. After some thought, Bessis took his ace and delivered a club ruff. Volcker exited with a low spade, ruffed low in the dummy. Garozzo ruffed his last heart with the ♦K and was then at the crossroads. Dummy held ♦QJ9 and ♣K10. Four trumps were out, should he play for the drop

or finesse the $\diamond 9$?

The spade count was unknown but East had started with eight cards in hearts and clubs to West's five. The maestro duly finessed the $\diamond 9$ and went one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Lorenzini	Gandoglia	Quantin
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Declarer won the trump lead with the ace, crossed to the ♥A and ruffed a heart in his hand. A diamond to the jack was followed by a heart ruff with the ♦K. Instead of playing on clubs, he crossed to the ♦J and ruffed a heart with the bare ♦K. When he then led a club to the 10, it was not the right moment for East to duck. Gandoglia took his ♣A immediately and played the ♥Q, allowing his partner to discard his last club. A club ruff then defeated the game. Exciting stuff!

Some 1550 kibitzers were paying homage at Garozzo's table when this board hit the table:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J 7 3	
	♥ A K Q 10 5 2	
	♦ J	
	♣ A K 2	
♠ A K 5	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ 6 3		♥ 4
♦ A 10 6		♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 9 8 4		♣ J 6 5 3
	♠ Q 9 4	
	♥ J 9 8 7	
	♦ 8 7 5 4 2	
	♣ 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Masoero	Bessis	Garozzo
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♦	Pass
INT	2♥	3♣	3♥
4♣	4♥	All Pass	

Masoero showed a powerful hand by doubling and then introducing hearts. Garozzo was happy to raise and the heart game was reached. East led a club to the queen and ace. Without drawing any trumps, Masoero cashed a second club for a spade discard. He then led a spade to the queen and king. When Volcker played ace and another diamond, declarer ruffed in his hand, ruffed a club in dummy and gave up a second round in spades. Was he ever going to draw trumps, I wondered. He then claimed the

remaining tricks – five trumps in his hand and a spade ruff in dummy.

The bidding and play were simpler at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Lorenzini	Gandoglia	Quantin
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Ace, king and another spade and declarer faced his cards, claiming ten tricks for no swing.

Both side stretched to a thin game here:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 9 4 3	
	♥ A Q 6	
	♦ 9 6 5 2	
	♣ K Q	
♠ K J 8 5	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 7 6
♥ 9 8 7 5		♥ K J 10 4 2
♦ A Q 10		♦ K J
♣ A 8		♣ J 7 3 2
	♠ A Q 2	
	♥ 3	
	♦ 8 7 4 3	
	♣ 10 9 6 5 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Masoero	Bessis	Garozzo
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Garozzo led the ♣10, Masoero winning with the ♣Q when declarer ducked in dummy. The ♣K was returned and the contract could not now be made. When North took his ♥A, he would be able to cross to the ♠A for a club ruff. In fact declarer led a trump to the king, playing another trump. North scored two trump tricks and led a spade to South's ace for the setting trick.

There is a double-dummy line to make ten tricks. You rise with the ♣A, leaving the club suit blocked, play a diamond to hand and lead a spade. If South plays low, you win with the ♠K and discard your remaining spade on the diamonds. If instead South claims the ♠A and plays a club to partner's honour, there will be no entry for a club ruff and declarer would then need to guess the trump suit successfully.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Lorenzini	Gandoglia	Quantin
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Declarer won the ♣K lead and played three rounds of

diamonds, ditching a spade. When he led a trump, North rose with the ace, cashed the ♣Q and crossed to a spade to receive a club ruff. No swing.

The biggest swing of the match had a fair slice of luck attached to it:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K 6	
	♥ Q 7 5 3 2	
	♦ A Q 9	
	♣ A K Q	
♠ Q 9 5	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ 10 8 3
♥ J 9 4		♥ 10 8 6
♦ 10 7 6 4		♦ K J 8 5
♣ J 9 2		♣ 10 6 4
	♠ A J 7 4 2	
	♥ A K	
	♦ 3 2	
	♣ 8 7 5 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Masoero	Bessis	Garozzo
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Is it a good slam? If hearts are 3-3, you have 11 top tricks and can try for a 3-3 club break before combining the spade drop and diamond finesse chances. If hearts are 4-2, you can concede a heart to bring your total to 10 and will then need something fairly good to happen in spades/diamonds. The Italians stopped low and were distressed to find that both defenders held 4-3-3-3 shape. Five heart tricks and four club tricks meant that there were 12 tricks on top.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Lorenzini	Gandoglia	Quantin
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Lorenzini and Quantin were noticeably less distressed with the defenders' lack of distribution and picked up 11 IMPs. At the 22 tables in the Bermuda Bowl, 8 pairs stopped in 4NT and 3 pairs bid and made 6♥. The remaining 11 pairs played in 6NT, two of them going down.

France won the match by 31-7 (15.74-4.26 in VPs). If this 6NT had gone down, it would have been a near draw.

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Round 4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINA	GUADELOUPE	41 10	16.88	3.12
2	EGYPT	INDIA	36 18	14.60	5.40
3	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND	29 34	8.52	11.48
4	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	27 61	2.69	17.06
5	SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI	45 31	13.75	6.25
6	NETHERLANDS	BANGLADESH	26 23	10.91	9.09
7	ARGENTINA	USA1	18 21	9.09	10.91
8	SOUTH AFRICA	BULGARIA	11 60	0.93	19.07
9	MEXICO	INDONESIA	16 40	4.26	15.74
10	MONACO	USA2	30 25	11.48	8.52
11	ITALY	FRANCE	7 31	4.26	15.74

Venice Cup

Round 4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	EGYPT	INDIA	21 12	12.55	7.45
22	JORDAN	AUSTRALIA	24 43	5.20	14.80
23	CHINESE TAIPEI	ISRAEL	25 38	6.48	13.52
24	CHINA	MOROCCO	40 11	16.58	3.42
25	ITALY	RUSSIA	55 25	16.73	3.27
26	INDONESIA	CANADA	49 5	18.55	1.45
27	USA1	NEW ZEALAND	49 21	16.42	3.58
28	USA2	NETHERLANDS	28 31	9.09	10.91
29	POLAND	ARGENTINA	37 28	12.55	7.45
30	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	26 9	14.39	5.61
31	BRAZIL	FRANCE	5 63	0.15	19.85

Round 5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CHINESE TAIPEI	BANGLADESH	43 10	17.17	2.83
2	BRAZIL	USA1	17 33	5.82	14.18
3	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	32 12	15.00	5.00
4	INDIA	INDONESIA	19 19	10.00	10.00
5	GUADELOUPE	USA2	33 49	5.82	14.18
6	NEW ZEALAND	BULGARIA	41 5	17.59	2.41
7	EGYPT	MONACO	24 22	10.61	9.39
8	GERMANY	MEXICO	49 33	14.18	5.82
9	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA	27 22	11.48	8.52
10	SWEDEN	ARGENTINA	31 13	14.60	5.40
11	CHINA	FRANCE	27 40	6.48	13.52

Round 5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	RUSSIA	CANADA	32 26	11.76	8.24
22	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND	46 9	17.72	2.28
23	CHINA	INDONESIA	23 20	10.91	9.09
24	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	40 26	13.75	6.25
25	INDIA	ENGLAND	8 47	2.03	17.97
26	EGYPT	MOROCCO	25 19	11.76	8.24
27	JORDAN	SWEDEN	7 18	6.96	13.04
28	CHINESE TAIPEI	BRAZIL	28 34	8.24	11.76
29	POLAND	USA2	42 26	14.18	5.82
30	ITALY	USA1	13 12	10.31	9.69
31	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	33 13	15.00	5.00

Round 6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	GUADELOUPE	INDIA	30 21	12.55	7.45
2	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	26 30	8.80	11.20
3	EGYPT	BRAZIL	36 23	13.52	6.48
4	GERMANY	CHINESE TAIPEI	22 18	11.20	8.80
5	AUSTRALIA	BANGLADESH	44 20	15.74	4.26
6	ITALY	MONACO	42 22	15.00	5.00
7	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	8 5	10.91	9.09
8	ARGENTINA	INDONESIA	20 33	6.48	13.52
9	SOUTH AFRICA	USA2	22 19	10.91	9.09
10	SWEDEN	USA1	14 5	12.55	7.45
11	MEXICO	FRANCE	23 31	7.71	12.29

Round 6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	INDIA	AUSTRALIA	12 33	4.81	15.19
22	EGYPT	ISRAEL	34 17	14.39	5.61
23	JORDAN	ARGENTINA	5 71	0.00	20.00
24	CHINESE TAIPEI	RUSSIA	19 45	3.91	16.09
25	POLAND	CANADA	18 19	9.69	10.31
26	CHINA	SWEDEN	22 4	14.60	5.40
27	INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS	26 23	10.91	9.09
28	ITALY	NEW ZEALAND	42 38	11.20	8.80
29	USA2	ENGLAND	34 17	14.39	5.61
30	BRAZIL	MOROCCO	45 19	16.09	3.91
31	USA1	FRANCE	26 27	9.69	10.31

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Round 4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	BRAZIL FRANCE	1	62	0.00	20.00
42	JAPAN CANADA	27	14	13.52	6.48
43	AUSTRIA AUSTRALIA	43	41	10.61	9.39
44	ITALY TURKEY	63	32	16.88	3.12
45	GUADELOUPE ARGENTINA	27	29	9.39	10.61
46	CHINA NEW ZEALAND	39	31	12.29	7.71
47	USA2 EGYPT	52	1	19.25	0.75
48	SWEDEN USA1	44	16	16.42	3.58
49	PAKISTAN CHINA HKG	33	14	14.80	5.20
50	POLAND INDIA	46	16	16.73	3.27
51	ISRAEL SOUTH AFRICA	44	23	15.19	4.81

Round 5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	ARGENTINA NEW ZEALAND	30	13	14.39	5.61
42	SOUTH AFRICA EGYPT	36	23	13.52	6.48
43	ITALY CHINA	18	22	8.80	11.20
44	CANADA CHINA HKG	7	36	3.42	16.58
45	FRANCE INDIA	18	14	11.20	8.80
46	BRAZIL TURKEY	34	37	8.84	10.91
47	JAPAN POLAND	34	12	15.38	4.62
48	AUSTRIA PAKISTAN	45	34	13.04	6.96
49	ISRAEL SWEDEN	29	18	13.04	6.96
50	GUADELOUPE USA2	15	39	4.26	15.74
51	AUSTRALIA USA1	28	3	15.92	4.08

Round 6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	FRANCE CANADA	13	12	10.31	9.69
42	BRAZIL AUSTRALIA	19	50	3.12	16.88
43	JAPAN SOUTH AFRICA	25	36	6.96	13.04
44	AUSTRIA ARGENTINA	26	19	12.03	7.97
45	ISRAEL NEW ZEALAND	41	2	17.97	2.03
46	ITALY POLAND	38	13	15.92	4.08
47	CHINA USA1	7	60	0.57	19.43
48	USA2 CHINA HKG	45	13	17.03	2.97
49	SWEDEN INDIA	35	45	7.20	12.80
50	PAKISTAN TURKEY	8	24	5.82	14.18
51	GUADELOUPE EGYPT	27	42	6.03	13.97

Championship Diary 2

I am reliably informed that PO Sundelin & Herman De Wael are big fans of the musical Oliver! If you study the programme you will readily understand that their favourite song is 'I am reviewing the situation'. There is no truth in the rumour that the Editor's favourite song from the film is 'You've Got To Pick-a-pocket Or Two' which starts with the line, 'In this life one thing counts, in the bank large amounts'.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96rC4X_KWl4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VogHwPOC5VY>

Bye For Now

In previous incarnations of the World Championships there have been occasions when a team was not present and thus a 'Bye' was necessarily introduced. The score for playing against Bye was normally a 12-8 VPs win for the team competing against it. If such a situation arose in Lyon with twenty-one teams remaining and eight of them qualifying my question is what is the minimum number of IMPs should the team playing Bye be awarded so as to ensure that Bye cannot qualify for the knock-out phase. Those of a geekish disposition may like to consider the more general case of 'T' Teams of which 'Q' will qualify. The most elegant and correct response presented to Ron Tacchi within the next couple of days will be invited to the Bulletin Room one afternoon to join a festive gathering for a glass of wine and a slice of sausage.

What's The Odds?

Now every IMP counts, but do they all count equally? Obviously not – if you are 10 IMPs ahead then winning another five IMPs would be worth 1.17 VPs on the sixteen board scale. Whereas if you were losing by that margin then a gain of five will give you an extra 1.32 VPs. Is everyone aware that this changes the dynamic of the odds as to whether to bid a vulnerable game? We all 'know' that counting IMPs then bidding a vulnerable game with a better than 37.5% chance of success shows a profit, but the odds actually change dramatically if you are scoring at VPs. An example is that if you are 10 IMPs ahead then you need odds of over 42% to bid a vulnerable game but if you are ten behind then making the game one time in three will show a profit.

If anyone in high authority is reading this can they please make the air conditioning in the Bulletin Room work!

No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking are prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions.