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A Direct Line to your Director

Today's Programme

BB, VC, OT

Round 10
11:00 - 13:20

Round 11
14:30 - 16:50

Round 12
17:20 - 19:40

In the last decade or so the World Bridge Federation has embraced modern technology, which has enabled it to make tremendous strides in every department. The most obviously noticeable is in the field of scoring. But one should not forget the fields of tournament organisation and administration, which have been hugely enhanced. Just about everything is handled with the aid of computers, so it should come as no surprise that the latest advance involves one of the most modern computing devices, the tablet. To see just how this is being utilised turn to page 11.

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

Venice Cup

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

d'Orsi Trophy

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

VuGraph SCHEDULE

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Amphithéâtre Pasteur

11:00		14:30		17:20	
USA2-BULGARIA (BB)	VG/BBO 1	MONACO-SWEDEN (BB)	VG/BBO 1	GERMANY-FRANCE (BB)	VG/BBO 1
INDONESIA-ITALY (BB)	BBO 2	USA2-GERMANY (BB)	BBO 2	SWEDEN-MEXICO (BB)	BBO 2
ENGLAND-NETH. (VC)	BBO 3	BRAZIL-ITALY (BB)	BBO 3	NETH.- SOUTH AFRICA (BB)	BBO 3
USA2-AUSTRALIA (SD)	BBO 4	RUSSIA-ISRAEL (VC)	BBO 4	EGYPT USA2 (BB)	BBO 4
FRANCE-USA1 (BB)	BBO 5/ FB	USA2-USA1 (VC)	BBO 5/ FB	POLAND-SWEDEN (VC)	BBO 5/ FB
FRANCE-CHINA (VC)	BBO 6/ FB	FRANCE-JORDAN (VC)	BBO 6/ FB	EGYPT-FRANCE (VC)	BBO 6/ FB
GERMANY-EGYPT (BB)	BBO 7/ FB	FRANCE-AUSTRALIA (BB)	BBO 7/ FB	FRANCE-USA1 (SD)	BBO 7/ FB
AUSTRALIA-CHINA (BB)	BBO 8/ OG	BULGARIA-CHINA (BB)	BBO 8/ OG	CHINA-SWEDEN (SD)	BBO 8/ OG

courtesy of



Bermuda Bowl After Round 9		Venice Cup After Round 9		d'Orsi Trophy After Round 9	
TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP	TEAM	VP
1 USA2	117.17	1 NETHERLANDS	121.96	1 AUSTRALIA	131.14
2 FRANCE	116.49	2 CHINA	118.54	2 USA2	130.98
3 SWEDEN	111.62	3 SWEDEN	115.01	3 ISRAEL	123.35
4 ITALY	106.49	4 INDONESIA	113.30	4 FRANCE	119.41
5 NETHERLANDS	104.05	5 POLAND	108.95	5 AUSTRIA	106.31
6 USA1	101.19	6 ENGLAND	104.44	6 SWEDEN	102.66
7 BRAZIL	99.79	7 RUSSIA	103.19	7 CHINA HONG KONG	101.49
8 AUSTRALIA	96.76	8 EGYPT	98.23	8 USA1	98.83
9 GERMANY	96.70	9 FRANCE	97.71	9 INDIA	96.59
10 EGYPT	96.68	10 AUSTRALIA	97.70	10 ARGENTINA	94.77
11 BULGARIA	96.50	11 USA1	95.10	11 ITALY	91.53
12 MONACO	95.30	12 ARGENTINA	93.40	12 JAPAN	91.23
13 NEW ZEALAND	90.96	13 USA2	93.33	13 TURKEY	82.85
14 INDONESIA	86.36	14 ISRAEL	92.92	14 CANADA	78.90
15 INDIA	78.31	15 BRAZIL	86.28	15 SOUTH AFRICA	78.49
16 ARGENTINA	76.71	16 ITALY	84.35	16 POLAND	76.77
17 CHINA	74.38	17 NEW ZEALAND	73.85	17 CHINA	75.80
18 BANGLADESH	71.76	18 CANADA	70.18	18 PAKISTAN	74.95
19 SOUTH AFRICA	71.25	19 MOROCCO	61.62	19 BRAZIL	69.21
20 CHINESE TAIPEI	69.27	20 CHINESE TAIPEI	52.06	20 NEW ZEALAND	66.91
21 MEXICO	62.20	21 INDIA	49.97	21 EGYPT	60.58
22 GUADELOUPE	53.81	22 JORDAN	45.91	22 GUADELOUPE	27.00



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 VBF Meeting Room 2 (near the VuGraph theatre).

Le (bon) coin francophone

Jean-Paul Meyer



PROFILS



Didier Monvernay

*Notre intention est de vous présenter dans cette rubrique quelques unes des chevilles ouvrières du dispositif français pour la réussite de ce championnat. Nous commencerons par **DIDIER MONVERNAY**, le patron des bénévoles français.*

Bien avant Lyon 2017, le bridge était loin d'être une terre inconnue pour Didier Monvernay, licencié de la FFB depuis plus de 20 ans, arbitre, APR du comité de Lyonnais, il était déjà bien impliqué. Cependant sa rencontre avec **Jean-Philippe Daublain**, lors d'un voyage bridge en Espagne, devait l'inciter à se lancer dans l'aventure. Il serait responsable du recrutement des bénévoles.

Pas une mince affaire l'objectif avait été d'en trouver 130 dans les 24 mois dont il disposait avant le jour J : **le 12 août 2017**.

UN PLAN DE BATAILLE

Il avait son plan : envoyer une affiche par email aux quelques 5700 licenciés du comité du Lyonnais.

Ils partirent ...quelques-uns mais par un prompt renfort se retrouvèrent 200, ou presque, au coup d'envoi.

Tel un général préparant une bataille, Didier avait recensé les missions au nombre de 4 pour la WBF, l'accueil, la duplication, les opérateurs BBO et les caddies, bien plus nombreuses pour la FFB qui avait besoin de chauffeurs, de responsables logistiques pour les mises en place et d'enseignants, par exemple.

Il fallait, ensuite, définir le planning pour chacun, la salle de préparation est très parlante avec ses 1000 postes de travail répartis sur les 15 jours.

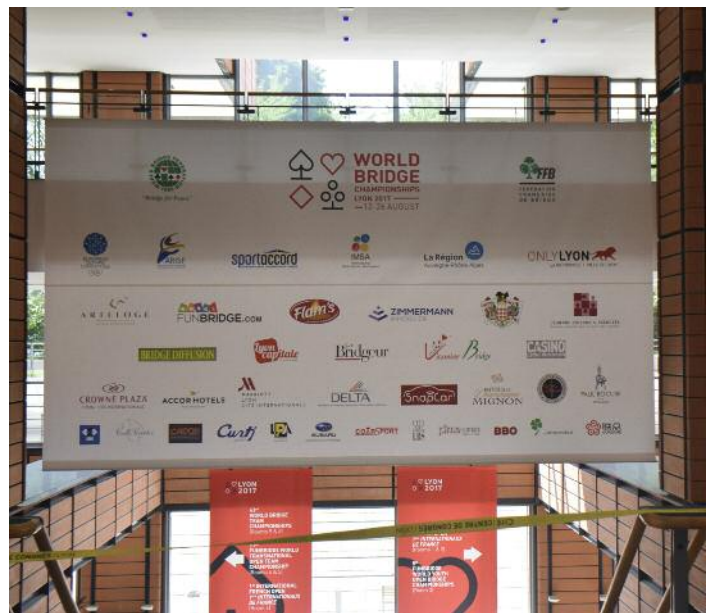
VOIR PLUS LOIN.

Didier Monvernay avait en tête d'autres ambitions, profitez de ces championnats pour contacter les 3000 entreprises les plus importantes du Lyonnais et faire découvrir le bridge à leurs dirigeants. Objectif à nouveau atteint avec des dizaines de rendez-vous pour une découverte du bridge dans ce Palais des Congrès.

On m'avait dit : « Rencontrez Didier, vous découvrirez un nouvel aspect de la promotion du bridge » Je n'ai pas été déçu.

LE MUR DES PARTENAIRES

Il accroche le regard dès que vous entrez dans le hall d'accueil, ce mur est en effet un immense oriflamme qui surplombe les escaliers d'accès aux salles de jeu. Nous n'avons pas dénombré moins de 31 sociétés dont le partenariat est ainsi mis en avant. Vous pouvez les découvrir sur la photo ci-dessous.



Les 31 supporters de la manifestation française



Quelques-uns des bénévoles

UNE BELLE DEFENSE ET UN FLANC BRILLANT

L'équipe de France open se vit opposer une farouche résistance de la part de l'Afrique du Sud mais finit par l'emporter 28 à 16, la donne suivante fit toute la différence :

Donne 10. Donneur Est. Tous Vul.

♠ 8 6	♠ R 10 9 5 3	♠ 7 4
♥ D 8 7 6 4	♥ A 5	♥ 10 9 3
♦ A D	♦ 7 4 3	♦ V 9 8 5
♣ D V 9 2	♣ 7 4 3	♣ R 10 6 5
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	♠ A D V 2	
	♥ R V 2	
	♦ R 10 6 2	
	♣ A 8	

En salle ouverte, Lorenzini se retrouva déclarant, en Nord, au contrat de 4 Piques. Un contrat raisonnable, encore convient-il de le mener à bien. Entame d'un petit Trèfle pour le Valet d'Ouest, lorsque le déclarant fournit un petit du mort, avec pour objectif de couper les communications adverses. Ouest rejoue Trèfle. Jeu

d'enfant pour Nord que de tirer deux tours d'atout, coupant au passage le dernier Trèfle, puis de jouer trois tours de Cœur en coupant le dernier. On joue, ensuite, Carreau pour le 10 : Ouest est sans défense. Mission accomplie, une partie du travail restait à la défense dans l'autre salle où après 1 Carreau en Sud, et une intervention d'un Cœur en Ouest, Sud, bien que connaissant les Piques de Nord décida de jouer 3 SA pour se protéger à l'entame. En Ouest, François Combescure entama de la Dame de Trèfle, qui fit la levée suivie du petit Trèfle pour le Roi d'Est et l'As. Le déclarant tira 5 tours de Pique, défaussant un Carreau de la main sur le dernier. Ouest jeta sans peine deux Cœurs et évita une remise en main en jetant son Valet de Trèfle sur le dernier Pique une de chute 12 IMPs pour la France.

CERTAINS ONT DE LA CHANCE...

Et d'autres beaucoup moins. Trois fois par jour, **Mark Horton**, le rédacteur en chef (rédacteur en chef suprême, comme il s'est, lui-même, nommé depuis qu'il s'est vu confié, également, la rédaction du bulletin live) répartit entre ses cinq journalistes les matches à suivre. C'est là que le sort n'est pas équitable. Prenez le tour N° 4 et imaginez le calvaire du celui-ci qui s'était vu attribuer la rencontre Pays-Bas Bulgarie, Bermuda Bowl, score final 8 IMP à 5 ! D'un autre côté avec les mêmes 16 donnes, le chargé de mission, s'il y en avait un, pour la match Italie Turquie, seniors, n'a pas chômé avec un score final de 63 à 32.



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The Glass Menagerie

Mark Horton

The Glass Menagerie is a five-character memory play by Tennessee Williams that premiered in 1944 and catapulted



Williams from obscurity to fame. At these Championships Mario Chavarria and his team are presenting a live stream, which operates during each VuGraph transmission. It is co-ordinated by Fernando Lema, who, with his invited guests, discusses all sorts of bridge related topics. During the last match on Monday I joined Fred Gitelman in the glass

fronted studio and we talked about many aspects of the game. One of the many interesting facts that emerged from our discussions was that if you want to practise with your partner on BBO you can play deals from famous Championships against the Robots.

I noticed that from time to time Fred was following a match on his phone - as the coach of USA II he was keeping an eye on his team's match against England. This was the deal on the screen:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K Q 8 3		♠ J 9 6 4	
♥ 10 5 4 3		♥ Q J 9 8	
♦ Q 9		♦ 6	
♣ Q 2		♣ K 8 5 3	
♠ 7	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 5 2	
♥ A K		♥ 7 6 2	
♦ A K 10 8 7 5 2		♦ J 4 3	
♣ A 9 6		♣ J 10 7 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	De Young	Brock	Ladyzhensky
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble*	Pass
2♠*	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the two of spades and North won with the queen, cashed the ace and king and exited with the three of hearts. Declarer won in dummy, unblocked the hearts, cashed two rounds of clubs ending in hand and played off

the jack of spades and the hearts, squeezing South in the minors for an overtrick, +430.

It was clear here that North held a strong spade suit, but if North's only contribution was to bid 1♠ then a spade to the king followed by an immediate return of the three of spades would (in theory) give declarer a guess. When that happened in the BB match between Sweden and USA I that is exactly what happened, but Steve Weinstein immediately played the jack on Fredrik Nyström's return.

In one of those remarkable coincidences that seem to occur with singular regularity while I was typing up this report I discovered in the VC match between Israel and Egypt that Maud Khouri and Nada Wattar managed to defeat 3NT - at their table Maud had passed over West's opening bid of 2♣ and South led the two of spades, declarer going wrong when Maud won with the king and returned the three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	Senior	Jenkins	Penfold
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Fred was concerned that East might interpret 3♠ as a splinter for hearts and retreat to 5♥, but he need not have worried. On a good day you might be allowed to make 4♥ - if North won a spade lead and thought it would be a good idea to force dummy with a second round of the suit declarer would be able to take two ruffs in dummy and score four trumps in hand to go with the side suit winners.



Sandra Penfold, England

As I was returning to my office I spotted a smiling Fred on the way, his charges having won the match by virtue of a big swing near the end:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	De Young	Brock	Ladyzhensky
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the four of clubs for a fast one down, +50.
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	Senior	Jenkins	Penfold
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East's well judged pass netted +500 as after her trump lead the defenders collected a heart and two diamonds and then played four rounds of spades to promote a trump trick.

You can replay these deals at:

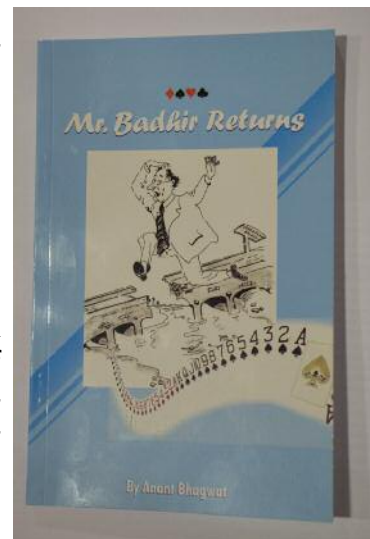
<http://tinyurl.com/y7vhs97c>

Mr. Badhir Returns

Anant Bhagwat from India has written a book that carries bridge hands and is a continuation of his series on Mr. Badhir; the book is titled "Mr. Badhir Returns". The book carries a mix of Mr. Badhir's adventures as well as hands for improving bridge players.

The book is priced at 15 euros but he has offered the book for 10 euros in Lyon at the world bridge championships.

Mr. Badhir (translates to Mr. Numb) made his debut in the book "Bridge Adventures of Mr. Badhir", a book that made it to the short list of the IBPA Book of the Year.



Written in the mould of Victor Mollo's famed "rueful rabbit", Mr. Badhir stumbles through exotic results by accident and creates excitement whenever he is at the Bridge table at his local club.

A few copies of the book are available from Dilip Gidwani, usually found in the Press Room.

You can also order the copy by email from Dilip Gidwani (dilipgidwani@hotmail.com) and the book would be mailed to your address for a total price of 15 euros (the postage cost will be borne by the author).

World Championship Book 2017 – Lyon

The official book of these championships should be ready around the end of February next year. It will consist of approximately 350 large full colour pages and will include coverage of all the championship events, with particular emphasis on the latter stages of the Open and Women's Teams. There will be a full results service and many colour photographs.

The principle analysts, as in recent years, will be John Carruthers, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and GeO Tislevoll.

On publication, the official retail price will be US\$35 plus whatever your local bookseller charges for postage. For the duration of the championships, you can pre-order via Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the reduced price of 25 Euros, or 30 US\$, including postage (surface mail).

Alternatively, you can pay the same prices via Paypal to Brian Senior at bsenior@hotmail.com, which is also an option for a limited period after the end of the championships.



RR - R5

VC: China v Indonesia

BB: India v Indonesia



Jos Jacobs

On the second day of these Championships I stuck to my idea of trying to find representatives of a country involved in two matches during the same round. This time, the VC match between the winners (China) and the runners-up (Indonesia) of the latest Zone 6 (APBF) Championships was my first choice. As it happens, the Indonesian BB team is also in Lyon, having to play India in this same round. India were the proud organisers of the previous World Team Championships, two years ago in Chennai, whereas Indonesia hosted the same event in 2013 in wonderful, sunny Bali, or Nusa Dua, I should rather say.

Both these Asian women's teams have been doing quite well in the Venice Cup recently, China winning it in 2009 and Indonesia surprising the world by finishing as runners-up in 2011.

On the opening board of the match, Indonesia gained a few IMPs on a partscore in both their matches. On the next board, luck played its part:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ —		
♥ 10 7 2		
♦ J 9 6 5 4 3 2		
♣ A 8 4		
♠ 6 5 3		♠ A Q J 10 7
♥ K J 8 5 4		♥ Q 9
♦ A 8		♦ K Q 10
♣ K 9 5		♣ J 3 2
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ K 9 8 4 2	
	♥ A 6 3	
	♦ 7	
	♣ Q 10 7 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tueje	Ya Lu	Bojoh	Ya Liu
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

In the VC, the Indonesian EW reached a perfectly normal 4♠ contract which was happily welcomed by South who led her singleton diamond. Declarer won and continued the ♥Q but South took her ace and returned a club. Trying to avoid an immediate ruff, declarer called for dummy's king but North won her ace and gave partner a ruff. At this point, South could do little better than cash her ♣Q so the contract went down only two. China +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Y. Huang	Murniati	N. Wang	Dewi
—	—	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When East opened INT, the unlucky spade fit was easily avoided. Even a club lead would not necessarily beat 3NT but the actual, logical low spade lead made life easy for declarer. China +400 and 12 IMPs to them.

In the BB match we saw the opposite, as far as Indonesian luck is concerned.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Venkataraman	Sacul	Goel
—	—	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Denny Sacul and Franky Karwur copied the Chinese women's sequence and even made an overtrick on a spade lead to declarer's seven, heart to dummy's jack and a spade to the queen and king. Diamond back to the king and ♥Q which was taken by South... Indonesia +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sunderram	Lasut	Sridharan	Manoppo
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			



Nan Wang, China

The Indians basically copied the Indonesian women's sequence but the Indonesian defence was a trifle better. Diamond lead, ♥Q to the ace and a club to the king and ace. But now Lasut did not give partner a ruff, but simply returned a club for down three. Indonesia +500 and 14 IMPs.

On board 5, the teams again reached the same two contracts in both matches.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tueje	Ya Lu	Bojoh	Ya Liu
—	1♦	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
3♥	All Pass		
2♠	5-5 minors		

On this auction, it is understandable that N/S sold out to 3♥. When North led the ♣K, a diamond loser quickly disappeared. When North discarded a spade winner later on, Tueje only went down two. China +100.

In the other room, N/S were more ambitious, helped by the 12-14 INT opening bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Y. Huang	Murniati	N. Wang	Dewi
	INT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
3♥	3NT	All Pass	
2NT	Transfer		

As you can see, 3NT can be made by establishing the clubs after ducking one or two rounds of hearts. This is an unlikely line, however. When East discarded a spade on the third round of hearts, the pattern changed. Murniati had won her ace at trick 3 and next crossed in diamonds to run the ♠J which held the trick. Do you think East would have discarded from four spades to the nine? Would West have failed to cover with ♠Kxx only? Was East ducking the ♠J?

I don't think we should blame any declarer at this point in the play of the hand for not going after the clubs. If you cash another top diamond and West follows, however, can West hold 4-6-2-1? If so, you might go after the clubs after all, as only the blank ace with West would defeat you.



Lusje Olha Bojoh, Indonesia

When Murniati cashed all dummy's top diamonds and repeated the spade finesse, she had to concede one down when the diamonds proved 4-2 and the ♠K did not appear under the ace. China another +100 and 5 IMPs to them.

Mainly the same proceedings in the BB match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Venkataraman	Sacul	Goel
—	1♦	Pass	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

The convention card suggests that 2♠ was natural - was it a mouse-click error by the operator?

In the BB match, Indonesia Open got to 3♥ even quicker than the women after the same start of the auction and here too, North led the ♣K so a diamond loser disappeared early. When North correctly held on to his spades, the trump promotion was inevitable and the contract thus went three down, India +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sunderram	Lasut	Sridharan	Manoppo
	1♦	Pass	2♣
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Not surprisingly, Eddy Manoppo did not find the unlikely winning line in 3NT either. He even went down two for another +200 and 8 IMPs to India.

When I checked the results, I found out that at about one third of the tables in BB and VC they had in fact made 3NT. It turned out that a number of West players had shifted to a spade after winning two rounds of hearts. This would give the show away to the respective declarers, who could then safely try the effect of leading a club from dummy, as West was known to be entryless now.

On the next board, N/S were booked for a good result, no matter what they did.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A 3 2		
♥ 8 4		
♦ K Q 9 3		
♣ J 10 7 3		
♠ 10 9 8		♠ Q 4
♥ 9 6 5 3		♥ A K J 10
♦ J 10 2		♦ 8 7 5 4
♣ 9 6 4		♣ K Q 8
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ K J 7 6 5	
	♥ Q 7 2	
	♦ A 6	
	♣ A 5 2	

At three of the four tables in our two featured matches, East opened INT and played there. The defenders could hardly avoid getting five spades, three diamonds and the ♣A on the automatic spade lead from South. So +400 was a popular N/S result all over the place...

China's N/S pair was among quite a lot of N/S pairs who managed to exploit the extremely favourable NS-layout even better:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tueje	Ya Lu	Bojoh	Ya Liu
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

What can the defence do? N/S in 4♠ have the same easy 10 tricks as they would have had in defence. China +420 and 1 IMP for their efforts.

On board 8, most South players simply bid 4♠ at their first turn to bid after 1♥ by West and INT (or pass in Precision) by East. This contract proved unbeatable.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ —		
♥ K J 10 8 4 3 2		
♦ A 10 7 6		
♣ K J		
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ A K J 10 7 6 5 3	♠ Q 9 8
	♥ 5	♥ 9
	♦ J 8	♦ 9 4 3
	♣ Q 9	♣ A 8 7 5 3 2

So no swing in the VC match.

In the BB match, the Indonesians were more careful and paid the price for it:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sunderram	Lasut	Sridharan	Manoppo
1♥	Pass	INT	2♠
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

One down when declarer ruffed the spade lead, crossed to dummy's ♥9 when North ducked the low heart and then led a low diamond to the eight and the ten. So just +100 to Indonesia and 8 IMPs to India who, of course, had registered the more normal +420 in the Open Room.

The second half of the match was very quiet. Even the board below should not have troubled the scorers too much:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K Q 8 6 2		
♥ —		
♦ 6 4 2		
♣ A K 9 4 3		
♠ A 3		♠ J 10 7
♥ Q 8 5		♥ J 4 3 2
♦ K J 3		♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ Q J 10 8 6		♣ 7 2
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 9 5 4	
	♥ A K 10 9 7 6	
	♦ A Q 7	
	♣ 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tueje	Ya Lu	Bojoh	Ya Liu
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Kristina Wahyu Murniati, Indonesia

In Precision style, the 2NT rebid shows this type of hand: 14-15 with a good suit.

As there had been no E/W interference, declarer won the opening club lead and immediately ruffed a club in dummy without first cashing her other top club. She next led a spade to her king and a diamond to dummy's ace, discarded two diamonds on the top hearts and played dummy's last spade. West won her ace perforce and led the ♣Q, East ruffing away declarer's ♣K and, what is more, leaving declarer with two more losing clubs. One down, Indonesia +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Y. Huang	Murniati	N. Wang	Dewi
—	—	Pass	1♥
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

In the other room, the Indonesians avoided any trouble by simply going for the sure plus once offered the chance. Even though North made the unlucky lead of a top spade, declarer could not avoid down three: a spade, two hearts, a diamond and four trump tricks. Indonesia +500.

What about an unlikely diamond lead and an immediate spade back by South?

In the BB match, Venkataraman showed a simple road to 10 tricks in 4♠:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Venkataraman	Sacul	Goel
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

He won the ♦10 lead in dummy, threw two diamonds on the top hearts, cashed the ♣AK and ruffed a club in dummy, thus restricting his possible losers to either three trumps or two trumps and one club. Nicely done for a push as Indonesia played in 3NT, making an overtrick in the other room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sunderram	Lasut	Sridharan	Manoppo
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Contract Result : 3NT+1

Alas, the only part of the play that is recorded, is that on the first trick:

♣J ♣A* ♣7 ♣5,
which is a pity as although there are ways to make 3NT it is far from easy.

The final scores in the two matches:

VC: China - Indonesia 23-20 or 10.91 – 9.09 V.P.

BB: India – Indonesia 19-19, an exact tie for 10-10 in V.P.

Keep taking the Tablets!

Unless you have been playing bridge on a desert island for the last few years you will know that major bridge championships that require the services of a BBO organiser turn to Traian Chira, who lives in Australia, having settled there in the early 1990's following the overthrow of Communism in Romania. A writer and manager of software, he has been responsible for a number of important developments that are primarily designed to improve online spectator's viewing experience.



His latest innovation is the introduction of tablet computers on each side of the screen that include a button for calling the Director (so on the other side of the screen they don't know a call has been made) and one that has to be used when taking a 'comfort' break (ensuring that a team mate at the other table cannot leave at the same time).

They are in use here in Lyon, and tablets are also being used to display information outside the BBO playing rooms.

Whilst it is possible that future developments might see the bidding boxes replaced by tablets there are no plans to do away with the playing cards!





d'Orsi Trophy RR - R6

France v Canada



Ron Tacchi

At the end of day one France were leading the table and two further wins on day two cemented their position at the top. Meanwhile Canada were in eighth place overnight but their first two results of the day yielded only ten VPs, so they were needing a good result and hoping for a set of boards that would give opportunities for big swings.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Turner	Schmidt	Gowdy	Toffier
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

East did not warrant his hand suitable for a two-suited overcall and after South gave a minimum raise East still did not think it worth entering the auction so the French declarer had an easy ride to nine tricks.



Philippe Toffier, France



Michael Schoenborn, Canada

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Schoenborn	Palau	Lerner
—	1♠	2NT*	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

At this table Palau, who is not known for his passivity, immediately entered the fray showing his minors. Guillaumin made a two-way bid of Five Diamonds – either it makes or it is good pre-sacrifice. No double, no trouble, especially as North elected to lead his ace of spades which allowed declarer to escape for one down and put three IMPs on the board.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Turner	Schmidt	Gowdy	Toffier
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The Canadians were on to a plus result as soon as East ventured Three Diamonds. Three Hearts was booked for one down as unsurprisingly the ace of clubs was offside and the trumps did not behave. The result was two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Schoenborn	Palau	Lerner
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

The Canadians were much more circumspect and after East did not reenter the bidding, South was content to play in the part-score and was rewarded with seven IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Turner	Schmidt	Gowdy	Toffier
–	–	–	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Dble	Pass
Pass	6♥	Dble	All Pass

By the standards of my youth (now a distant and dim memory) South's pre-empt was aggressive but probably not so by modern standards. I must confess to liking North's semi-psycho RKC but he was not going to completely silence East who doubled for takeout. North upped the pre-emption and took an advance sacrifice. When the contract failed by three tricks for -800 the French pair probably thought that they had a good result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Schoenborn	Palau	Lerner
–	–	–	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South took a more conservative approach with his opening pre-empt as did North with his raise. This allowed East to enter the auction. It was not obvious either to East or West that there might be a cold slam so they rested in game. I suspect the BBO play record is not 100% as it says declarer claimed 13 tricks after the initial lead but whatever the actual result it was three IMPs to Canada. We

all know that after a high-level pre-empt it is very difficult to judge the situation accurately. In fact in the Senior event only six out of twenty-two pairs reached the slam.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Turner	Schmidt	Gowdy	Toffier
–	–	–	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Schoenborn	Palau	Lerner
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Both teams bid successfully to the optimum contract, but the hand has some interesting points which are raised in another report by Mark Horton (dubbed as 'The Supreme Editor' or TSE in the bulletin room) and he discusses the merits of other contracts such as 3NT and Four Hearts.

The remainder of the boards were not exciting and only five IMPs changed hands.

In a match where the biggest swing was seven IMPs the final tally was 13-12 in favour of the French or 10.31-9.69 VPs.

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Bermuda Bowl RR - R7



Bulgaria v Sweden

Brian Senior

I arrived a couple of days late in Lyon as I was playing in a particularly unmemorable teams event in England at the weekend (at least, I hope I'll be able to delete it from my memory banks without any difficulty). So on Monday afternoon I watched my first match, and a whole 13 IMPs were scored in 16 deals, providing precious little to write about – so I thought I'd give the Bulgarian BB team a second chance on Tuesday morning. And here is the result.

Tenth-placed Bulgaria met Sweden, sixth in the rankings, in Tuesday morning's Round 7 match. The Swedish team featured the young twins, Ola and Mikael Rimstedt, who recently were on the Swedish U26 team, which won the gold medal in Slovakia in the European Youth Championships. Sweden struck immediately.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

		♠ Q 3		
		♥ 6 4 2		
		♦ A Q J 9 3		
		♣ A 9 8		
♠ K 10 9 8 5 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 6		
♥ K 7		♥ 10 8 5		
♦ K 10 6 5		♦ 8 7 4 2		
♣ 7		♣ Q J 10 4 2		
		♠ A J 7 2		
		♥ A Q J 9 3		
		♦ —		
		♣ K 6 5 3		

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
–	INT	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
–	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Both Norths were playing a weak no-trump so opened with that bid and South inquired. For Sweden, Ola Rimstedt passed with the West cards and his opponents bid to the five level in search of a possible slam. Presumably, 3♦ asked for partner's longer major and 4♦ was a cuebid for hearts. Unfortunately for Bulgaria, Ivan Nanev was not quite ready to give up on slam so he made one more try. Though Julian Stefanov once again signed off, they were too high.

Mikael Rimstedt led the queen of clubs. Needing to

develop a discard for his third club, Stefanov won the king and led a low spade towards the queen. Now the roof fell in as Ola won the king and returned a spade for his brother to ruff. The play continued with a black-suit crossruff and when the smoke had cleared Stefanov was down four for –200.

In the other room, Vladimir Mihov overcalled 2♠ and, after an exchange of five-card suits, Johan Sylvan asked for a spade stopper and Frederic Wrang showed one. Three No Trump proved to be a comfortable contract after a spade lead to the king and a spade continuation. Declarer came to three spade tricks, four hearts, two clubs and a diamond, for +430 and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ A 6 5		
		♥ Q J 10		
		♦ J 6 5 2		
		♣ K 10 4		
♠ K 10 9 8 3 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 7		
♥ K 3		♥ 9 6 5 4		
♦ A 9 8		♦ K Q		
♣ 9 5		♣ A Q J 7 6 3		
		♠ Q J 4		
		♥ A 8 7 2		
		♦ 10 7 4 3		
		♣ 8 2		

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
–	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
–	1♦	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For Bulgaria, Georgi Karakolev opened a Precision 2♣ and Vladimir Mihov jumped to 3♠, natural and invitational. Looking at a singleton spade and near minimum for his opening, Karakolev had no problem in passing. The lead was the queen of hearts, Wrang winning the ace and switching to a diamond round to dummy's queen. Mihov led dummy's spade and Wrang played low. That proved to be a good decision as Mihov put up the king, losing to the ace. He won the diamond return, played a heart to the king then the eight of spades to Wrang's jack. Mihov won the diamond return and conceded another spade, but had the remainder of the tricks for +140.

In the other room, Stefanov opened 1♦, Precision, on the

North cards, and Mikael overcalled. Ola introduced his spades then, over Mikael's 2NT, checked for spade tolerance. When Mikael could not show any interest in spades, Ola closed proceedings with 3NT, against which Nanév led a diamond.

Mikael won the diamond in hand and led a spade to the queen, king and ace. Stefanov returned the queen of hearts, ducked to declarer's king, and Ola could take the club finesse then overtake the $\diamond K$ to repeat the finesse. That produced nine easy tricks for +400 and 6 IMPs to Sweden, who led by 18-1.

Had North continued with a second diamond when in with the $\spadesuit A$, the contract would have been defeated as declarer could no longer afford to overtake to take a club finesse as that would have established five defensive winners. And of course, if declarer has to lose a club trick, he will be a trick short.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

		\spadesuit 10 9 7 4 \heartsuit K 10 7 4 \diamond 8 2 \clubsuit A K 8	
\spadesuit J 8 5 \heartsuit A 5 2 \diamond Q 10 9 7 5 \clubsuit J 10	<div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	\spadesuit A Q 6 3 2 \heartsuit 9 6 \diamond A K J 3 \clubsuit Q 4	
		\spadesuit K \heartsuit Q J 8 3 \diamond 6 4 \clubsuit 9 7 6 5 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit	Pass
1 \heartsuit	Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass
2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit	Pass
4 \spadesuit	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanév
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1 \diamond	1 \spadesuit	Pass
2 \spadesuit	Pass	3 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \spadesuit	All Pass		

Sylvan passed in third seat so Karakolev could open a strong club. Mihov showed a balanced positive then checked for further information before raising to the spade game. We've all been in worse games but this one was hopeless on the lie of the missing cards. Wrang led a club, so Sylvan won two of those then switched to a heart. Karakolev had to take the spade finesse if he was to have a chance of success and that meant two trump losers plus a heart for down two and -200.

At the other table Stefanov opened a Precision 1 \diamond in third

seat so Mikael had to start with an overcall. Ola made a simple raise then declined Mikael's invitation so the brothers stopped a level lower. The lead was again a club but here Stefanov won and switched to a diamond. Mikael could afford a trump loser so won and made the safety play of leading low to the ace of spades. When the king fell he could play three more rounds of trumps then get rid of the heart loser on the fourth diamond so had 10 tricks for +170 and 9 IMPs to Sweden, who led by 30-1 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

		\spadesuit Q 6 4 \heartsuit K J \diamond K 10 7 5 \clubsuit J 9 5 3	
\spadesuit 10 8 3 \heartsuit Q 10 9 8 7 6 2 \diamond A \clubsuit K 2	<div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	\spadesuit A K J 9 7 5 \heartsuit 4 3 \diamond 9 \clubsuit A Q 8 6	
		\spadesuit 2 \heartsuit A 5 \diamond Q J 8 6 4 3 2 \clubsuit 10 7 4	

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
—	Pass	1 \spadesuit	3 \diamond
3 \heartsuit	5 \diamond	5NT	Pass
6 \diamond	Pass	6 \spadesuit	All Pass

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanév
—	INT	2 \diamond	3 \clubsuit
3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	All Pass

Stefanov's mini no-trump led to a relatively peaceful auction. Mikael overcalled 2 \diamond , either a weakish major single-suiter or a stronger hand with a major and a minor.



Ivan Nanév, Bulgaria

Nanev transferred to diamonds and Ola competed with 3♠, assuming that to be his partner's suit. Holding the strong variety, Mikael went on to game. Mikael took the spade finesse so had no loser there, and could establish hearts to get rid of his fourth club; 11 tricks for +650.

Sylvan did not open the North hand but, when Wrang made a weak jump overcall, continued the pre-empt with 5♦. Karakolev thought he had a good hand now and bid 5NT to say pick a slam and ended up in 6♠. This was, of course, hopeless. As Karakolev played trumps from the top, he lost one of those to go with the top hearts and was down two for -200 and 13 IMPs to Sweden; 43-1.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Both N/S pairs bid smoothly up to 4♠, played by South. The lead was the queen of clubs. Both Wrang and Nanev ducked, won the club continuation and drew trumps ending in dummy. They ruffed the third club then played three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy. Having completed the elimination, they led a diamond to the ten and queen and West was endplayed to guarantee the tenth trick; flat at +620.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
—	—	—	2♦
Dble	2♥	2NT	Pass
3♣	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Both Souths opened a multi 2♦. Mihov doubled, showing around 12-15 balanced or a big hand, and now it seems that Sylvan could bid his hand naturally, Wrang of course showing preference for hearts. Ola did not come in on the West cards so Stefanov bid a pass or correct 2♥ then seems to have had a useful piece of system as his next bid of 3♣ must have shown the red suits.

The favourable lie meant that both declarers could ruff out the diamonds and concede just one heart; a push at +480.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Sylvan's redouble, showing a top honour doubleton, had no effect on the auction, the difference coming from the respective East players' valuation of their hand. Karakolev saw substantial extra values so jumped to 3♥, while Mikael saw that he was facing a passed hand and had a poor diamond holding and no ace, so contented himself with a simple 2♥, both ending the auction.

Nanev led a spade against 2♥, with Stefanov winning the ace and switching to the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. Nanev in turn switched to the queen of clubs, Mikael winning his king and cashing the ♠Q before playing the ♥Q. Nanev won the ace and returned the ♣10 to dummy's ace. The king of spades was ruffed and over-ruffed and from here there was just one heart and one club to be lost; eight tricks for +110.

Wrang too led a spade against 3♥ and Sylvan won the ace

then switched to a low diamond to the queen and ace. Wrang switched to the queen of clubs, and Karakolev won the king, cashed the ♠Q and played the ♥K to Wrang's ace. He won the diamond return and played queen and another heart. That meant two more heart losers but the club went away on the king of spades so Karakolev also had eight tricks. But here that meant down one for -50 and 4 IMPs to Sweden. The lead was up to 47-1.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
—	1♣	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
—	2♣	Dble	4♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Stefanov opened 2♣, Precision, and Nanev could make a pre-emptive raise to the four level over Mikael's double. When Ola bid 4♥ and that came back to him, Nanev judged



Georgi Karakolev, Bulgaria

that this was about to make so he saved in 5♣, doubled by Ola. Mikael led a heart so Ola won and played king then queen of spades and that was one down for -200.

Sylvan's 1♣ promised only two cards in the suit so Wrang could not raise. Sylvan did not double Mihov's cuebid response so the Bulgarian E/W pair bid unmolested to the heart game. Wrang led a club. Sylvan won the ace and switched to king and another diamond and his subsequent ruff meant the contract was down one for -100 and another 7 IMPs to Sweden. They led by 54-1.

Finally, came some relief for Bulgaria.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
—	—	Pass	INT
3♠	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
—	—	Pass	INT
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Both Souths opened INT and both Wests overcalled in spades. There was, however, a difference. Ola overcalled 2♠, so Stefanov could transfer to hearts and leave Nanev to play at the three level. Not that this went particularly well when the trumps split five-one, but at least it was only 50s. Ola led the king of spades so Nanev won the ace and played ♥K and a heart to the jack, getting the bad news. He led a club off the table and, when Mikael played low, put in the seven, convinced that the ace would be offside. That lost to the nine and Ola returned a spade, ruffed and over-ruffed. Mikael cashed the ace of clubs then led a diamond to Nanev's ace. The ♣K was ruffed and the contract was eventually down three for -150.

Mihov made the 3♠ jump overcall and Sylvan also transferred to hearts but, of course, a level higher. When Wrang completed the transfer Karakolev doubled for penalties. Wrang won the king of spades with the ace and returned the five of spades, Mihov covering with the nine and winning the trick, when Wrang pitched a diamond from dummy and Karakolev a club. Mihov returned the eight of

**Johan Sylvan, Sweden**

hearts so Wrang won dummy's queen and played a club, Karakolev winning the ace and returning a second trump to declarer's king. Wrang exited with the eight of clubs, Mihov winning as Karakolev threw the ten of diamonds. Mihov gave his partner a club ruff and back came a diamond to the king followed by another club. Another ruff with the ♥10 was down three for -500 and 8 IMPs to Bulgaria; 9-54.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
—	—	—	1♦
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
—	—	—	INT
3♥	3NT	All Pass	

Wrang opened 1♦ with the South cards and Mihov overcalled 4♥, where he played. There were four inevitable losers so he was down one for -50.

Nanev was in range for a INT opening and now Ola contented himself with a pre-emptive 3♥ overcall, leaving Stefanov the option to try 3NT, which he took. A heart lead would have given declarer his ninth trick, but it was very

unlikely that Mikael would have a doubleton heart so Ola looked elsewhere for his opening lead and settled on the jack of spades. That was the killer. Mikael overtook with the queen and continued with the ten, suit preference for clubs. Nanev won the ace and led a club, intending to take the double finesse, which would have made the contract had the missing honours been split. Alas, Mikael had both, and his queen forced the ace. The best Nanev could do now was to cash out the diamonds and when he did so then followed up with a club Mikael had the ♦K and four spades to cash; down two for -200 and 6 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mihov	Sylvan	Karakolev	Wrang
1♥	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Stefanov	M. Rimstedt	Nanev
1♥	2♦	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Karakolev began with a spade splinter and Mihov drove to slam. Sylvan thought for a long time before cashing the ace of hearts and again before switching to the king of spades. Mihov could win, draw trumps and claim 12 tricks, requiring only a single ruff in the dummy after this defence; +1430.

Mikael could not start with 3♠ as that would have shown a void so he had to go via 2NT. He continued with RKCB then jumped to the small slam. Stefanov led the nine of hearts. Ola won in hand and played a heart back so Stefanov won and played a third round. Ola, of course, was assuming that the missing kings would be on his left after North's overcall. Having won the third heart he played ace and another spade and the appearance of the king meant that he had 12 tricks. He could of course have fallen back on the diamond finesse had the ♠K not come down. That meant a flat board at +1430.

Sweden had totally outplayed their opponents, winning by 60-9 IMPs, which converted to 19.25-0.75 VPs. They were up to fourth in the standings, Bulgaria down to 14th.

RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl

Round 7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	MONACO MEXICO	59	42	14.39	5.61
2	BANGLADESH GERMANY	14	64	0.84	19.16
3	USA2 ARGENTINA	46	10	17.59	2.41
4	INDONESIA NETHERLANDS	28	22	11.76	8.24
5	BULGARIA SWEDEN	9	60	0.75	19.25
6	USA1 AUSTRALIA	10	33	4.44	15.56
7	INDIA ITALY	21	21	10.00	10.00
8	CHINESE TAIPEI EGYPT	32	43	6.96	13.04
9	BRAZIL CHINA	50	29	15.19	4.81
10	NEW ZEALAND GUADELOUPE	41	16	15.92	4.08
11	FRANCE SOUTH AFRICA	28	16	13.28	6.72

Round 8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	INDIA NEW ZEALAND	33	0	17.17	2.83
2	GUADELOUPE BRAZIL	21	36	6.03	13.97
3	CHINA CHINESE TAIPEI	34	27	12.03	5.97
4	EGYPT BANGLADESH	22	24	9.39	10.61
5	GERMANY USA1	1	41	1.91	18.09
6	AUSTRALIA BULGARIA	13	64	0.75	19.25
7	SWEDEN INDONESIA	31	22	12.55	7.45
8	ITALY MEXICO	39	30	12.55	7.45
9	NETHERLANDS USA2	22	35	6.48	13.52
10	SOUTH AFRICA MONACO	31	33	9.39	10.61
11	ARGENTINA FRANCE	29	46	5.61	14.39

Round 9

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	BULGARIA INDONESIA	36	18	14.60	5.40
2	USA1 USA2	13	28	6.03	13.97
3	CHINA SWEDEN	19	18	10.31	9.69
4	CHINESE TAIPEI MONACO	23	41	5.40	14.60
5	BRAZIL MEXICO	42	39	10.91	9.09
6	NEW ZEALAND SOUTH AFRICA	18	15	10.91	9.09
7	INDIA ARGENTINA	20	45	4.08	15.92
8	GUADELOUPE NETHERLANDS	13	36	4.44	15.56
9	ITALY GERMANY	49	0	19.07	0.93
10	EGYPT AUSTRALIA	12	35	4.44	15.56
11	BANGLADESH FRANCE	27	30	9.09	10.91

Venice Cup

Round 7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	SWEDEN BRAZIL	51	16	17.45	2.55
22	MOROCCO USA2	35	85	0.84	19.16
23	ENGLAND USA1	19	50	3.12	16.88
24	CANADA CHINESE TAIPEI	44	29	13.97	6.03
25	NETHERLANDS ITALY	48	30	14.60	5.40
26	NEW ZEALAND POLAND	39	52	6.48	13.52
27	AUSTRALIA CHINA	19	21	9.39	10.61
28	RUSSIA JORDAN	74	13	20.00	0.00
29	ARGENTINA EGYPT	48	32	14.18	5.82
30	ISRAEL INDIA	55	26	16.58	3.42
31	FRANCE INDONESIA	45	33	13.28	6.72

Round 8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	AUSTRALIA ISRAEL	37	39	9.39	8.61
22	INDIA ARGENTINA	36	33	10.91	9.09
23	EGYPT RUSSIA	10	60	0.84	19.16
24	JORDAN CANADA	34	20	13.75	6.25
25	CHINESE TAIPEI NEW ZEALAND	21	22	9.69	10.31
26	POLAND NETHERLANDS	27	44	5.61	14.39
27	INDONESIA ENGLAND	45	28	14.39	5.61
28	CHINA BRAZIL	45	36	12.55	7.45
29	USA1 MOROCCO	41	22	14.80	5.20
30	USA2 SWEDEN	12	37	4.08	15.92
31	ITALY FRANCE	21	7	13.75	6.25

Round 9

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	EGYPT ITALY	35	0	17.45	2.55
22	NEW ZEALAND ENGLAND	13	47	2.69	17.31
23	CANADA MOROCCO	25	25	10.00	10.00
24	RUSSIA SWEDEN	9	52	1.56	18.44
25	ARGENTINA BRAZIL	20	30	7.20	12.80
26	ISRAEL USA2	20	43	4.44	15.56
27	AUSTRALIA USA1	40	4	17.59	2.41
28	INDIA INDONESIA	6	45	2.03	17.97
29	CHINA CHINESE TAIPEI	16	6	12.80	7.20
30	JORDAN POLAND	19	38	5.20	14.80
31	NETHERLANDS FRANCE	10	22	6.72	13.28

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	POLAND PAKISTAN	27	23	11.20	8.80
42	TURKEY SWEDEN	25	26	9.69	10.31
43	INDIA USA2	63	25	17.85	2.15
44	CHINA HKG CHINA	51	22	16.58	3.42
45	USA1 GUADELOUPE	80	0	20.00	0.00
46	EGYPT ISRAEL	24	47	4.44	15.56
47	CANADA ITALY	29	3	16.09	3.91
48	ARGENTINA JAPAN	27	12	13.97	6.03
49	SOUTH AFRICA BRAZIL	35	13	15.38	4.62
50	AUSTRALIA FRANCE	62	8	19.52	0.48
51	NEW ZEALAND AUSTRIA	37	33	11.20	8.80

Round 8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	CANADA AUSTRALIA	32	42	7.20	12.80
42	FRANCE SOUTH AFRICA	44	10	17.31	2.69
43	BRAZIL ARGENTINA	34	18	14.18	5.82
44	JAPAN NEW ZEALAND	35	30	11.48	8.52
45	AUSTRIA EGYPT	45	25	15.00	5.00
46	ISRAEL USA1	34	17	14.39	5.61
47	GUADELOUPE CHINA HKG	16	52	2.41	17.59
48	ITALY PAKISTAN	23	24	9.69	10.31
49	USA2 TURKEY	70	21	19.07	0.93
50	SWEDEN POLAND	26	5	15.19	4.81
51	CHINA INDIA	47	28	14.80	5.20

Round 9

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	USA1 CHINA HKG	20	29	7.45	12.55
42	EGYPT INDIA	12	48	2.41	17.59
43	NEW ZEALAND TURKEY	19	36	5.61	14.39
44	ARGENTINA POLAND	44	21	15.56	4.44
45	SOUTH AFRICA PAKISTAN	13	58	1.34	18.66
46	AUSTRALIA SWEDEN	26	14	13.28	6.72
47	CANADA USA2	23	57	2.69	17.31
48	FRANCE CHINA	29	16	13.52	6.48
49	ITALY AUSTRIA	1	48	1.13	18.87
50	JAPAN ISRAEL	27	26	10.31	9.69
51	BRAZIL GUADELOUPE	58	9	19.07	0.93



Championship Diary

Bridge is going to be making the news in the USA later this week.

Washington Post reporter Tom Heath has penned an article that can be viewed at:

<http://tinyurl.com/y8vt3sln>

That attracted the attention of Money Magazine - their story is at:

<http://tinyurl.com/y8vg9ptp>

I decided it would be a good idea to give you a flavour of the articles by publishing a short extract, but when I emailed the Washington Post I was redirected to another web site which wanted a fee of \$199.

Nikos Sarantakos's The Vugraph Project:

<http://www.sarantakos.com/bridge/vugraph.html>

is intent on preserving important information. While working on something else I discovered that it has recently added all the deals from the 1955 World Championship match between the USA & Great Britain. The files should be suitable for any bridge program that accepts the PBN format (they work perfectly with BBO). However for Jack owners, I find the best way to use them is to create a tournament (lots of info in the Jack Help) and you can then choose your team mates :)

Ana Roth is compiling some great stories about the Championships. Here are the links to the first three:

<http://tinyurl.com/ydf6hl8v>

<http://tinyurl.com/ydgbza38>

<http://tinyurl.com/y89b2ecn>

When our photographer was asked on which team he would choose to play at these championships he gave a surprising reply. Many expected a politically incorrect response of a Women's Team or perhaps playing alongside Meckwell. His answer was the Indian Senior Team. He explained that they always had the best looking lunch of freshly prepared home cooked food and moreover were always smiling and pleasant, even suggesting that he join them and share their lunch.

