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GIANARRIGO RONA RE-ELECTED WBF PRESIDENT



The President is acclaimed by the Executive

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Today's Programme

BB, VC, OT

Round 16
11:00 - 13:20

Round 17
14:30 - 16:50

Round 18
17:20 - 19:40

At yesterday's meeting of the WBF Executive Council, the President of the World Bridge Federation, Gianarrigo Rona was re-elected for a third four-year term. His current term of office expires after the World Bridge Series in Orlando 2018 and the new term will thus run until 2022.

The President expressed his pleasure and pride at his re-election and said that he looked forward to continuing to serve the world's bridge playing community for the next five years. He then gave a live interview which you can see at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5od2oDWyt0s>

At the Table

Turning to activities on the green baize, it's time to mention the performance of the Swedish teams. At one point on Wednesday they topped all three tables and they form part of a select group of countries who might qualify a team in each of the three Championships.



Schedule

11:00 - 13:20

14:30 - 16:50

17:20 - 19:40

Bermuda Bowl

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

Venice Cup

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

d'Orsi Trophy

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

VuGraph SCHEDULE

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Auditorium Pasteur

11:00		14:30		17:20	
ITALY-SWEDEN (BB)	VG/BBO1	NETH.-GERMANY (BB)	VG/BBO1	BRAZIL-FRANCE (BB)	VG/BBO1
AUSTRALIA-NETH. (BB)	BBO 2	SWEDEN-AUSTRALIA (BB)	BBO 2	GERMANY-SWEDEN (BB)	BBO 2
NEW ZELAND-USA2 (BB)	BBO 3	USA2-JAPAN (SD)	BBO 3	USA1 BULGARIA (BB)	BBO 3
POLAND-INDONESIA (VC)	BBO 4	SWEDEN-AUSTRALIA (VC)	BBO 4	RUSSIA-ENGLAND (VC)	BBO 4
CHINA-ITALY (VC)	Funbridge	FRANCE-NEW ZELAND (BB)	Funbridge	FRANCE-SWEDEN (SD)	Funbridge
INDIA-FRANCE (BB)	Funbridge	FRANCE-RUSSIA (VC)	Funbridge	CANADA-FRANCE (VC)	Funbridge
ARGENTINA-FRANCE (VC)	Funbridge	USA2-BRAZIL (BB)	Funbridge	EGYPT-NETH. (BB)	Funbridge
ISRAEL-CHINA (SD)	BBO 8/ OG	SOUTH AFRICA-CHINA (BB)	BBO 8/ OG	CHINA-POLAND (VC)	BBO 8/ OG

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Bermuda Bowl After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	199.47
2 SWEDEN	190.65
3 USA2	184.01
4 NETHERLANDS	183.49
5 USA1	179.32
6 BULGARIA	172.59
7 ITALY	165.79
8 AUSTRALIA	161.35
9 EGYPT	159.32
10 CHINA	154.29
11 BRAZIL	150.64
12 MONACO	149.49
13 NEW ZEALAND	148.72
14 GERMANY	147.01
15 INDIA	144.12
16 CHINESE TAIPEI	139.10
17 INDONESIA	134.57
18 ARGENTINA	133.49
19 SOUTH AFRICA	120.24
20 GUADELOUPE	95.45
21 MEXICO	91.16
22 BANGLADESH	89.23

Venice Cup After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 SWEDEN	202.35
2 ENGLAND	200.70
3 INDONESIA	194.68
4 CHINA	192.41
5 NETHERLANDS	189.44
6 ISRAEL	182.42
7 POLAND	180.28
8 RUSSIA	175.88
9 AUSTRALIA	163.94
10 FRANCE	163.81
11 ITALY	154.68
12 USA1	149.82
13 ARGENTINA	143.97
14 USA2	143.52
15 BRAZIL	133.91
16 EGYPT	133.08
17 CHINESE TAIPEI	130.23
18 NEW ZEALAND	108.11
19 MOROCCO	103.29
20 CANADA	94.93
21 INDIA	82.64
22 JORDAN	73.16

d'Orsi Trophy After Round 15

TEAM	VP
1 USA2	211.11
2 FRANCE	196.55
3 AUSTRIA	184.48
4 SWEDEN	184.12
5 AUSTRALIA	184.06
6 USA1	183.83
7 ITALY	178.01
8 ISRAEL	175.82
9 ARGENTINA	171.52
10 JAPAN	164.97
11 TURKEY	160.92
12 POLAND	153.16
13 CANADA	145.49
14 CHINA	142.27
15 INDIA	140.67
16 CHINA HONG KONG	138.45
17 PAKISTAN	126.79
18 SOUTH AFRICA	110.19
19 BRAZIL	109.30
20 NEW ZEALAND	95.64
21 EGYPT	89.87
22 GUADELOUPE	50.28



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Le (bon) coin francophone

Jean-Paul Meyer



DE RECORD EN RECORD

Le tournoi organisé par la Fédération Française de Bridge, les premiers Internationaux de France ont attiré une très belle participation : 474 paires pour l'épreuve par paires mixtes. Elles ont joué pendant trois jours, le tournoi platinum a été remporté par **Philippe Kasler** et **Claire Seguniol**, tandis que le tournoi gold (sans première série) est revenu à **Jean-Yves Grand** et **Jennifer Mounier** du bridge Club d'Orvault, en Loire Atlantique.

Le tournoi par paires open, qui se termine aujourd'hui après également 3 jours de compétition, a été encore plus couru avec 520 paires

UN SOUFFLE JEUNE

Hormis Philadelphie en 2010, le championnat mondial des jeunes est déconnecté habituellement des championnats mondiaux open, dames et seniors. Ici, ainsi que nous vous l'avons dit hier, les championnats juniors (moins de 26 ans), youngsters (moins 21 ans) kids (moins de 16 ans) et girls (moins de 26 ans) se déroulent dans le même Palais des Congrès. Cela a donné un sérieux coup de jeune à l'ambiance. On a été particulièrement impressionné par une délégation chinoise extrêmement nombreuse avec des uniformes impeccables, vestes vertes, pantalons noirs et même cravates pour les joueurs, polos jaunes pour les filles.

Les autres délégations n'avaient pas grand chose à leur envier, les jeunes Français arboraient avec une fierté compréhensible leur maillot bleu marqué du logo France

au dos. Hollandais en Orange, Brésiliens au maillot jaune et vert ou Polonais en rouge et blanc formaient une joyeuse troupe bigarée.

Dans les allées de la cité internationale, en fin de journée, tous ces jeunes gens, relevés de donnes en main, poursuivaient interminablement leurs discussions sous le regard interloqué des touristes. Dans les tournois par paires, on comptait 192 paires pour l'ensemble des compétitions, la France alignant pour sa part un total de 42 paires.

UNE DONNE ETALON ?

La donne suivante du tour n° 11 est d'une rare curiosité et surtout un peu folle:

♠ A 10 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ 9 6 4 3 2
♣ V 3

♠ 8 5
♥ 3
♦ D 10 8 7
♣ A R 10 9 6 2

NOSE

♠ D 9 6 3
♥ —
♦ A R V 5
♣ D 8 7 5 4

♠ RV 7 4
 ♥ A R DV 8 7 5 4 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

Sud est donneur, personne n'est vulnérable.



Bridgeurs de toutes les générations

On constate que la ligne EO réalise sans problème 11 levées à Trèfles. Pour ce qui concerne la ligne NS, à l'atout Cœur on fait 12 ou 13 levées suivant l'option prise à Pique. Comme on peut l'imaginer cette levée de plus ou moins peut avoir une valeur bien différente suivant le contrat joué : insignifiante jusqu'au niveau de 6, essentielle, évidemment, si le contrat est de 7 Cœurs.

Et maintenant, voici la statistique des feuilles de marques dans les 3 épreuves ;

Bermuda Bowl

Le contrat le plus fréquent fut de très loin 6 Cœurs, demandé 17 fois, contré 11 fois, bien sûr gagné dans chacun des cas, et avec une levée supplémentaire la proportion est importante, pas moins de 15 fois !

A deux tables, on joua 7 Cœurs, la pression sur le déclarant fut-elle trop forte en tous les cas, il chuta à chaque fois. Enfin aux deux tables du matches Brésil Italie, on joua le contrat du par : 7 trèfles contrés moins 2.

D'Orsi Trophy

6 Cœurs fut joué 16 fois dont contrés à 10 reprises (8 fois avec une levée supplémentaire), 2 paires tentèrent leur chance à 7 Cœurs, contrés, une seule équipe, USA2, obtint le jackpot en gagnant :1770 dans sa colonne. Une paire opta pour la défense à 7 Trèfles, concédant deux levées de chute.

Une paire EO put jouer 5 Carreaux contrés pour 2 levées de chute. Enfin trois paires NS se contentèrent de la manche.

Venice Cup

Le bilan est moins flatteur, on s'arrêta avant le chelem 8 fois, 6 Cœurs furent joués 13 fois et gagné 4 fois avec une levée supplémentaire. Enfin la paire qui s'aventura au palier de 7, ne trouva pas la Dame de Pique et concéda une levée de chute.

Les renseignements ci-dessus vous permettent de calculer le score au par dans chaque épreuve et d'en tirer vos propres conclusions.

Partez du bon pied !

Philippe Brunel

Mixte Platinum, Donne 11, Finale, Internationaux de France

♠ R 10 6 5

♥ D 6 4

♦ 2

♣ A 9 8 4 2

	N	
O		E
	S	

♠ A 2

♥ 9 8 7 5 3 2

♦ A 10 8 6

♣ V

Contrat : 3 ♥ (Est a ouvert d'1♠)

Entame : 7 de ♠

A la vue du mort et en l'absence de couleurs exploitables, seul un jeu de coupe peut vous amener à trouver une surlevée. Etonnement, il faut croire que ce n'est pas clair pour tout le monde car la moitié des déclarants à Coeur (14 paires sur 28 dans la finale A) n'ont réalisé que 9 levées. En effet, si vous prenez l'entame de l'As de Pique, après avoir coupé deux Trèfles et trois Carreaux, bloqué au mort vous allez vous faire uppercuter et permettre au flanc de dédoubler ses atouts. Pour votre salut, prenez l'entame du Roi du mort puis jouez Carreau pour l'As, Carreau coupé, As de Trèfle, Trèfle coupé, Carreau coupé, Trèfle coupé et Carreau coupé. Rentrez en main à l'As de Pique et jouez atout. 10 levées au bout du chemin !

Main d'Ouest : ♠ 73 ♥ AV10 ♦ RV73 ♣ 10753

Main d'Est : ♠ DV984 ♥ R ♦ D954 ♣ RD6

ELECTIONS A LA PRESIDENCE MONDIALE

Le président sortant **Gianarrigo Rona** a été réélu pour un troisième mandat de 4 ans de 2018 à 2022 lors des élections qui se sont déroulées hier après-midi à Lyon.



Yves Aubry and Gianarrigo Rona

Misplay this Hand with Me: Wrong line, Right time

As the Round Robin in Lyon moves towards the half way point we are handily placed. Nearing the end of our current match, the deals have been rather dull when I pick up:

♠ 10 8
♥ A K 10 9
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ 10 6 4

With neither side vulnerable the player on my right passes. I would start with a 10-12 INT, but as that is not part of our methods I go quietly, as does West. When my partner opens 1♠ I find myself with a problem. Our methods include two-way Drury, but I'm a spade short for that. Despite being a passed hand I could respond with a forcing INT, but eventually I decide that the strength of my heart suit warrants a response of 2♥. That appears to give someone a problem, but when the tray is eventually returned I see it must have been my partner, as the 6♥ card is on view.

This has been our dramatic auction:

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West leads the two of diamonds and I anxiously await the dummy:

♠ A Q 7 6 4
♥ Q J 5
♦ —
♣ A K J 8 2

♠ 10 8
♥ A K 10 9
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ 10 6 4

I don't care for this - if I cannot find a way home I will have to accept the blame for failing to have a fifth heart. I ruff the opening lead and play the jack of clubs from dummy! East wins with the queen and returns a trump, but I win in hand, ruff a diamond, return to hand with the ten of clubs, draw trumps (West proves to have four) and take the spade finesse. When that succeeds I can show my cards.

This was the full deal:

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

♠ 10 8		
♥ A K 10 9		
♦ K 7 4 3		
♣ 10 6 4		

Post mortem

It would not have helped East to withhold the queen of clubs; however, in the cold light of day I'm not sure my line was best. If West is the player with the queen of clubs a spade return forces you to take the finesse.

You can instead discard a spade from dummy at trick one. Say East wins with the ace of diamonds and plays back the five of hearts. You win in hand, cash dummy's ace of clubs, ruff a diamond, draw trumps pitching two more spades from dummy, throw the ♠Q on the ♦K and then play a club intending to put in the jack. Not for the first time the best line was not the winning one.

In the other room they reached 3NT and took nine tricks, declarer winning the fourth round of diamonds and losing a club trick to East's queen.

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Bermuda Bowl RR - R10



David Bird

France v USA I

Two of the pre-tournament favourites, France and USA I, were first up on Wednesday morning. Would the boards do justice to such an occasion? I am pleased to report that... yes, they would!

A fairly reasonable slam was soon on offer:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Lorenzini	Katz	Quantin
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

The play was simplified by the ♥7 lead to the queen and king. Quantin drew trumps and claimed his +1370

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Rodwell	Bessis	Meckstroth
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Dble	4♥
All Pass			

Meckstroth's 1♥ was limited by the lack of a strong 1♣ opening. His 3♦ was alerted and was probably a transfer. He had not yet been able to show his powerful 7-5 shape and Rodwell let it drop at the game-level. A spade lead was won with the king, declarer saving the black aces for possible diamond discards later. Ace and another heart revealed two heart losers and that was +650 for 12 IMPs away.

At the 22 tables of the Bermuda Bowl, five pairs bid 6♦. Four of them were successful and one failed on a trump lead. Six pairs bid 6♥, all of them going down. The

percentage play in the heart suit, viewed on its own, is to take two finesses. However, this might involve using the ♠A as an entry, which would surrender one of the possible diamond discards.

One unsuspecting declarer went down in 6♥ played from the North side. The ♥6 was led and he rose with the ace!

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Lorenzini	Katz	Quantin
INT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lorenzini led the ♣3 to the jack and king. Nickell ran the ♠Q to South's king and Quantin cashed the ♣A, switching to the ♦8. Nickell rose with the ♦A and played the ace and king of trumps, North throwing a club. The contract can still be made by playing a trump to the 10. (If South returns a trump, for example, the ♣10 will squeeze North in spades and diamonds.) Nickell preferred to finesse the ♠10 and was quickly down when South ruffed and played the ♥Q.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Rodwell	Bessis	Meckstroth
INT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's 2♦ showed four hearts, unusually, and against 4♥ Meckstroth led the ♦3, won with the ace. A spade to the 10, lost to South's king and declarer won the diamond continuation. When the ♠Q was played, Meckstroth ruffed. That was two tricks for the defense and he still held the cashable ♣A and ♥Q-8-3. How could he aid his prospects of scoring the ♥Q, mused the commentators. Was it better to cash the ♣A or play his remaining diamond? It was an example of Commentator's Curse. To collective gasps from the kibitzers, Meckstroth exited with the ♥3!

Declarer won, drew trumps and claimed the contract,

with the aid of a club finesse marked by South's earlier double. The reasoning behind the trump switch was unclear and it was 12 IMPs to France.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Lorenzini	Katz	Quantin
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The spade game could be beaten only if South could deliver two club ruffs. Lorenzini put paid to this idea by starting with the ♦A. He switched to the ♥9 and received one club ruff but Nickell had his +420. Would the defenders do better at the other table?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Rodwell	Bessis	Meckstroth
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	Dble	2♠*
4♠	All Pass		



Nick Nickell, USA 1

'He needs to lead a heart or a low diamond,' said Roland Wald, my co-commentator. 'A low diamond, yes, after the strong raise,' I replied. 'North is never going to lead a heart.'

It was another example of Commentor's Curse. Rodwell promptly led the ♥6. Meckstroth won with the ♥A and returned the ♣J (upside-down suit preference) expecting this to be the only chance of beating the contract. He was rewarded when his partner ruffed and underled the ♦A for a second club ruff. It was a fine defense for one down and USA 1 gained 10 IMPs.

Would these big boards stop for a moment and allow the kibitzers some breathing space? No, the next board was a possible grand slam:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Lorenzini	Katz	Quantin
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

The 2♦ opening by Katz was a convention much scorned in certain quarters – Flannery, showing at least 4-5 shape in the majors. 'The most useless convention ever invented,' Terence Reese used to say. 'It deals with a hand shape that causes no problems whatsoever for natural bidding.'

Be that as it may, it worked pretty well here. Nickell's 4♦ response indicated short hearts and a good hand for spades. Over East's 4♥ cue-bid, RKCB showed that the two major-suit gaps were plugged and Nickell blasted the grand slam. The ♥K lead was won and a round of trumps allowed an early claim.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Rodwell	Bessis	Meckstroth
—	Pass	1♥	3♣
3♠	5♣	6♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Volcker had plenty to bid the grand over partner's jump to 6♠ and it was a commendable push board. Let me see how many Bermuda Bowl pairs reached the grand slam. Give me a moment.

Goodness me! 20 out of 22 E/W pairs collected 2210 for bidding and making 7♠. The other two lost 13 IMPs by doubling 7♣ for 'only' 1400. Well, I must see what happened in the other two championships.

In the Venice Cup an impressive 16 out of 22 pairs bid 7♠, 5 stopped in 6♠ and the remaining pair (my lips are sealed) went down in 6♥.

In the d'Orsi Seniors, the success rate was less dramatic. Only 11 pairs bid 7♠, 10 stopping in 6♠ and the remaining pair collecting 1400 against 7♣. Interesting.

I will end my account of this excellent match with a 'Man Bites Dog' story. Meckstroth and Rodwell are famous for bidding and making 3NT on 22 points. Indeed, I reported such a deal a day or so ago. This board therefore came as a surprise:

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Lorenzini	Katz	Quantin
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

How did Lorenzini find his raise to 3NT, are you wondering? Well, his partner must hold a minimum of 10 points for his 2NT and that would give N/S at least 22 points. Meckstroth and Rodwell would clearly be in 3NT at the other table and Lorenzini was unwilling to risk a big adverse swing.

The only successful defence available was ♠K and a spade to the ♠A, followed by a heart switch. This was impossible to find after the lack of an overcall by East and the game was duly made after a lead of the ♥K. Declarer won with the ♥A and cleared the club suit, scoring +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Rodwell	Bessis	Meckstroth
—	1♦	1♠	Dble
Rdbl	2♣	2♠	3♦
3♠	All Pass		

This went two down, for a 9-IMP swing to France. It had been a fabulous match to watch, with more than 2700 kibitzers at the Meckwell table. France won by 38-27, converting to 13.04-6.96 in VPs.

Championship Diary

From time to time we discuss convention cards - and unfortunately some of them are somewhat devoid of information. When Micke Melander announced 'This is the sort of card that could give P.O. a heart attack', Tacchi interjected, 'Quick, find him'.

During one of Wednesday's Bermuda Bowl matches one of the players was handed a note by his screen-mate which read: 'My partner can be very slow'. A prize if you can guess who wrote the message.

One of our reporters set out to cover a match from Round 12. Unfortunately the deals were so dull he fell asleep.

Tacchi was doing the rounds yesterday when he was approached by a lady who asked him what his job was. When he explained that he took photographs for two Bulletins, wrote articles, attends meetings, etc. she immediately exclaimed - 'That's ridiculous, you're a man - you can't multitask. Obviously a woman should be doing your job'.

As space is limited I cannot describe the following incident in detail (for that you must ask one of the young ladies at the Hospitality desk) but basically it concerns a player who spent a night in Paris before travelling to Lyon on the TGV. He left a jacket on the train, but it was found by a lady on her way to Nice who had been sitting in the carriage. She had noticed the man was reading a bridge book and after series of twists and turns that would have done credit to a Sherlock Holmes story the jacket and its owner were eventually reunited. The moral of the story is clear - always read a bridge book while travelling.





Venice Cup RR - R11

France v Jordan



Brian Senior

France is a regular challenger for World titles and medals, while Jordan would count as one of the also-rans at this level. However, these championships are not just about medalists, and it is time we took a look at one of the teams who arrived full of hope for a good performance but knowing that they had to set themselves more realistic goals for the tournament. A win, or even a close match against a top team, would help to fulfill those goals. Had I picked the right match for a spot of giant killing? Like the teams, I could hope.

The match began with a couple of quiet partscore deals, Jordan gaining an IMP on the second for 3♦ just making by E/W against INT also just making. Board 3 saw both Souths declare a hopeless spade game, down one for a flat board. Board 4 was also flat but the E/W pairs were close to bidding slam.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 9 8 7 6	♠ Q 10 5	♠ K 4 3 2
♥ A Q 8 7 4	♥ 10 6 2	♥ K 9 5
♦ K 6	♦ Q 10 9	♦ 3
♣ 6	♣ K 9 8 4	♣ A Q J 10 5
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ J	
	♥ J 3	
	♦ A J 8 7 5 4 2	
	♣ 7 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
1♠	Pass	2NT	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	HuberschwillerA. Abu Jaber	
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

For Jordan, Randa Saket opened 1♠ showed her second suit after Azza Qashu's GF raise, then took control with RKC.B. Discovering that a key card and the trump queen were missing she signed off in 5♠ and was rewarded for her discipline by the three-one spade split, meaning that 11

tricks was the limit; +650.

For France, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller responded with a GF 2♣ then agreed spades. Jennifer Mourgues' 3NT looks like a non-serious slam try, after which she cuebid then signed off and left it to Huberschwiller to ask for key cards. She too discovered that there was one missing plus the trump queen, and she too made a disciplined sign-off in 5♠, just made for +650; no swing.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 6 3	♠ A 9 8 2	♠ K J 5 4
♥ K Q 9 6 3	♥ A 7 5	♥ J
♦ A 8 3	♦ J	♦ K Q 9 7 6 5
♣ Q 9	♣ A K 7 6 2	♣ J 10
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ 10 7	
	♥ 10 8 4 2	
	♦ 10 4 2	
	♣ 8 5 4 3	

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	HuberschwillerA. Abu Jaber	
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both E/W pairs reached horrible game contracts. After identical starts to the two auctions the two Wests took very different approaches at their second turn. Mourgues just leaped to 3NT, gambling that queen-doubleton in the unbid suit would prove to be a stopper. When Yasmin Abu Jaber made the perfectly reasonable lead of a low club, queen-doubleton did indeed prove to be a stopper. That, however, was not sufficient to see 3NT home. Mourgues cashed out the diamonds after which Abu Jaber had four clubs and two major-suit aces for down two and -200.

Saket preferred the more scientific approach to the West hand, using FSF then showing diamond support. The Jordanians were in a game-forcing auction now so there was no way to go plus. Unfortunately, it was clear that there was no club stopper so Cashu jumped to 5♦ and Benedicte Cronier had so many top winners that she felt it

worth a double. When all four winners stood up, Cronier could write +500 on her scoresheet and France had 7 IMPs and a 8-1 IMP lead.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	Huberschwiller	A. Abu Jaber
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Cronier made a simple overcall of 2♥ and Sylvie Willard a simple raise to 3♥. Neither French player was close to doing more so Saket was left to play peacefully in 4♠, against which Cronier led a heart. Saket won dummy's ace and led the ten of spades then went up with the ace when there was no flicker on her right. Next she played a second spade to the king and Cronier returned a low club to the jack and king. Saket crossed to the nine of spades, picked



Aida Abu Jaber, Jordan

up the diamonds, and had the rest of the tricks for +680. Yasmin was willing to commit her side to the three level to find the best fit so made a Michaels Cuebid of 2♠. Huberschwiller raised to 3♠ and, at this stage, Aida Abu Jaber saw no reason to get involved. However, when Mourgues raised herself to 4♠, Aida judged that to be all too likely to succeed so took a save in 5♥. Surprisingly, nobody doubled so a substantial profit was assured. Mourgues took her aces then exited with a diamond and it was now convenient for declarer to start hearts from the dummy. A low heart to nine and queen meant down two for -200 but 10 IMPs to Jordan, who led by 11-8 after seven boards.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	Huberschwiller	A. Abu Jaber
INT	Dble	2♥	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Mourgues opened INT and Yasmin doubled then, when her partner bid 2♠ freely, tried 2NT. With nothing to spare for her first bid, Aida passed. Huberschwiller led a heart to the king and ace. Yasmin cashed two top clubs, observing the fall of the jack, crossed to the ♣9 and led a diamond to her king. Next she led her low hearts towards dummy's nine and Huberschwiller ducked, so the nine scored. Yasmin cashed the clubs then led a spade to the jack and queen, and came to the ♦Q at the end for nine tricks and +150.

Saket opened the West hand with 1♦ and Cronier doubled. Cronier followed through with 2♣ over Willard's 1♠ response and, when that collected a raise to 3♣, went on to 3NT. Play followed pretty much the same lines as at our first table – heart to king and ace, two top clubs, club to dummy, diamond to the king, clubs then heart. Here, Qashu won the ♥Q and led a spade through, but it made no difference. Cronier still had to come to a heart and another diamond for +400 and 6 IMPs to France, back in the lead at 14-11.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	Huberschwiller	A. Abu Jaber
—	Pass	Pass	2♦
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Willard opened 1♥ as South and that saw the Jordanian E/W get to 2♠. Cronier now competed with 3♣ and was allowed to play there. Qashu led a diamond to her partner's king, and Saket switched to ace and another club to dummy's queen. Cronier ruffed a low heart, cashed the king of clubs and led a diamond to the ten and ace. Saket exited with a diamond to the queen, so Cronier played the king of spades, establishing the queen for her seventh trick, but that was all; down two for -100.

Aida opened a multi 2♦ and Mourgues made a heavy 2♥ overcall. Most pairs now play negative doubles here, which



Sylvie Willard, France

might have led to an interesting 2♥ doubled by West, but Yasmin competed with 2♠, assuming that to be her partner's suit. Aida had nowhere to go and when 2♠ came round to Mourgues she doubled to show her extra values. Huberschwiller was delighted to leave that in, and Yasmin must have begun to feel a little uncomfortable. That discomfort was confirmed by the sight of dummy after Huberschwiller led a heart. The heart went to the queen, king and ruff, and Yasmin led a club to the queen and ace. Mourgues cashed the king of diamonds then played ace and a third round to dummy's queen. Yasmin led a club to the king then ruffed a club with the nine, over-ruffed, and back came a spade to the ace and king. Huberschwiller should have played another spade now but she had obviously lost a spot card somewhere, and instead played a heart. That meant a cheap ruff for Yasmin, who also had the ♠Q to come for three down, -500 and 9 IMPs to France. All you could say was that it might have been worse. France led by 23-11.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	Huberschwiller	A. Abu Jaber
—	—	—	2♣
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

I think we can safely say that that is the strongest suit we will see during these championships. Willard opened the French big bid of 2♦ and 2♠ showed the ace. Having already shown pretty much everything she had, Cronier simply raised to 4♥ at her next turn and Willard, with no good way to discover her partner's exact spade holding, jumped to 6♥. After a club lead, Willard got the spades right for +1010.

Aida too opened with her pair's big bid, in this case 2♣, and Mourgues overcalled 3♣. Huberschwiller passed for

now, wanting to see where her opponents would end up, and Aida made the mildly conservative jump to 4♥. When that reached Huberschwiller she competed with 5♣ which is, incidentally, cold. That being the case, perhaps she can be forgiven for giving her opponents a second chance to get to their slam, a chance which they grabbed with both hands. Aida took the push to 5♥ and Yasmin looked at her ace and bid a sixth.

Seven Clubs would have been only -300, but on this auction it seemed reasonable to defend, and who knows if N/S would have gone on to 7♥ over 7♣? Aida lost a spade so made only 12 tricks for +980 and 1 IMP to France; 25-11.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saket	Cronier	Qashu	Willard
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Y. Abu Jaber	Huberschwiller	A. Abu Jaber
2♥	All Pass		

Mourgues opened 2♥, weak with both majors, and nobody had anything to add so she played there. She won the diamond lead in dummy, pitching a club from hand, and played ace and another spade, Yasmin winning the jack and playing the ♣K. When that held the trick Yasmin cashed the ♠Q then played the ♣Q. Aida won the ♣A but there was just a heart to come for the defence now so eight tricks for +110.

With no West opening bid in the other room, Qashu opened 1NT in third seat and became declarer in 3NT on the lead of the queen of diamonds. She won and played ace then ten of spades and Cronier ducked. Now Qashu switched her attention to diamonds, playing king and another. As declarer had thrown a heart from dummy at trick one, Willard could now afford to return a heart. Qashu won and cashed the hearts then led a club to the jack and queen and was one down for -100 and 5 IMPs to France.

Jordan picked up an overtrick IMP on the final deal, but France came out on top by 34-12 IMPs, 15.38-4.62 VPs.

Bridge is not an Easy Game

Mark Horton

Bridge is an Easy Game was written by Iain Macleod, Bridge Correspondent of the Sunday Times, both for the Master and the average player. The hands were checked and analyzed by J. C. H. Marx. It deals with bidding and with play and was the first accurate and detailed exposition of the Acol system by a member of the original team. Macleod was a playboy and professional bridge player in his twenties and at a time when average male earnings were around £200 per annum (around £11,000 at today's prices) he was earning around £150 per annum at De La Rue. He sometimes made £100 in a night gambling, but on another occasion had to borrow £100 off his father to pay his debts. He was often too tired to work in the mornings after gambling for much of the night, although he tended to perk up as the day went on; he was popular with colleagues and on at least one occasion mucked in to work overtime for a last-minute order for Chinese banknotes.

You may feel free to speculate if the above might in any way be mirrored by any current players competing in the championships, but I have to take issue with the contention implicit in his title - bridge is not an easy game.

As evidence I invite you to consider the first two deals of Round 13, which by chance I happened to watch in the match between England & China in the Venice Cup:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Ya Lu	Brock	Ya Liu
—	1♣*	1♠	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 16+ unbalanced or 17+ balanced

West led the eight of spades and declarer ducked East's nine, winning the third round of the suit with the king and immediately playing the jack of clubs. When West followed impassively with the six she went up with dummy's ace and

Playing fourth best leads, were North to lead a club at trick one covering the seven with the eight would be a near impossible play to find unless North's lowest club happened to be the two - and even then it would be bordering on the miraculous.

West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	—	1♦*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	All Pass
1♦	11-13 balanced or 11-15 unbalanced		
1♥	Natural		
1♠	4+♦, 4♠		
2♣	Fourth suit forcing		

You can replay these deals at:

<http://tinyurl.com/y7krl45r>

West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	INT	2♣*	Dble
3♥	3NT	All Pass	
2♣ Stayman			

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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S

♠ 8 6 5 4 2
♥ 8 7 6 3 2
♦ J
♣ O 8

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ya Lu</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Ya Liu</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2NT	Game forcing, 4+♦		
3♥	Stopper		
3♠	Stopper		

South missed a difficult chance - she must cover the seven of clubs with the eight. West wins with the jack and plays a diamond followed by a spade, but North wins and plays another club. If West wins that North has two clubs to cash when she gets in with a diamond but if she ducks South switches to a heart.

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Brian Senior

Bermuda Bowl RR - R13

Netherlands v Brazil



Twelve rounds played and nine to go, so there was still time to recover from an indifferent start to the championships but not much time to recover if a team had a serious blip from this point onward. In Round 13 fourth-placed Netherlands faced eighth-placed Brazil. The Dutch therefore had a little more wriggle room than the Brazilians, but this was an important match for both teams.

The first boards saw the N/S pairs declare different game contracts.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
—	1♣	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
—	INT	2♣	Dble
2♥	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Bob Drijver's 1♣ opening could have been two cards and Bart Nab's 2♥ showed clubs. Drijver went on to 4♣ in

search of a possible slam but Nab quickly signed off in game. Pablo Ravenna was almost forced to make a helpful lead and chose a low diamond to dummy's queen. Drijver cashed the king of clubs then led a low club to his eight, cashed the ♠A, and cashed the top hearts, pitching a spade, then led a spade up. Ravenna won the ace and exited safely with a spade. Drijver won the king and had just to concede a diamond at the end; +400.

Gabriel Chagas opened INT and Miguel Villas-Boas doubled Bauke Muller's Landy-style 2♣ overcall, showing both majors. Simon De Wijs showed heart preference and Chagas doubled for penalties, but Villas-Boas didn't fancy that when holding a small singleton heart, so jumped to 3NT. Muller found what seemed to be the most challenging lead of the queen of spades. Chagas won the king and led the jack of clubs off the dummy and ran it. When that scored he was home and continued by running the clubs, at the end of which Muller had bared the ♥Q to keep his spades. Chagas now took the heart finesse, losing to the queen, and Muller cashed the ♠A. Chagas had the rest now for +460 and 2 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	All Pass

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Al in de volgende IMP, verschijning half oktober 2017, mag u grote verslagen verwachten over de strijd in de Bermuda Bowl en de Venice Cup met uiteraard speciale aandacht voor de Nederlandse teams (open en vrouwen). Op het WK in Lyon zijn uw verslaggevers Jan van Cleeff, Ed Hoogenkamp en Simon de Wijs. Op de website komen dagelijks verhalen, spellen, foto's en video-interviews. Bridge Magazine IMP, sinds 1989 het lijfblad voor de wedstrijdsspeler.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

For Brazil, Marcos Thoma made an invitational or better inverted raise but, holding a minimum opening, Ravenna was not interested and signed off in 3♦. There was one loser in each suit so the contract was just made for +110.

Muller's 1♦ was Precision, style, promising only two diamonds, and De Wijs responded 2♣, natural and invitational-plus or a balanced game-force. When Muller showed real diamonds, De Wijs splintered and Muller took a shot at 3NT. Villas-Boas led a spade, Chagas winning the king and continuing with the ♠9. That did not trouble Muller, who won the queen and ran the queen of hearts. When Chagas won the ♥K he found the necessary club switch to the queen and ace to set up the fifth defensive trick. Muller won the ♣A and played three rounds of diamonds so Chagas won and cashed out for down one; -50 and 4 IMPs to Brazil, ahead by 6-0.

Board 3 was a flat partscore for N/S then, on Board 4, Chagas/Villas-Boas had a bidding misunderstanding and played 5♠ doubled down two for -500 against 3♠ down one in the other room to gift 9 IMPs to the Netherlands, who took the lead at 9-6.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
—	1♥	1♠	2♠
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
—	1♥	1♠	2♠
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Both E/Ws found the save in 4♠ doubled for down one and a push board. True, 4♥ can be defeated on a club lead followed by a spade underlead after winning the ♥K, but I

think we'd all prefer to concede -100 rather than have to find this defence.

On Board 6, Nab/Drijver got way too high with 11 opposite 11, going three down in 4♥ for -150 while Villas-Boas/Chagas were down two in 2♥ for -100; 2 IMPs to Brazil, trailing 8-9.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Dble	1♠	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass			



Bart Nab, Netherlands

Villas-Boas opened INT so Chagas, not liking his empty eight-count, transferred to hearts then passed the completion. The cards lay kindly for declarer and Villas-Boas came to ten tricks for +170.

Nab preferred to open 1♣, and Thoma overcalled 1♦. Drijver's double was a transfer to hearts and Ravenna now introduced his spades. Nab had a lot of high cards for a simple 2♣ rebid but was too strong for INT and the hand didn't look like a jump rebid of 3♣ so he contented himself with 2♣. However, when Drijver raised to 3♣, no doubt as much to shut out further competition as with any constructive intent, Nab felt that he had to try 3NT. The play didn't take long. Thoma led a diamond, Ravenna putting in the jack. Nab won the king and played a club but Thoma grabbed his ace and played a diamond and five of those meant down two for -200 and 9 IMPs to Brazil, who were back in the lead at 15-9.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	7NT	All Pass

I don't have a full explanation of the Dutch bidding but it looked smooth and was certainly successful as they bid to the top spot of 7NT – this would even survive a five-zero spade break on a good day – and De Wijs quickly chalked up +1520.

Sadly, it was now the turn of the other Brazilian pair to have an expensive misunderstanding. Clearly, Ravenna plays responder's jump rebid as forcing while Thoma does not. If I am reading their convention card correctly, 1♥ – 2♠ would have been invitational, but I wouldn't want to swear to that. Anyway, the bottom line was a rather embarrassing +260 and 15 IMPs to Netherlands. The Dutch had the lead again at 24-17.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Drijver opened the North hand, Chagas did not – very much a generational thing, I guess. The 1♣ opening saw Nab jump to 2NT at his second turn and play there. Thoma led the queen then jack of diamonds, both ducked, then switched to the ten of spades to the queen and ace. Ravenna continued the spade attack, the eight going to the nine and jack. Nab tried the ♥10 now but, when Ravenna played low in tempo, went up with the king and cashed the ace of diamonds, then played another diamond to the king. Ravenna returned the ♥Q to the ace and Nab cashed the long diamond, then took the club finesse. That lost, and Ravenna had a heart to cash for down one; -50.



Bauke Muller, Netherlands

Where Chagas had passed as dealer, Villas-Boas made a four-card 1♥ overcall and Chagas made a fit-jump over De Wijs's spade-showing double. Villas-Boas, of course, signed-off in 3♥, and that was that. The four-three fit played very well indeed. De Wijs led the queen of diamonds. Villas-Boas won the ace, ruffed a diamond, played ace then queen of clubs, covered with the king and ruffed. A second diamond ruff was followed by the jack of clubs for a spade discard. Now a low club, ruffed with the jack and over-ruffed. Villas-Boas ruffed another diamond and still had the ♥K9 to come; ten tricks for +170 and 6 IMPs to Brazil, closing to just a single IMP at 23-24.

On Board 10 both Wests played 2♦, De Wijs coming home with eight tricks for +90 while Thoma was a trick short; -100 and 5 IMPs to Netherlands, 29-23.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
–	–	–	3♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
–	–	–	2♥
3♣	4♥	4♠	5♥
6♣	6♥	Dble	All Pass

For once it was the lower-level pre-empt which caused more problems for the opposition. Where Nab opened 3♥, Thoma overcalled 5♣ and Drijver passed, perhaps fearing that a 5♥ call would push his opponents into a cold slam. Nab doubled when 5♣ came back to him, presumably Lightner-style, hoping to be given a spade ruff, but that forced Drijver to bid 5♥ as with his huge heart support he could hardly be confident that one ruff would be sufficient to defeat the opposing contract. Ravenna doubled 5♥ but found that there was no defence. Nab lost just one trick in each minor so had 11 tricks for +650.

Villas-Boas opened at the two level and that left room for De Wijs to make a quiet 3♣ overcall. However, the auction really took off from here and at his next turn he felt obliged to repeat the suit, bidding 6♣. That contract would have failed, of course, but Chagas didn't know that and took

the save in 6♥, doubled by Muller. There were the same minor-suit losers at the other table, of course, but here that meant down one for -200 and 13 IMPs to Netherlands; 42-23.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
1♥	Pass	3♣	3NT
All Pass			

Ravenna made a simple spade raise and, when Nab doubled for take-out, reraised himself pre-emptively to 3♠, which Nab again doubled. Drijver left it in and led a heart to the nine and king. Nab cashed the ace of spades then



Marcos Thoma, Brazil

The 11 IMPs went straight back on the next deal.

♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ J 3
 ♦ Q 10 8 3
 ♣ K Q 9 6

N		
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A K J 9 8
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ A 7 5 2
 ♣ 5 3

♠ 4
♥ K 6 5 3 2
♦ A J
♣ A Q 9 8 5

♠ Q J 8 6 2
♥ J 8
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 7 3

W N E S

♠ 7 5
♥ A Q 9 7
♦ 9 8 5
♣ K J 6 4

♠ A K 10 9 3
♥ 10 4
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ 10 2

A man with a balding head and a serious expression is seated at a table. He is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a small Brazilian flag patch on the left sleeve. A white lanyard with a badge is around his neck. He is holding a smartphone in his right hand and looking down at it. The table in front of him has a green felt top and a white paper. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Drijver	Ravenna	Nab
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	INT	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Chagas	Muller	Villas-Boas
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Muller opened a strong club then rebid INT when the 1♠ overcall came back around. De Wijs transferred to hearts then bid 2NT, invitational, and Muller asked for help in spades, duly shown by De Wijs. The same contract was reached in the other room after a 1♦ opening from Ravenna. Drijver's INT was a transfer to clubs but the extra N/S competition did not prevent the no trump game being reached.

Nab led the jack of clubs, ducked by Ravenna, who of course had to win the club continuation. He played ace of hearts followed by a low heart to dummy's six. When that held Ravenna switched his attention to diamonds, leading the queen. Drijver did not cover but it didn't matter as there were nine tricks now for +600.

Villas-Boas led the five of spades round to Muller's queen. Muller played ace of hearts followed by the ♥10, which held the trick. Muller played a third heart to South's queen and back came the jack of clubs. Chagas overtook with the queen and Muller ducked. He won the club continuation and tried the nine of spades but Villas-Boas put up the king to restrict him to one dummy entry. Muller won the ace cashed the ♠J, on which Chagas came down to only a doubleton diamond. Muller played ace and another diamond and Chagas had to win and put him back in hand with a club to cash out for an overtrick; +630 and 1 IMP to Netherlands.

The final result was Netherlands 59 Brazil 35, converting to 15.74-4.26 VPs. The Netherlands were up to third in the rankings, while Brazil had slipped just out of the qualifying places in ninth.

RESULTS

Bermuda Bowl

Round 13

	Match	IMPs	VPs
1	EGYPT CHINA	33 37	8.55 11.20
2	ITALY USA2	52 30	15.38 4.62
3	AUSTRALIA INDIA	31 34	9.09 10.91
4	SWEDEN NEW ZEALAND	36 50	6.25 13.75
5	NETHERLANDS BRAZIL	59 35	15.74 4.26
6	ARGENTINA CHINESE TAIPEI	10 52	1.67 18.33
7	SOUTH AFRICA BANGLADESH	52 16	17.59 2.41
8	MEXICO USA1	22 47	4.08 15.92
9	MONACO BULGARIA	30 26	11.20 8.80
10	GERMANY GUADELOUPE	43 33	12.80 7.20
11	FRANCE INDONESIA	69 21	18.97 1.03

Round 14

	Match	IMPs	VPs
1	USA1 NETHERLANDS	25 27	9.39 10.61
2	USA2 MEXICO	43 29	13.75 6.25
3	INDONESIA SOUTH AFRICA	36 28	12.29 7.71
4	BULGARIA ARGENTINA	35 19	14.18 5.82
5	GUADELOUPE ITALY	66 36	16.73 3.27
6	BANGLADESH SWEDEN	26 43	5.61 14.39
7	CHINESE TAIPEI AUSTRALIA	8 64	0.31 19.69
8	BRAZIL GERMANY	35 77	1.67 18.33
9	NEW ZEALAND EGYPT	24 32	7.71 12.29
10	INDIA CHINA	16 55	2.03 17.97
11	FRANCE MONACO	52 22	16.73 3.27

Round 15

	Match	IMPs	VPs
1	BULGARIA MEXICO	30 29	10.31 9.69
2	INDONESIA MONACO	22 8	13.75 6.25
3	CHINA ITALY	33 21	13.28 6.72
4	USA1 SOUTH AFRICA	40 13	16.26 3.74
5	BANGLADESH ARGENTINA	18 77	0.07 19.93
6	CHINESE TAIPEI NETHERLANDS	11 30	5.20 14.80
7	BRAZIL SWEDEN	37 34	10.91 9.09
8	NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA	30 52	4.62 15.38
9	INDIA GERMANY	60 16	18.55 1.45
10	GUADELOUPE EGYPT	25 37	6.72 13.28
11	USA2 FRANCE	29 5	15.74 4.26



Venice Cup

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	JORDAN EGYPT	60	43	14.39	5.61
22	CHINA ENGLAND	20	45	4.08	15.92
23	POLAND AUSTRALIA	70	24	18.77	1.23
24	ITALY ISRAEL	17	25	7.71	12.29
25	INDONESIA ARGENTINA	32	42	7.20	12.80
26	USA1 RUSSIA	13	54	1.79	18.21
27	USA2 CANADA	25	21	11.20	8.80
28	BRAZIL NEW ZEALAND	33	22	13.04	6.96
29	SWEDEN NETHERLANDS	32	31	10.31	9.69
30	CHINESE TAIPEI INDIA	35	16	14.80	5.20
31	MOROCCO FRANCE	22	20	10.61	9.39

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 13

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	JAPAN BRAZIL	55	26	16.58	3.42
42	ITALY INDIA	68	21	18.87	1.13
43	ISRAEL CANADA	45	36	12.55	7.45
44	GUADELOUPE AUSTRALIA	47	59	6.72	13.28
45	CHINA SOUTH AFRICA	66	37	16.58	3.42
46	USA2 ARGENTINA	14	64	0.84	19.16
47	SWEDEN NEW ZEALAND	68	29	17.97	2.03
48	PAKISTAN EGYPT	28	40	6.72	13.28
49	POLAND USA1	22	21	10.31	9.69
50	TURKEY CHINA HKG	45	12	16.67	2.83
51	AUSTRIA FRANCE	18	51	2.83	17.17

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	MOROCCO SWEDEN	19	63	1.45	18.55
22	ENGLAND BRAZIL	63	12	19.25	0.75
23	NEW ZEALAND INDONESIA	18	63	1.34	18.66
24	NETHERLANDS USA1	24	27	9.09	10.91
25	INDIA CHINA	19	75	0.31	19.69
26	CANADA ITALY	8	55	1.13	18.87
27	RUSSIA POLAND	43	38	11.48	8.52
28	ARGENTINA CHINESE TAIPEI	21	61	1.91	18.09
29	ISRAEL JORDAN	71	18	19.43	0.57
30	AUSTRALIA EGYPT	67	40	16.26	3.74
31	FRANCE USA2	48	28	14.75	5.00

Round 14

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	TURKEY POLAND	56	46	12.80	7.20
42	INDIA PAKISTAN	48	28	15.00	5.00
43	CHINA HKG SWEDEN	16	34	5.40	14.60
44	USA1 USA2	22	26	8.80	11.20
45	FRANCE ITALY	24	21	10.91	9.09
46	NEW ZEALAND GUADELOUPE	40	29	13.04	6.96
47	ARGENTINA ISRAEL	53	44	12.55	7.45
48	SOUTH AFRICA AUSTRIA	26	72	1.23	18.77
49	AUSTRALIA JAPAN	8	38	3.27	16.73
50	CANADA BRAZIL	40	24	14.18	5.82
51	EGYPT CHINA	19	57	2.15	17.85

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	ENGLAND MOROCCO	43	9	17.31	2.69
22	NETHERLANDS BRAZIL	50	21	16.58	3.42
23	EGYPT CHINA	24	41	5.61	14.39
24	NEW ZEALAND USA2	11	46	2.55	17.45
25	CANADA USA1	12	33	4.81	15.19
26	RUSSIA INDONESIA	21	46	4.08	15.92
27	ARGENTINA ITALY	22	36	6.25	13.75
28	ISRAEL POLAND	44	8	17.59	2.41
29	AUSTRALIA CHINESE TAIPEI	17	20	9.09	10.91
30	INDIA JORDAN	49	30	14.80	5.20
31	FRANCE SWEDEN	8	25	5.11	14.39

Round 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	INDIA TURKEY	20	26	8.24	11.76
42	CHINA HKG POLAND	30	22	12.29	7.71
43	BRAZIL ITALY	19	46	3.74	16.26
44	EGYPT SWEDEN	20	32	6.72	13.28
45	NEW ZEALAND USA2	13	56	1.56	18.44
46	ARGENTINA CHINA	45	17	16.42	3.58
47	SOUTH AFRICA GUADELOUPE	42	11	16.88	3.12
48	AUSTRALIA ISRAEL	18	23	8.52	11.48
49	CANADA AUSTRIA	18	46	3.58	16.42
50	FRANCE JAPAN	28	30	9.39	10.61
51	USA1 PAKISTAN	56	11	18.66	1.34

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.

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