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Grand Cards, Grand Dreams

The twenty-four teams who qualified for the quarter-finals in the 2017 World Bridge Championships produced a superb set of matches, most of which went down to the wire.

It would be invidious to single out any one match, but the elimination of two more teams from the USA cannot be overlooked. If the semi-finals are anything like as close we are in for a treat.

Grand Prix Ville de Lyon

If you would like to play in this event please register at the reception desk from Wednesday onwards or online at www.worldbridge.org.

Today's Programme

BB, VC, OT	Funbridge
Semi-finals	Transnational
	Qualification
11:00 - 13:20	10:00 - 11:30
14:30 - 16:50	11:50 - 13:20
17:20 - 19:40	14:30 - 15:50
	16:10 - 17:40
	18:00 - 19:30

The **Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony** of the 2017 World Bridge Championships will take place on Saturday 26 August. It is open to all players competing in the *Bermuda Bowl*, *Venice Cup*, *d'Orsi Trophy* and *Funbridge Transnational Teams*. It will be held here at the Cité Centre De Congrès, the exact time and venue to be announced once the number attending is known.

In order to get a ticket **you must register at the Hospitality desk** by the main entrance **no later than 25 August. No ticket - no entry!**



Reminder
Cell phones are NOT ALLOWED in the playing area, even if they are turned off.
Penalty: 2VPs



Bermuda Bowl

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
FRANCE	39	42	21	25	31	41	199	
CHINA	52	15	20	11	23	26	147	

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
NETHERLANDS	6	35	39	21	27	34	14	176
NEW ZEALAND	21	46	24	22	35	46	194	

FRANCE
NEW ZEALAND

- FRANCE** Thomas BESSIS, Francois COMBESCURE, Cedric LORENZINI, Jean-Christophe QUANTIN, Jerome ROMBAUT, Frederic VOLCKER, Lionel SEBBANE captain
- CHINA** Yunlong CHEN, Jianming DAI, Jianwei LI, Lixin YANG, Bangxiang ZHANG, Jie ZHAO, Jihong HU captain, Gang CHEN coach
- NETHERLANDS** Simon DE WIJS, Bob DRIJVER, Bauke MULLER, Bart NAB, Berend VAN DEN BOS, Joris VAN LANKVELD, Wubbo DE BOER captain, Ton BAKKEREN coach
- NEW ZEALAND** Ashley BACH, Matthew BROWN, Michael CORNELL, Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL, Michael WARE, Michael WHIBLEY, Derek EVENNETT captain
- SWEDEN** Fredrik NYSTROM, Mikael RIMSTEDT, Ola RIMSTEDT, Johan SYLVAN, Johan UPMARK, Frederic WRANG, Per Gunnar ELIASSON captain, Jan LAGERMAN coach
- USA2** Martin FLEISHER, Joe GRUE, Chip MARTEL, Brad MOSS, Jacek PSZCZOLA, Michael ROSENBERG, Jan MARTEL captain
- USA1** Ralph KATZ, Robert LEVIN, Jeff MECKSTROTH, Nick NICKELL, Eric RODWELL, Steve WEINSTEIN, Jill LEVIN captain, Eric O. KOKISH coach
- BULGARIA** Victor ARONOV, Diana DAMIANOVA, Georgi KARAKOLEV, Vladimir MIHOV, Ivan NANEV, Julian STEFANOV, Victor ARONOV captain, MARTA NIKOLOVA coach

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
SWEDEN	43	37	11	16	36	27	170	
USA2	41	51	43	32	21	5	193	

USA2
BULGARIA

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
USA1	36	34	49	21	60	26	226	
BULGARIA	72	12	11	40	46	58	239	

Venice Cup

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
SWEDEN	26	48	23	40	20	34	193	
ISRAEL	30	34	43	6	36	11	160	

SWEDEN
ENGLAND

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
RUSSIA	21	24	53	42	32	27	199	
ENGLAND	43	58	32	8	42	37	220	



- SWEDEN** Pia ANDERSSON, Kathrine BERTHEAU, Ida GRONKVIST, Emma OVELIUS, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Sandra RIMSTEDT, Kenneth BORIN captain, Carina WADEMARK coach
- ISRAEL** Adi ASULIN, Hila LEVI, Michal NOSACKI, Nathalie SAADA, Dana TAL, Noga TAL, Joseph ENGEL captain
- RUSSIA** Victoria GROMOVA, Anna GULEVICH, Elena KHONICHEVA, Tatiana PONOMAREVA, Diana RAKHMANI, Maria YAKOVLEVA, Tatiana DIKHNOVA captain
- ENGLAND** Sally BROCK, Fiona BROWN, Catherine DRAPER, Sandra PENFOLD, Nevena SENIOR, Nicola SMITH, Derek PATTERSON captain, David BURN coach
- INDONESIA** Rury ANDHANI, Lusje Olha BOJOH, Suci Amita DEWI, Kristina Wahyu MURNIATI, Conny SUMAMPOUW, Julita Grace TUEJE, Hendra RAILIS captain, Bill MONDIGIR coach
- POLAND** Cathy BALDYSZ, Zofia BALDYSZ, Katarzyna DUFRAT, Natalia GAWEL, Aleksandra JAROSZ, Justyna ZMUDA, Mirosław CICHOCKI captain
- CHINA** Yan HUANG, Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN, Nan WANG, Wen Fei WANG, Jianxin WANG captain, Xiaojing WANG coach
- NETHERLANDS** Carla ARNOLDS, Merel BRUIJNSTEEN, Laura DEKKERS, Magdalena TICHA, Wietske VAN ZWOL, Martine VERBEEK, Alex VAN REENEN captain, Hans KELDER coach



	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
INDONESIA	62	12	27	12	18	21	152	
POLAND	18	47	38	36	26	6	171	



POLAND
CHINA

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
CHINA	70	5	13	19	28	48	183	
NETHERLANDS	9	22	39	10	5	49	134	



d'Orsi Trophy



	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
 USA2	34	17	45	26	42	39	203	
 JAPAN	25	37	54	16	31	3	166	



	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
 AUSTRALIA	55	7	33	9	33	36	173	
 SWEDEN	32	36	70	36	26	38	238	

 USA2	
 SWEDEN	

- USA2** Michael BECKER, David BERKOWITZ, Allan GRAVES, Neil SILVERMAN, Alan SONTAG, Jeff WOLFSON, Steve GARNER captain
- JAPAN** Tadashi IMAKURA, Masayuki INO, Kyoko OHNO, Akito OMASA, Akihiko YAMADA, Kazuhiko YAMADA, Hiroaki MIURA captain
- AUSTRALIA** Terry BROWN, Peter Walter BUCHEN, Pauline GUMBY, Avi KANETKAR, Warren LAZER, Bruce NEILL, George BILSKI captain, LALITA KANETKAR coach
- SWEDEN** Mats AXDORPH, Christer BJARING, Sven-Ake BJERREGARD, Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON, Anders MORATH, Johnny OSTBERG, Tommy GULLBERG captain, Carina WADEMARK coach
- ITALY** Andrea BURATTI, Amedeo COMELLA, Giuseppe FAILLA, Aldo MINA, Ruggero PULGA, Stefano SABBATINI, Pierfrancesco PAROLARO captain
- USA I** Dennis CLERKIN, Jerry CLERKIN, Marc JACOBUS, Mike LEVINE, Mike PASSELL, Eddie WOLD, Bob MORRIS captain
- FRANCE** Nicholas DECHELETTE, Pierre-Yves GUILLAUMIN, Georges IONTZEFF, Jean-Jacques PALAU, Pierre SCHMIDT, Philippe TOFFIER, Eric GAUTRET captain
- INDIA** Ramawatar AGRAWAL, Subhash DHAKRAS, Dipak PODDAR, Keshav Sakharam SAMANT, Jitendra SOLANI, Ramamurthy SRIDHARAN, Dipak PODDAR captain, Anal SHAH coach

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 ITALY	
 INDIA	

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
 FRANCE	81	10	13	24	14	20	162	
 INDIA	20	26	34	33	18	44	175	

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.

VuGraph SCHEDULE

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Auditorium Pasteur

11:00		14:30		17:20	
USA2-BULGARIA (BB)	VG1	France-NEW ZELAND (BB)	VG1	USA2-BULGARIA (BB)	VG1
ITALY-INDIA (OT)	BBO2	ITALY -INDIA (OT)	BBO2	ITALY-INDIA (OT)	BBO2
SWEDEN-ENGLAND (VC)	BBO3	SWEDEN-ENGLAND (VC)	BBO3	SWEDEN-ENGLAND (VC)	BBO3
France-NEW ZEL (BB)	FB/BBO5	USA2-BULGARIA (BB)	FB/BBO5	France -NEW ZEL (BB)	FB/BBO5
USA2-SWEDEN (OT)	FB/BBO6	USA 2-SWEDEN (OT)	FB/BBO6	USA2-SWEDEN (OT)	FB/BBO6
POLAND-CHINA (VC)	OG8	POLAND-CHINA (VC)	OB/BBO8	POLAND-CHINA (VC)	OG/BBO8

courtesy of



Le (bon) coin francophone

Jean-Paul Meyer



BUTLER

Nous avons publié hier les Butler, le classement théorique par paires, à l'issue des poules éliminatoires. Il n'est pas obligatoirement le reflet du bien ou mal joué des paires, le choix des capitaines suivant la force de l'adversaire, la fréquence plus ou moins grande des cadeaux adverses peut fausser le jugement.

Il donne, toutefois, une tendance, il s'agit de l'écart moyen par donne jouée avec le Par (le score moyen de toutes les tables, soit 10 comparaisons dans chaque compétition)

Nous avons noté en open la belle victoire, avec +0,88 IMP de **Lorenzini - Quantin. Combescure - Rombaut** ne sont pas loin, sixièmes avec + 0,62. Le score juste à la moyenne et une 36ème place de **Bessis - Volker**, témoignage d'une performance un peu décevante

En senior, les Américains **Wold - Levine** dominent le classement avec un impressionnant + 1.13, notre meilleure paire, dans ce classement, est **Dechelette - Iontzeff** +0.54. Les deux autres ne sont pas loin **Palau - Guillaumin**, 12èmes + 0,39 et **Toffier - Schmidt**; 16ème + 0.36, un joli tir groupé`

La Venice Cup réserve des surprises avec la victoire des Néerlandaises **Dekkers - Bruijnsteen** +0.88 mais surtout **Mourges - Huberschweiller**, première paire française, mais seulement 22èmes + 0.18 suivies de **Reess - Zochowska** 27èmes +0.09

Cronier - Willard n'ont guère assumé leur statut de leaders de l'équipe avec une bien modeste 45ème place et un score négatif de -0,17, bien mieux toutefois que les 66èmes et dernières à moins 1,90 ! Le score des deux premières du classement mondial reflète certainement une forme incertaine.



Cedric Lorenzini et Jean-Christophe Quantin

TRANSNATIONAL

Hier matin à 10 heures, le Transnational a débuté pour 104 équipes, rejointes sans doute aujourd'hui par quelques éliminés des quarts de finale. Au programme trois journées d'éliminatoires avec 50 donnes par jour pour désigner les 8 quarts de finalistes ;

On trouvera sur le site de la fédération mondiale la liste de 150 joueurs français inscrits dans 33 équipes différentes..

On suivra avec intérêt le parcours de l'équipe Zimmermann qui s'est renforcée avec la présence de Lorenzo Lauria et Alfredo Versace.



Lorenzo Lauria et Alfredo Versace

DEFENSE DE TRES HAUT VOL

Nous suivons des championnats du Monde, en principe le plus haut niveau du bridge. Il est bien compréhensible d'y découvrir des trésors techniques

Voyez la donne suivante du premier segment des quarts de finale des trois épreuves.

Donne12. Donneur Ouest NS vulnérables

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

Jouée 24 fois, le contrat fut 4 Cœurs par Sud à 10 reprises. Ce contrat gagne-il ou est-il condamné à l'échec à votre avis ?

Question subsidiaire une bonne technique permet-elle d'obtenir le résultat du par ?

A la table que nous avons suivie, Ouest a ouvert d'un Pique et, après deux « Passe », Sud a réveillé par 2 Cœurs,

sur le contre d'appel d'Ouest, Nord a fait une sorte de cuebid : 2SA pour finalement déclarer 4 Coeurs après la proposition de 3 SA de Sud.

Entame Roi de Carreau, Est fournit le 5 et Sud le 3, l'As de Carreau suit....

Ecrivez le scénario idéal.

Est doit fournir le 4 pas le 2 pour à la fois montrer son compte de cartes et sa préférence pour les Piques, le 2 montrerait un intérêt pour les Trèfles..

Alors que doit faire Ouest ? Jouer le 10 de Pique ? Cela semble évident et pourtant

Valet du mort, Roi d'Est, tous les Coeurs, après avoir coupé un Carreau au mort.

Sud rejoue son 8 de Pique à trois cartes de la fin et Ouest doit rejouer sous son Roi de Trèfle ...

La conclusion coule de source c'est la Dame de Pique que doit rejouer Ouest à la troisième levée. Un flanc neutre, Carreau permettrait à Sud d'affranchir un Trèfle pour la défausse d'un Pique de la main.

Le contrat de 4 Coeurs fut gagné 6 fois et chuté 4 fois mais sans doute après des flancs plus ou moins efficaces

UNE CURIOSITÉ

Guy Dupont

On ne pouvait rêver d'un meilleur départ pour l'équipe de France Seniors dans son quart de finale du d'Orsi Trophy, l'opposant à l'Inde, en remportant la première séance (de seize donnes) par 81 IMPs à 20..La suite fut beaucoup moins favorable.

Sur la donne 13 – chiffre porte-bonheur pour les superstitieux, mais au bridge, le bonheur des uns fait le malheur des autres – les Français ont empoché un bon gros swing de 16 imp. Le voici :

Nord donneur, tous vulnérables
Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

En salle ouverte, Schmidt (Nord)-Toffier (Sud) ont atteint 6 Trèfles, et sur l'entame du 7 de Pique, ce fut une formalité que d'engranger douze levées, grâce au partage favorable à l'atout. L'impasse à Cœur échouant, il restait à couper un Cœur et à en effacer un autre sur un Pique.

Dans l'autre salle, les Indiens s'étaient attelés à une tâche beaucoup plus délicate, en demandant 6SA, joué par Nord, contre Palau-Guillaumin. Sur une entame à Pique ou à Carreau, le déclarant n'aurait pu s'en sortir. Mais sur celle du 9 de Trèfle, choisie à la table, le contrat était gagnable.

Voyez-vous comment ?

Prenez votre temps. La curiosité du coup est que tout se joue déjà dès la première levée. Si vous appelez le 2 du mort, vous avez chuté !

Anticiper les raisons de ce savant déblocage pourrait échapper à beaucoup. Ayant fourni le plus petit des Trèfles sur l'entame, le déclarant indien, Dipak Poddar, encaissa As-Roi de Trèfle et profita de la communication avec le mort par le Valet de Trèfle pour tenter l'impasse à la Dame de Cœur – une ligne de jeu fort logique. Mais après son échec, tout retour du flanc le condamnait à chuter, en raison du mauvais partage à Cœur.

En revanche, si vous fournissez le Valet de Trèfle sur l'entame, pour la Dame et le Roi, puis débloquez le 8 sur l'As, la route des douze levées vous est ouverte, pour autant que vous soyez ensuite tout de même très inspiré. Vous vous trouvez alors opportunément en main pour défiler quatre levées de Trèfle supplémentaires – tout en ayant ménagé vos communications. Vous poursuivez par Pique pour l'As. Est digère mal la pression. La position à six cartes (où Est pourrait avoir gardé deux Carreaux plutôt que deux Piques) :

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

Vous encaissez l'As de Carreau (si Est avait gardé deux Carreaux, c'est le Roi de Pique que vous auriez alors encaissé). Est ne peut abandonner un Cœur, sinon vous joueriez Cœur pour le Valet, afin d'affranchir la couleur. Il défaisse donc un Pique. Mais vous lui donnez le coup de grâce en encaissant le Roi de Pique (en défaussant le 2 de Cœur), avant d'avancer un petit Cœur...

Et la balle rebondit alors provisoirement en Ouest. S'il suit du 6 de Cœur, vous vous contentez de fournir le 4, offrant la main à Est, qui doit finalement se jeter dans la fourchette à Cœur. Et si Ouest intercale le 9, vous encaissez du Roi, et ressortez d'un petit Cœur, en fermant les yeux. Pour douze levées, lorsque vous les rouvrez...

A noter que le coup ne fonctionne pas, si, ayant omis de débloquer Valet et 8 de Trèfle sur les deux premières levées, vous remontez au mort par le Valet de Trèfle à la troisième, pour jouer Cœur pour le Roi, avant de défiler vos Trèfles et d'encaisser As-Roi de Pique puis l'As de Carreau. A trois cartes, vous présentez un petit Cœur, pour le 9 (sec) d'Ouest, mais avec As-Valet-4 en main, il n'y a plus de mise en main efficace contre Est, et devrez lui abandonner deux Coeurs.

De la haute voltige !



Bermuda Bowl Quarter-final - Segment 2



China v France

Brian Senior

China took a 52-39 IMP lead in the first session of their Bermuda Bowl quarter-final. Session two was to turn into a real slam-fest but it began with a quiet partscore for N/S, China being allowed an overtrick IMP to lead 53-39. On Board 18 both Easts opened INT and played there. South was on lead with:

♠ Q J
♥ Q 10 6
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ J 10 9

Both Souths led the queen of diamonds round to declarer's king doubleton and that was his seventh trick; no swing at +90.

Board 19 saw the first big swing of the young set.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Zhao</i>	<i>Combescure</i>
–	–	–	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

François Combescure opened a weak no trump so Jérôme Rombaut used Stayman then agreed spades and, after an exchange of cuebids, asked for key cards. Five

Diamonds showed one and now Rombaut asked about the queen. Jie Zhao's double suggested that the heart finesse would not be working so when Combescure denied the ♠Q Rombaut signed off in 5♠. Yunlong Chen led the nine of hearts. Combescure won the ace and played a spade to the ace and a second spade to the jack and king. He had 11 tricks for +450.

Bangxiang Zhang opened a Precision 1♦, promising only two cards, then showed his spades. Jianwei Li went through an artificial 2♦ to set up a force then showed his spade support. Though Zhang made no encouraging noises, Li took control, checking of key cards then bidding the small slam without worrying about the ♠Q. Frédéric Volcker led a diamond but it was irrelevant. With an inescapable trump loser the slam was all on the heart finesse. When it failed the contract was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to France; 50-53.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Zhao</i>	<i>Combescure</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

When Combescure opened 2NT in fourth seat, Rombaut simply responded 4♦, pick a major, then passed the 4♥ response. After the lead of the ace of diamonds and a club switch, Combescure had a choice of lines for 12 tricks; +680.

Zhang opened with a strong club, 16+, and saw his partner show a positive with the majors. He cuebid 4♣ and, when Li was willing to cuebid 4♦ in response, asked for key cards then bid the small slam. Thomas Bessis led the five of diamonds, Volcker putting in the jack then returning a low diamond. Li ruffed and drew trumps in two rounds. He could not establish an extra spade trick because of the five-one split, but two more ruffs in hand plus a discard on the ace of spades meant 12 tricks for +1430 and 13 IMPs back to China, extending their lead to 66-50.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ A J 6		
	♥ 4		
	♦ A J 9 3		
	♣ J 10 8 4 3		
♠ Q 10 2	N W E S	♠ 5	
♥ 7 6 5 3		♥ A K J 8 2	
♦ K 8		♦ Q 10 7 2	
♣ A 9 7 2		♣ K 6 5	
	♠ K 9 8 7 4 3		
	♥ Q 10 9		
	♦ 6 5 4		
	♣ Q		
West	North	East	South
Chen	Rombaut	Zhao	Combscure
—	—	1♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
—	—	1♥	2♠
2NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Both Souths made a weak jump overcall and both Wests showed an invitational heart raise, North jumping to 4♠ and East passing. When 4♠ came round to Chen he let it go, while Volcker doubled in the same position.

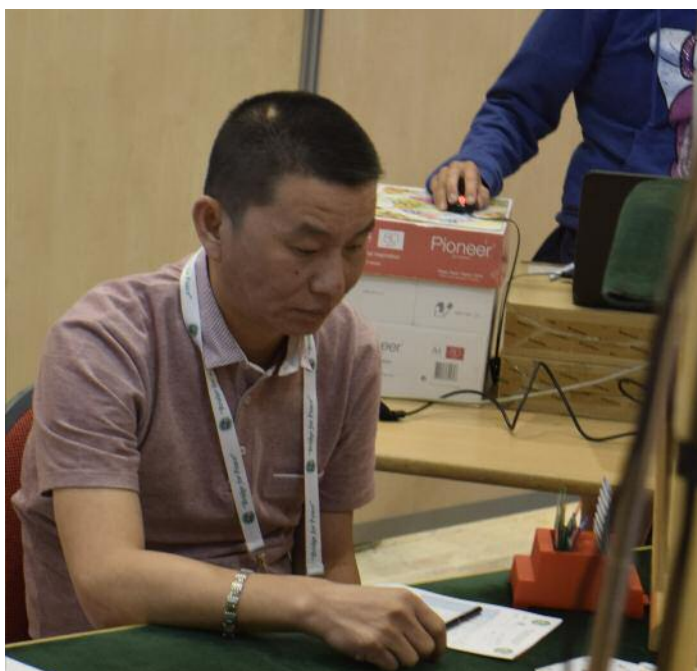
Against 4♠ undoubled, Chen led the king of diamonds. Combscure ducked so Chen continued with the ♦8 and was delighted to see declarer put in the jack. That lost to the queen and Zhao returned the ♦10 for Chen to ruff. Chen cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a heart and a moment later collected a second diamond ruff for down three and -150.

Volcker led the seven of hearts, Bessis winning the king and switching to a low diamond to the king and ace. Zhang led a club, Volcker winning and returning a diamond. Bessis won the ten and queen then led his last diamond for Volcker to ruff. That was down two for -300 and 4 IMPs to France; 54-66.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K Q J 10 7 6 4 3	N W E S	♠ —	
♥ A		♥ 10 9 3	
♦ A Q		♦ K 10 5 3	
♣ 10 6		♣ A K Q 8 5 4	
		♠ 9 5 2	
		♥ J 7 6 2	
		♦ 9 7 6 4	
		♣ 9 3	
West	North	East	South
Chen	Rombaut	Zhao	Combscure
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
—	—	—	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Volcker opened a strong and artificial 2♣ then bid and rebid his spades. I don't know the precise meaning of the rest of the French auction but I assume that 5NT asked for number of kings as otherwise 6♣ looks strange with the West hand. Bessis thought for several minutes over 6♣ before finally converting to 6♠, showing trust in his partner's bidding.



Jianwei Li, China

Chen opened at the one level then made a jump rebid which showed a self-supporting spade suit. At his third turn he cuebid and at his next asked for key cards, bidding the small slam on finding that only one was missing.

There was nothing to the play. Both Norths led the ♠K so declarer won and played on spades; 12 tricks for +1430 and a push board.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 8 6 4 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ A 7 5 3 2 ♣ 4	♠ A 10 3 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 8 7 3 2	♠ Q 9 7 ♥ A 8 7 6 ♦ K J 4 ♣ Q 9 5	♠ K 5 2 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A K J 10 6
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West	North	East	South
Chen	Rombaut	Zhao	Combescure
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Zhao opened a better-minor 1♣ in third seat, then passed Chen's 1♠ Walsh-style response and when that ran around to Combescure he balanced with INT. Holding 10 HCP facing an opening bid, Chen doubled to conclude the



Bangxiang Zhang, China

auction. Chen led a low diamond, Zhao winning the king and returning the ♦4 to the queen and ace. Now Chen erred by continuing with the ♦2 to complete his count, so Zhao won the jack and returned a club, playing Chen to have made a suit-preference lead at trick three. Combescure won the ♣A, crossed to dummy with a spade, and took the club finesse. That gave him seven tricks for +180. A higher diamond spot at trick three should have seen East switch to a heart and now the defence can take nine red tricks for down three and +500, quite a difference.

In the other room, Volcker responded 1♦ to the 1♣ opening and Bessis too passed as East. Here, Zhang balanced with 2♣ and Li competed with 3♣ over Volcker's 2♦. Now Volcker, knowing that his partner's style was not to open significantly light in third seat, doubled to show his maximum pass and suggest defending and Bessis left it in. Volcker led his singleton trump, which solved one problem for declarer. Zhang won and drew trumps but there were five quick red tricks to be lost plus a slow spade trick so he was down two for -300 and 10 IMPs to France, almost level now at 64-66.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 5 2 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ 5 ♣ Q J 10 9 6 4	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ A K 7 4 3 ♣ A K 8	♠ 10 9 8 4 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 7 5 3 2	♠ A K J ♥ Q 10 8 7 6 ♦ Q J 10 6 2 ♣ —
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West	North	East	South
Chen	Rombaut	Zhao	Combescure
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
—	—	Pass	1♥
2♣	2♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Both N/S pairs bid confidently to the small slam for a push board. While Zhang showed his club void at his second turn, Combescure contented himself with a forcing raise to 3♦. After cuebids, North took control. Zhang, who had

already shown the void, responded 5♣ to 4NT and Li invited grand slam via 5NT. No thanks, said Zhang. Combescure responded 6♣ to 4NT, showing an odd number of key cards plus a useful void, but that wasn't what Rombaut needed for seven, so he too signed off in the small slam.

There was just a heart to be lost; flat at +1370.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chen	Rombaut	Zhao	Combescure
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Dble	7NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Both Norths could bid a forcing 2NT at their second turn, allowing for careful exploration, at the end of which spades had been agreed. Both Norths took control, as who could blame them with 22 HCP facing an opening bid, and discovered that they were facing two key cards.

Li now bid 5NT to invite the grand slam but Zhang had nothing to spare, nor did he have a king to show, so signed off in 6♠ and Li respected that decision. The favourable lie meant 13 tricks for +1010.

We will never know whether Rombaut would have bid seven if left to his own devices, but Chen's double of the 5♥ response to RKCB told him that he would get a helpful lead so that, if he had 12 top tricks, hearts should provide the thirteenth. He jumped to 7NT and Zhao did as requested by leading a heart to the queen and ace. When

spades were three-two he could claim for +1520 and 11 IMPs to France and the lead by 76-66.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chen	Rombaut	Zhao	Combescure
Pass	Pass	2♦	4♥
5♦	5♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
Pass	Pass	4♦	4♥
5♦	5♥	All Pass	

Two Diamonds indeed, definitely not my idea of a preempt on that East hand and at favourable vulnerability. Four Diamonds looks more normal but it made not the slightest bit of difference. At both tables South overcalled 4♥, West saved in 5♦ and North took the push to 5♥. There was nothing to the play as declarer was never going to get spades wrong after this bidding; flat at +650.

After a set of big deals, the last four were quiet affairs with only minor swings. France won the set by 42-15 IMPs and led by 81-66 after 32 boards.



Frédéric Volcker, France

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Venice Cup Quarter-final - Segment 4

Israel v Sweden



Brian Senior

Israel led Sweden by 10 IMPs, 107-97, at the end of the first day's play, worth having but hardly decisive with a further 48 boards to be played on day two.

Israel had a chance for a swing on the first deal of the day but could not take it.

Board 49. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q 10 7 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 6 5 4 3 ♣ A K 10 2</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%; height: 40px; background-color: #4CAF50; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ A J 5 2 ♥ A 10 9 8 6 4 ♦ A 8 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 3 ♥ K J 7 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ J 8 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
–	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
–	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both Souths responded with a wide-ranging INT. For Israel, Adi Asulin rebid 2♥ then went on to game after Hila Levi's invitational raise. Pia Andersson led the three of spades, third and fifth, to the queen and ace. Asulin crossed to the king of diamonds and ran the queen of hearts to Andersson's king. Back came a second spade which Asulin won on table to take a second heart finesse. Though that lost to the jack, the expected three-three spade split meant there was only the ♣A to be lost so ten tricks for +420.

In the other room, Cecilia Rimstedt rebid 2♣, either 14-16 with six hearts or any 16+, and 2♦ said that Ida Grönkvist had game values facing the strong variety. Two Hearts showed the six-heart hand, and Grönkvist judged to play the no trump game. Noga Tal led the ace of clubs, collecting the three from Dana Tal, odd cards to encourage, even to discourage with possible suit preference overtones. Any switch helps declarer now, but on a diamond switch I think declarer would have been likely to play on hearts, taking the double finesse. That would have led to two heart losers and three club losers for down

one. In practice, however, Noga switched to a heart, which could of course have been right on a different layout. Though Dana could win and push the ♣J through, there was now only one heart loser to go with three clubs and the contract was made for +400; 1 IMP to Israel, who led by 108-97.

Board 50. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ K Q 8 3 ♣ A Q 10 6 5 3</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%; height: 40px; background-color: #4CAF50; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ A J 9 8 7 ♦ J 7 5 2 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ K 9 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Rdbl	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
2♣	Dble	2♥	2♠
5♣	All Pass		

Andersson opened the empty 11-count as dealer and Kathrine Bertheau made an inverted raise then jumped to 5♣ at her second turn. Levi led the ten of diamonds so Andersson won in dummy and drew trumps in four rounds then, trusting the opening lead, led a diamond to her nine and had just to lose the two major-suit aces; +400.

Dana did not open the East hand so her sister got to open in third seat. When Dana could first redouble to show strength then compete in clubs at the four level, Noga went on to game and was doubled by Grönkvist on the way out. There was no helpful diamond lead at this table, Rimstedt leading ace and another spade. Noga ruffed and drew trumps then played the queen of hearts to Rimstedt's ace. Rimstedt returned the nine of hearts, Noga winning the king then ruffing a heart. The jack did not come down but it didn't matter as Rimstedt had long since been squeezed in the red suits and been forced to unguard the diamonds. With that suit playing for four tricks, Noga had

11 winners for +550 and 4 IMPs to Israel, up by 112-97.

Board 51. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 10 8 6 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 7 ♣ A 10 7 5 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 5 4 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ K Q J 6	♠ 9 3 ♥ K 10 7 6 5 3 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ 8 4
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	2♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Levi had the option to open a multi with the South cards but chose to pass – their card says 5-11 for a weak two so I suppose she was just being disciplined. Bertheau opened 1♦ and Asulin made a weak jump overcall as North. When Andersson made a negative double, Bertheau jumped to 3NT and the game was therefore played the right way up. Asulin, having bid spades, tried a surprise club lead but the sight of dummy soon put paid to any hopes she might have



Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden

had of that achieving very much. Bertheau won the ♣K, led a diamond to her king and passed the jack of hearts. That lost to the king and a spade came back to the king and ace, so Bertheau had nine tricks for +600.

Grönkvist did open a multi with the South cards and Noga waited for her opponents to unwind then made a take-out double, Dana making the obvious 3NT response. The Israelis had no clue from the auction that spades was actually the danger suit but had, quite normally, got the no trump game played the dangerous way up. Sure enough, Grönkvist led the nine of spades and it didn't matter what Dana did. The defence could establish four spade winners and nothing could prevent Rimstedt getting in with the ace of clubs to cash them; down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Sweden, 102-112.

Board 52. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 ♥ J 10 6 3 ♦ Q J 4 ♣ A K 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 7 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ Q 10 8 6	♠ J 10 6 5 3 ♥ — ♦ 10 8 5 3 ♣ 9 7 5 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Slam is poor on the N/S cards – even if hearts behave kindly, there will be a slow diamond loser more often than not. With the four-zero heart split, 6♥ had no chance at all.

Levi took a second-round ruffing finesse, in clubs in an attempt to get rid of her diamond loser so was down two for -200. Rimstedt did not take the ruffing finesse but that should still mean two down as the diamond isn't going anywhere. However, she is credited with down one so we must go with that; -100 and 3 IMPs to Sweden, who were level at 112-112.

Board 53. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Dble	INT
3♠	Dble	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Levi opened 1♣ then showed her hand-type with 2NT after Asulin's inverted raise. When Asulin cuebid to check on the spade situation, Levi correctly judged that her single stopper might not be sufficient so committed her side to clubs. She could consider herself lucky, I suppose, that the final contract was not doubled, given the horrible trump break. Bertheau led the queen of spades, Andersson winning the ace and cashing the ♥A then continuing with a second heart. Levi lost two trump tricks from here so was down two for -200.

There was more competition in the other room. Rimstedt's 1♠ response denied a major, giving Dana an easy way into the auction via a spade-showing double, and now Noga jumped pre-emptively to 3♠. When she saw her opponents bid to 3NT, Dana was concerned that a running club suit might bring the contract home. She went on to 4♠, hoping for a cheap save. Saves are only cheap, of course, if either they make or the opposing contract was about to make and the save costs less than the value of that contract. Well, the save did cost less than the value of a vulnerable game, but as that game was doomed to fail...

Rimstedt found the best lead of her singleton trump. Noga rose with the ace and played a diamond to set up ruffs in hand but Grönkvist could rise with the king and play two more rounds of trumps. Dana could take only one diamond ruff and could establish her fifth card in the suit to go with the ♥A and two more trumps. But that was

down three for -500 and 12 IMPs to Sweden, who were in the lead at 124-112.

Board 56. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

This deal was the highlight of the match for me. Dana had bid her mediocre spade suit and her opponents seemed to have the suit well covered so she tried the surprise attack of a low diamond. This did not, as they say, paralyze declarer. The diamond went to the eight and nine and Rimstedt led the low heart from hand, won the diamond return in dummy and played a spade to the queen and ace. She could establish an extra heart trick so had ten in all for a painless +430.

Andersson had also bid her spades but led one anyway, Asulin winning the queen and playing the low heart. Andersson won the king and led a second low spade to declarer's jack. Remembering the overcall, Asulin played the bidder for the queen of diamonds by leading the jack from hand. Andersson's readiness to cover with the queen

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convinced Asulin that she was favourite to also hold the ten. Asulin therefore continued by cashing the ♠A then three rounds of clubs ending in dummy. Had clubs divided evenly she could now have come back to hand with the ♦A to cash the thirteenth club for her ninth trick. However, when clubs did not behave as required, she exited with the ♠K and at trick 12 Andersson had to lead into the ace-nine of diamonds to give the contract – very nicely done to hold her team's loss to a single IMP on the deal. Sweden led by 125-112.

Board 57. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A K Q 9 2 ♣ A K 5 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ Q	
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	S											
♠ K Q J 6 ♥ K 9 6 5 4 ♦ — ♣ 10 9 6 2												
♠ A 7 4 3 ♥ A J 8 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ J 8 7												

West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Asulin opened 1♦ and rebid 3♣, natural and, of course, strong. Levi showed her diamond support then, when Asulin showed something in hearts, jumped to the diamond slam, knowing that she had a perfect spade holding facing the marked shortage.

In the other room, Rimstedt also opened 1♦, natural and showing an unbalanced hand, then rebid INT, transfer to clubs. Grönkvist gave jump preference and after both players had shown something in hearts Rimstedt seems to have asked for key cards but Grönkvist jumped to 6♦ – perhaps she feared that Rimstedt might think hearts were a possible trump suit and wanted to make the diamond support clear?

Six Diamonds is a good contract, making when either the heart is onside and clubs can be played for one loser, or the heart is offside and clubs can be played without loss. Today, the heart was offside and a club had to be lost so the both declarers were down one for an honourable push at –50.

Board 58. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 2 ♥ A 8 7 2 ♦ 5 4 3 2 ♣ 6 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ Q 9 ♦ Q 6 ♣ Q 10 9 7 5	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K 3 ♦ A K J ♣ K J 8 3 2
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		♠ J 10 5 ♥ J 10 6 5 4 ♦ 10 9 8 7 ♣ A										

West	North	East	South
<i>N. Tal</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>
–	–	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
–	–	INT	Pass
2♣	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

The Tals had a simple Stayman auction to 3NT. Dana won the heart lead in hand, cashed a top diamond and crossed to dummy's ace of spades to lead a club to the jack and ace. Back came a spade so Dana won in dummy and led a diamond. When the queen appeared she won and had nine tricks for +600.

Players sometimes forget that lead-directing doubles are also, in a sense, penalty doubles, as the opposition can choose to play there. Worse, the opposition can choose to redouble, and now the price for a lead-directing effort could be quite high. That is what happened in our other room, where Asulin decided to double Stayman with the North cards and saw Andersson redouble to show good clubs. Bertheau trusted her partner so stood for 2♣ redoubled and, with E/W able to make at least nine tricks in any of the five denominations, N/S had nowhere to run.

Asulin led the eight of spades, Bertheau winning the ace and leading a heart to the king then a heart back to the ace and a third heart, ruffing low when Asulin discarded a diamond. Bertheau cashed the ace of diamonds then, believing Asulin's queen to be a true card, came to hand with a spade to lead her fourth heart. This time Asulin ruffed in with the ten and Bertheau over-ruffed with the jack and played a top diamond, ruffed by Asulin, who returned a spade to dummy's queen. The other diamond winner was ruffed and Asulin returned her last spade, ruffed low and over-ruffed with the ace. The king of clubs was the ninth trick for +1160 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

The rest of the set was relatively quiet but at the end of it we had a new leader. Having come into the set trailing by 10 IMPs, Sweden had won the set by 40-6 and now led by 137-113, with two sets still to play.

Odd Man In

Ron Klinger, Sydney, Australia

There were nine declarers in 3NT on Board 21 in the quarter-finals, but only one was successful:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 9 6 ♥ J 8 ♦ K 3 ♣ 10 8 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 5 ♥ 10 6 5 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ K Q 9 6</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 3 ♥ A K Q 7 3 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ J 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>♠ J 7 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A Q 7 6 5 4 ♣ A 7</p>		N		W		E		S	
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	S											

In the Seniors, two went down quickly on the ♥3 lead, -100 and -200 and one slowly, -100, on the ♣J lead. In the Women's Teams, one went two down on the ♥K lead. In the Open, all five in 3NT received a top heart lead. Two were -200, two were -100 and, playing against New Zealand, Berend Van Den Bos (Netherlands) brought home 11 tricks, +660.

West	North	East	South
Brown	Van Den Bos	Whibley	Van Lankveld
–	1♣	1♥	2♣*
Dble*	Pass	2♠	Dble*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	Diamonds		
Dble	Takeout		

3NT can be defeated on any lead, but the task for the defence is tougher when East leads a top heart. If East leads ♥A: four – eight – two, then double dummy, a low heart is needed at trick 2. Declarer cannot set up the diamonds without letting East gain the lead. If declarer plays the ♦A, West unblocks the ♦K.

In practice, East led the ♥A: four – jack – two. Now declarer can succeed, but only if he does everything right. Van Den Bos did. East switched to the ♠8: two – six – queen. North played the ♦8: nine – four! – three. East continued with the ♠3: jack – king – ace and North returned the ♦2: ten. Judging that West would probably not have been enthused enough to double for takeout with the ♠K and at most three outside jacks, Van Den Bos rose with the ♦A and was instantly rewarded.



He now had ten tricks. To rub salt into the wound, he cashed the diamonds, catching West in a spade-club squeeze for the extra overtrick, +660 and +12 IMPs. At the other table it went 1♣-1♥-2♦-Dble-Pass-2♥-All Pass. East went one down, -50, after ♣A lead, club to the king and the ♣Q, ruffed high.

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	Bermuda Bowl Quarter-final Segment 4	
France v China		
David Bird		

After three of the six segments, France led by 15 IMPs. Would the wind blow towards China or France? Let's see.

In the Open Room, we were lucky to have before us the pairs who had finished 1st and 5th in the round-robin Butler rankings: Lorenzini/Quantin (0.88 IMPs per board) and Dai/Yang (0.65 IMPs per board). Excellent!

Both sides bid neatly to the top spot on this early deal:

Board 18 Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dai	Lorenzini	Yang	Quantin
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♣	Dble	Pass	3♠
4NT*	Dble	5♣	All Pass

Dai's UNT bid showed diamond support alongside his long clubs. Against 5♣ Lorenzini began with the ace and queen of spades, declarer ruffing. After a trump to the king, Dai pulled all the trumps. The last round forced North to discard a heart from ♥A-J-9-8 ♦J-7-5-2. North won the ♥Q continuation with the ace and switched to a diamond, South's 10 drawing the queen. There was no need to risk a finesse of the ♥10. Dai crossed to the ♥K and ruffed a heart, bringing down North's ♥J. That was +400.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Combesure	Li	Rombaut	Zhang
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West showed his clubs with a transfer reponse, then his spade shortage, again reaching the club game. North won the spade lead and switched to ace and another heart. Declarer could then draw trumps and discard the fourth diamond on the ♥K. No IMPs were exchanged.

The South players then faced an opening lead problem:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dai	Lorenzini	Yang	Quantin
—	—	—	2♦*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South opened with a multi 2♦, North's redouble asking him to name his long suit. What should South lead against 3NT?

Quantin chose the ♥6, won with the ♥9. Yang continued with a diamond to the king, a club to the king and a spade to the king and ace. He ducked the ♠J return, won the next spade and cashed out for nine tricks. +600.

As you see, a ♠9 lead would have been deadly. Should it be found? Players who jump to 3NT often have a double stopper in the suit bid against them. Also, South had nothing by way of entry cards outside the heart suit. Let's just say that it was not automatic to lead a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Combesure	Li	Rombaut	Zhang
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♦	Multi		
2♥	Pass or correct		

Zhang diagnosed that a heart lead was not very promising but chose an unlucky ♦J. Declarer scored nine tricks for a flat board.

Tales filtered through of ♠9 leads found in the Venice Cup, including one by Russia's Khonicheva against Nicola Smith's 3NT doubled. But we had no immediate access to the bidding at these tables.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ A 9 8 2 ♣ K J 7 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 9 8 6 ♥ A J 6 ♦ 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ —	♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ Q ♣ Q 10 9 4 2
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W E						
S						
	♠ K 4 2 ♥ K 8 4 3 ♦ K J 10 ♣ A 8 6					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣*	2♠	2NT
3♠	Dble	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

North's 2♣ was an inverted raise. Facing a passed hand and with only K-4-2 in spades, South's 2NT looks ambitious. North might have passed 3♠ on the basis that his partner had not opened a 15-17 INT, nor jumped to 3NT opposite the inverted raise. From his point of view, though, it was possible that 4♣ was a runner.

Quantin did not like the look of defending 3♠ doubled and eventually opted for 3NT, booked for one down after a spade lead. We thought the bidding was over but Yang pressed on to 4♠ with his extra shape and Quantin was happy to double that.

Yang won the trump lead with the ♠8 and led a diamond, South rising with the king. A low club switch went to the



Jean-Christophe Quantin, France

10 and jack, declarer ruffing. After five more tricks of cross-ruffing, declarer led dummy's ♥9. North found the necessary cover with the ♥10 and the jack lost to the king. It was one down, as Nature had always intended, and South was left feeling glad that he had not passed out the double of 3♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescuré</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
—	1♦	1♠	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The bar for opening bids is being set lower and lower as time passes. North limbo-danced under the bar with his 1♦ opening and Zhang duly went one down in 3NT after a spade lead. We had our first swing, 7 IMPs to France.

In 2015 Cedric Lorenzini was the youngest ever winner (at 26) of the Player of the Year award in the USA. He was also the first non-American to win this coveted award. In the middle of the present match two boards arose where Lorenzini was able to display his cardplay skills.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9 4 ♥ 10 8 2 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ J 10 7 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ A J 9 7 ♣ Q 8 4 2	♠ A 10 7 5 3 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ 9
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W E						
S						
	♠ K 8 2 ♥ J 6 5 4 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ A K 6					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At the other table Li had been gifted the 3NT game with two overtricks, by a lead of the ♥K. Life would be more difficult for declarer here, when the ♠5 was led. Lorenzini won with the ♠Q, crossed to the ♣A and played the ♣K, finding the 5-1 break. East discarded a spade, suggesting that he held riches worth retaining in the red suits. Eight tricks were on view (including a second spade trick) but it was unclear how declarer should seek a ninth.

Lorenzini played a spade to the jack and ace, East clearing one winner for himself in the suit. Declarer then played ace and another heart, throwing East on lead. East cashed his spade winner and then had to surrender a trick. He chose to play a diamond to declarer's nine and the contract was made. Just 2 IMPs away.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q J 6 ♥ K 9 6 5 4 ♦ — ♣ 10 9 6 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A K Q 9 2 ♣ A K 5 4 3	♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ Q ♠ A 7 4 3 ♥ A J 8 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ J 8 7
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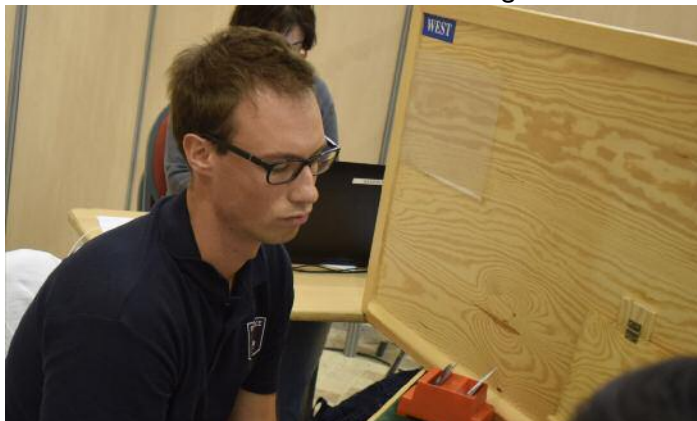
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Lorenzini	Yang	Quantin
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

It was a reasonable enough slam and the 2500 BBO kibitzers at this table were expecting it to be bid when South's cue-bid of 4♥ flashed up. Would North not bid RKCB now? He chose to bid 5♣ instead and South then drew a close in 5♦ despite holding the ♠A. It seemed to be a somewhat fortunate escape, with the ♥K offside and trumps breaking 5-0. Mind you, it might not be so easy to make even 5♦.

East led the ♠10, won with dummy's ♠A and West did not unblock one of his honours. A club to the ace saw the ♣Q appear from East. What now? Lorenzini played a diamond to the 8 and West discarded a heart. When four more rounds of trumps were played, West retained his heart and club guards, discarding the ♠Q and ♠K. This fooled no-one because the ♠10 opening lead had denied the ♠J. There was no need to throw West on lead, for a heart return. Declarer simply ran the ♥Q to West's king. He could cash the ♠J but dummy's ♥J was good for an eleventh trick.

The situation would have been different if West had unblocked a spade honour at trick 1. He could then have reduced to ♠6 ♥K-9 ♣10-9-6, beating the contract.



Cedric Lorenzini, France

Declarer cannot make the contract if West finds an unblock under the ♠A.

Is the contract always down against best defence, then? It's hard to believe but the only way to make 5♦ on this lie of the cards is to duck the ♠10 opening lead! Say that West overtakes and returns another top spade. Declarer discards a heart and wins with the ♠A. After one round of trumps, exposing the break, a club to the ace drops the ♣Q. Now four more rounds of trumps force West to discard from ♠6 ♥K-9 ♣10-9-6. If he throws the ♠6, declarer can run the ♥Q as before. A club discard is clearly no good, so West would probably throw the ♥9. Declarer would then succeed if he read the situation and dropped the bare ♥K.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Combescore	Li	Rombaut	Zhang
—	1♣ *	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT *	Pass	3♣ *
Pass	3♠ *	Pass	4♣ *
Pass	4♠ *	Pass	6♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Zhang won the spade lead, ruffed a spade with the ♦A and took a losing finesse of the ♥J. West switched to the ♣2, won by East's bare ♣Q, and the ♠9 return was won in dummy. The ♦K saw West show out and the slam ended three down for -150. 11 IMPs to France.

France won a commendably played session 25-11, giving them a lead of 127-98 with 32 boards to play.

WBF Youth Regulations

The Executive Council confirmed that:

The World Junior Teams for the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy. This Championship is for Junior players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1993 on.

The World Girls Teams Championship for the Gianarrigo Rona Trophy and this Championship is also for players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1993 on.

The World Youngsters teams for the José Damiani Cup. This Championship is for players who must not have achieved their 20th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1998 on.

The World Kids Teams Championship for the Koç University Trophy, and this championship is for players who must not have achieved their 15th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 2003 on.

In addition Article 6 of the Eligibility Regulations concerning Youth Players was amended to reflect the decision that youth players are not subject to the Eligibility Regulations contained in Sections 1.4, 1.5, 2 and 3 of the WBF Eligibility Code.

The revised Eligibility Code can be found at :

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/eligibility-regulations/>

Master Points

So what are WBF Master points, Placing Points, Senior Points, Year Points, On-Line Bridge Points? These are questions that I am often asked. The WBF Master Point system was formulated in the late seventies and is a system to reward the top players and provide a system to award titles. I took over the administration of WBF master points at the beginning of the millennium.

WBF Master Points are awarded separately to Open, Women and Mixed events and are reduced by 15% each year, the idea being that they are an indication of a current players' activity and skill. By earning these points you can become either a WBF World Master or a WBF International Master, to progress further up the titles a player must win Placing Points and these are not reduced each year, thus indicating the career of a player. Five of these and you can become a WBF Life Master, with ten and a WBF World Championship title a player will become a WBF World Grand Master. All titles stay with the player for ever.

Some Youth tournaments attract WBF Masterpoints and we are considering some improvements to this.

WBF Senior Points are awarded to Senior events only, are Open points and are reduced by 15% each year. The titles that can be won are WBF Senior Master, WBF Senior International Master, WBF Senior Life Master, WBF Senior Grand Master depending on the number of points accumulated.

WBF On-Line Master Points are awarded for On-Line Bridge events, these points and titles are kept separate, as this form of Bridge is considered a different form to 'table bridge'.

All these types of points mentioned are awarded mainly for events run by the WBF. For events run by other organisations the WBF offers the chance to award WBF Year Points. The events have to meet certain criteria be of sufficient size and contain a defined strength of players. Any Year Points awarded in a calendar year can be converted to WBF Master Points at the ration of 10 to 1 as long as the player has at least 100 WBF Year Points.

I hope this clarifies some of the reasoning behind the WBF Master Point system. The actual amounts awarded for any particular event are decided beforehand and depend on the considered strength and size of the tournament. We at the WBF try to keep things fair whilst still maintaining the value of the points awarded so that they mean something to the player.

The web site for WBF Master Points is on the main WBF web site as well as a direct link

www.wbfmasterpoints.com

Mark Newton

WBF Masterpoint Manager



Championship Diary

One of the two lifts in our hotel has been 'Hors de Service' for the last five days. It appears that in August all the lift engineers in Lyon leave the city, returning only at the beginning of September when they ask for a raise.

One of my pet hates is the journalist who submits an article in which he or she reports a deal, which has been 'rotated for convenience'. This almost always results in either the bidding or the hand diagram being wrong - an example occurred in one of the current Bulletins. In future those adopting this style will be required to use the phrase, 'rotated for inconvenience'.

A few days ago I posed the question as to how many IMPs a team should be awarded in the event that the qualifying round included a Bye. The idea being that Bye should not be able to qualify.

In this specific case eight teams qualify and there are a total of 22 teams, one of which is Bye. To ensure Bye does not qualify it must not be able to finish in eighth position. If we take the most extreme case to give Bye the best chance, there will be seven teams with a perfect record against the other fourteen and those fourteen will always fight out a draw when playing each other. If Bye scores 'B' VPS then its score will be $21 \times B$ and the other fourteen will score 13×10 for their matches against each other and $20 - B$ for their encounter with Bye. So to ensure Bye does not qualify its score must not exceed the group of fourteen or $(13 \times 10) + 20 - B > 21 \times B$. On simplifying the equation:

$150 > 22 \times B$ or $B < 6.818$. If we then examine the VP table for 16 boards we find that the minimum IMP score to register sufficient VPs is 12. Thus we have gone from the previous general case when the team was awarded 12 VPs against Bye they should now be awarded 12 IMPs.

In the general case where there are 'T' teams of which one is Bye and 'Q' teams qualify then for Bye's score in VPs 'B' can be expressed thus:

$$B < (T - Q + 1) \times 10 / T \text{ or } 10 - 10 \times (Q - 1) / T$$

There were several replies - all correct but unfortunately none present at the championships so I shall personally have to consume the extra slice of sausage put aside for the winner.

Those of us fortunate enough to dine at the L'Abbaye de Collonges last week will not forget the extraordinary dinner we enjoyed in the Abbaye's principal dining room, La salle du Grand Limonaire - which contains the majestic Gaudin that beats out the music, like an orchestra of 115 musicians.

If you would like to see what we enjoyed play this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jGaoSVEDz8>

The featured music is Julius Fucik's 'Entry of the Gladiators'.



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Wednesday, October 25th

Pan Arab Inter Club - 11:30 am

Reception 06:00 pm

Open Pairs, Session (1) 07:00 pm

Thursday, October 26th

Pan Arab Inter Club - 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (2) 05:30 pm

Friday, October 27th

Pan Arab Inter Club - 10:30 am

Open Pairs, Session (3) 05:30 pm

Saturday, October 28th

Pan Arab Inter Club - 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (1) 05:30 pm

Sunday, October 29th

Pan Arab Inter Club - 10:30 am

Mixed Pairs, Session (2) 04:30 pm

Gala Dinner 09:00 pm

(*) Pan Arab Inter- club's time schedule is subject to modification by The Organizing Committee according to number of participants.

PRIZES

OPEN PAIRS	Guest (US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
1 st Pair	2000	1000
2 nd Pair	1200	400
3 rd Pair	800	400
4 th Pair	400	300
5 th Pair	500	250
6 th Pair	400	200
7 th Pair	300	150
8 th - 9 th Pairs	200	100
Best Ladies Pair	150	80
Best Mixed Pair	150	80
Best Improvement	150	80

MIXED PAIRS	Guest(US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
1 st Pair	1200	500
2 nd Pair	800	300
3 rd Pair	400	250
4 th Pair	500	200
5 th Pair	400	150
6 th Pair	300	100
7 th Pair	200	100
Best Improvement	100	50

ENTRY FEES

Event	Guest (US\$)	Jordanian (JD)
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Mixed Pair	60	25
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1	THE MAGICDOGS	79.02	37	ZIMMERMANN	55.84	73	FRANCORUSSE	43.80
2	PESSOA	75.54	38	MCALLISTER	55.48	74	MARK WU	43.62
3	PD TIMES	72.70	39	MARILLE	55.23	75	CHEVAL	43.55
4	ZHIYIJIA	72.26	40	ADAD	54.44	76	CHINA SENIOR	43.22
5	CROATIA	71.83	41	AUSSIE OTHERS	53.88	77	NATAF	43.21
6	RIEHM	69.41	42	NONAME	53.48	78	LE BOSAKR	43.02
7	MAZURKIEWICZ	69.12	43	PROF RIMBUS	53.07	79	LEGRAS	42.97
8	TEAM VENTIN	68.70	44	PAKISTAN	53.03	80	GILLIS	42.39
9	GERMANY OPEN	68.69	45	RAPTORS	52.55	81	FRANCE JUNIOR	42.09
10	PIEDRA	67.33	46	CHINA XHJT	52.22	82	WACH	41.75
11	KASIMIR	67.30	47	MON BAZILOU	52.20	83	IMPS	41.71
12	JINSHUO	66.86	48	INDONESIA SMI	52.06	84	MAGIC EYES TH	41.30
13	POLAND	66.52	49	BLUE NOTE	52.06	85	OLD YOUNG TEA	41.22
14	TENUKI	65.87	50	KITKUTIM	51.46	86	AOTEAROA	39.34
15	BRULIBU	65.85	51	LEVOY	51.21	87	MOAD	38.87
16	PGRENTHE	63.55	52	OHMCONNECT	50.59	88	PLATINUM CEM	38.57
17	YBM	63.37	53	PANCHINA	50.51	89	PAYEN	35.42
18	MERRET	62.26	54	DELFT	50.20	90	GAIA	34.99
19	GRENTHE	62.09	55	FILIPPO 5	49.90	91	FINIKIOTIS	33.76
20	PERCY	61.87	56	TOSCA	49.64	92	MARVELOUS	32.60
21	SWISSHUN	61.32	57	POLISH SENIOR	49.63	93	NORDEN	32.27
22	MACABI DACORD	61.14	58	LEOPARCK	49.37	94	LES GRANDS CR	32.27
23	RENSON	60.87	59	AUSTRALIAN WO	49.22	95	SPAM	31.89
24	MOSSOP	60.27	60	RUSSIA	48.94	96	ENGLISH DISCA	31.87
25	BLACK	60.22	61	ROUSSEAU	48.58	97	FRAPEI	31.64
26	LALL	59.78	62	TEAM PHARMASE	47.87	98	MORAN	31.49
27	THOMPSON	59.51	63	PARIS AZ	47.60	99	CUBE STRASBOU	31.13
28	QUAGGAS	59.07	64	RIDOLFO	47.54	100	PONCOL JAKARTA	28.20
29	DUMBOVICH	59.01	65	FORMIDABLES	47.22	101	LES COUILLUS	27.51
30	MINISTRY OF B	58.12	66	TEAM DOWNUNDE	46.22	102	PROMISE	26.06
31	BELL	57.67	67	ISIDORO	45.92	103	CBLT THAILAND	25.55
32	INDONESIA OPE	57.62	68	POLAND UNIVER	45.85	104	SOUTH PERTH	23.62
33	OBJECTIVITY	57.32	69	MA DALTON	45.69	105	PMA	21.35
34	CHAD	56.70	70	INDIA OPEN	45.44	106	BANGALORE	13.90
35	RAF	56.69	71	MEPHISTO	44.02			
36	PUNCH	55.88	72	DAMESY	43.96			



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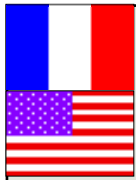
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d'Orsi Trophy Quarter-final Segment I

France v India
USA1 v Italy



John Carruthers

USA2, the winner of the Round Robin, chose Japan as its quarter-final opponent; France chose India; Italy chose USA1; Australia was left with Sweden. USA2 also got to choose its semi-final bracket-mates and picked Australia/Sweden, with the proviso that should both USA teams make it to the semi-finals, they would play each other.

The matches are all of 96 boards over two days, in six sets of 16. For the first set, we'll look at France/India and Italy/USA2.

A couple of medium-sized swings had the scores after two boards as USA2 12 – Italy 0 and France and India tied at 7 IMPs apiece.

A highly competitive auction left each side guessing, taking out insurance, doubling or passing on the following deal. We had it all. Since both four spades and five clubs would make, one supposes that five spades doubled down one is par on the deal. Would any of our tables achieve it?

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ A J 7 5 2 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ J 10 9 7 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ J 8 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K J 2 ♣ K Q 8 4 3</p>
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	<p>♠ Q 10 9 7 5 4 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A 5</p>										

France v India
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Samant</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Agrawal</i>	<i>Toffier</i>
—	—	—	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Samant ignored the dictum of “the hand short in their suit must bid” and paid out minus 420,

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Poddar</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Solani</i>
—	—	—	3♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

This table was the only one to achieve ‘par’.

Italy v USA1
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Failla</i>
—	—	—	3♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Passell made a dubious six-club call holding two aces and a minimum takeout double opposite a doubling partner; he paid a premium for the insurance: minus 100. Nevertheless, he rated to lose only 5 IMPs to par at the other table. However ...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>J. Clerkin</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>D. Clerkin</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2♠*	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

If you're going to open the South hand at the one level, the North hand had better support at some point. Had Jerry ever expressed support, there was no way Denny would have allowed the opponents to declare five clubs. It was all over quickly when Denny led the queen of diamonds: minus 750.

Whether the contract was in clubs or spades, there wasn't anything to the play – it was all about the bidding. Declarer could set up the fifth heart in a club contract to avoid the diamond guess; in spades, one heart and two diamonds had to be lost.

That was 11 IMPs to France and 13 to Italy.



Ruggero Pulga, Italy

Two boards later, the Clerkins and Schmidt/Toffier reached six spades with an outside loser and ♠K10743 opposite ♠A986 with no opposition bidding. The defenders' spades were a low stiff opposite queen-jack-third, so that was a somewhat-random 13 IMPs each to Italy and India.

That board made the score 21-20 for France and 26-12 Italy. France then went on a tear, winning the next 60 IMPs, most of them avoidable, to win the set 81-20. That match looked over already. The other was closer.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 9 8 ♥ A J 9 7 5 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 10 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 4 3 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ A K 9 7 ♣ 8 5 4	♠ A 6 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 2 ♣ K 9 6
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W E						
S						

France v India
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Samant</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Agrawal</i>	<i>Toffier</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦*	Dble	4♠	All Pass
3♦ Splinter			

Agrawal tried a little misdirection and received a splinter for his trouble. No harm was done, however, as he could shut out Samant with a raise to game next time. Schmidt led a diamond. How should declarer play with most of the cards known to be with South?

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy, took a heart pitch on the other high diamond, and then led a club to the queen and a spade to the king. South won with his ace and tapped declarer with a diamond.

Samant accepted the tap, but was in big trouble now with no re-entry to the dummy. He cashed the ace of clubs, then exited with a club to South's king; he later had to lose a spade and a heart for one off, minus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guillaumin</i>	<i>Poddar</i>	<i>Palau</i>	<i>Solani</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Both French players were conservative (surprise!) and they missed the touch-and-go game. As South had declined to double two diamonds, North led the ten of clubs to the

king and ace. South took his pitch on the high diamonds and led a spade to the queen, then ducked a spade to South's ace. South led another club. West won, drew the last trump, led a club to hand and the ten of hearts to North's ace. Declarer lost just the two major-suit aces for plus 200 and 6 IMPs.

Italy v USA I

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Failla</i>
–	–	–	1♣*
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣ 2+ clubs			

Here, Passell did show his clubs, so game was reached, but not in spades. Failla led the deuce of diamonds to the ten and ace. Jacobus led a club to the queen and a spade to the king, losing to the ace. South continued with diamonds, leading the queen. Jacobus had to make a discard from the dummy and chose a heart, fatally as it turned out. South shifted to his remaining spade and declarer took the finesse, the ten losing to the jack. Buratti cashed the ace of hearts, the defence's fourth trick, exhausting dummy of the suit and still had the nine of spades to endplay the dummy – Jacobus had to lose a club to South's king for down one, minus 100

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>J. Clerkin</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>D. Clerkin</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Playing a strong club, and as Denny had declined to double diamonds, Jerry led a club, reasonable enough, since strong



Jerry Clerkin, USA I

clubbers often have clubs when they open one diamond. Mina followed the same line as had Guillaumin in the other match, but was allowed to score the king of hearts without losing a trick in the suit, so made plus 480, 12 tricks! That won 11 IMPs for Italy.

Board 13 was again all about the bidding (how often that's the case):

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 9 8 5 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ Q 10	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J ♥ A K J 4 2 ♦ J ♣ A K 7 5 4 3	♠ 7 6 2 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ K 10 4 3 ♣ 9 6
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France v India
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Samant	Schmidt	Agrawal	Toffier
—	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The natural French auction led them smoothly to the top spot; plus 1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guillaumin	Poddar	Palau	Solani
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
1♣	Strong		
2♦	5+ diamonds, 8+ HCP		

Poddar's six-heart bid is as puzzling to us as it was to Solani: down one for minus 100.

Italy v USA1
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Buratti	Jacobus	Failla
—	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	3♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Failla's last bid strapped Buratti. Plus 620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mina	J. Clerkin	Pulga	D. Clerkin
—	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- 1♣ Strong
- 2♣. 5+ diamonds, 8+ HCP
- 4♦ Key-card ask
- 4NT 2 key cards, no club queen

With clubs 2-2, declarer can draw trumps and ruff a heart for 12 tricks in a club contract. Six no-trump was not so terrible on a spade lead: declarer could take the heart finesse when clubs broke, then try for a 3-3 split or an unlikely squeeze. It was 16 IMPs to France and 13 to USA1.

The first set ended with France clobbering India 81-20 and Italy with a narrow lead over USA1, 42-35. In the non-BBO matches, USA2 led Japan 34-25 and Australia led Sweden 55-32.

Accidents Happen

Roland Wald

Roland Wald, BBO Commentator extraordinaire sent us this story: 'Accidents Happen' is a 2010 Australian coming of age comedy drama film directed by Andrew Lancaster and starring Geena Davis, Harrison Gilbertson, Sebastian Gregory, Harry Cook, Joel Tobeck and Sarah Woods. Accidents also happen at the bridge table, even for the world's best players.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul

♠ 8 4 3 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 8 7 3 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ — ♥ Q J 10 7 4 ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ Q J 6 4	♠ A K Q J 9 5 2 ♥ — ♦ A 9 7 5 3 ♣ 10
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W E						
S						
♠ 10 7 6 ♥ A K 8 3 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K 9 5						

The average club player would be delighted to get to 6♦ or 6♠ on the deal above, but many would stop in game. The same club players, however, will be relieved to see how things can go horribly wrong for much better players than themselves. One pair had a serious system accident when they stopped in 5♥ ... yes, 5 HEARTS. That contract went four down vulnerable and cost the team 18 IMPs when the opponents at the other table bid to 6♦ for 1370.

Another reached the dizzy heights of 7NT - that cost 1100 when North was uncharitable enough to double and the swing was 20 IMPs when they bid 6♦ at the other table.

There may still be some hope for all of us ...