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Where the Action is

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10.00-12.15
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 15.50-18.05

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On a day where the deals were not always challenging, there were numerous changes much in the style of musical chairs.

In the Bermuda Bowl the holders, **Switzerland**, have taken the lead, followed by **Poland** and **Israel**. With only 13.02 VP between first and eighth, it is easy to predict that plenty of drama lies ahead.

In the Venice Cup, **Poland**, **Israel** and **France** now occupy the leading positions. Here the differential is 26.51 VP.

Poland continues to lead the way in the d'Orsi Trophy table, while **Israel** and **Belgium** have swapped positions. The key number this time is 18.49 VP.

In the Wuhan Cup it is **Chinese Taipei**, **China** and **Germany** who occupy the high ground. The top eight are covered by 20.28 VP.

Line-up from Mövenpick Hotel

Dear friends, despite our efforts, which will continue today, doing your line up from the Mövenpick Hotel is possible only if you connect to the WiFi called "**Accor**", and not the Mövenpick's itself. Kind regards,
 Maurizio Di Sacco
 WBF Operations Director

BBO Matches



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
10.00	BB Poland-Norway	BB Netherlands-Israel	VC Turkiye-USA 1	WUC France-Belgium
13.15	BB Switzerland-USA2	VC Sweden-USA1	DOT USA1-France	WUC Italy-China
15.50	BB Netherlands-Norway	VC USA1-Israel	DOT Israel-USA2	WUC Romania-Australia

Draw for Today's Matches

Bermuda Bowl

Venice Cup

Round 7	
CHINA	MOROCCO
NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
BRAZIL	IRELAND
SINGAPORE	PANAMA
SWITZERLAND	ITALY
AUSTRALIA	USA2
EGYPT	CHILE
NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL
HONG KONG CHINA	INDIA
USA1	UAE
POLAND	NORWAY
CANADA	BELGIUM

Round 7	
MOROCCO	BARBADOS
TURKIYE	USA1
CHINA	FRANCE
CHINESE TAIPEI	EGYPT
DENMARK	ISRAEL
INDIA	NORWAY
ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND
USA2	POLAND
CANADA	GERMANY
AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA
HONG KONG CHINA	UAE
BRAZIL	SWEDEN

Round 8	
MOROCCO	NEW ZEALAND
BRAZIL	ITALY
SWITZERLAND	USA2
PANAMA	NETHERLANDS
AUSTRALIA	CHINA
SINGAPORE	ISRAEL
CHILE	IRELAND
HONG KONG CHINA	NORWAY
POLAND	EGYPT
UAE	CANADA
INDIA	USA1
BELGIUM	SOUTH AFRICA

Round 8	
BARBADOS	TURKIYE
CHINA	ISRAEL
DENMARK	NORWAY
EGYPT	USA2
INDIA	MOROCCO
CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND
NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE
CANADA	UAE
HONG KONG CHINA	ARGENTINA
SOUTH AFRICA	BRAZIL
GERMANY	AUSTRALIA
SWEDEN	USA1

Round 9	
BRAZIL	MOROCCO
SWITZERLAND	CHINA
AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL
HONG KONG CHINA	PANAMA
SINGAPORE	NEW ZEALAND
NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
USA2	CHILE
POLAND	USA1
INDIA	IRELAND
BELGIUM	UAE
EGYPT	CANADA
SOUTH AFRICA	ITALY

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DENMARK	MOROCCO
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USA2	UAE
NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND
HONG KONG CHINA	AUSTRALIA
GERMANY	FRANCE
SWEDEN	SOUTH AFRICA
ARGENTINA	BRAZIL
USA1	ISRAEL

Draw for Today's Matches

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 7

 CHINESE TAIPEI	 COLOMBIA
 NETHERLANDS	 FRANCE
 CHINA	 SOUTH AFRICA
 AUSTRALIA	 GUADELOUPE
 INDIA	 POLAND
 ISRAEL	 DENMARK
 CANADA	 MOROCCO
 PAKISTAN	 USA2
 SWEDEN	 ITALY
 NORWAY	 REUNION
 HONG KONG CHINA	 BELGIUM
 ARGENTINA	 USA1

Wuhan Cup

Round 7

 USA1	 COLOMBIA
 AUSTRALIA	 ISRAEL
 GERMANY	 INDIA
 ROMANIA	 MOROCCO
 SINGAPORE	 ARGENTINA
 NEW ZEALAND	 DENMARK
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 TUNISIA
 POLAND	 EGYPT
 USA2	 ITALY
 CHINA	 UAE
 FRANCE	 BELGIUM
 CANADA	 BARBADOS

Round 8

 COLOMBIA	 NETHERLANDS
 CHINA	 POLAND
 INDIA	 DENMARK
 GUADELOUPE	 PAKISTAN
 ISRAEL	 CHINESE TAIPEI
 AUSTRALIA	 USA2
 MOROCCO	 SOUTH AFRICA
 SWEDEN	 BELGIUM
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 REUNION	 ARGENTINA
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Round 8

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 NEW ZEALAND	 USA1
 ROMANIA	 EGYPT
 TUNISIA	 INDIA
 USA2	 BELGIUM
 FRANCE	 CHINESE TAIPEI
 UAE	 CANADA
 ITALY	 CHINA
 BARBADOS	 ISRAEL

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 SWEDEN	 GUADELOUPE
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 PAKISTAN	 BELGIUM
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 ITALY	 INDIA
 BARBADOS	 UAE
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 ISRAEL	 ARGENTINA



D'Orsi Trophy RR 01

Denmark v USA2

It's Not a Sprint




by Martin Cantor

This being the first of twenty-three Round Robin matches, it seems apposite to coin the somewhat hackneyed phrase 'It's a marathon, not a sprint'. Mind you, my daughter, who runs marathons, confirms that it is preferable to avoid a stumble when starting out on one. Both of these teams knew that their opening match would not be a walk in the park, if you'll forgive the ever-so-slightly mixed metaphors. In the Open Room Denmark fielded Dorte and Peter Schaltz EW against Mitch Dunitz & Ross Grabel. The Closed Room saw Jorgen Hansen and Steen Schou against Neil Chambers and John Schermer.

Board 1 looked like it would be a routine 3NT for EW. A spade lead offered some threat, but the long spade hand had no outside entry so the threat could be neutralised by an equally routine hold-up. And so it transpired in the Open Room, but in the Closed Room Grabel's 11 HCP opener in North threw the Schaltzes off track, their 4♣+1 giving 7 IMPs worth of first blood to the USA.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 6 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ Q 9 8 2	<div style="background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ K Q J 9 5 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 7 6	
♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A K J 9 7 3 ♣ K			
♠ 9 7 4 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A J 5 4 3			

4♣ looks relatively straightforward. You have to choose which red suit to develop, but both our declarers sensibly went for hearts. However, if NS attack clubs, it can weaken West's trump holding, and then there is a prospect of the ♠9 getting promoted.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Schou	Chambers	Hansen
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Schou led the ♣9, which Hansen won to continue the suit, ruffed. Schermer then turned his attention to hearts, but Schou ducked. A diamond was played back to hand, but now declarer needed to turn his attention to trumps. Instead, he cashed the ♦K to discard the remaining club, but in the process setting up the trump promotion. He continued hearts, won this time for another club play.

Now ♠J to North's ace, and the ♣Q finished the job, 10 IMPs to Denmark.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	R Grabel	D Schaltz	M Dunitz
—	—	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Dunitz led the ♦8 to dummy's ace, then he took the ♥K with his ace, to play the ♣A. The ♣ continuation was ruffed in dummy, then Grabel ducked the first spade but took the second perforce. He continued with a heart, but Dorte could win, draw the last trump, throw her club on the ♦K and claim when hearts broke.

Board 3 was a push in 2♠ -2, a normal enough contract down on a horrid trump break. Board 4 was another push, when both NS pairs bid to the three level with insufficient material, one in notrump, the other in a Moysian heart contract, and both went two light. Then it got lively.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 7 6 ♥ A K 3 ♦ A J 10 7 5 ♣ J 7	<div style="background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q J 9 8 4 2 ♥ — ♦ 9 ♣ Q 10 9 6 4	
♠ 10 5 3 ♥ Q 8 7 5 4 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A 5 2			
♠ — ♥ J 10 9 6 2 ♦ K Q 8 4 3 ♣ K 8 3			

6♦ played by South would be doubled by East for a heart ruff. Played by North, on the other hand, a club to the ace and a heart ruff would do the trick. This would not be an easy defence to find, and not relevant in this match since both Easts took out the insurance in 6♠. The double dummy result is minus 2, the defence scoring a trump, a diamond and a club.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Schou	Chambers	Hansen
—	1NT	4♠	4NT
5♠	6♦	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

The Danish defence slipped a trick when North, in with the ♠A, switched to the ♣J, picking up that suit for declarer, so -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>R Grabel</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>M Dunitz</i>
—	INT	4♠	5♦
5♠	6♦	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

The Danish declarer slipped a trick, allowing North to ruff a club, so -500 and 9 IMPs to USA2. In passing I wondered whether any North might consider the hand too strong for a 15-17 notrump opener. I'm fairly sure that if you swapped the ♥K for a spot card, many would upgrade to a 15-17 opener. But upgrading strong 17 counts seems less common than strong 14s.

Board 6 saw Denmark recover 10 IMPs, and retake the lead 20-16, when their EW bid to 5♣ while the Americans stopped in 3♣. Board 7 was also about 5♣, this time a good save against 4♥, found in both rooms, so another push. Now for the biggest swing of the match.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Neil Chambers, USA2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	2♠
Dble	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

In this room where I was commenting, I wondered whether West had shown all his extras when he bid 4♥, but Chambers wasn't done yet. 5♥ asked about something, and whether trump quality or controls Schermer had it, so continued with 5♠. Now I said I thought they would get to 7♥ if an exchange of minor suit cuebids followed. It did, but in the end neither was sure enough to bid one more. Since the grand needs very little more than a 3-2 trump break it's not quite up to the "official" odds for a grand, but near enough for a fair few to bid it across the four championships.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>R Grabel</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>M Dunitz</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	7NT	All Pass
1♦	♥		
4♠	Cue		
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	3 keycards		



Dorthe Schaltz, Denmark

In the Closed Room it looks as though the Schaltzes never confirmed the heart fit, in which case 7NT as an alternative to 7♣ seems not unreasonable, although whether 13 tricks could be counted is another matter. In

fact, the grand can be made in either clubs or notrump; you Vienna Coup the ♠A, run all your round suit winners ending in East, and because South has the ♠K and the ♦Q AND the ♦10, the ♦9 (or ♠Q/J) is your thirteenth trick. Dorthe Schaltz had no reason to play for that, choosing instead the better odds straight diamond finesse, so 14 IMPs to USA2, when it could have been 11 the other way.

Board 9 saw 2 more IMPs for USA2 when they stopped a level lower in notrump. Board 10 was flat in 3NT+1, while 11 was flat with 4♥= and 3NT+1, leaving the score 32-20 for the Americans. The Danes fought back on 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



The Danish got to game with their 12 facing 12, also known as opening bid opposite opening bid. East does not have an easy lead on that auction, and I have sympathy for the ♠10 that he chose. Unfortunately for him, that blew that suit wide open for three tricks, and the rest was relatively simple for Steen Schou, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>R Grabel</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>M Dunitz</i>
INT	All Pass		

The weak notrump opening ended the auction, and while on perfect defence it goes 2 light, declarer escaped for -50 and 11 IMPs.

The USA team picked up 7 on Board 13 beating part scores in both rooms; 14 was a push in 3NT which is only beaten by an improbable or even impossible spade lead; USA2 got 2 more on 15 for 1 undertrick more, and 16 was a simple 3NT+2 in both rooms. Final score Denmark 31-41 USA2. At least no serious stumble for either team as they set out on this, if not marathon, then at least half marathon.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



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Bermuda Bowl RR 02

Belgium v Netherlands



by Marc Smith

Welcome to the opening day in Marrakech, and our first look at one of the finalists from the last Bermuda Bowl. A year ago, in Salsomaggiore, the Netherlands lost one of most thrilling finals of all time to Switzerland, and those two teams will surely be amongst the bookies' pre-tournament favourites here in Morocco. The Dutch began this campaign with a 33-IMP victory against Chile, so let's see what sort of form they seem to be in at this early stage as they take on their geographical neighbours, the Belgians.

Just one problem today. With only your side vulnerable, you are North holding:

♠ A Q 10 6 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A
♣ Q J 9 8

West	North	East	South
3♦	?		

What action, if any, do you take?

We join the action early in the match. The Belgian pair in the Closed room began by bidding to two no-play games, which cost them 5 IMPs and 6 IMPs when the defenders made no mistake. Then the cards turned around, and it was the Dutch who bid more than their counterparts at both tables...

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	De Donder	Van den Bos	Bahbout
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
4♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Joris van Lankveld's 4♣ overcall stole sufficient room from the Belgian pair that they had no space to investigate. They thus settled for bidding game in their best suit.

Van Lankveld led the ♦J. Sam Bahbout won in hand with the ace, crossed to the ♣A, returned to hand with a trump,

and ruffed his remaining club with the ♠K. He then drew trumps, cashed the ♥A, and played a heart towards dummy. When West followed with a low heart, Bahbout guessed to put in the ♥10. Berend van den Bos won with the ♥J and returned a club, leaving declarer with two diamond losers at the end. N/S +620 – well stopped.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Caputo	De Wijs	Vandervorst	Muller
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

For the Belgians, Philippe Caputo jumped only to the three-level, giving the Dutch more room. This allowed Simon de Wijs to double on the North hand, perhaps showing three spades but certainly promising some extra values. Bauke Muller rebid his spades and de Wijs raised to game, but Muller had enough to make another try, and he moved with a diamond cue-bid. That encouraged de Wijs to commit his side to slam.

The early play was identical, so the fate of the contract came down to a 26-IMP heart guess. Muller called for the ♥Q from dummy on the second round. When he ruffed the third round of hearts, the king came down and he had parking places for his two diamond losers. A magnificent N/S +1430 and 13 IMPs to Netherlands, who are suddenly 24-0 approaching the halfway point of the match.

The Belgians finally got on the scoreboard, but they risked a heavy loss in order to pick up the most modest of gains.



Mike Vandervorst, Belgium

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	De Donder	Van den Bos	Bahbout
1♣	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Steven De Donder's initial Pass and Berend Van den Bos's weak jump shift response meant that the Belgians had to begin their auction at the three-level. Having established that the hand belonged to them, the Belgian's attention then seemed to focus on ensuring that they held the requisite stoppers. Spades, though, were not their Achilles' heel.

The spotlight turned on Van Lankveld. If he could find a club lead, then Sam Bahbout's 3NT contract would quickly bite the dust. No – van Lankveld laid down the ♠A, giving declarer nine tricks on the 3-3 heart break without needing any long tricks from diamonds. The spade continuation then allowed declarer to knock out the ♦K for 11 tricks. A somewhat fortuitous N/S +460.



Bauke Muller, Netherlands

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Caputo	De Wijs	Vandervorst	Muller
1♣	1♦	1♥*	Dble
Pass	2♦	2♠	5♦
All Pass			

Simon de Wijs came in with a 1♦ overcall on the North hand, steering his partnership in the right direction. Mike Vandervorst joined in with a 1♥ transfer, showing spades, allowing Bauke Muller to show his suit with a double. When de Wijs rebid his diamonds, Muller looked no further than game in his partner's suit.

Vandervorst led a club to declarer's ace. When a trump was played, East showed out, so declarer rose with the ♦A and started on hearts. One spade disappeared on the third heart and, when Caputo ruffed in with the ♦K on the fourth round, away went declarer's remaining loser. Had West ruffed with the fourth heart with the ♦10, declarer would have overruffed, returned to dummy with a club ruff, and played another winning heart to achieve the same result. N/S +420 and 1 IMP to Belgium, but a moral victory for the Dutch.

The Belgians finally got into the match as boards were running out, with both North players having to deal with the problem posed at the top of this article.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Caputo	De Wijs	Vandervorst	Muller
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

For the Dutch, Simon de Wijs chose to enter with a takeout double of West's 3♦ opening. Muller had a good hand in terms of high cards but no sensible positive action, so he settled for a minimum response in his only suit. However, even that proved to be too high.

Caputo led the ♦Q to dummy's bare ace. Muller started trumps by leading the queen from dummy, and Vandervorst took his ace right away. Then came three rounds of hearts, forcing declarer to ruff. Muller cashed the ♣K and, when West showed out, East had a second trump trick with the ♣10. N/S -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Steven De Donder opted for a 3♠ overcall, and Sam Bahbout just about had enough for a raise to game. Looking at all four hands, it is easy enough to see that there are three top losers and thus a club ruff will put the contract down for a flat board. But, finding the ruff proved to be not so easy.

Van den Bos opened the ♥A and, at trick two, switched to a spade. That was not the end of the defence as, of course, declarer still needed to score a heart ruff in dummy, or he would be left with four top losers. De Donder therefore won the trump switch in dummy and continued with the ♥Q. Unfortunately for the Dutch, the defence was set on its path now, so Van den Bos won with the ♥K and continued with a second trump. Declarer overtook the ♠J, ruffed his remaining heart with dummy's last trump, returned to hand with the ♦A, and drew the last trump. All that remained was to bring in the clubs for three tricks and, after West's opening pre-empt, this was not something that declarer was ever likely to get wrong. N/S +620 and 12 IMPs to Belgium.

On the very next board, both EW pairs bid to a game that could have been made. With a diamond suit of ♦KQ opposite ♦9854, a holding of ♦J10 doubleton in one of the defender's hands did the Dutch declarer in 3NT no harm whatsoever. At the other table, the Belgian in 4♥ ran into ruffs and overruffs by the time he found out about the diamond position, so he finished two down. 13 IMPs to Netherlands.

The set finished with a deal where the result hinged in no small part on the vagaries of no-trump ranges.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Van den Bos opened his partnership's system strong bid and his 2NT rebid showed 23-24 HCP balanced. Van Lankveld inquired with Muppet Stayman and 3♥ denied a major of more than three cards. With an uninspiring 7 HCP facing 23-24, Van Lankveld judged that game was high enough, and duly signed off in 3NT.

The defence led hearts and declarer set up his clubs. He then used his heart entry to get to the long clubs and eventually played a diamond to the ten. The defenders thus came to three tricks: An unremarkable E/W +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Caputo</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Muller</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

For the Belgians, Vandervorst began with a Multi 2♦ and his 2NT rebid after the pass-or-correct 2♥ response showed 24-26 HCP balanced. Caputo also asked for majors and got the same 'None' response. Facing 24-26, this flat 7-count perhaps looks rather more promising. Thus, with a very likely fit for his five-card suit, Caputo advanced with a natural 4♣. Vandervorst had no reason not to cooperate, so he showed his club support with a 4♦ cue-bid. When Caputo showed his heart control, out came Blackwood. Caputo confirmed he had an ace and Vandervorst asked for the ♣Q with 5♥. The 5♠ response said he didn't have it, but the partnership was committed to slam by now.

There was an avoidable loser in each minor. Declarer finished two down: E/W -100 and 11 IMPs to Netherlands. The final score of the match was 53-15 to Netherlands.

At the top of this article, I said we'd take a look to see whether the Netherlands had arrived in good form. I think we have an answer. Although they have come without one of their front-line pairs from a year ago, it looks like the Orange Army will be singing well into the latter stages of their two weeks in Marrakech.

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Venice Cup RR 03

Sweden v Poland



by Jos Jacobs

For the last round of the opening day of these World Championships, many kibitzers would almost automatically be attracted to what looked like the top-of-the-bill match: USA 1 v USA 2. Elsewhere in this Bulletin, you will no doubt find a report on that match but for me, the obvious match to report on was the top of the bill in the Venice Cup: the revenge match between Europe's two top teams in the Women's event. Last year, on Madeira, Poland and Sweden finished first and second in the European Teams Championships, by quite a margin on both each other and the rest. So this early confrontation between Europe's two top teams should be a good choice anyway and....so it proved.

After a warming-up game on board 1 the two teams showed different approaches on the next board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Clementsson	Sarniak	K Bertheau
—	—	1♥	Pass
INT	Dble	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

After a routine start to the auction, West found another bid over South's 2♠. Once North realised she might well hold the best hand of the four, the Swedish N/S were in game. When one red ace behaved, that was +620 to Sweden

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Övelius	Duftrat	Grönkvist	Zmuda
—	—	1♥	Pass
INT	Dble	2♥	2♠
All Pass			

When West, in the replay, quietly passed 2♠, North could not find the extra values she needed to make another forward move so she also passed. What would be the average strength of a free bid over 2♥, the question was.

Poland +170 but 10 IMPs to Sweden.

Two boards later, a similar case of assessment.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Clementsson	Sarniak	K Bertheau
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

When East bid only 1♥ at her first turn, N/S could easily come to rest at the two-level. One overtrick, Sweden +140.

At the other table, East had a weak jump response at her disposal.

Closed Room

West	North	East	Sout
Ovelius	Duftrat	Grönkvist	Zmuda
1♦	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Anna Sarniak, Poland

Over 2♥, South had to take some action but North might have saved the day by bidding 3♦ first rather than a direct jump to game. Four top losers were one too many. Sweden another +100 and another 6 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Poles taught us all a fine lesson in slam bidding.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 4 ♥ A 6 ♦ 2 ♣ K J 9 8 7 6 4	♠ J 9 7 3 ♥ Q J 8 7 3 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ Q <div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 2 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ A 10 3 2	♠ Q 8 6 5 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ K 9 8 6 3 ♣ 5	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

Polish Club, 2♣ GF and strong 2NT rebid. A few cuebids, three keycards and in the end, West still had something in reserve, she correctly thought. Poland a fine +1440.



Danuta Kazmucha, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ovelius</i>	<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

A disappointing Swedish auction, I thought. Just when the fit was clearly established and all looked set for an all-out investigation for the grand, both East and West subsided. Sweden just +940 but 11 IMPs back to Poland.

And more club slam trouble a few boards later.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q J 5 3 ♥ 9 8 7 6 5 2 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 10	♠ K 10 9 8 ♥ — ♦ K 6 2 ♣ K Q 9 8 6 5 <div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 4 2 ♥ K ♦ A Q J 7 5 4 3 ♣ 7 3 2	♠ A 7 6 ♥ A Q J 10 4 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A J 4	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
Pass	1♣	3♦	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

What should we do to reinstate clubs as a serious denomination? Yes, 1♣ shows clubs and 3♠ shows hearts but clubs were not rebid later on and hearts were. Four Hearts made in spite of the remarkable trump break because West was out of diamonds very quickly and thus could not continue the forcing defence. Sweden +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ovelius</i>	<i>Dufrat</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
Pass	2♣	2♦	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

In Poland, they have a very playable solution for the club problem. Like in the Precision Club, the Polish opening bid of 2♣ shows clubs, with or without a second suit. Once South was keen enough to show a polite club raise, the rest was easy because South had so many extra values still in the offering. Poland a fine +920 and 11 more IMPs to them.

In the Norway v. Morocco match in the Bermuda Bowl, the Norwegian N/S had quickly blasted their way into 6♥ but this was the Moroccan auction:

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Lahlou	Grude	Dahan
Pass	1♣	3♦	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

As long as you believe in clubs as a playable denomination, you can end up in quite good slams in the suit! Morocco gained 14 IMPs on this deal, a giant step towards yet another victory for them on the opening day (26-24).

Back to the Venice Cup now.

Two boards later, both Norths reached the normal 4♠ in an undisturbed auction.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Sarniak for Poland led a diamond to partner's ace. Another diamond now might have caused declarer a small headache but West tried a low club. Declarer took the losing finesse so East won her king and continued the suit. Declarer won the ♣A and next tried the ♠A and another. West, on lead with the ♠K, exited with yet another club so declarer could win in dummy and play the 13th club. This was ruffed by West and overruffed by declarer who was now locked in her hand only to find out that there were no heart losers. Sweden +620.

In the other room, East led a heart to West's queen and declarer's ace. Here too, the ♠A and another came next but when West won her king and played another heart,



Kathrine Bertheau, Sweden

declarer now was really locked up in her hand. She could not give up a club to East because of the impending heart ruff so she gave West her second trump trick and had to hope for the best. All seemed to go well for her when the ♥AK brought down the ♥Q10, which promoted dummy's ♥9 into an entry for the club finesse. When the finesse failed after all, she had to accept one down for another +100 and 12 IMPs back to Sweden who thus regained the lead: 30-22.

The board below was the second instance in the match of a natural 2♣ opening bid producing a much better result than the more ambiguous 1♣ approach.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kazmucha	Clementsson	Sarniak	K Bertheau
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♣*	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass
2♣ Diamonds			

After West's 3♦ game try, it did not occur to N/S that even 3♠ was already far too high. When North led the ♦K, an undertrick got lost for the defence so declarer escaped for just +100 to Sweden.

In the other room, the Poles showed no mercy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ovelius	Duftrat	Grönkvist	Zmuda
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Dble	3♠	Dble
All Pass			

Once North could double 3♦ for business, South started wondering where declarer's tricks would have to come from. North led the "automatic" trump to declarer's ♠9. Next came a low club to dummy but South immediately won her ace and pushed a diamond through. North won the king and then, two top hearts and two diamond (over) ruffs settled the issue for a quick and painless down two. Poland +500 and 9 IMPs back to them to regain the lead by the odd IMP.

On the next board, Sweden equalised, board 15 was flat and this was the final deal:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

As you can see, 3NT for E/W is the normal contract and South's ♥K is the normal lead. More often than not, South would have shown his heart suit.

As Professor Jode might have said, 'it all depends on what you mean by normal'. 6♣ is where you would like to be. Were the bidding to start 1♣-2♣ and South overcall 3♥ I would expect EW to play in 5♣, 6♣ or even 4♠. Editor

For Sweden, Kathrine Bertheau led the ♥K and, upon seeing partner's ♥9, shifted to a low diamond.

Well done, for one down when the clubs did not break. Sweden +100.

At the other table, Justyna Zmuda also led the ♥K and when partner contributed the ♥J, simply continued the suit. This was enough to let 3NT through. Sweden another +630 and 12 IMPs to them to eventually win the match 43-31 or 13.28 – 6.72 VP.

In the Norway v. Morocco match, we saw a curious variation. The Norwegian South had shown his hearts and led the ♥K. When he continued the suit and partner contributed the jack, declarer was home. Morocco +630.

At the other table, South for Morocco, Dahan, had not shown his hearts so declarer followed a different line. Fearing a diamond shift, he immediately won the ♥K lead and thus could no longer make the contract, irrespective of the defence. Morocco another +100 and 12 IMPs more to them, just enough to win the match 29-26 or 10.91 – 9.09 VP.

We are aware of a ruling in Board 16 resulting in 7 IMPs to Morocco instead of 12. Editor

The One that (almost) got Away



by Mark Horton

This deal from Round 1 nearly slipped through the net.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Kranyak	Donati	Demuy
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♥3 and declarer won with the ♥5, took two more rounds of the suit ending in dummy and played a spade for the queen and king, West switching to the ♦10. Declarer won in hand, drew the outstanding trump and played a spade to the nine, establishing a tenth trick when that forced the ace, +420.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Sementa	Hurd	Versace
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

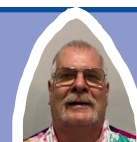
West led the more challenging ♦10 and declarer won with the king and cashed the ♥Q disclosing the 4-0 break when East discarded the ♦4. Appreciating that drawing trumps would mean that the contract would probably rest on the location of the ♣K declarer turned his attention to spades, leading the queen, which West won to play a second diamond. Declarer won in dummy, played a heart to the ace and a second spade, putting in the nine which saw East take the ace and return the ♦J. Declarer ruffed with the ♥J, West pitching the ♣2, crossed to dummy with the ♥K, cashed the ♠J and ruffed a spade. He could then exit with a heart forcing West to lead a club into the ♣AQ.

Bravo!

Many pairs went down in 4♥. As a small aside, on the auction at this table, is there a case for North to bid 3NT over partner's double? Although no-one managed to reach that safe harbour in the Venice Cup, two pairs managed it in each of the other three events.



Bermuda Bowl RR 03
USA1 v USA 2



by Ron Tacchi

The third match on the first day of the Bermuda Bowl brought the two USA teams together. USA2 had slightly the better of USA1 as they were in tenth place as opposed to seventeenth. With twenty rounds to follow no great store can be set on the current standings, but it is always preferable to have points in the bag rather than having to mount a late challenge.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

♠ Q 8 6 5		
♥ 9 4 2		
♦ K 9 8 6 3		
♣ 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Hurd	Meckstroth	Bathurst
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

I believe Meckstroth valued his hand better than a 14-17 NT and so opened One Diamond. Zia's Two Clubs was game forcing and when he was supported he launched Blackwood with his Four Diamonds. Four Hearts showed three keycards, 4NT asked for kings, Meckstroth showed the king of hearts and now Zia could go for gold and bid the grand slam. There was nothing to the play and soon +1440 was entered on the score sheet.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Fleisher	Kranyak	Martel
—	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

2♣ 17+-20 balanced, may contain 5 Major.

Two spades was a relay to 2NT and so the system reverted to a 2NT opener. According to the convention card 4♦ is a slam try in hearts. There was considerable chatter on BBO as to the meaning of this bid and many

thought it must be a slam try in clubs and then Four Spades was Blackwood and again the grand slam was reached and so it was a flat board.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

♠ K 9 8 6 5 2		
♥ A Q 8 6 5 3		
♦ —		
♣ A		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Hurd	Meckstroth	Bathurst
—	—	—	1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Hurd elected to pass over Zia's intervention, confident the auction would not die. He was right as Bathurst showed his hand with a jump to Four Hearts which was converted to Four Spades. The lead of the ♦K was ruffed by declarer who then advanced the ♥3 to the jack, taken by Meckstroth with the king who continued the forcing game with the jack of diamonds, again ruffed by declarer. A trump went to the ace and a heart played back to hand was ruffed by Zia; another diamond was ruffed by declarer who ruffed a heart in dummy and returned to hand with a club to the ace. The king of trumps was played and now when declarer played hearts all the defence could do was to take their master trump but that was their last trick. Contract made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Fleisher	Kranyak	Martel
—	—	—	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♦	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

At this table Fleisher decided to support his partner's opening major suit bid with a doubleton, and that resulted in him having to rebid Three Spades over Three Hearts. Martel was understandably interested in slam and so made a cuebid of 4♣ to which Fleisher reacted with a

leap to Six Clubs, presumably offering it as a possibility of a different slam but Martel had no choice to convert to Six Spades. The lead was the $\diamond K$ and the play went on similar lines to the Open Room, the contract finishing two off and 13 IMPs to USA1.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K 10 9 8 \heartsuit — \diamond K 6 2 \clubsuit K Q 9 8 6 5</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit 4 2 \heartsuit K \diamond A Q J 7 5 4 3 \clubsuit 7 3 2</p>	
<p>\spadesuit Q J 5 3 \heartsuit 9 8 7 6 5 2 \diamond 10 9 \clubsuit 10</p>		<p>\spadesuit A 7 6 \heartsuit A Q J 10 4 3 \diamond 8 \clubsuit A J 4</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Hurd	Meckstroth	Bathurst
2 \diamond *	3 \clubsuit	3 \diamond	3 \heartsuit
Pass	3NT	Pass	6 \clubsuit
All Pass			
2 \diamond Multi – weak only			

No doubt there is a possibility of a more scientific auction but Bathurst's decision to bid the club slam seems eminently sensible to me. Meckstroth cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a spade won in dummy. Declarer came to hand with a trump to the jack and led a small heart ruffed in dummy. When the $\heartsuit K$ appeared declarer could now claim his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Fleisher	Kranyak	Martel
Pass	1 \clubsuit	3 \diamond	3 \spadesuit *
Pass	3NT	Pass	4 \diamond
Pass	4 \heartsuit	All Pass	



John Kranyak, USA2

It was agreed by the kibitzers that the 3 \spadesuit bid showed hearts. After Fleisher bid 3NT the club suit was forever lost and so the final contract became a Burn's Law breaker. Kranyak led the $\spadesuit 4$ which ran to the jack and king. Declarer played a club to the ace and continued with the jack which was ruffed by Demuy who switched to the $\diamond 10$ which Kranyak overtook with the jack and led another club for Demuy to ruff and now declarer still had a spade to lose and so was one off. 14 more IMPs to USA1.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 7 2 \heartsuit J 9 \diamond Q J 9 8 5 \clubsuit Q 10 7</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit A J 8 \heartsuit A 8 7 \diamond 10 2 \clubsuit A 9 8 6 2</p>	
<p>\spadesuit K Q 6 4 \heartsuit 3 2 \diamond A 3 \clubsuit K J 5 4 3</p>		<p>\spadesuit 10 5 3 \heartsuit K Q 10 6 5 4 \diamond K 7 6 4 \clubsuit —</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Hurd	Meckstroth	Bathurst
1 \clubsuit	1 \diamond	2 \diamond *	3 \heartsuit *
3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit	Pass
5 \clubsuit	All Pass		
3 \heartsuit Fit jump			

Meckstroth made a cuebid agreeing clubs but Zia did not consider going past game. No doubt when dummy appeared he was mentally kicking himself as the slam looked an excellent bet as only $\clubsuit Q 10 7$ in the North hand would defeat the contract. It was his lucky day, the distribution was as such. A bullet dodged.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Fleisher	Kranyak	Martel
1 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \clubsuit *	3 \heartsuit
3 \spadesuit	4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	Pass
5 \clubsuit	All Pass		
2 \clubsuit Inverted raise.			

The opposition interference made exploration for the club slam difficult and so Demuy rested in Five Clubs. Would he have got to the slam if the opposition had remained silent? We will never know.

In the Bermuda Bowl only Bach and Cornell of New Zealand were unlucky enough to reach the excellent slam.

At the end of the match USA1 had the better of USA2 by 41-8 IMPs or 17.17-2.83 VP.



Bermuda Bowl RR 04

Israel v Norway



by David Bird

Israel started brightly yesterday, beating USA2 narrowly. Another close win against Canada was followed by a loss to Belgium, leaving them in 13th place with 30.77 VPs. Meanwhile, star-studded Norway began with big wins against Belgium and South Africa, before losing by just 3 IMPs to Morocco. They lie second in the table with 42.35 VPs. I am looking forward to an enjoyable encounter.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Birman	Bakke	Padon
—	—	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♦*	Pass	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♦	All Pass



Josef Roll, Israel

Birman's 2♦ was a transfer to hearts, even though West had implied hearts with his negative double. Padon did well to contest with 3♥, and North then thought for an age when East's 4♦ ran round to him. Some kibitzers expected 4♥ since North knew of diamond shortage opposite. Yes, but North had to remember that South had bid only 2♥ earlier. The heart game didn't appear to have much chance, particularly on a trump lead, so North was right not to bid that. He might have doubled 4♦, though. Perhaps Brogeland's spirited 3♠ had affected his decision not to double.

South led the ♠5, won with the jack. Declarer then played a trump to the king and ace, South discarding a club. North continued with ace and another heart, declarer ruffing with the 10. When a club was led, Padon rose with the ace and gave partner a spade ruff. All roads led to two down and North-South picked up 200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Grude	Roll	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Roll led the ♦10 to the king and ace, declarer's prospects looking poor. He ran the ♠9 to the king, Levin finding the best return of a trump. Winning with dummy's ♥K, Grude ruffed a spade and ruffed a diamond in dummy. After another spade ruff in hand, declarer drew trumps. This was the position with one trump to be played:

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

On the last trump, East needed to throw the ♦9. When he chose the ♣J instead, Grude played a club to dummy's ace and endplayed East with a spade to surrender a trick to the ♦J. Well done! That was +420 and 6 IMPs travelled to Norway instead of to Israel.

Our next deal featured a choice of major-suit games:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Birman	Bakke	Padon
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South's 1♦ showed hearts. Bakke led out his two top diamonds against the spade game and switched to the ♥4. This saved declarer a heart guess, but East had not bid over 1♣ and might have done with the ♥A as well. Brogeland won with the ace and returned a heart to declarer's king. Birman drew trumps, set up the hearts and claimed +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Grude	Roll	Helgemo
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Grude rebid an eccentric 2NT, and the spade fit was missed. Levin led the ♦4 and Roll took two tricks there, switching to the ♠9. Two trump tricks had to be lost, and that was 10 IMPs to Israel.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Birman	Bakke	Padon
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

So, Norway reached a grand slam on a finesse. The ♠K was offside and that was 50 away. Much discussion followed between the commentators (Barnet Shenkin and me) and the kibitzers. What had gone wrong? 4♣ had been alerted; was it anything more than a control bid? If 4NT was RKCB, with the 5♣ response showing 3 aces, 5♥ might be asking for the ♦Q. 5NT could show that card but no outside king.

Some kibitzers claimed that it was sound practice to bid the grand. "It could be cold if partner had a singleton spade, and on a finesse at worst." I contested that view. It seemed to me that East might not have rebid 2NT with a singleton spade. In any case, bidding a grand that could depend on a finesse was not a good idea, particularly if there was the slightest chance that they might not reach six at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Grude	Roll	Helgemo
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Dble
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

There you go. The Israelis entered +420 on their card and were eventually rewarded with a 10-IMP swing.

On Board 29 both sides bid to 4♠. Birman passed this,



Christian Bakke, Norway

despite holding ♠QJ1064 and facing a partner who had come in with a take-out double after the opponents' start of 1♠ – 2♦. Israel collected just +200. At the other table, after the same start, Grude doubled 4♠ for +500 and picked up 7 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K J 7 5 ♥ A ♦ A J 10 9 ♣ K Q 7 4	♠ A 10 9 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ J 10 8 2 <div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 6 4 3 2 ♥ Q J 9 7 3 ♦ K 6 ♣ A
	♠ Q ♥ 8 5 4 2 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ 9 6 5 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Padon</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4♣ Cue			
4NT RKCB			
5♦ 1 key card			
5♥ ♠Q?			

This time we did receive one snippet of information about the bidding, 3NT had shown 18-19 points. The slam was a poor one and duly went down. Once more, the kibitzers and commentators had a lengthy discussion on what the bidding had meant.

If 5♥ had asked for the queen of trumps, Brogeland had seemingly concluded that East's pass over the North's double showed the queen. Without the ♠Q he expected partner to sign off in 5♠.

Sorry that neither I, nor others watching, could explain the bidding on some of these hands. Anyone at the venue could question the players afterwards. We do have convention cards at this event, but they are rarely adequate to explain which partner, if either, has made a mistake.

It was another 11 IMPs to Israel, who won the match by 36 IMPs to 29. That converted to 12.03 – 7.97 in VPs. Both teams dropped one place in the rankings.

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Scotland's Paul Gipson wrote in regarding this observation in Sunday's Bulletin:

"The signage at the Championships is the best I can recall – despite the vast size of the venue it is impossible to get lost!"

Clearly you have never captained a Seniors team!

Or certainly not one with Haggis (Irving Gordon, who won the World Senior pairs partnering Boris Schapiro in Lille 1998).

Only Great Britain's Women's team, England's Lady Milne squad and a Junior team competing in an event in Sion had the misfortune to be captained by your Editor!

It is only day three of the Championships, but we are already receiving valuable contributions and comments from the watching world. Thank you all and keep them coming! Rafael Sacramento was kind enough to point out a brilliant piece of play by Alfredo Versace (see this issue) which would otherwise have slipped through the net.

If you spot a difference between the score posted on BBO and the official site always trust the latter!

Pete Hollands (www.bridgevid.com) runs a popular YouTube channel, *Pete Hollands Bridge* where you can play tournaments and compare with him. He is making daily recap videos about the championships which he is kindly sharing with us – you'll find them in the Daily Bulletins and the *Live News*. Here is the first:

<https://youtu.be/58Acq0y9yXI>



by Christina Lund Madsen

There are many couples who play together - or avoid playing together - or stopped playing. Christina wants to see what some of them have to say

After 20 years of marriage my parents had to decide whether they wanted to remain married or keep playing bridge together. They chose bridge. I have often wondered how couples juggle bridge and relationships and decided to interrogate some of them about their private lives.

Marlene and Jens Ove Henneberg – Denmark Mixed Team

How did you meet?

Marlene: We met at the poker table at Christmas bridge in 2006. I thought he was cute, and I went to the toilet and my partner Camilla said, “Don’t you think he was nice?” and I said “Yes, he was nice.” Then he went home with her.

Jens Ove: My version is slightly different. I was on my way to the train when Camilla asked if I wanted to join her for a beer. Her boyfriend Johan (they also play together here on the Danish mixed team) went home long before. She is a journalist, so I was interrogated for 3 hours. Then at 5 in the morning, Johan wakes up and finds his GF talking to some man in the living room. Camilla asked me when I was going to hook up with her. I replied, “Oh well, when the time is right.” “No, you cannot wait that long, she said. “So, what are you doing for New Years?”

Marlene: Camilla then called me. “Marlene, it is home. He likes you too and would like to join for New Years, so just call and invite him.” But I didn’t dare since I wasn’t the one who had talked to him all night.

Jens Ove: New Years was very predictable. I was placed between Camilla and Marlene. At first, we planned practical issues like whether we wanted cleaning in the house we were going to buy, and then at 5 in the morning we took a taxi back to Marlene.

Marlene: “And we have spent the night together ever since. I have just been away on business trip for 12 weeks; apart from that we have been together since that night.

When was this?

Jens Ove: January 1st 2007. So, 16,5 years.

Jens Ove is 14 years older. Which part did the age difference play?

Jens Ove: I didn’t think it felt like a lot, but maybe you do, Marlene? You were a bit in doubt at the beginning, weren’t you?

He looks at her.

Marlene: Yes, I was. At the beginning it bothered me a bit when people commented on the age difference but then when they heard his age, they said “Wow, he is looking really well” and I said “He always says he has a young wife.”

Jens Ove has two children from a past relationship, though not his biological children; their father died at a young age and he took the role as father of two twin girls from the age of 2 years old. They were 17 when he introduced his new girlfriend.

Marlene: They just sat and looked at me for a while and after an hour, the 17 year old born 45 min before her sister said “Now Jens Ove has not only two princesses, but three.”

Did you ever want children of your own?

Mmm... no. It was more important to me to find the right man than to have children. If it happened, it happened, if not, that was fine too.

When did you decide to play bridge together?

Jens Ove: After a few years.

He is interrupted by Marlene. No, we played together from the start.

Jens Ove: Oh, we did?

You both come from the western part of Denmark, where everybody plays very natural and similar systems. How did you decide to play Precision?

Marlene: We both played the local Aarhus Acol system, but in 2 different ways and we couldn’t figure it out, so we decided to do something completely different. We got a Precision system from a successful Danish pair and then spent many, many hours with a glass of red wine in our kitchen to develop our own version.

Jens Ove: In our local club in Aarhus (the second

largest city in Denmark/CLM) they thought it was cheating. Somebody yelled at us for playing Precision at matchpoints. He thought it was similar to cheating to play something the others didn't understand.

What is your greatest strength as a partnership, on and away from the table?

They both think a little.

Jens Ove looks at Marlene: That was a tough one, honey.

Marlene: We spent a lot of time trying to not argue at the table. That makes it easier to focus on bridge. And the strength in our relationship is that we are very good at being nice to and spoil each other.

Jens Ove: We like to do the same things, we like to host a spontaneous party in our home. We are very similar. We agree a lot about the values in life, also outside bridge. House, garden, golf, travelling to capital cities and bridge tournaments. We are happy with each other morning, daytime, evening.

What is the most annoying part about Marlene?

Jens Ove: I am not sure it is annoying, but when the clock gets close to midnight I have to make sure to get her to bed, otherwise I am forced to stay up till 4 or 5 in the morning.

Marlene: And the most annoying part about you is that you always wake up at 6 on the morning.

They seem so annoyingly happy I try to split them apart to ask each of them the same questions separately.

Which is your most memorable moment together, bridge or non-bridge related?

Marlene: That was our wedding. Amazing party and day and him and me being celebrated. He proposed to me on New Year's eve one year after we met.

Jens Ove comes back and I send Marlene outside. Before she goes away, he peaks at Marlene. I am guessing it is the same event?

Jens Ove: We have had many, but the greatest was our wedding in 2009. A wedding is always amazing and ours was the most amazing. We held it in our garden with 80 people in a tent. Jazz music and DJ till four or five and the party didn't end till 10:30 next morning.

While he is away, I also ask Marlene: How would Jens Ove describe you in 3 words?

Marlene: B-person, impatient... She is rubbing her hands while thinking. - I am not sure... Always happy I think he might say.

We were socializing at some badminton event. Jens Ove said "If Marlene is in a

bad mood I just go pour her a glass of rosé, and then she is happy again. One of his friends then asked: "Which kind of rose?"

(While Marlene is out) How would you describe Marlene in 3 words?

Jens Ove: Lovable for sure. Amazingly entertaining person. It might not be very romantic, but she is so good at so many things. I cannot drive in a nail. She collects the furniture while I watch TV with a beer.

What would you think she said about you?

She doesn't think I am boring either. A hot man who is pleasant to be around. Maybe she would say I am a good person too.

How would you describe Jens Ove in 3 words?

Marlene thinks a long time: I don't know if I should call it patient, but he is always... down to earth. He trusts very much in his own qualities and way of life. He is really good to lean against. And then he is my best friend. The only thing we can ever really fight about is bridge.

When they are both back, I ask them about their bridge dreams.

Marlene: Our best tournament was when we played the World Bridge Games in 2016 in Wroclaw, where we reached the Quarter final against Russia. We lost by 14 IMPs and they later lost the final to the Netherlands.

Jens Ove: My dream is to win gold in the Mixed Teams. Not certain it will be this time and not sure it will ever happen, but that is what we dream of. Marlene agrees. Of course.



Results for Today's Matches

Bermuda Bowl

Round 4

			IMPs		VPs	
1	ISRAEL	NORWAY	36	29	12.03	7.97
2	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	32	37	8.52	11.48
3	ITALY	POLAND	32	30	10.61	9.39
4	PANAMA	BRAZIL	17	65	1.03	18.97
5	CHINA	CANADA	40	39	10.31	9.69
6	SOUTH AFRICA	USA1	21	40	5.20	14.80
7	CHILE	HONG KONG CHINA	48	29	14.80	5.20
8	SWITZERLAND	EGYPT	41	41	10.00	8.00
9	AUSTRALIA	NETHERLANDS	0	78	-0.50	19.50
10	UAE	USA2	14	97	0.00	20.00
11	SINGAPORE	IRELAND	1	33	2.97	17.03
12	MOROCCO	BELGIUM	13	79	0.00	20.00

Venice Cup

Round 4

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	SWEDEN	22	58	2.41	17.59
22	USA1	AUSTRALIA	36	46	7.20	12.80
23	ISRAEL	HONG KONG CHINA	60	19	18.21	1.79
24	EGYPT	CHINA	23	23	10.00	10.00
25	MOROCCO	BRAZIL	5	49	1.45	18.55
26	TURKIYE	GERMANY	27	16	13.04	6.96
27	NEW ZEALAND	CANADA	29	41	6.72	13.28
28	DENMARK	ARGENTINA	36	48	6.72	13.28
29	INDIA	USA2	2	66	0.00	20.00
30	SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY	24	66	1.67	18.33
31	CHINESE TAIPEI	FRANCE	43	57	6.25	13.75
32	POLAND	UAE	55	22	17.17	2.83

Round 5

			IMPs		VPs	
1	NETHERLANDS	USA2	16	43	3.24	15.76
2	ITALY	CANADA	29	49	5.00	15.00
3	CHINA	INDIA	26	30	8.80	11.20
4	SWITZERLAND	PANAMA	78	13	20.00	0.00
5	NEW ZEALAND	BELGIUM	18	45	3.74	16.26
6	BRAZIL	EGYPT	29	43	6.25	13.75
7	POLAND	CHILE	57	19	17.85	2.15
8	AUSTRALIA	IRELAND	54	33	15.19	4.81
9	SINGAPORE	HONG KONG CHINA	53	12	18.21	1.79
10	ISRAEL	UAE	83	15	20.00	0.00
11	SOUTH AFRICA	MOROCCO	42	32	12.80	7.20
12	NORWAY	USA1	44	16	16.42	3.58

Round 5

			IMPs		VPs	
21	USA1	BARBADOS	61	15	18.77	1.23
22	ISRAEL	BRAZIL	72	49	15.56	4.44
23	MOROCCO	GERMANY	21	73	0.66	19.34
24	DENMARK	EGYPT	24	27	9.09	10.91
25	TURKIYE	SWEDEN	18	21	9.09	10.91
26	CHINA	ARGENTINA	43	40	10.91	9.09
27	HONG KONG CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	7	61	-0.02	19.52
28	INDIA	FRANCE	19	43	4.26	15.74
29	CHINESE TAIPEI	CANADA	36	47	6.96	13.04
30	POLAND	SOUTH AFRICA	61	12	19.07	0.93
31	USA2	NORWAY	15	28	6.48	13.52
32	UAE	AUSTRALIA	21	72	0.75	19.25

Round 6

			IMPs		VPs	
1	SWITZERLAND	IRELAND	25	8	14.39	5.61
2	USA1	CANADA	15	22	7.97	12.03
3	NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT	31	23	12.29	7.71
4	PANAMA	AUSTRALIA	26	56	3.27	16.73
5	BRAZIL	SOUTH AFRICA	21	26	8.52	11.48
6	MOROCCO	ITALY	24	38	6.25	13.75
7	CHILE	INDIA	13	29	5.82	14.18
8	SINGAPORE	USA2	12	41	3.42	16.58
9	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	7	25	5.40	14.60
10	UAE	NORWAY	18	15	10.91	9.09
11	HONG KONG CHINA	ISRAEL	23	55	2.97	17.03
12	CHINA	BELGIUM	31	16	13.97	6.03

Round 6

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	ISRAEL	10	82	0.00	20.00
22	MOROCCO	SWEDEN	12	14	9.39	10.61
23	TURKIYE	ARGENTINA	20	38	5.40	14.60
24	EGYPT	INDIA	44	42	10.61	9.39
25	CHINA	USA1	27	7	15.00	5.00
26	DENMARK	FRANCE	15	49	2.69	17.31
27	NEW ZEALAND	GERMANY	22	15	12.03	7.97
28	CHINESE TAIPEI	NORWAY	17	20	9.09	10.91
29	USA2	HONG KONG CHINA	41	12	16.58	3.42
30	SOUTH AFRICA	UAE	22	46	4.26	15.74
31	CANADA	POLAND	6	21	6.03	13.97
32	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	20	45	4.08	15.92

Results for Today's Matches

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 4

		IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	USA1	16	75	-0.43 19.93
42	FRANCE	NORWAY	25	6	14.80 5.20
43	POLAND	HONG KONG CHINA	61	33	16.42 3.58
44	GUADELOUPE	CHINA	32	56	4.26 15.74
45	CHINESE TAIPEI	ARGENTINA	15	65	0.57 18.87
46	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	21	39	5.40 14.60
47	MOROCCO	SWEDEN	11	40	3.42 16.58
48	INDIA	CANADA	29	24	11.48 8.52
49	ISRAEL	PAKISTAN	41	26	13.97 6.03
50	REUNION	DENMARK	6	71	0.00 20.00
51	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA	59	19	18.09 1.91
52	USA2	BELGIUM	29	35	7.74 11.26

Wuhan Cup

Round 4

		IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	BARBADOS	35	45	7.20 12.80
62	ISRAEL	CHINA	25	66	1.79 18.21
63	ARGENTINA	FRANCE	50	17	17.17 2.83
64	MOROCCO	GERMANY	38	48	7.20 12.80
65	USA1	CANADA	24	39	6.03 12.97
66	AUSTRALIA	ITALY	37	25	13.28 6.72
67	TUNISIA	USA2	18	70	0.66 19.34
68	SINGAPORE	CHINESE TAIPEI	31	44	6.48 13.52
69	NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	62	43	14.80 5.20
70	UAE	DENMARK	23	47	4.26 15.74
71	ROMANIA	INDIA	52	46	11.76 8.24
72	EGYPT	BELGIUM	31	60	3.42 16.58

Round 5

		IMPs		VPs	
41	FRANCE	COLOMBIA	69	20	19.07 0.93
42	POLAND	ARGENTINA	41	16	15.92 4.08
43	CHINESE TAIPEI	ITALY	42	23	14.80 5.20
44	INDIA	GUADELOUPE	37	24	13.52 6.48
45	NETHERLANDS	USA1	37	43	8.24 11.76
46	CHINA	CANADA	7	51	1.45 18.55
47	HONG KONG CHINA	MOROCCO	48	18	16.73 3.27
48	ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA	80	14	20.00 0.00
49	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN	21	65	1.45 18.55
50	USA2	REUNION	43	7	17.59 2.41
51	PAKISTAN	DENMARK	34	57	4.44 15.56
52	BELGIUM	NORWAY	39	35	11.20 8.80

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		IMPs		VPs	
61	ISRAEL	COLOMBIA	35	37	9.39 10.61
62	ARGENTINA	CANADA	17	35	5.40 14.60
63	USA1	ITALY	30	46	5.82 14.18
64	SINGAPORE	MOROCCO	72	14	19.85 0.15
65	AUSTRALIA	BARBADOS	37	31	11.76 8.24
66	GERMANY	CHINESE TAIPEI	16	49	2.83 17.17
67	FRANCE	TUNISIA	35	24	13.04 6.96
68	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	33	24	12.55 7.45
69	ROMANIA	USA2	27	31	8.80 11.20
70	EGYPT	UAE	54	25	16.58 3.42
71	POLAND	DENMARK	32	14	14.60 5.40
72	BELGIUM	CHINA	21	44	4.44 15.56

Round 6

		IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	POLAND	6	59	0.57 19.43
42	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA1	39	8	16.88 3.12
43	NETHERLANDS	CANADA	47	24	15.56 4.44
44	GUADELOUPE	ISRAEL	13	66	0.57 19.43
45	CHINA	FRANCE	17	26	7.45 12.55
46	INDIA	SOUTH AFRICA	28	42	6.25 13.75
47	MOROCCO	ITALY	17	60	1.56 18.44
48	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	21	48	3.74 16.26
49	PAKISTAN	HONG KONG CHINA	43	33	12.30 7.20
50	REUNION	BELGIUM	15	23	7.71 12.29
51	SWEDEN	USA2	31	40	7.45 12.55
52	NORWAY	ARGENTINA	7	36	3.42 16.58

Round 6

		IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	ARGENTINA	43	4	17.97 2.03
62	USA1	BARBADOS	53	2	19.25 0.75
63	AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	5	51	1.23 18.77
64	MOROCCO	NEW ZEALAND	5	16	6.96 13.04
65	GERMANY	ISRAEL	54	20	17.31 2.69
66	SINGAPORE	INDIA	26	55	3.42 16.58
67	TUNISIA	ITALY	24	46	4.62 15.38
68	ROMANIA	DENMARK	20	35	6.03 13.97
69	POLAND	FRANCE	4	15	6.96 13.04
70	UAE	BELGIUM	21	68	1.13 18.87
71	USA2	EGYPT	33	14	14.80 5.20
72	CHINA	CANADA	19	18	10.31 9.69

Rankings after Round 6

Bermuda Bowl

1	SWITZERLAND	83.4
2	POLAND	80.2
3	ISRAEL	79.8
4	USA2	79.0
5	CANADA	77.7
6	NORWAY	77.4
7	NETHERLANDS	74.2
8	ITALY	70.4
9	INDIA	69.6
10	CHINA	67.2
11	NEW ZEALAND	65.0
12	IRELAND	64.6
13	BRAZIL	63.7
14	SOUTH AFRICA	60.3
15	USA1	60.2
16	BELGIUM	58.3
17	EGYPT	54.8
18	AUSTRALIA	52.3
19	SINGAPORE	46.0
20	MOROCCO	40.8
21	CHILE	36.2
22	UAE	31.9
23	HONG KONG CHINA	24.0
24	PANAMA	13.5

Venice Cup

1	POLAND	94.56
2	ISRAEL	91.96
3	FRANCE	91.04
4	TURKIYE	85.47
5	SWEDEN	84.50
6	USA2	68.55
7	USA1	68.47
8	NEW ZEALAND	68.05
9	NORWAY	65.52
10	BRAZIL	64.22
11	CHINA	64.15
12	ARGENTINA	60.01
13	AUSTRALIA	59.77
14	EGYPT	56.34
15	CANADA	54.79
16	GERMANY	54.07
17	DENMARK	51.73
18	INDIA	51.11
19	CHINESE TAIPEI	47.03
20	UAE	43.17
21	SOUTH AFRICA	36.21
22	MOROCCO	30.59
23	HONG KONG CHINA	24.30
24	BARBADOS	20.10

d'Orsi Trophy

1	POLAND	92.55
2	ISRAEL	85.95
3	BELGIUM	85.90
4	DENMARK	82.87
5	FRANCE	76.62
6	NETHERLANDS	75.74
7	ITALY	75.59
8	ARGENTINA	75.08
9	USA2	71.22
10	SWEDEN	69.11
11	CHINESE TAIPEI	68.76
12	CANADA	68.36
13	USA1	67.35
14	AUSTRALIA	64.87
15	INDIA	59.69
16	NORWAY	55.99
17	CHINA	50.74
18	HONG KONG CHINA	37.79
19	PAKISTAN	35.79
20	REUNION	34.22
21	MOROCCO	33.41
22	GUADELOUPE	30.39
23	SOUTH AFRICA	28.75
24	COLOMBIA	1.70

Wuhan Cup

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	93.54
2	CHINA	77.93
3	GERMANY	77.81
4	USA2	76.32
5	BELGIUM	74.84
6	COLOMBIA	74.40
7	ITALY	73.36
8	ROMANIA	73.26
9	USA1	71.33
10	NEW ZEALAND	69.47
11	DENMARK	68.72
12	POLAND	65.52
13	ARGENTINA	62.97
14	FRANCE	60.30
15	EGYPT	58.43
16	AUSTRALIA	57.71
17	INDIA	53.02
18	CANADA	51.87
19	ISRAEL	40.73
20	SINGAPORE	38.86
21	BARBADOS	33.31
22	UAE	32.64
23	MOROCCO	28.30
24	TUNISIA	22.36