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THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

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



Start times

10.00-12.15
 13.15-15.30
 15.50-18.05

Water can seriously damage your health

In the Bermuda Bowl, **USA2** has taken over from **Switzerland**, (cue another golden moment for **Morocco**, who defeated the reigning champions in R10) with **Norway** moving into third. The gap between first and eighth is almost 40 VP.

In the Venice Cup, **Sweden** has taken its tally of consecutive wins to 12, almost certainly a new record, despite which they only lead Poland by 0.90. **Türkiye** are third. Here the differential is 54.73 VP.

Poland stays on top of the d'Orsi Trophy table, followed by **USAI** and **Belgium**. The key number this time is 25.67 VP.

In the Wuhan Cup it is almost as you were with **Chinese Taipei** being followed by **China** although **Italy** is now third. The top eight are covered by 19.33 VP.

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BBO Matches



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
10.00	BB Norway-China	BB USA2-Italy	VC Norway-Israel	DOT Denmark-Poland
13.15	VC France-Israel	WUC Chinese Taipei-Poland	DOT Belgium-Argentina	BB Ireland-Italy
15.50	BB India-Netherlands	BB Norway-New Zealand	DOT Israel-Australia	WUC Denmark-USA2

Draw for Today's Matches

Bermuda Bowl

Round 13

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

Venice Cup

Round 13

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

Round 14

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

Round 14

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

Round 15

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

Round 15

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

Draw for Today's Matches

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 13

 PAKISTAN	 COLOMBIA
 SWEDEN	 ISRAEL
 HONG KONG CHINA	 USA I
 SOUTH AFRICA	 GUADELOUPE
 ITALY	 AUSTRALIA
 CANADA	 FRANCE
 ARGENTINA	 MOROCCO
 DENMARK	 POLAND
 USA 2	 NORWAY
 NETHERLANDS	 REUNION
 BELGIUM	 CHINESE TAIPEI
 CHINA	 INDIA

Wuhan Cup

Round 13

 POLAND	 COLOMBIA
 USA 2	 NEW ZEALAND
 FRANCE	 BARBADOS
 INDIA	 MOROCCO
 ITALY	 ROMANIA
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 ISRAEL
 CANADA	 TUNISIA
 DENMARK	 ARGENTINA
 EGYPT	 CHINA
 AUSTRALIA	 UAE
 BELGIUM	 USA I
 GERMANY	 SINGAPORE

Round 14

 COLOMBIA	 SWEDEN
 HONG KONG CHINA	 AUSTRALIA
 ITALY	 FRANCE
 GUADELOUPE	 DENMARK
 CANADA	 PAKISTAN
 SOUTH AFRICA	 POLAND
 MOROCCO	 USA I
 USA 2	 CHINESE TAIPEI
 BELGIUM	 ARGENTINA
 REUNION	 CHINA
 NORWAY	 NETHERLANDS
 INDIA	 ISRAEL

Round 14

 COLOMBIA	 USA 2
 FRANCE	 ROMANIA
 ITALY	 ISRAEL
 MOROCCO	 DENMARK
 CHINESE TAIPEI	 POLAND
 INDIA	 ARGENTINA
 TUNISIA	 BARBADOS
 EGYPT	 USA I
 BELGIUM	 CANADA
 UAE	 GERMANY
 CHINA	 AUSTRALIA
 SINGAPORE	 NEW ZEALAND

Round 15

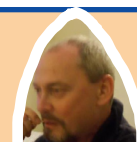
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 NEW ZEALAND	 ROMANIA



Wuhan Cup RR 07
France v Belgium
 Not So Very Mixed Pairs



by Martin Cantor

I don't know whether this is a world first, or a world championships first, but when the players took their seats we had four pairs who are life partners as well as bridge partners. When I mentioned that in commentary, kibitzers also let us know that the two women playing here for Belgium are in fact French. These were the lineups:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isabelle	Bénédicte	Bernard	Philippe
Dewasme	Cronier	Dehaye	Cronier

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Joanna	Valérie	Pierre	Alain
Zochowska	Carcassonne	Schmidt	Labaere
	-Labaere		

This was an exciting set, six double digit swings and only two flat boards, the first big swing arriving on the very first deal:



Alain Labaere, Belgium

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Isabelle Dewasme, Belgium

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewasme	B Cronier	Dehaye	P Cronier
—	1♠	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

North has no reason to get excited with her minimum opener, and maybe South was discouraged by the void in partner's first suit. Neither saw any need to encourage any more than game, but as long as one red suit breaks evenly you will make slam, and even if neither does you still have some chances.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	V Labaere	Schmidt	A Labaere
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Despite North's fast arrival 4♥, Alain felt his 3 loser hand was worth more, and after an exchange of cue bids he jumped straight to the small slam. No lead was going to trouble him, certainly not the ♣A, and Belgium had 11 IMPs.

The French got an IMP on board 2 for an additional overtrick in 4♥, though 7♦ or 6♥ could be made with a very lucky lie. Then board 3 was the first push in INT-I. The choice of which game to play could be blamed for the swing on the next, although both could have been made.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>Dehaye</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2NT Game forcing raise			


Philippe led a diamond, as who wouldn't, in his case the 3. Dummy won perforce, and with finesses available in all three other suits, Bernard Dehaye chose to try the heart finesse first. Philippe won to clear his suit, and declarer could no longer get to dummy for the spade finesse without letting South in to cash out for 2 off. The heart play alone wasn't terminal, but Dehaye had to rise with the ace, then play a club to dummy for the spade finesse and then another club for the entry to the long spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>V Labaere</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>A Labaere</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Pierre Schmidt opted immediately for the 10 trick game. Valerie led the ♦8, declarer won, cashed the top trumps, then crossed to hand with the ♣K for the heart finesse. Alain cashed the ♣A (a small one might have given declarer pause for thought) and declarer could claim +620 and 13 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>Dehaye</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>
—	Pass	2♥*	Dble
Rdbl	2♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♥ weak with ♠ or ♣ & minor 2-suiter or strong with ♥			


West led her own suit and declarer could count 9 tricks, ten assuming the ♠K was with the bid. So the ♥Q also in East would deliver 12 tricks and that is how many he made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>V Labaere</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>A Labaere</i>
—	Pass	3♠	3NT
4♣	4♦	Pass	4NT
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

Zochowska could be sure of seven tricks in clubs, so with at worst 800 against a vulnerable game, better if partner could bring a trick to the table, she bid on. In fact, partner came to the table empty-handed, and 800 was on offer, but the opponents came bearing gifts. The ♦K was led and ruffed, for a club to the king, and another diamond ruffed, and another ♣, taken by the ace. Alain was in danger of serial endplays, and to keep 800 in the picture had to exit with his last trump, which he duly did. Declarer cashed two more rounds of clubs, but concerned about endplays, Alain discarded both his spades, and now declarer could set up the king jack of that suit for a heart discard and just -300. 9 IMPs to France that could have been 3 to Belgium, so arguably also a double digit swing. France scored a further 7 IMPs on board 6 when Schmidt/Zochowska found a good 5♦ save against a vulnerable 4♥ in the other room.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>B Cronier</i>	<i>Dehaye</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦4, which didn't do declarer any immediate harm, and brought her up to seven top tricks. Any of

the other suits might be a source of the two more she required, and she began by ducking a heart round to West's 8. In dummy with the $\diamond A$ she led a spade and her queen scored, bringing her up to 8 tricks. Still exploring options - perhaps too many - she ducked a club to West's 7. Another club was returned to the ace in hand, the $\heartsuit K$ was cashed, declarer still on track, but now she erred. Unwilling to abandon the $\diamond J$, with the added incentive of the 10 possibly dropping, she cashed it, leaving West with three winners to go with the two already scored. A club to dummy's king left an even heart break as the only hope, one that died when West discarded. One trick short.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	V Labaere	Schmidt	A Labaere
—	—	—	$\heartsuit A$
$1\spadesuit$	3NT	All Pass	

In response to the overcall Schmidt led the $\spadesuit 7$, and that combination made it easy for Valerie to know where to go for the two extra tricks. 12 IMPs to Belgium. France scored 6-1 over the next three boards, then a further 10 on board 11 when Valerie went off in a makeable $4\heartsuit$, made by Bénédicte in the other room.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	$\spadesuit 10 9 2$		
	$\heartsuit 3 2$		
	$\diamond J 8 3$		
	$\clubsuit A K 10 8 3$		
$\spadesuit 8$		$\spadesuit K Q J 7 4$	
$\heartsuit A K J 6 5$		$\heartsuit Q 7$	
$\diamond 6 5 4$		$\diamond A Q 10 9 7$	
$\clubsuit Q J 9 5$		$\clubsuit 7$	
	$\spadesuit A 6 5 3$		
	$\heartsuit 10 9 8 4$		
	$\diamond K 2$		
	$\clubsuit 6 4 2$		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewasme	B Cronier	Dehaye	P Cronier
—	Pass	$1\spadesuit$	Pass
$2\heartsuit$	Pass	$2\spadesuit$	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bénédicte led a normal fourth-best club that ran to declarer's 9. After a spade to the king and ace Philippe continued his partner's suit and the king won, but declarer could put the ace up on the diamond return, and when the spades all came good she had eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	V Labaere	Schmidt	A Labaere
—	Pass	$1\spadesuit$	Pass
$2\heartsuit$	Pass	$3\diamond$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Valerie did well not to lead her suit but, trusting West to have decent clubs on the auction she looked to put partner in. Her lead of the $\diamond 8$ did just that when Zochowska finessed, though rising with the ace only postpones the misery. Alain's switch to a club was maybe not so hard with the small singleton on view in dummy, but he still had to find it. One club through declarer now, then the $\spadesuit 10$ to the ace for another club, and the defence had five tricks. My co-commentator on BBO Peter Lund was in raptures about this defence, with some justification, Belgium scoring 13 well-deserved IMPs. Board 14 was the second flat one of the match, while 15 brought Belgium 8 more for a $4\spadesuit$ save against a making $4\heartsuit$. And so to the final board of the match, with France ahead 47-45.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	$\spadesuit 9 8 7 5$		
	$\heartsuit 10 9 7 6 5$		
	$\diamond Q J$		
	$\clubsuit Q 5$		
$\spadesuit A 4 3$		$\spadesuit Q 2$	
$\heartsuit K Q 3 2$		$\heartsuit 4$	
$\diamond 8 4$		$\diamond A K 9 7 6 3 2$	
$\clubsuit 10 7 3 2$		$\clubsuit A 6 4$	
	$\spadesuit K J 10 6$		
	$\heartsuit A J 8$		
	$\diamond 10 5$		
	$\clubsuit K J 9 8$		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dewasme	B Cronier	Dehaye	P Cronier
Pass	Pass	$1\diamond$	Dble
1NT	$2\heartsuit$	3NT	All Pass

North led the $\spadesuit 8$, declarer won the ace, the diamonds broke and she claimed nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	V Labere	Schmidt	A Labere
Pass	Pass	$1\diamond$	Dble
$1\heartsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	$2\diamond$	$2\spadesuit$
$3\diamond$	All Pass		


The Belgian interference did its job, and although Schmidt scored two overtricks, the Belgians scored 10 IMPs to retake the lead after trailing for most of the match. Final score 47-55 IMPs or 7.71-12.29VP. It was entertaining and enlightening to watch.



and the diamond ruff duly flattened the board.

At the 24 tables in the Bermuda Bowl, six N/S pairs reached 6♦ whilst eleven played in 6♣. Eight of the nine who played the club slam from the North seat went down.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Fleisher	Nowosadzki	Martel
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	Dble*	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Dble Hearts			

Michał Nowosadzki bid his hearts with a transfer double, and then showed his diamond stopper at his second turn. That was enough for Pierre Zimmermann to raise to 3NT. Martel led a diamond and declarer duly took his nine top tricks: E/W +600.

That all looks easy enough. However, the Swiss took an extra bid at the other table, making things much more difficult.


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kalita	Grue	Klukowski
1♣	1♦	Dble*	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♣	3♦
4♣	All Pass		

When Jacek Kalita took a second bid on the North hand, things became a whole lot trickier for the Americans. Joe Grue did not have enough high-card strength to bid 2NT, so he settled for a competitive club raise. South's raise to 3♦ then left Moss with the second of the problems posed earlier. With no cue-bid available, is there a way for Moss to ask about diamond stoppers? What is double?

Moss settled for a competitive 4♣, giving up on game. He made ten tricks. E/W +130 but that was the first double-digit swing of the match: 10 IMPs to Switzerland. Then came something even more substantial.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kalita	Grue	Klukowski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦*	2♠
3♥	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

The auction started quietly, with Joe Grue making an inverted raise of his partner's third-seat 1♦ opening.

When Klukowski got involved having earlier declined to open the bidding, the auction took off. Moss bid his second suit, but Kalita bumped the bidding to the four-level. Grue's double was, presumably, penalty oriented, having already shown a diamond fit and a maximum for his initial pass, but Moss was not interested in defending. Presumably, 5♥ was passable if East did not hold a club control, but Grue was happy to bid the slam.

Could Jacek Kalita find the winning club lead through dummy's king? Yes, and the contract was soon one down. E/W -100.



Chip Martel, USA2

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Fleisher	Nowosadzki	Martel
—	—	1♦	1♠
2♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

It is a rare thing indeed to see Grue/Moss lose a swing because they passed a hand that an opponent opened, but that is what happened here. I guess it is a matter of style whether you open that East hand. For me, it qualifies as you have a comfortable rebid no matter what partner does (*Perhaps not a universal approach. Editor*) (raising 1M to 2M and rebidding 2NT over 2♣). Michał Nowosadzki also thought it was an opening bid, and thereafter it did not take long to reach the top spot.

The Americans got the bidding to 4♠ in double-quick time, so Pierre Zimmermann gave up on science and just bid slam in his partner's suit. With the ♣K protected, there were twelve easy tricks. E/W +1370 and a massive 16 IMPs to Switzerland, now opening up a sizeable lead.

The action in this match began on the opening board, and it continued right to the very end. This was the final deal of the match:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Fleisher	Nowosadzki	Martel
1♦	1♥	Dble	1♠
2♦	2♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Marty Fleisher closed the lively auction with a double of Michał Nowosadzki's 3NT. Martel led the ♠Q, which held, and switched accurately to a heart. Fleisher won with the ♥K and returned a spade. There was no point ducking, as the defenders would have three tricks with two aces still to take. Nowosadzki won with the ♠A and cashed his seven diamond tricks, but the defenders had kept enough winners to take the rest. E/W -200.

Whether it was Kalita's 2♦ bid on Board 23 or Nowosadzki's 1♦ opening on Board 26, taking one more bid than their opponents has worked well for the Swiss in this match. However, there are always exceptions...



Pierre Zimmermann, Switzerland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kalita	Grue	Klukowski
1♦	1♥	Dble	1♠
2♦	2♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

The auction here followed the same path until North's double of 3NT at the first table. In the same situation here, Kalita instead bid 4♣ with disastrous results. The Poles were unlikely to make a contract at the four-level and, as we have seen, East's 3NT is also likely to come up a trick short. The one contract that cannot be beaten is 5♦, and that is exactly where Kalita's 4♣ bid guided the Americans.

Kalita led a top heart and then thought for ages before switching to a trump. Brad Moss won in dummy and ran the ♣10. When North won with the ♣A and had no second trump to lead, declarer was home, ruffing his two remaining club losers in dummy before drawing trumps and claiming 11 tricks. E/W +750 and a massive 14 IMPs to USA2. The final result was still a win for Switzerland, but only by a score of 40-36.

I mentioned yesterday that Netherlands v USA2 was a potential match-up when the knockout matches come around. A repeat of today's encounter is certainly another possibility. And, if this was a preview of what we can expect from a six-stanza match between these two heavyweights, bring it on!

Cumulative Medal Table prior to Marrakech

(1937-present)

Five sets of medals were awarded earlier this month at the World Youth Team Championships in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. That brings the all-time medal count to:

	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States	102,72	86,47	65,58	254,77
2	France	26,17	34,67	41,92	102,75
3	Poland	32,67	31,17	25,25	89,09
4	China	17,50	26,67	35,33	79,50
5	Italy	39,27	19,83	16,83	75,93
6	Netherlands	16,67	18,25	26,25	61,17
7	England	16,77	20,50	21,25	58,52
8	Sweden	15,77	9,17	17,90	42,83
9	Norway	9,83	8,33	13,75	31,92
10	Canada	2,82	11,62	11,75	26,18
11	Germany	5,75	6,50	11,32	23,57
12	Denmark	6,33	2,67	13,67	22,67
13	Israel	10,07	6,17	6,00	22,23
14	Austria	8,73	7,17	2,00	17,90
15	Russia	3,33	4,50	7,00	14,83
16	Brazil	4,33	3,00	6,00	13,33
17	Australia	0,00	6,50	5,00	11,50
18	Indonesia	1,00	5,00	5,00	11,00
19	India	2,75	2,00	5,00	9,75
20	Bulgaria	1,20	2,00	5,00	8,20
21	Monaco	2,47	3,50	2,17	8,13
22	Argentina	0,17	2,00	4,00	6,17
23	Switzerland	3,67	0,67	0,17	4,50
24	Greece	2,50	0,00	1,25	3,75
25	Japan	1,50	2,00	0,00	3,50
26	Türkiye	0,17	2,00	1,17	3,33
27	Hungary	1,20	1,00	1,00	3,20
28	Iceland	2,67	0,00	0,33	3,00
29	Chinese Taipei	1,00	1,67	0,33	3,00
30	Croatia	1,00	0,00	2,00	3,00
31	Singapore	0,00	2,00	1,00	3,00
32	Hong Kong China	0,00	0,00	3,00	3,00
33	New Zealand	1,00	1,50	0,00	2,50
34	Serbia	1,00	1,00	0,00	2,00
35	South Africa	0,00	2,00	0,00	2,00
36	Pakistan	0,00	2,00	0,00	2,00
37	Latvia	0,00	2,00	0,00	2,00
38	Venezuela	0,00	1,00	1,00	2,00
39	Belgium	0,00	1,00	1,00	2,00
40	Scotland	1,00	0,50	0,33	1,83
41	Romania	0,00	0,00	1,75	1,75
42	Egypt	1,00	0,50	0,00	1,50
43	Lithuania	0,33	0,00	1,00	1,33
44	Finland	0,00	1,00	0,00	1,00
45	Uruguay	0,00	0,50	0,50	1,00
46	Czechia	0,50	0,00	0,00	0,50
47	Estonia	0,50	0,00	0,00	0,50
48	Ireland	0,50	0,00	0,00	0,50
49	Spain	0,00	0,17	0,20	0,37
50	Thailand	0,00	0,33	0,00	0,33
51	Belarus	0,00	0,17	0,00	0,17
52	Chile	0,00	0,17	0,00	0,17
53	Portugal	0,00	0,17	0,00	0,17
		345,837	341	364	1050,837

This table includes all world championships in nine different categories (Open, Women, Seniors, Mixed, U26, U21, U26W, UI6 and U31). Medals won by transnational teams or pairs are divided among the countries of the various players.

At Veldhoven, Singapore won only its third World Medal, while Belgium ended a 61-year drought with only their second medal ever at World Championships.



**Victim of the Day:
Brad Moss**



by Christina Lund Madsen

This is the last of a series of intermittent articles where you can find the results of Christina persistently pestering participants

Brad Moss plays in the Bermuda Bowl for USA2

What is your age, where are you from, where do you live and what is your marital status?

"I am 52 years old, married to Jennifer, we have two kids aged 15 (Cian) and 13 (Lyra) and I live in Denver, Colorado."



What is your professional background?

"I started out as another bridge bum, but I am old enough that in the 80s wall street was scouting the bridge world for options traders. There appeared to be a high correlation between being games playing success and trading success, so I was offered trading jobs when I was

still in high school. When I decided it was time to get a job, I called Steve Weinstein who became my mentor and worked with him for a number of years. I got him coffee a lot."

Tell us about your family of well-known bridge players.

"My mother is Gail Greenberg, multiple world champion, my sister Jill Levin is a world champion, my brother-in-law is Bobby Levin, my brother was the King of Bridge, and you don't wanna get into a bridge street brawl with my father, he is the toughest of all of us. On top of that my nephew Shane married into another bridge dynasty, when he married Sandra Rimstedt."

What is the best and worst about being part of a bridge dynasty?

"The best is the advantages it gave me having access to all these great players, so my learning curve was extremely accelerated. The worst part was probably that it was so appealing that at a young age I didn't have any doubts that bridge was my future. I dropped out of school and was just lucky to have bridge to find me a job I could make a decent living from. It is better to have more options.

I had several years at New York University, where a semester would pass and I never showed up to any of my classes, so I never completed anything or got any credit. One day my stepmom said: "I am done paying."

At some point I told my family I was transferring to Berkeley, when really I just dropped out and moved there with my best friend. Some parts of my family still think I went there."

Brad laughs his contagious laugh.

"I loved bridge from very early on, I always knew I would become a bridge player. I never wanted to have a job on Wall Street; I only did it because I wanted to have a job that would allow me to play bridge full time."

What would you have become if not a bridge player?

"Joe Grue's valet."

What is the best and worst about playing with Joe Grue?

“The best is playing with one of your closest friends, who you also love outside of the bridge world. When we get emotional at the bridge table, we obviously want to kill each other. Being bridge partners is very much like a marriage and highly stressful, so it helps to be best friends.

Worst is I guess the same thing. We both have strong personalities and usually after 2 to 3 weeks together, we need to take a break.”

(Joe asks in the background what day it is today.)

What were you like as a teenager?

He laughs. “Out of control. They said sit down and I stood up. My friend Gillian Minter used to describe Joe and I and Justin Lall, who we were extremely close, like this: Joe wants to be told what to do. Justin does not want to be told what to do. I want to be told what to do, so I can do the opposite.”

What interests do you have outside of bridge?

“I have recently taken up paddle tennis. I have had to unlearn 40 years of tennis, but I love paddle. I also love skiing, but really my favourite thing is to spend time with my kids while they are still at home.”

Tell us your most memorable moment from a bridge tournament.

“Winning a world championship, and any hand Joe Grue goes down in that he could have made.”

Tell us something you are really good at and really bad at.

“Hm. OK. I can get lost in an elevator. I will let you know something I am really good at when I figure it out.”

How would Joe Grue describe you in 3 words?

“Unbelievably painfully slow.”

What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you at a bridge tournament?

“In New York there used to be a regional, where you would play with each member of your team. I was playing against Edgar Kaplan. I opened a minor and Edgar had ♠QT9xxx and ♥QJ98. He passed, and when I got to 3NT, he led the ♥Q and I went down. I said “Good lead” and he said “If you have a sequence and don’t lead it, it is an insult to God.”

The next day I was playing bridge at his house. The opponents bid 1 spade (P) 4♣ splinter (X by Edgar, my partner) and the opponents get to 6♠ and I am on lead. I had the ♦KQJTx and remembering his words from the day before I led a diamond. Of course a club lead would have beaten it.

Then Edgar said to me: “Young man, you were in a tough situation. On one hand God is telling you to lead a diamond, and on the other you had me

telling you to lead a club. I trust the next time you will get it right.””

If you could change something about your past, what would it be?

“I have made many, many mistakes in my life and there are certainly things I could have done better, but I am always afraid that had I changed those decisions, who knows the effect of the butterflies flapping their wings, so I consider myself lucky and happy and wouldn’t change anything out of fear of the butterflies.”

Tell us a memory that made a big impression on you.

“I was a young upcoming player and I was playing against Benito Garozzo and I was on lead against some contract, but I didn’t lead my singleton and it was a total disaster. After the hand he pulled me aside and said: “Young man, I understand why you did what you did, but bridge is a relatively simple game. Always lead your singleton.””

If you could say one last thing to someone who is no longer with us, who would it be and what would you say?

“I would tell Justin that he is still loved by a great many people. No National goes by without his name coming up multiple times.”

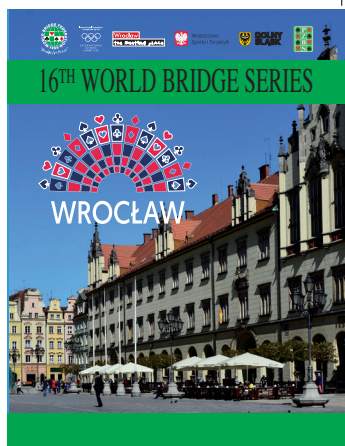
Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Sandra Rimstedt, Jessica Larsson and Jenny Ryman?

“Since Sandra is now my niece, I can neither kiss nor kill her, so I will partner her. Jenny is so nice I will have to kiss her, and that means I kill Jessica.”



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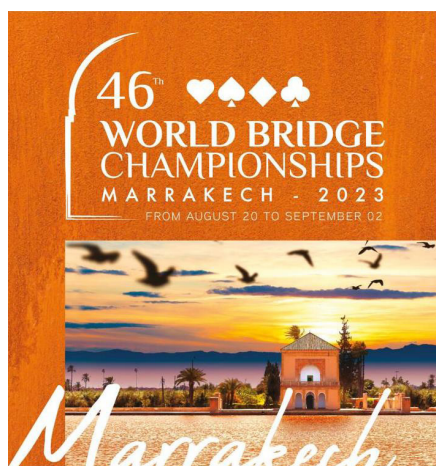
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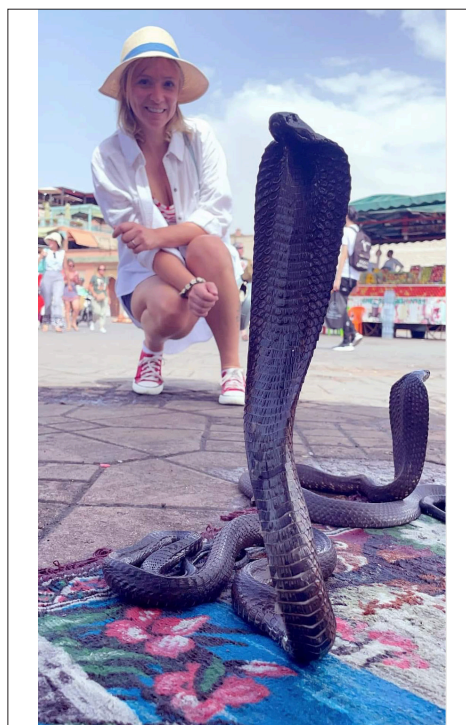
It will cost €35, US\$35 or £30. Purchasers will be able to collect the book at a future championship of their choice, or have it mailed to them (at an additional cost of €10, US\$10 or £10). Publication is expected to be before the summer of 2024. The reporters will include David Bird, Brian Senior & Barry Rigal. All payments must be in cash.



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It is a truth universally acknowledged that a stressed layout editor must be in want of a front-page picture. If you have taken any photos that you think might be suitable for the front page, please forward them for consideration! Here is one we decided not to use:



Richard Fleet wrote to say how much he enjoyed the article about Andrew Rosenthal. If you have any suggestions about who might appear in one of Christina's interviews let us know.

Please be careful if you are in the vicinity of the fountain depicted on today's front page, which is located in the Mövenpick Hotel. It deposits water on the ground which has proved to be dangerous, causing several people to lose their footing.

Systems Guru Al Hollander will be helping with problematic auctions in the Marrakech World Championship book.



D'Orsi Trophy RR 09
Israel v USA2



by Jos Jacobs

When the last round on Tuesday got underway, the Israeli seniors were comfortably in 4th position whereas USA2 were still struggling to get going, lying 14th. At the time, they were more than 13 VP behind the no. 8 ranked team and about 23 VP behind their opponents for this round.

Over the first three boards, USA2 had taken a 3-1 lead on under- and overtricks but from board 4 onwards, every board produced a swing, with just two exceptions, as we shall see. Most of the swings came from differences in the auctions at either table so below, you will find a lot of auctions and very few descriptions of how play went. What is more: many auctions will speak so clearly for themselves that hardly any more comments on them are needed IMHO.

Board 4 already is a fine example of what I just wrote.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
1♦	1♥	Dble*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		



John Schermer, USA2

If you rebid 3♦ as West with your 4/5 loser-hand, you will be allowed to play there. One overtrick, USA2 +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	3♣	All Pass	

If you don't bid 3♦ as West at any time, this may result in having to write down -110 in a club contract. USA2 another +110 and 6 IMPs to them.

On the next board, luck was also an issue.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

According to the published CC, East showed 5-7 hcp by responding 2♥ over the strong 2♣ opening bid. West's 3♥ over East's 3♣ settled hearts as trumps, so East could show his two black kings one by one. When West could jump to 6♥ over 5♣, East knew that his 5th heart might be enough for a grand even if the trump queen was missing. USA2 +1510 when she behaved.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

A less sophisticated Israeli auction easily saw them end up in the best contract. Israel +1010 but 11 more IMPs to USA2.

Next:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 3 ♥ J 10 4 ♦ A 6 4 2 ♣ A 9 6 4	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 6 4 ♥ K 8 7 3 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ Q 10 7	♠ A 10 5 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 8 5 3 2
		♠ K J 8 7 ♥ Q 9 6 5 ♦ Q 7 3 ♣ K J	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
3♣	All Pass		

The slow approach by Chambers led to an excellent fit, albeit a trifle high. The contract was made, however, when the defenders forced themselves to open up the diamond suit for declarer in the end. USA2 +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
—	—	1♣	Dble
2NT	All Pass		



Micha Mark, Israel



Joseph Engel, Israel

Once East opened in 1st position, the club fit was lost. North led a heart through dummy's ♥A2 so declarer had no chance. One down, another +100 and 5 IMPs to USA2. We now skip board 7 (One IMP to USA2) and go straight to the next swing.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ Q 10 7 6 4 ♣ A K 7 3	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 10 4 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 3 ♦ 8 ♣ J 9 6	♠ Q 8 7 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A 5 3 2 ♣ Q 10 5 4
		♠ A 9 6 5 3 ♥ A J 6 ♦ K J 9 ♣ 8 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Left to their own resources, the Israeli N/S could not find their double major suit fit and thus stranded in the partscore. Not that a game in any major suit is cold but it certainly is the place where you want to be, even not vulnerable. Two overtricks, Israel +170.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
1♦	1♥	2♦	3♦*
4♦	4♥	All Pass	

Helped by the E/W light opening bid and response, the Americans easily reached game for a score of +420 and 6 more IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Israeli declarer ran for shelter and safely arrived home.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	All Pass	

East led a spade and declarer immediately called for dummy's king. His ♠A was needed as an entry to the clubs. So he continued the ♣AK and suddenly had made his contract when the ♣Q appeared. In the end, he even made an overtrick. Israel +120.

The same contract was reached in the other room.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

East led a low diamond away from his ace. West won the queen and shifted to a heart. When declarer played on diamonds, thus establishing the 13th diamond, rather than the clubs, he was just one down. Israel another +50 and the first 5 IMPs to them.

On the next board, it was a matter of timing your overcalls.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	2♥	All Pass	

2♥ was not the place to be. Two down, USA2 +200.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	2♥	Dble	3♣
All Pass			

Because 2♥ was not the place to be, Bob Hamman quite correctly retreated to 3♣. On the ♠J lead, overtaken for a trump switch, declarer could just ruff one spade in dummy for an easy 9th trick. The spade spots are such that the contract would have made anyway. USA2 another +110 and another 7 IMPs to them.

Next came a nice eight-card suit.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♠	3♠	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Yes, without a spade lead, 12 tricks are there but East was dealt the ♠KQJ to prevent this from happening. One down, USA2 + 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

When I was looking at the BBO broadcast, I had my doubts about this auction as North's initial response is

shown as 2♦!) but the official result confirmed at least that 5♣ had become the final contract. USA2 another +420 when East led a trump, and another 10 IMPs to them. On the next deal, one or two Norths forgot to double.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Classic Multi, 3♣ showing hearts. When South led a diamond, one undoubled undertrick disappeared. Israel +100 for two down only.

In another BBO match, another North also apparently forgot to double 4♥ until we saw the official result later on, which duly included a double after all.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	



Neil Chambers, USA2

No disappearing doubles here. North led a spade and down three thus was inevitable. USA2 +500 and 9 more IMPs to them.

On the next board, for once it was a matter of declarer play: why should one take unnecessary finesses?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Engel	Chambers	Cohen
—	Pass	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Pass	3♥*	Dble
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Cohen's 2♥ opening bid was Muiderberg style so Neil Chambers may have suspected that the ♣K might have been with North. Anyway, South led the ♥K and, when this held the trick, he did not shift to a club but continued the ♥Q. From here, it was routine for Chambers. He won the ace, ruffed his last heart in dummy and cashed the ♠AK. After that, playing on diamonds was enough. North can ruff himself or be put on play with his trumps. In either case, he will have to lead a club into dummy's tenace for declarer's 10th trick. Nice. USA2 +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lubinski	Weichsel	Mark	B Hamman
—	Pass	Pass	2♥*
Dble	3♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the other room, South also opened 2♥ but this time, it would show the suit in a 10-13 hcp hand. Maybe, this is why declarer went astray. He ducked South's ♥K lead but when South shifted to a diamond, he won the trick, cashed the ♥A, ruffed his last heart, cashed the ♠AK and then... took the club finesse himself. One down quite quickly, another +100 and 12 IMPs to USA2.

It had been interesting but rather a case of one-way traffic all through the match.

The final result: Israel – USA2: 5-72. Needless to say that the former team scored no VP's for their efforts. However, they had just stayed within the top eight, lying in 7th spot now. On the other hand, USA2 had improved their position: they finished the day as 11th, just 2.6 VPs behind the 8th (The Netherlands).



Wuhan Cup RR09

Romania v Australia



by Ron Tacchi

As we entered the second third of the Round Robin in the Wuhan Cup, Romania (2nd) faced Australia (10th).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thompson	Ionita	Cooper	Stegarioiu
—	4♠	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

The Romanians' convention card describes their four-level openings as 'undisciplined'. Stegarioiu took an advance sacrifice with an audacious Six Spades. The lead was the ace of hearts and when the continuation was the ace of clubs declarer escaped for two light as one of the diamond losers disappeared on the king of clubs. The opposition can make 3NT or Five Diamonds (if played from the West hand).



Renee Cooper, Australia

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R Mihai	Markey	G Mihai	Travis
—	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East decided to pass the Double, not a decision I would like to be forced to make. With the benefit of seeing all the cards we know that bidding 4NT would have resulted in playing successfully in Five Diamonds but look how good West's hand has to be to make this the right decision. When East found the lead of a diamond there was no chance of a defensive slip up and so the declarer lost four tricks but gained 5 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thompson	Ionita	Cooper	Stegarioiu
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	Pass	2♣	3♣
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 11-14 balanced, or natural, or game forcing

Cooper's Two Clubs showed three-card support. Four Spades was ambitious and Ionita quickly expressed an opinion with a red card. Three rounds of clubs saw Ionita ruff the third round with the ♠10 before switching to a heart. Declarer rose with the ace, cashed the ace of trumps and played three rounds of diamonds ruffing the third in dummy. He then tried a spade but North could take two trump tricks and lead a heart to partner's king for three down vulnerable.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R Mihai	Markey	G Mihai	Travis
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♥, 9+, or 14-19 balanced
3♥ Fit Jump

North was not a tiger, but was perhaps aware that partner might only have a nine count. The defence was identical to the other room but that 11 IMPs to Romania.

safety play in the spade suit by taking a first-round finesse. So, declarer only lost two clubs and a spade and gained 10 IMPs for Australia.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thompson	Ionita	Cooper	Stegarioiu
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♣	Weak Majors, or some strong hands		
2♦	Relay		
4♦	Shortage		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thompson	Ionita	Cooper	Stegarioiu
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	2♥	2NT	All Pass

Thompson started with three rounds of clubs, the third being ruffed by declarer. A spade to dummy's king saw the jack fall from West. Declarer did not bow to the theory of restricted choice but played another spade to her ace and so had to lose four tricks and her contract.

The lead of the ♥8 ran round to the ♥10 and declarer immediately played a diamond towards dummy, winning with the queen. The ♦K followed, Stegarioiu discarding the ♠2, and after going into the tank Ionita ducked. The jack of hearts was passed to North's king whereupon a switch to a club was taken by the ace. Declarer now cashed five rounds of spades for an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R Mihai	Markey	G Mihai	Travis
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♣	3♥ Inv+, or various GF		
2♥	Minimum		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R Mihai	Markey	G Mihai	Travis
—	—	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

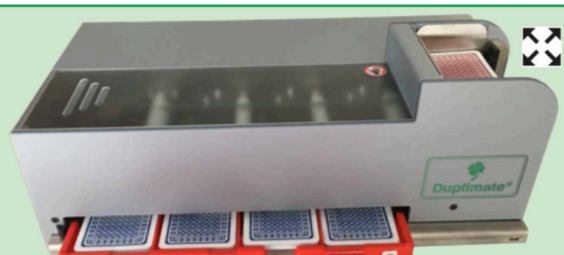
East's club lead saw three rounds of the suit played with the third round being ruffed by dummy. Trumps were drawn in three rounds by overtaking the jack and then a diamond led towards dummy and when East played low the king took the trick and now declarer could take a

Markey started with three rounds of hearts, Travis ruffing the third and switched to the king of clubs taken by declarer's ace. A small trump to dummy's queen exposed the distribution. The queen of hearts was cashed, discarding a club. Now declarer could not avoid the loss of two more trump tricks and the contract was one light. 6 IMPs to Australia.

At the end of a close match, it was a small win to Australia 10.61-9.39 VPs.

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Bermuda Bowl RR 10
Italy v China



by David Bird

Italy start the day in 9th position, only 0.34VPs away from the top eight qualifying places. China are 14th, still only 6 VPs away from a qualifying position. Both teams have everything to play for, and we can expect a well contested match.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

♠ 5 3	♠ 5 3	♠ 5 3
♥ Q 9 2	♥ Q 9 2	♥ Q 9 2
♦ K Q J 10 6 3	♦ K Q J 10 6 3	♦ K Q J 10 6 3
♣ 9 6	♣ 9 6	♣ 9 6



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Sementa	L Hu	Versace
—	—	—	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Sementa led the ♦5, Versace winning with the 10. Did he continue diamonds, which would have let the contract through? No, indeed, he found a great switch to the ♥9. When this held the trick, he continued hearts. Declarer won in the dummy, cashed some winners, and Sementa defended safely for two down when he came on the lead. +200 for Italy.



Linlin Hu

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Ju	Di Franco	Shi
—	—	—	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Di Franco preferred to overcall, rather than double. Manno had no more than average for the situation – not enough to raise. Declarer won the ♦K lead in dummy and ran the ♠7 successfully. Ju rose with the ace on the second round of trumps and returned a diamond, South winning and playing a third diamond. When Di Franco discarded a heart, South switched to hearts, removing East's ace. Declarer drew trumps and played his remaining trumps. The club suit did not provide a heart discard, so it was +140. Italy gained 8 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Sementa	L Hu	Versace
—	1♣	1♥	All Pass

Neither East's 1♥ overcall, nor North's pass, appeal to me. What does a humble scribe know? Declarer made five tricks, losing 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Ju	Di Franco	Shi
—	1♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	1♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

If you are mystified by the raise to 3NT, join the club. Manno led the ♠2 to East's ace. How would you have continued, holding the East cards? Best is the ♣J, which can take the game three down. Di Franco returned the ♠6, leaving declarer on track for just one down. West won with the ♠K and played a third spade to dummy's queen.

Declarer played two rounds of diamonds, ducked, and



Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy

then called for dummy's ♣K. When East won with the ace and switched to the ♥3, declarer finessed into the bare ♥J. That was two down for -200, and a loss of 7 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Semeta	L Hu	Versace
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Yi Liu cashed two top clubs and switched to the ♦2. Versace won with dummy's ace and led the ♠10 to his queen. A second trump to dummy exposed the bad break. The ♦K was ruffed and overruffed, declarer returning to dummy with the ♠A. East ruffed the ♦Q with his last trump. The king and ace of hearts were followed by a club, won in the dummy. West eventually scored a diamond trick for three down, vulnerable.

Obviously 3NT was a better contract. Semeta explained to his partner that his 2♣ rebid had denied four spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Ju	Di Franco	Shi
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

China duly reached the normal 3NT contract. No justice was done, though. Ju won the spade lead and played two top diamonds, East showing out. Declarer's ♥9 drew the king from East, and the ♣10 switch allowed West to score the ace and king of that suit. After a club continuation, declarer had to go one down. China gained 5 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

♠ 5	♠ 5
♥ K 5 3	♥ K 5 3
♦ 10 9 3	♦ 10 9 3
♣ 10 9 6 5 4 2	♣ 10 9 6 5 4 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Semeta	L Hu	Versace
—	—	1♣*	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

1♣ was strong, INT showed a balanced positive and 2♣ was Stayman. The meaning of the next four bids was not disclosed. As you see, the slam was somewhat below par. It needed something more than the diamond finesse.


Semeta led the ♦4, perhaps hoping that this would put declarer to an early decision. As the cards lay, it resulted instead in an early claim.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Ju	Di Franco	Shi
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Di Franco signed off opposite 4♣, perhaps because he had already added a point to reach his opening 2NT. The fortunate lie of the cards meant that China gained 11 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yi Liu	Sementa	L Hu	Versace
Pass	1♣*	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Sementa ducked the ♥K lead, won the next heart and drew two rounds of trumps. A diamond to the queen lost to West's king, and declarer ruffed the heart return. Sementa drew the last trump and took what seemed to be the normal view in diamonds by finessing the 10. That was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Ju	Di Franco	Shi
Pass	1♣	1♦*	Dble
1♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East won the ♥2 lead with the king and returned the ♣9, declarer rising with dummy's king. A second club was won with West's queen and a trump was returned. Declarer drew trumps and played a diamond to the queen and king. Manno had safe exits in both hearts and clubs, but chose to lead back the ♦5. Should declarer draw any inference from this? Who can say, but Ju went up with the ♦A and dropped East's jack. His reward was 10 IMPs.

China won by 42 IMPs to 25. That's 14.39 to 5.62 in VPs.

Video Corner

Pete Hollands tells us he is doing daily recap videos of the Championships.

Here is the link to the day 3 video:

https://youtu.be/_27XnxwvNQM

Pete Hollands started playing when he was 14 and is now professional bridge player & teacher (www.bridgevid.com) who has represented the Australian open team. He runs a popular YouTube channel (Pete Hollands Bridge) where you can play tournaments and compare with him. He won two silver medals in the 2013 World Junior Championships.

The Top One




by Mark Horton

Opinions differ as to what constitutes a brilliant piece of play or defence, but for me, one indicator that something special has occurred is if that result is achieved at only one table.

Welcome to Board 4 from Round 7 of the Wuhan Cup and the match between USA2 and Italy.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room North led the ♦8 against 4♠ and declarer took 11 tricks for +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
D Rosenberg	Gandoglia	M Rosenberg	Baroni
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Alessandro Gandoglia made the same opening lead as his counterpart. Declarer won and immediately played a heart to the jack, which held the trick!

It is hard to blame declarer for what followed.

She cashed the ♠AK, came to hand with a diamond and played a heart to the queen. South won and played the ♦Q, forcing declarer to ruff. With only one entry to dummy she tried a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart and exited with a spade, but North won and exited with a club, South winning and cashing a diamond for one down – the only occasion across the four events on which fewer than 10 tricks were recorded.

I'm not saying that's the most brilliant defensive play I have ever seen, but it's in the top 1.



Irene Baroni

Results

Bermuda Bowl

Round 10

			IMPs		VPs	
1	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	38	21	14.39	5.61
2	ITALY	CHINA	25	42	5.61	14.39
3	SINGAPORE	NORWAY	0	49	0.93	19.07
4	PANAMA	POLAND	28	59	3.12	16.88
5	NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL	35	25	12.80	7.20
6	HONG KONG CHINA	USA1	26	14	13.28	6.72
7	CHILE	ISRAEL	39	53	6.25	13.75
8	INDIA	CANADA	32	46	6.25	13.75
9	EGYPT	USA2	19	52	2.83	17.17
10	UAE	SOUTH AFRICA	13	50	2.28	17.72
11	IRELAND	BELGIUM	36	42	8.24	11.76
12	MOROCCO	SWITZERLAND	40	26	13.75	6.25

Round 11

			IMPs		VPs	
1	IRELAND	ISRAEL	24	31	7.97	12.03
2	NETHERLANDS	USA1	31	25	11.76	8.24
3	SINGAPORE	BRAZIL	37	21	14.18	5.82
4	INDIA	PANAMA	54	13	18.21	1.79
5	HONG KONG CHINA	SWITZERLAND	28	63	2.55	17.45
6	POLAND	CANADA	46	35	13.04	6.96
7	NORWAY	CHILE	94	14	20.00	0.00
8	EGYPT	BELGIUM	18	78	0.00	20.00
9	AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO	32	22	12.80	7.20
10	ITALY	UAE	42	30	13.28	6.72
11	USA2	SOUTH AFRICA	62	6	19.69	0.31
12	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	10	38	3.58	16.42

Round 12

			IMPs		VPs	
1	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	11	27	5.82	14.18
2	USA2	NORWAY	35	22	13.52	6.48
3	HONG KONG CHINA	CANADA	23	17	11.76	8.24
4	PANAMA	EGYPT	17	40	4.44	15.56
5	POLAND	AUSTRALIA	25	29	8.80	11.20
6	INDIA	BELGIUM	19	13	11.76	8.24
7	CHILE	USA1	15	66	0.75	19.25
8	IRELAND	SOUTH AFRICA	27	27	10.00	10.00
9	MOROCCO	SINGAPORE	20	32	6.22	12.78
10	UAE	CHINA	19	38	5.20	14.80
11	ISRAEL	ITALY	18	13	11.48	8.52
12	NEW ZEALAND	BRAZIL	36	15	15.19	4.81

Venice Cup

Round 10

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	DENMARK	13	99	0.00	20.00
22	INDIA	TURKIYE	35	46	6.96	13.04
23	CHINESE TAIPEI	UAE	41	22	14.80	5.20
24	EGYPT	HONG KONG CHINA	32	59	3.74	15.26
25	USA2	CHINA	46	17	16.58	3.42
26	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	58	1	19.77	0.23
27	NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	37	65	3.58	16.42
28	GERMANY	BRAZIL	5	75	0.00	20.00
29	ARGENTINA	NORWAY	7	77	0.00	20.00
30	SOUTH AFRICA	USA1	48	41	10.03	7.97
31	FRANCE	SWEDEN	14	51	2.28	17.72
32	ISRAEL	MOROCCO	56	12	18.55	1.45

Round 11

			IMPs		VPs	
21	INDIA	BARBADOS	65	11	19.52	0.48
22	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	9	19	7.20	12.80
23	USA2	AUSTRALIA	22	8	13.75	6.25
24	GERMANY	EGYPT	70	14	19.69	0.31
25	CANADA	DENMARK	20	79	0.07	19.93
26	HONG KONG CHINA	BRAZIL	57	33	15.74	4.26
27	UAE	NEW ZEALAND	42	51	7.45	12.55
28	ARGENTINA	SWEDEN	11	55	1.45	18.55
29	FRANCE	POLAND	17	54	2.28	17.72
30	ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA	18	21	9.09	10.91
31	NORWAY	USA1	58	14	18.55	1.45
32	MOROCCO	TURKIYE	38	55	5.61	14.39

Round 12

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	CHINESE TAIPEI	25	53	3.58	16.42
22	USA2	DENMARK	25	22	10.91	9.09
23	CANADA	BRAZIL	55	20	17.45	0.55
24	EGYPT	ARGENTINA	47	25	15.38	4.62
25	HONG KONG CHINA	INDIA	34	34	10.00	10.00
26	GERMANY	SWEDEN	20	44	4.26	15.74
27	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA	50	32	14.60	5.40
28	FRANCE	USA1	20	16	11.20	8.80
29	NORWAY	UAE	90	12	20.00	0.00
30	SOUTH AFRICA	MOROCCO	4	14	7.20	12.80
31	POLAND	ISRAEL	48	20	16.42	3.58
32	TURKIYE	CHINA	30	34	8.80	11.20

Results

d'Orsi Trophy

Round 10

		IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	INDIA	26	89	0.00 20.00
42	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	37	25	13.28 6.72
43	AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	16	56	1.91 18.09
44	GUADELOUPE	HONG KONG CHINA	10	37	3.74 16.26
45	PAKISTAN	CHINA	40	66	3.91 16.09
46	SWEDEN	NORWAY	28	39	6.96 13.04
47	MOROCCO	USA2	17	40	4.44 15.56
48	ITALY	ARGENTINA	44	29	13.97 6.03
49	CANADA	DENMARK	50	17	17.17 2.83
50	REUNION	FRANCE	26	63	2.28 17.72
51	SOUTH AFRICA	USA1	13	37	1.76 15.74
52	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	67	21	18.77 1.23

Round 11

		IMPs		VPs	
41	ISRAEL	COLOMBIA	19	34	6.03 13.97
42	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	25	20	11.48 8.52
43	PAKISTAN	NORWAY	25	82	0.23 19.77
44	ITALY	GUADELOUPE	47	23	15.74 4.26
45	SWEDEN	INDIA	35	26	12.55 7.45
46	HONG KONG CHINA	ARGENTINA	25	56	3.12 16.88
47	BELGIUM	MOROCCO	70	17	19.43 0.57
48	CANADA	USA1	21	34	6.48 13.52
49	SOUTH AFRICA	USA2	18	62	1.45 18.55
50	POLAND	REUNION	46	25	15.19 4.81
51	DENMARK	FRANCE	41	53	6.72 13.28
52	CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS	30	25	11.48 8.52

Round 12

		IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	AUSTRALIA	29	34	8.52 11.48
42	PAKISTAN	INDIA	32	58	3.91 16.09
43	SWEDEN	ARGENTINA	23	20	10.91 9.09
44	GUADELOUPE	CANADA	25	27	7.39 10.61
45	HONG KONG CHINA	ISRAEL	51	26	15.92 4.08
46	ITALY	USA1	25	37	6.72 13.28
47	MOROCCO	NORWAY	20	24	8.80 11.20
48	SOUTH AFRICA	FRANCE	27	56	3.42 16.58
49	DENMARK	BELGIUM	38	31	12.03 7.97
50	REUNION	CHINESE TAIPEI	33	30	10.91 9.09
51	USA2	POLAND	35	27	12.29 7.71
52	NETHERLANDS	CHINA	54	36	14.60 5.40

Wuhan Cup

Round 10

		IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	SINGAPORE	54	50	10.20 8.80
62	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA	14	78	0.00 20.00
63	ROMANIA	BELGIUM	26	27	9.69 10.31
64	MOROCCO	FRANCE	14	46	2.97 17.03
65	POLAND	GERMANY	24	63	2.03 17.97
66	USA2	CHINA	36	42	8.24 11.76
67	TUNISIA	EGYPT	40	23	14.39 5.61
68	ITALY	CANADA	43	8	17.45 2.55
69	CHINESE TAIPEI	DENMARK	35	45	7.20 12.80
70	UAE	ISRAEL	31	24	12.03 7.97
71	INDIA	BARBADOS	49	35	13.75 6.25
72	ARGENTINA	USA1	11	32	4.81 15.19

Round 11

		IMPs		VPs	
61	NEW ZEALAND	COLOMBIA	8	43	2.55 17.45
62	ROMANIA	GERMANY	48	17	16.88 3.12
63	POLAND	CHINA	7	22	6.03 13.97
64	ITALY	MOROCCO	55	15	18.09 1.91
65	USA2	SINGAPORE	27	41	6.25 13.75
66	FRANCE	CANADA	60	24	17.59 2.41
67	BELGIUM	TUNISIA	52	48	11.20 8.80
68	CHINESE TAIPEI	BARBADOS	73	32	18.21 1.79
69	INDIA	EGYPT	52	20	17.03 2.97
70	ARGENTINA	UAE	68	23	18.66 1.34
71	DENMARK	ISRAEL	27	36	7.45 12.55
72	USA1	AUSTRALIA	44	26	14.60 5.40

Round 12

		IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	ROMANIA	44	40	11.20 8.80
62	POLAND	SINGAPORE	31	28	10.91 9.09
63	USA2	CANADA	26	45	5.20 14.80
64	MOROCCO	CHINESE TAIPEI	50	34	14.18 5.82
65	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	53	30	15.56 4.44
66	ITALY	BARBADOS	30	21	12.55 7.45
67	TUNISIA	CHINA	35	30	11.48 8.52
68	INDIA	ISRAEL	35	25	12.80 7.20
69	DENMARK	BELGIUM	33	32	10.31 9.69
70	UAE	USA1	53	15	17.85 2.15
71	EGYPT	ARGENTINA	32	33	9.69 10.31
72	AUSTRALIA	GERMANY	8	48	1.91 18.09

Rankings after Round 12

Bermuda Bowl

1	USA2	168.19
2	SWITZERLAND	160.63
3	NORWAY	158.94
4	POLAND	153.34
5	ISRAEL	151.06
6	NEW ZEALAND	147.51
7	NETHERLANDS	141.97
8	BELGIUM	139.20
9	INDIA	136.84
10	USA I	134.22
11	ITALY	131.32
12	CHINA	131.01
13	IRELAND	130.46
14	CANADA	121.88
15	AUSTRALIA	121.84
16	BRAZIL	119.30
17	SOUTH AFRICA	107.09
18	SINGAPORE	104.90
19	EGYPT	95.29
20	MOROCCO	80.07
21	HONG KONG CHINA	78.81
22	UAE	73.48
23	CHILE	54.25
24	PANAMA	23.90

Venice Cup

1	SWEDEN	191.85
2	POLAND	190.95
3	TURKIYE	168.35
4	NORWAY	160.14
5	USA2	155.73
6	ISRAEL	146.66
7	FRANCE	142.66
8	CANADA	137.12
9	DENMARK	136.34
10	CHINA	135.65
11	NEW ZEALAND	126.72
12	BRAZIL	119.82
13	INDIA	113.54
14	GERMANY	108.86
15	USA I	107.64
16	AUSTRALIA	107.39
17	ARGENTINA	101.19
18	EGYPT	100.34
19	CHINESE TAIPEI	93.85
20	HONG KONG CHINA	88.55
21	SOUTH AFRICA	76.11
22	MOROCCO	72.25
23	UAE	64.36
24	BARBADOS	24.64

d'Orsi Trophy

1	POLAND	161.73
2	USA I	161.70
3	BELGIUM	157.77
4	ITALY	153.45
5	DENMARK	151.18
6	USA2	148.83
7	FRANCE	141.05
8	ARGENTINA	136.06
9	CANADA	136.00
10	NETHERLANDS	134.87
11	INDIA	132.56
12	AUSTRALIA	132.45
13	SWEDEN	131.99
14	ISRAEL	128.66
15	NORWAY	126.16
16	CHINESE TAIPEI	125.74
17	CHINA	112.28
18	HONG KONG CHINA	98.52
19	PAKISTAN	91.05
20	REUNION	69.68
21	MOROCCO	68.11
22	SOUTH AFRICA	59.48
23	GUADELOUPE	52.32
24	COLOMBIA	47.80

Wuhan Cup

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	158.08
2	CHINA	157.27
3	ITALY	152.72
4	ROMANIA	151.89
5	GERMANY	148.74
6	USA2	139.78
7	USA I	139.56
8	COLOMBIA	138.75
9	FRANCE	130.74
10	BELGIUM	128.53
11	DENMARK	127.59
12	AUSTRALIA	125.88
13	POLAND	124.80
14	ARGENTINA	119.36
15	INDIA	116.50
16	SINGAPORE	107.79
17	ISRAEL	104.71
18	CANADA	104.54
19	NEW ZEALAND	103.78
20	UAE	95.33
21	EGYPT	90.87
22	TUNISIA	73.59
23	MOROCCO	68.28
24	BARBADOS	63.42