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10.00-12.15  
 13.15-15.30  
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With only a single deal remaining, it appeared that **Sweden's** incredible run in the Venice Cup was about to be ended as they trailed India by 4 IMPs. However, an unlikely 6 IMP swing meant they extended their winning streak to 18.

Incredibly, **Poland** increased its lead at the top to 7.56. **Türkiye** remains in third position. With only five matches remaining, instead of concentrating on the relative dominance of the leading teams we turn our attention to the struggle for qualification. The gap between 8 & 9 is 3.11 VP.

In the Bermuda Bowl it's as you were, **Norway** leading from **Poland** and **Switzerland**. The margin here is a more significant 10.25 VP.

**Poland** continues to lead the way in the d'Orsi Trophy table, followed by **USAI** and **Denmark**. The number this time is 5.27 VP.

In the Wuhan Cup **Germany** continues to lead ahead of **Italy** and **France**. The key number here is 0.93 VP.

**BBO Matches**



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
<b>10.00</b>	BB Norway-Switzerland	BB Poland-India	VC Israel-Türkiye	WUC France-Italy
<b>13.15</b>	BB Italy-Netherlands	VC Israel-USA2	WUC USA1-Germany	WUC Italy-Chinese Taipei
<b>15.50</b>	BB Italy-India	BB Switzerland-Israel	VC Türkiye-France	DOT USA1-Sweden



## World Transnational Open Teams

Dear friends,

**Registration is required** to play the Transnational Open Teams starting on Monday August 28th.

The event is free of charge for players taking part in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Trophy and Wuhan Cup, You are welcome to play as the same team, or form new teams.

However, if you add a player who has not yet played, that player needs to pay an entry fee.

You can register online or at the Registration/ Hospitality desk on site.

The deadline for putting in entries is **Sunday August 27th at 7 pm.**

Have a nice and lucky day,

Maurizio Di Sacco

WBF Operations Director



### WANTED



### The WBF needs YOU

Unforeseen circumstances mean that we are desperately in need of experienced BBO operators right away. If we can't find any to fill these job vacancies we will probably have to reduce the number of tables we are able to show to the watching world. If you can help please report to Hospitality as you enter the building as quickly as possible so you can get your assignments for today.



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# Draw for Today's Matches

## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 19

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

## Venice Cup

### Round 19

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

### Round 20

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

### Round 20

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

### Round 21

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

### Round 21

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



# Draw for Today's Matches

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 19

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

## Wuhan Cup

### Round 19

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

### Round 20

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

### Round 20

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


### Round 21

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

### Round 21

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







Venice Cup RR 14

# France v Israel

You Have To Bid 'em






by Martin Cantor

I have five boards for you that generated significant swings, in each case it was the auction wot done it. Well, to be strictly accurate, in one case it was a combination of the auction and the defence, but a defence led astray by the auction.

**Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Petelko</i>	<i>Rolland</i>	<i>Roitman</i>	<i>Puillet</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I entirely approve of South responding on a meagre 5 HCP, given her possession of both majors, and with a doubleton diamond facing a possible tripleton. Not only did the French NS then get to a good game, but they got it played from the nearly unbeatable side.

West led the ♣Q (well done if you started with the ♥A or ♥J!) and declarer won in dummy, came to hand with the ♠Q and played a diamond to the queen and king. Declarer won the club return, cashed the ♦A and claimed 10 tricks, +430.


**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Tartarin</i>	<i>N Tal</i>	<i>Rossard</i>	<i>D Tal</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	All Pass	

Traditional French standard bidding (German too) uses a 2♣ opening as a semi-force, and 2♦ as an absolute game force. A crazy waste of bidding space (in my humble opinion), but it might have worked well here had it been available.

Declarer won the club lead, cashed the ♦A and continued with the queen, soon claiming 11 tricks for +150 but losing 7 IMPs.

**Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Petelko</i>	<i>Rolland</i>	<i>Roitman</i>	<i>Puillet</i>
—	Pass	2♥*	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♥	6♥, 5-10		

This 3NT is the exception to it being all about the auction because it can, and probably should, be beaten. The normal heart lead gets the defence off on the right foot, but anything except a spade is good enough. Roitman chose the ♥10, covered and taken by the ace. If declarer has the ♦A she has 8 on top. If you think partner has ♥K109 sixth, then a heart continuation gets it down quickly. That would mean that North has bid 3NT on ♥Qxx, which is of course possible. But if partner has only five of them, you will need to play that suit twice, or get some tricks elsewhere. The quick and easy way for the



*Adel Petelko, Israel*



Ziv Roitman, Israel

defence to prevail is to switch to the ♠Q, which takes it two down, but even a give-nothing diamond or club sets it by one trick. Presumably playing partner for a six card suit, Petelko continued hearts, won by Roitman's 9. At this point too a neutral minor suit exit leaves declarer a trick short, but when she cashed the ♥K, Rolland had her ninth trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tartarin	N Tal	Rossard	D Tal
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

Without the impulsion of the weak two opener North South bid naturally to a contract that could have gained them 5 or 6 IMPs, but in the end cost them 10. No blame attaches to them, it's just one of them things. West led the ♦9 restricting declarer to nine tricks, +110.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Petelko	Rolland	Roitman	Puillet
2♥*	3♦	3♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	4♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Wanting to bring her four card spade suit into the picture Puillet doubled at her first turn. At her next turn she trusted her opponents and thought her club suit worth a mention. Had 4♥ been making it wouldn't have proved too costly. The ♠AK10 and a ruff, a heart to the ace and the trump king still to come meant -500. Spoiler alert! - 4♥ was not going to make.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tartarin	N Tal	Rossard	D Tal
2♦*	3♦	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ Weak 2 major/22-23 balanced

At least 4♥ was not going to make at this table: diamond to the queen, club through for three of those after declarer put the king up (which cost a trick), then another diamond through, and still a trump to come for North. Four down was -800 and 16 IMPs to Israel.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Petelko	Rolland	Roitman	Puillet
1♣	INT	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	



Carole Puillet, France



Even if Petelko was expecting a six card spade suit for the 2♠ bid - which one reasonably might - 4♠ seems unjustified, even at these colours. A trump lead from South had the potential for four off, but Puillet chose the ♦J. The defence took their four red suit winners, then played trumps so they added a trick in each black suit for -500.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Tartarin	N Tal	Rossard	D Tal
1♣	Dble	1♠	2♥
Dble	4♥	All Pass	

There was no way to avoid a loser in each suit, another 100 giving 12 IMPs to France.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Petelko	Rolland	Roitman	Puillet
—	—	2♥*	3♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
2♥ 6♥ 5-10 HCP			


Not everyone opens a first seat vulnerable weak two on a 10 high suit, but I see no problem if it's your agreed style. Whether West might have acted more strongly - perhaps with 4♦ at her first turn - is a moot point, and it is the coincidence of the void facing the weak suit that makes 6♥ or 6♣ great contracts, and 7♣ also makeable, despite the 4-1 trump break. 5♦ lost a trick in each side suit, -50.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Tartarin	N Tal	Rossard	D Tal
—	—	Pass	4♦
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I must confess I'd have opened the South hand at the five level, but to each their own. And the four level did its job, at least in the sense of keeping EW out of any of their slams. However, it didn't do the job of winning the board, when 4♥ made with two overtricks to give France 10 IMPs. The final match score was 52-22 IMPs, 16.73-3.27 VP.

## Tempting Fate



by Mark Horton

Could R16 be the one in which Sweden's winning streak comes to an end?

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.


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

In the match between Denmark and Sweden Dorte Bilde and Anita Buus Thomsen stopped in 5♥ on the EW cards and when North led the ♠9 declarer soon had 12 tricks, +680 a result achieved at 21 of the tables. (Brazil collected +1660 and 14 IMPs for making 6♥x against USA1 while Chinese Taipei collected 15 IMPs against USA2 when Yin-Shou Chen and Yin-Yu Lin doubled 6♥ and collected 500 when Lin led the ♣2 on the go, got in with a diamond and gave her partner a second ruff.) That leaves one table, and when Rasmussen led the ♦A against 6♥ and switched to a club Denmark picked up 13 IMPs.

### Championship specials

The new **dealing machines** used to duplicate the boards during these championships are sold for **€2650**. The **cards** in play are sold for **€80/100** decks. (You can alternatively get new decks for €85/100 decks when you purchase a machine.)

This offer is on so long as supply lasts, but no longer than September 2. Email [anna@jannersten.com](mailto:anna@jannersten.com) to order. Note that you cannot get anything here in Marrakech. That is for customs reasons. Shipping will be from Sweden (afterwards) and charged at cost.



## Editor's Log 250823



The Australian Bridge Federation's Head of Marketing, Peter Cox, is here in Marrakech.

BridgeTV has provided the first match live to Australia every day which is at 7pm AEST in Australia. Most days this has been matches between other countries but on Wednesday this featured the antipodean derby, Australia versus New Zealand.

It was very popular in Australia and NZ with a large commentary team both here in Marrakech and in Australia. WBF President Jan Kamras dropped in on the broadcast and the NZ Captain joined the commentary team.

BridgeTV has often broadcast other sessions as well which can be late at night in Australia. Their outstanding commentary team has been led by Ron Klinger, the author of over 60 bridge books, and Sartaj Hans whose team has done very well this year in NABC events.

They have broadcast daily most of the major International and Australian events for the last two years.

[About us - BridgeTV](#)

Ben Thompson has kindly given me a heads up about **Computer Vision Trial**, which is designed to detect cards (with timing and orientation) in real time.

It automatically detects and records timing (i.e. hesitations, slow play) as well as the bidding and play, providing accurate records for all hands at all tables. It also detects behavioural indicators (e.g. card orientation) – in other words, potential cheating mechanisms.

AI and Computer Vision researchers at Monash University in Australia have developed an initial proof of concept and even with a standard laptop, vision can be processed and annotated in real-time. The researchers are hoping to attract funding support to develop the software further.

You can see it in action at:

[2022 Spring NABC - Vanderbilt SF 1/2 - Tabel 1 Closed - YouTube](#)

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*The shape of things to come*





Bermuda Bowl RR 14  
Ireland v Italy



by Marc Smith

We have now passed the midway point of the qualifying competition, and the stronger teams have begun to confirm their status. These two teams are both in the group jostling for one of the last places in the top eight. Coming into the fifth day, Italy was lying in 11<sup>th</sup> place, 8 VPs behind the qualifying places, with Ireland two places and 2 VPs further back.

Of course, with four days still to play, there is plenty of time to make up that relatively small gap but, for both teams, it is time to get things moving in the right direction. Both teams got off to a good start today, Ireland with a big win against Panama and Italy with an impressive victory against high-flying USA2. Let's see who can keep the momentum going.

As usual, we start with some problems. With only your opponents vulnerable, you are North holding:

♠ A K 6  
♥ 10  
♦ A Q 10 6 5 4  
♣ A K 9

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	?		

What do you open?

Next, with only your opponents vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	?

What action, if any, do you take?

Finally, with neither side vulnerable, you hold in the West seat:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
?			

What action if any, do you take?

While you mull those over, we start our coverage early in the match. Playing natural systems, both North players had to decide what to open on the first of the hands above.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Manno	Carroll	Di Franco	Moran
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	All Pass	

John Carroll opted for a 1♦ opening and played there. With the diamonds coming in somewhat fortuitously for one loser, declarer was soon claiming eleven tricks. N/S +150.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
McGann	Sementa	Hanlon	Versace
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It is questionable whether this North hand is worth a game-force, particularly with a minor as the long suit. Antonio Sementa decided that it was. Alfredo Versace bid his hearts in an attempt to find a 4-4 fit in one of the majors, and Sementa closed the brief auction with the obvious 3NT.

Undeterred, Tom Hanlon opened the ♥5. Winning with the ♥J, Hugh McGann then switched to the ♣Q. Many of those kibitzing on BBO VuGraph inundated the commentators with questions asking why McGann had not continued hearts, and I suspect that Hanlon is still wondering the same thing.

Winning with the ♣A, declarer could have hastened the game along considerably by cashing the ♦A before using his lone dummy entry, but Sementa's next move was to cash four rounds of spades. When he then led a diamond from dummy, he agonized for some considerable time over whether to put in the ten or the queen. Of course, with the cards lying as they do, it matters not a jot what he does.

He eventually played the  $\diamond 10$ . East won with the  $\diamond J$  and the defenders cashed two high hearts. When Sementa regained the lead with the  $\clubsuit K$  he cashed the  $\diamond A$  and claimed when the king came tumbling down. N/S +400 and 6 IMPs to Italy.

E/W could make game in either major on Board 22, but getting there proved to be not so easy, even with help from your friends.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ K 9		
	$\heartsuit$ 5		
	$\diamond$ Q 7 6 4 3 2		
	$\clubsuit$ Q 10 9 6		
$\spadesuit$ A 7 6	<b>N</b>	$\spadesuit$ Q J 8 4 3	
$\heartsuit$ A K J 10 8 4	<b>W</b>	$\heartsuit$ 9 7	
$\diamond$ A K 10	<b>S</b>	$\diamond$ J 8 5	
$\clubsuit$ 4	<b>E</b>	$\clubsuit$ 8 7 2	
	$\spadesuit$ 10 5 2		
	$\heartsuit$ Q 6 3 2		
	$\diamond$ 9		
	$\clubsuit$ A K J 5 3		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Sementa	Hanlon	Versace
—	—	Pass	Pass
$1\clubsuit^*$	$1\diamond$	Pass	INT
$2\heartsuit$	All Pass		

Hugh McGann opened a two-way  $1\clubsuit$  (11-13 balanced or any 17+) in third seat. Antonio Sementa joined in with a  $1\diamond$  overcall on the North hand and Versace advanced with INT. McGann showed his strong hand with a  $2\heartsuit$  bid, but Tom Hanlon saw no reason to venture any higher on the East cards. McGann had the option of a non-forcing jump to  $3\heartsuit$ . Was his hand worth that, and would Hanlon even have raised that to game?



Hugh McGann, Ireland



Tom Hanlon, Ireland

It may look as if Sementa's diamond lead does declarer no harm, but that is the only lead that could beat  $4\heartsuit$  (actually, specifically the  $\diamond Q$ , to prevent declarer winning in dummy at trick one and taking the trump finesse). McGann won cheaply in his hand with the  $\diamond 10$  and played hearts from the top. Had his opponents bid to game, Versace would have needed to underlead his high clubs to get North in for a diamond ruff. Defending  $2\heartsuit$ , he simply played clubs from the top, so McGann made ten tricks. E/W +170.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Carroll	Di Franco	Moran
—	—	Pass	Pass
$1\heartsuit$	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	$2\clubsuit$
$2\heartsuit$	$3\diamond$	All Pass	

Andrea Manno opened a natural  $1\heartsuit$  in third seat, and two passes then left Mark Moran with the second of today's problems. If you balanced with INT as Moran did, you get a first inkling that it may have been the wrong thing to do when West doubles. John Carroll redoubled as the beginning of a rescue manoeuvre, and perhaps Massimiliano di Franco missed a cheap chance to get his spades into the auction at a low level.


Moran retreated to  $2\clubsuit$ , Manno rebid his hearts, and Carroll's  $3\diamond$  bid ensured that the spade suit would remain forever buried. Perhaps the Italians missed a chance to get most of the value of their vulnerable game back by doubling. Would the Irish have found their way to  $4\clubsuit$  if  $3\diamond$  had been doubled?

Carroll's  $3\diamond$  was not the best of spots, and drifted two down. E/W +100 but 2 IMPs to Ireland on a deal where either side might have scored a more substantial swing.

The auction at the first table on our next deal was very strange indeed. I will leave you to decide whose judgement was slightly off...



Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Carroll	Di Franco	Moran
2♥	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	Dble	All Pass

Perhaps I am just old-fashioned but, in my world, doubles when partner has pre-empted are for penalties. However, the Italians seem to have been on the same wavelength: East has no reason to think that 3♦ is going down, and West would have no reason to pull a penalty double, so it would appear that Di Franco's double here was a game-try. Manno very sensibly declined the invitation.

Mark Moran's double of 3♥ was alerted as takeout, although might John Carroll perhaps have considered passing it at equal vulnerability. Indeed, the penalty from 3♥x would be higher than N/S's non-vulnerable game is worth until, that is, West doubles.

There was no legitimate winning defence for the Italians. However, most declarers would surely have gone down on Di Franco's low spade opening. Carroll ran the lead around to his nine, and now the contract was off. To make



Andrea Manno, Italy



Mark Moran, Ireland

nine tricks, declarer needed to win in dummy with the ♠J, play a diamond to the ten, return to dummy with a winning club finesse, cash the ♣A, and repeat the diamond finesse. Easy game, isn't it!

Carroll led the ♦Q from his hand at trick two. If you don't believe that defence is the most difficult part of the game, consider that in order to beat the contract Manno must win with the ♦K and return a club into dummy's ♣AQJ1098.

Did the Italian find that defence? Of course not: he switched to the ♥10, which was covered by jack and ace, and now declarer was back to nine tricks again. East cashed his top spades and exited with a heart. With the diamonds coming in, Carroll no longer needed the club finesse, but he knew the king was onside so he took it anyway, in case the ♣K was doubleton and the diamonds failed to behave. The ♣A and the ♠J provided discards for a heart loser and a diamond winner. A diamond to the ten then picked up the diamond suit for a breathless nine tricks. N/S +550

Losing IMPs on this board strongly suggests that the Irish had forgotten to pack their famed luck for this trip, but that's how things turned out...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Sementa	Hanlon	Versace
2♥	3♦	4♥	Dble
All Pass			


No pussy-footing game try here, just a full-blooded jump to 4♥ by Tom Hanlon. "Let's make that Eight Hearts," said Versace.

Sementa led a club, Versace winning cheaply. Back came a diamond and Sementa scored two tricks in that suit before playing a third diamond. McGann pitched a club from dummy, allowing Versace to score his low trump. The ♣A and the ♣Q, forcing dummy to ruff, came next, North discarding a low spade and then the ♠Q. When declarer

cached the ♠A, South showed out, so there were still two trump tricks to be lost. A brisk four down: N/S +800 and 6 IMPs to Italy.

Still awaiting our first double-digit swing, both sides perhaps missed a chance on this late deal.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McGann	Sementa	Hanlon	Versace
—	—	2♥	3♦
4♥	All Pass		

What would you bid on this West hand after South's 3♦ overcall?

How you react may depend on your partnership style of first-seat non-vulnerable weak two openings, but it is hard to envision a slam unless partner happens to hold no diamonds. With only ♦J85 yourself, there is no reason to expect partner to be seriously short, so Hugh McGann's jump to 4♥ seems eminently sensible. Do you really want to give North a cheap double of 4♦ and then hear South bid 5♦ next? Surely, your primary concern is that your side buys the declaration.

There were twelve easy tricks: E/W +480.

The auction was very different at the other table, where East did not open the bidding.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Carroll	Di Franco	Moran
—	—	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Massimiliano di Franco passed as Dealer and then backed in with a 4♥ overcall when Mark Moran's 4♦ opening was passed around to him. John Carroll competed to 5♦, and thus the auction came back to Andrea Manno in the position outlined in the last of today's problem hands from the top of this article. Manno would have strongly suspected that his partner was short in diamonds. However, it was surely too late to start thinking of bidding a slam now, wasn't it?

Yes: E/W +480 here too, and an exciting push board.

Kibitzers looking at just the E/W hands, could see that 6♥ is an easy make and 7♣ is not such a bad contract

either. It may seem inexplicable that the best players in the world cannot reach a slam with twelve top tricks, but some combinations really are just too difficult. Of the 24 tables in the Bermuda Bowl, E/W pairs from only three teams (Switzerland, Netherlands and China) bid and made 6♥. That's the same number of tables at which E/W defended a diamond contract for -130. It really can be a very difficult game.

Those watching live on BBOVuGraph had to wait until the very last deal of the match to witness a double-digit swing, and then it came on what for all the world looked like a dull flat board in 4♠+1. However, the Irish pair inexplicably reached a slam off two aces after an uncontested auction in which it looks like they used Blackwood. Exactly what happened is hard to tell, but the effect was an 11-IMP swing that allowed the Italians to escape with a narrow 29-25 win.

With three days to go, both of these teams are likely to be somewhere around the bubble when the top eight teams are separated from the rest. It only gets more exciting from here...


## Labyrinth



by Mark Horton

This deal from Round 16 is a potentially tough play problem for NS should they reach 4♠.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Suppose South is declarer and West leads the ♣2?

Having won perforce in dummy it looks natural to cross to hand with the ♥K and play a spade to the king. When that holds declarer must come to hand with a diamond, ruff a club, repeat that process and then play a spade. If West overtakes East's queen, cashes the ♠J and exits with a club declarer ruffs but can then play a diamond securing the last two tricks with dummy's ♥A and a diamond.

You can change the order of play, leaving the trump suit till last, but with the ♠A aside you should be able to negotiate your way out of the maze to get home.

Across the four events 49 pairs reached 4♠, 31 recording 10 tricks.





## Victim of the Day: Antonio Riccardi



by Christina Lund Madsen

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

### **Where are you from, what is your age and job in Marrakech?**

I was born in Milan on May 14, 1948, and in Marrakech I am the Head Tournament Director.



### **You have just announced that you are resigning as chief tournament director after working as TD for 38 years. What are your reasons for this decision?**

I am physically fit, in good health and my head still thinks and... I've decided to stop, at least at the top level, before something starts to malfunction. Also, my three children have graduated and are starting to work and I can slow down.

### **How many children and wives do you have?**

I have three children aged 27, 26 and 24 (Martino, mathematical engineer, Nadia with an economic degree and Emanuele mechanical engineer). I had two wives, but

from the second, the mother of my children, I have been separated for many years and the children have grown up with me from the age of 12-13 years.

### **What have you done in your life besides playing bridge?**

I was a decent baseball player, I have an economics degree and step by step I became Commercial Director, and I have been mayor of a small town near Milan between 81-85.

I knew bridge since I was 14 (at the time the opening bid was made with two and a half Culberston-points! (Ace is 1 point, king with ace is 2 points, king alone is half a point etc. and so sometimes you could pass with 15 and open with 10) so I have been playing it almost forever. At a certain point the Director of the Club that I attended (Aldo Bocchi, the father of Norberto) asked me if I wanted to direct the Wednesday Tournament.

Gradually I began to direct more and more until I wondered if my hobby could become a profession and ... Here I am.

### **Tell us how you as an Italian ended up playing baseball.**

A friend of mine went to England to learn English and came back with cricket and bridge. We tried cricket for 15 days and it was too English for us, so we tried baseball instead and played in the best series in Italy.

### **How would your fellow directors describe you in 3 words?**

Friend, Interista (supporter of the football club Inter Milan), smoke.

### **What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you as a director?**

Nothing striking, but many small funny events like the angry player that called me complaining that the bidding box lacked the cards between 1 club and 1 spade. Very seriously I said : "Maybe because you have already bid 1 spade..."

Or how in Albuquerque after the opening lead the dummy called me because she could no longer find her cards. After a frantic search (handbag, pockets, eyes to the sky) I took the cards from the neighbour's board and they could play the hand. The dummy's cards reappeared on the next hand hidden among the bidding cards!

**Jan Kamras nominated you as a victim. He had the following question for you: Who has been your favourite and least favourite EBL/WBF president?**

Jimmi Ortiz-Patiño is my favourite, because I started directing at a high level with him as President. Jan Kamras, who I have known for a very long time, is my least favourite, because it is with a little sadness I made the decision I have just communicated; the nostalgia for the world I am abandoning will have Jan's face. 😊

**If you had to give up either coffee, food or cigarettes, which would it be?**

Food without a doubt.

**In your role as a director, who has been your favourite player?**

Eric Rodwell.

**In your role as a director, who has been your least favourite player?**

He's playing here, I wouldn't want him waiting for me around the corner if I mention his name. :-)

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

Nothing, I am completely satisfied with my life including all the mistakes... oops, no, there is one thing: More than fifty years ago I have not found the courage to invite a wonderful woman, Laura, to dinner. :-)

**Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Claudio Nunes, Mark Horton and Maurizio Di Sacco?**

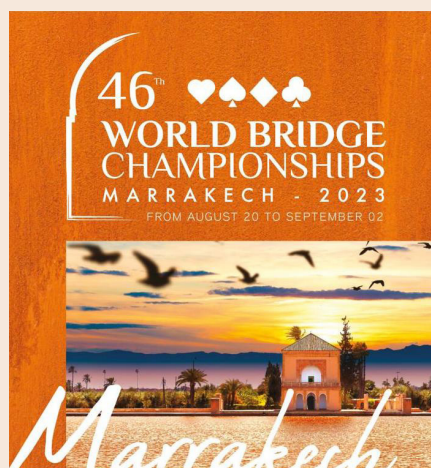
Killing all three is not one of the options?



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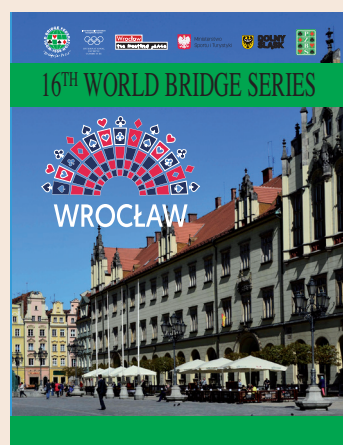
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Bermuda Bowl RR 15

# Norway v New Zealand



by Jos Jacobs

Before the last round on Thursday, the standings were looking quite revealing. Nine teams looked to be competing for the eight berths in the knockout phase, with quite a gap between 9th and 10th. Two direct confrontations were scheduled for this round: India v. The Netherlands (9th v. 4th) and Norway v. New Zealand (2nd v. 6th). A report on the former match will appear elsewhere in the Bulletin, one would expect 😊😄. In this story, I will stick to the latter.

Norway had taken an early lead over the first four boards (8-3) but the next board marked the start of a long series of swing boards into all directions. Here is the first.

### Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After North's good weak two, E/W had little trouble in reaching the proper contract. North's equally normal lead of the ♠Q produced declarer's 12th trick. New Zealand +490.

In the Closed Room, North's little Multi made life difficult for East because his hand was a bit too strong.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa</i>	<i>Mayer</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>Ware</i>
—	2♦*	Dble	2♥
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West showed clubs in Lebensohl fashion with his 2NT but was apparently unsure about the exact message conveyed by 4♦. Had he bid 5♦, all would have been well for E/W but 5♣ was an unhappy choice. One down on a heart lead when declarer quickly lost a trump and two spade tricks. New Zealand another +50 and 11 IMPs to them.

More IMPs changed hands on the next deal:

### Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♦ Hearts			

When West suggested 3NT rather than 4♥ as the final contract, East was happy to pass with his 4-4-3-2. North led the ♠Q and all declarer had to do was to guess a possible Ax in clubs somewhere. Hearts were 3-2 and spades 4-4 so two quick club tricks would have been enough to get to the required nine tricks before the defence would get five. When declarer did not play South for the ♣Ax, he had to go down one. Norway +100.

In the Closed Room, E/W had no trouble in locating their heart fit either.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa</i>	<i>Mayer</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>Ware</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West showed hearts by bidding 1♦ and 2♦ was the general GF bid. No 3NT experiments here and when South led the ♦Q, declarer had an easy ride. Livgard made an overtrick when South, on lead with his heart trick, played ♣A and another. Norway +650 and 13 IMPs back to them.

On the next board, both tables reached the normal 3NT and both Wests led a diamond.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

For Norway, Brogeland continued the ♣J when dummy's ♦10 won the first trick. The jack was covered by queen and ace and when Brogeland continued the suit, it went 4-7-9-10. The defence could not beat the contract any longer; the 13<sup>th</sup> club would produce a safe 9<sup>th</sup> trick now. Brogeland even made an overtrick when East was squeezed in the majors on the last club and the top diamonds. Norway +630.

In the replay, declarer crossed to his ♠A to lead a heart up after winning West's diamond lead with dummy's ♦10. East won the ♥K and continued a spade but declarer won his king and tried another heart. When dummy's ♥Q lost to East's ace, declarer could no longer make the contract when the spades, too, did not break. One down, Norway another +100 and 12 more IMPs to them.

The next deal was an almost classic example of discipline v aggression in the auction:

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cornell	Bakke	Bach	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥(♠)	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Discipline prevailed in the New Zealand bidding. One overtrick, New Zealand +140 when declarer misguessed the trumps after winning the diamond lead.

In the Closed Room, East's 1♦ opening bid enabled West to immediately show his diamond fit as well:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Mayer	Livgard	Ware
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

So E/W quickly were in game but when North hit upon a low heart lead, the remote chance of an endplay on South was immediately gone. Declarer went down two when he, too, misguessed the trumps. New Zealand another +100 and 6 IMPs back to them.

The next board again was an example of discipline v aggression:

## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cornell	Bakke	Bach	Brogeland
—	Pass	1♣	3♥

## All Pass

West's pass over 3♥ would not have been everybody's choice. It was in fact only made at one other table apart from this one. Well judged by Cornell: 3♥ was one off and the four-level would have been too high already. New Zealand +50.

"But what about 3NT by West?" you would ask – and rightly so.

## Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Aa	Mayer	Livgard	Ware
—	Pass	1♦	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

At more than half the tables in play in the BB, 3NT was indeed the final contract. Defeating it looks like the simplest thing in the world: just lead partner's suit and wait for the undertricks, three in most cases. But no: at many tables North led a club so 3NT was made more often than not. As another matter of discipline, Mayer for New Zealand duly led his heart and New Zealand thus were among the teams collecting +300 on the deal. This gave New Zealand another 8 IMPs.

On the next board, Gazzilli had preference over discipline.



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cornell	Bakke	Bach	Brogeland
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

2♣ Gazzilli  
2♥ Natural, max 7 HCP

From the 2♥ response, Brogeland knew that partner was minimum, so he wisely passed 2♥ and scored an overtrick. Norway +140.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Aa	Mayer	Livgard	Ware
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Without Gazzilli, the New Zealand N/S pair could hardly assess the combined values of their hands and thus ended up just too high. Top diamond and obvious trump shift easily set the game. One down, Norway another +100 and 6 IMPs to them.

As a curiosity or maybe even a learning moment: I noticed that no European N/S pair ended up in spades but India, China and the UAE N/S pairs all did. The latter two teams thus even registered a game swing when they scored +620 and their team-mates beat 4♥.

Next came a lead problem, or maybe rather a lead guess:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cornell	Bakke	Bach	Brogeland
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Michael Cornell, New Zealand and Boye Brogeland, Norway

Which major would you as West lead against this auction? Cornell chose the ♠K and hit the jackpot when his ♦K proved a re-entry in time. One down, New Zealand +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Mayer	Livgard	Ware
—	—	—	INT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♣ Puppet

At the other table, West had the extra info that declarer would hold at least one major. Does this affect your choice of leads? Terje Aa went for a passive heart lead which was enough to enable declarer to make his contract. New Zealand another +400 and 10 IMPs to them. (*I am confident the computer simulation will point to the spade suit. No doubt David Bird will confirm. Editor*)

At this point, after 11 boards, the score stood at 39-38 to Norway. Board 12 proved to be the decider.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cornell	Bakke	Bach	Brogeland
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble*
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

In the Open Room, the Norwegians had beaten par when they were allowed to play in 3♠ with 4♣ still cold for their opponents who for once showed too much discipline. Norway +140. Declarer cannot draw trumps and ruff both one club loser and his last heart.

In the other room, both sides beat par:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Mayer	Livgard	Ware
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble*
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

Over North's competitive double, Ware correctly retreated to 4♠, the absolute par spot but when East also tried to beat par by bidding 5♣, South had to find a lead. Only one of his red jacks would have beaten the

contract...

When he chose the jack in partner's suit, declarer could get rid of a heart loser in time to chalk up +550 and 12 IMPs for Norway, who led by 13 now.

A flat board and then:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cornell	Bakke	Bach	Brogeland
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Dble	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
1♣ 2+♣			
1♥ Spades			

Very well bid by the New Zealand E/W. They both held a bare minimum or even less and therefore managed to stay out of game. Bach made an overtrick by dropping South's ♠J later in the play. New Zealand +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Mayer	Livgard	Ware
—	—	1♣	2♦
Dble	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

For once, N/S had eaten up quite a lot of the E/W bidding space so it took the Norwegians some time to land more or less on their feet in their proper fit. However, when South found the fine lead of the ♣J, declarer was looking at an almost hopeless task. He won the ♣K in hand and immediately led the ♦J but South grabbed his king and continued clubs. The ♣A, ♦A and ♥A came next but when declarer then tried to cash dummy's ♦Q for a club discard, North ruffed with the ♠9. Declarer overruffed with the ♠10 and exited in hearts but North won the ♥Q and played on clubs, thus enabling South to score an overruff with his ♠J for down two and another +100 to New Zealand, worth 7 IMPs to them.

The final score thus became: Norway – New Zealand 51-45 or 11.76 – 8.24 VP. As a result of Switzerland's heavy defeat at the United Arab hands, Norway moved to the top of the table whereas New Zealand dropped one place, from 6th to 7th. Still, eight more rounds to play...





Bermuda Bowl RR15

India v Netherlands



by Ron Tacchi

The last match on the fifth day of the round robin saw fourth placed Netherlands, twice Bermuda Bowl winners, take on India who occupied ninth position, just outside that important top eight who qualify for the knock-out stage. The first three boards were quiet – then:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Tolani	Van den Bos	Khare
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♣	Good raise		

South cashed his ace and king of diamonds before switching to a spade which declarer took in hand with his bare ace. A small trump went to dummy's king and the king of spades was cashed to discard the losing diamond.



Sumit Mukherjee, India

The queen of hearts exposed the adverse trump split and when the queen of clubs did not fall under the ace and king declarer was without resource and finished one light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	De Wijs	Tewari	Muller
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

Two Clubs obviously showed some non-minimum heart raise and Two Diamonds was probably a game try. With his 4333 distribution and good spade stop West suggested an alternative game contract which partner was happy to accept. North led the ♠5 won, perforce, in dummy. Four rounds of hearts were played with all the discards being spades. After winning the fourth round North switched to the ♣9 taken by the ace in dummy, Declarer now exited with a diamond from dummy to South's king. South tried the queen of clubs taken in dummy and the long heart was cashed as was the jack of clubs. With a perfect count on the hand declarer exited with a diamond and South had to lead into declarer's spade tenace for an overtrick – nicely played. 12 IMPs to India.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Tolani	Van den Bos	Khare
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
2♣	Natural 6+		

The commentators on BBO speculated that 4♠ was a splinter and 5NT was 'pick-a-slam'. The poor slam was reached, to succeed it needed a non-club lead and the ace

of spades outside, unfortunately only one out of two came to pass and so it failed by a trick.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	De Wijs	Tewari	Muller
—	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West could see no future in bidding clubs at the four-level and tried 3NT as per Hamman's rule. He was rewarded with twelve tricks when North led a spade. 11 IMPs to India.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Tolani	Van den Bos	Khare
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	Puppet Stayman		

On the lead of a small diamond the ♦10 won the trick and declarer played the ♣9 from dummy covered by the ♣10 and ace. A small club towards dummy brought the welcome sight of the ♣7 from West ensuring declarer could establish a second club trick as East won and returned a diamond taken in dummy with the king. Another club set up declarer's ninth trick and when the defence went astray in their discarding they allowed an overtrick.

It looks as though an initial heart lead might defeat the contract, but all is not necessarily as it seems. On the lead of the ♥9 declarer covers with an honour and if East ducks then declarer had his nine tricks with the aid of the diamond finesse against the jack. If East rises with a top honour and returns a club, declarer lets it run to West's king and then covers whichever heart West now leads and if East does not take his second heart trick he will be mercilessly squeezed in three suits after declarer has taken the diamond finesse for an overtrick. If West makes an initial lead of the ♥4 then declarer must play small from dummy - not an easy play to find.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	De Wijs	Tewari	Muller
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Same contract, same lead, different continuation. Declarer played for his ninth trick in hearts and came to hand with a spade to the ace to play a small heart to the queen and king. East exited with a diamond to the king. Another spade to hand for a second heart towards dummy but the jack was headed by the ace and a club came back. Declarer now tried his last chance in that the spades would break 3-3 but it was not to be so the contract failed. 12 IMPs to India.

## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Tolani	Van den Bos	Khare
—	Pass	1♣	2♥
2NT	All Pass		

With a 4333 hand and a near minimum East did not consider going on to game. The lead was the ♥4 declarer immediately taking the ace and playing a small club towards dummy for the queen. The ace and king of diamonds brought to light the blockage in the suit, but four rounds were cashed and a club led from dummy to the ♣10 and jack. North now cashed his clubs and South, in a vain effort to break the contract, came down to the singleton king of spades. North exited with a spade and when declarer rose with the ace he had the rest of the tricks for plus one.


## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	De Wijs	Tewari	Muller
—	Pass	1♦	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

At this table West did not have the option of bidding 2NT and so chanced the game. When North led a small club that gave declarer two club tricks to go with his five diamonds and two aces and so the contract succeeded and another 10 IMPs to India.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Tolani	Van den Bos	Khare
—	—	—	1♦*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East had to choose between his two black suits, one would beat the contract the other would let it through. Place your bets as to which one was chosen. When the queen of clubs appeared on the baize declarer gratefully took the trick, set up the diamonds and claimed nine tricks.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	De Wijs	Tewari	Muller
—	—	—	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South valued his hand as a strong notrump and was quickly in game. Just as quickly West led the ♠K and equally quickly he was one down. 10 IMPs to India.

Over the last eight boards India had scored 65 IMPs while Netherlands could only watch in horror. Interestingly all the game swings were 3NT contracts.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Tolani	Van den Bos	Khare
Pass	1♦	3♣	Dble
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

The defence needed to start with the jack of hearts as the diamond position meant the heart loser could be discarded. Finally, a good result for Netherlands when South started with the ♣9.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	De Wijs	Tewari	Muller
Pass	1♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

When South placed the jack of hearts on the table he ensured the defeat of the contract and a much needed 12 IMPs for Netherlands.

At the end of the match India had won 18.09-1.91 VP. The result moved India up to fifth and The Netherlands down to eighth position.

## Video Corner

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

Here is the link to the day 5 video recap:  
<https://youtu.be/v7ef090yaVE>

Pete Hollands started playing when he was 14 and is now professional bridge player & teacher ([www.bridgevid.com](http://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.





Bermuda Bowl RR 16  
USA2 v Poland



by David Bird

Sometimes, bulletin reporters mutter complaints about the uninteresting deals in their chosen encounter. Less often, they sit back happily, wondering which boards to pick from such a great match. That was my situation today. Hurray!

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Meckstroth	Buras	Zia
1♥	2♦	3♣*	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The 5♦ sacrifice would have cost 800 on a trump lead, but Lutostanski took the push to 5♥. Zia made a Lightner Double in the pass-out seat! "Can you make a Lightner Double of a game contract?" a kibitzer asked. Another kibitzer told me: "Zia recommends them in his new book: *Bridge, A Love Story.*"

Whether Meckstroth was given a copy of this book by his partner, I could not say. However, he chose to lead the ♦K. Zia's despondent ♦2 secured a club switch, but it was no longer possible to secure a second club ruff for one down. Had a club been led, Zia's brilliant double would have picked up 13 IMPs instead of losing 5. It would have circled the globe, appearing in countless bridge columns.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kotorowicz	Grue	Araskiewicz
1♥	2NT*	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Grue's 3♣, a bid in one of North's indicated suits, invited a heart game. Kotorowicz led two top diamonds and twelve tricks were made. Who would have guessed, looking at the 5 IMPs on the score-card, what a great story lay behind?

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Meckstroth	Buras	Zia
—	—	INT*	2♣*
3NT	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Buras's INT was 11-14 and Zia's 2♣ showed the majors. Some kibitzers queried this bid, with all the strength lying in the diamond suit. It looks absolutely fine to me. Lutostanski raised to 3NT and, causing a deep gasp in Chandlers Ford, Meckstroth then bid 4♥ at Game All. Wow!

Buras doubled and found the fine lead of the ♥6, at which stage GIB was predicting 800 for three down. However, West played the ♥8 and Meckstroth won with the ♥9. Buras rose with the queen when a spade was played, returning the ♥Q to the king and ace. A second spade went to West's ace and a third round of trumps was played. The fortunate position in diamonds then allowed Meckstroth to 'escape' for two down and 500 away.



Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Poland



## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kotorowicz	Grue	Araskiewicz
—	—	1♣	1♠
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Araskiewicz led the ♠A, receiving the ♠8 from partner. He then found a magical switch to the ♥5. Partner won with the ace and returned a diamond for one down. It was 12 IMPs to Poland.

## Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Meckstroth	Buras	Zia
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The ♦9 was led to dummy's jack and South's ace. (A difficult duck of the ace beats the contract. Declarer cannot set up the clubs without losing three spades, a club and a diamond.)

Declarer won the ♦10 return, crossed to the ♣A and played a club to the jack and queen. A further diamond removed declarer's last stopper in the suit. However, four clubs, three hearts and two diamonds sourced +600 for Poland.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kotorowicz	Grue	Araskiewicz
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥J and Grue won with dummy's ace. He played a spade to the 7 and 8 and was favoured by a heart return to the 8 and 9. After a spade to the queen, king and ace, North switched to the ♣9. Declarer can succeed by running this to the jack, but he won with the ace, crossed to the ♥Q and played another spade. The suit broke 3-3, but a club switch from South set up a fourth trick for the defenders. They still had the ♦A to come, so that was one down and 12 IMPs to Poland.

## Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Meckstroth	Buras	Zia
—	—	1♦	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

If Zia had not interposed his 1♠ overcall, it seems that a start of 1♦-1♥-4♣-4♦ might have led to the good slam. Declarer won the spade lead and played the ♥A. It made little difference that North did not drop the ♥8, since Zia was known to hold five spades to partner's one. Declarer played a second trump to the queen and claimed all thirteen tricks. Would they reach the slam in the Closed Room?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Kotorowicz	Grue	Araskiewicz
—	—	1♣	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Dble	6♥	All Pass

Grue and Moss play Precision Club when non-vulnerable. 2♣ showed 8-11 balanced and 2♦ initiated a relay sequence. Suffice it to say that their admirable auction reached the excellent slam. It did, however, give Kotorowicz the chance to double 5♣ for a club lead.

The defenders played ace and another club, forcing declarer to ruff. There was no prospect of Grue picking up the trumps after this start. He played the ace and king of trumps, receiving the bitter news that he was one down. Bridge can be a harsh game at times.

It had been a great match to watch, and Poland won by 44 IMPs to 15, 16.58 to 3.42 VP. They were deprived of first place in the table only by a storming win by Norway. USA2, who were leading the table quite recently, dropped to 9th place.

# Results

## Bermuda Bowl

### Round 16

			IMPs		VPs	
1	USA2	POLAND	15	44	3.42	16.58
2	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	31	33	9.39	10.61
3	IRELAND	CHINA	50	27	15.56	4.44
4	PANAMA	NORWAY	11	57	1.23	18.77
5	MOROCCO	INDIA	30	45	6.03	13.97
6	EGYPT	HONG KONG CHINA	28	26	10.61	9.39
7	CHILE	ITALY	16	37	4.81	15.19
8	USA1	BRAZIL	42	4	17.85	2.15
9	CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA	6	25	5.20	14.80
10	UAE	AUSTRALIA	36	42	8.24	11.76
11	BELGIUM	SWITZERLAND	35	43	7.71	12.29
12	SINGAPORE	NETHERLANDS	28	40	6.72	13.28

## Venice Cup

### Round 16

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	GERMANY	9	100	0.00	20.00
22	ARGENTINA	CANADA	34	54	5.00	15.00
23	FRANCE	MOROCCO	29	38	7.45	12.55
24	EGYPT	UAE	34	23	13.04	6.96
25	NORWAY	HONG KONG CHINA	52	24	16.42	3.58
26	POLAND	TURKIYE	35	29	11.76	8.24
27	NEW ZEALAND	ISRAEL	13	64	0.75	19.25
28	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	38	32	11.76	8.24
29	BRAZIL	USA1	29	29	10.00	10.00
30	SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA	11	52	1.79	18.21
31	SWEDEN	DENMARK	36	32	11.20	8.80
32	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA2	43	42	10.31	9.69

### Round 17

			IMPs		VPs	
1	ISRAEL	INDIA	14	54	1.91	18.09
2	BELGIUM	ITALY	38	73	2.55	17.45
3	USA2	NEW ZEALAND	37	54	5.61	14.39
4	USA1	PANAMA	72	48	15.74	4.26
5	EGYPT	MOROCCO	29	5	15.74	4.26
6	NORWAY	BRAZIL	91	3	20.00	0.00
7	CHINA	CHILE	67	14	19.43	0.57
8	CANADA	SWITZERLAND	11	101	0.00	20.00
9	IRELAND	POLAND	4	64	0.00	20.00
10	SINGAPORE	UAE	22	42	5.00	15.00
11	SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA	48	38	12.80	7.20
12	NETHERLANDS	HONG KONG CHINA	55	48	12.03	7.97

### Round 17

			IMPs		VPs	
21	ARGENTINA	BARBADOS	42	13	16.58	3.42
22	FRANCE	HONG KONG CHINA	60	28	17.03	2.97
23	NORWAY	TURKIYE	40	58	5.40	14.60
24	AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	11	41	3.27	16.73
25	POLAND	GERMANY	53	19	17.31	2.69
26	UAE	CHINA	6	57	0.75	19.25
27	MOROCCO	NEW ZEALAND	28	40	6.72	13.28
28	BRAZIL	DENMARK	24	40	5.82	14.18
29	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	38	28	12.80	7.20
30	CHINESE TAIPEI	SOUTH AFRICA	54	62	7.71	12.29
31	USA1	INDIA	30	36	8.24	11.76
32	USA2	CANADA	58	55	10.91	9.09

### Round 18

			IMPs		VPs	
1	USA1	SWITZERLAND	16	31	6.03	13.97
2	USA2	INDIA	25	32	7.97	12.03
3	ISRAEL	BRAZIL	37	13	15.74	4.26
4	PANAMA	CANADA	58	21	17.72	2.28
5	NORWAY	EGYPT	14	18	8.80	11.20
6	MOROCCO	IRELAND	15	40	4.08	15.92
7	CHILE	NEW ZEALAND	23	27	8.80	11.20
8	BELGIUM	AUSTRALIA	33	36	9.09	10.91
9	SOUTH AFRICA	CHINA	12	42	3.27	16.73
10	UAE	NETHERLANDS	7	37	3.27	16.73
11	ITALY	SINGAPORE	31	7	15.74	4.26
12	HONG KONG CHINA	POLAND	2	10	7.71	12.29

### Round 18

			IMPs		VPs	
21	BARBADOS	FRANCE	27	41	6.25	13.75
22	NORWAY	GERMANY	26	33	7.97	12.03
23	POLAND	CHINA	20	22	9.39	10.61
24	EGYPT	BRAZIL	7	44	2.28	17.72
25	UAE	ARGENTINA	41	17	15.74	4.26
26	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	22	27	8.52	11.48
27	NEW ZEALAND	TURKIYE	24	6	14.60	5.40
28	SWEDEN	INDIA	32	30	10.61	9.39
29	USA1	MOROCCO	14	40	3.91	16.09
30	SOUTH AFRICA	USA2	15	7	12.29	7.71
31	ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI	38	16	15.38	4.62
32	CANADA	HONG KONG CHINA	57	21	17.59	2.41



# Results

## d'Orsi Trophy

### Round 16

		IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	ITALY	10	74	0.00 20.00
42	CANADA	SWEDEN	24	29	8.52 11.48
43	SOUTH AFRICA	CHINESE TAIPEI	45	34	12.04 4.96
44	GUADELOUPE	BELGIUM	18	43	4.08 15.92
45	DENMARK	HONG KONG CHINA	69	0	20.00 0.00
46	USA2	NETHERLANDS	26	31	8.52 11.48
47	MOROCCO	POLAND	20	54	2.69 17.31
48	NORWAY	CHINA	59	11	18.97 -0.97
49	ARGENTINA	FRANCE	32	28	11.20 8.80
50	REUNION	ISRAEL	1	60	-1.93 19.93
51	USA1	INDIA	27	35	7.71 12.29
52	AUSTRALIA	PAKISTAN	33	24	12.55 7.45

## Wuhan Cup

### Round 16

		IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	ITALY	25	22	9.91 9.09
62	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA2	39	14	15.92 4.08
63	INDIA	USA1	54	24	16.73 3.27
64	MOROCCO	BELGIUM	33	66	2.83 17.17
65	DENMARK	FRANCE	11	55	1.45 18.55
66	EGYPT	AUSTRALIA	31	33	9.39 10.61
67	TUNISIA	ARGENTINA	10	46	2.41 17.59
68	CHINA	GERMANY	30	29	10.31 9.69
69	CANADA	ISRAEL	26	52	3.91 16.09
70	UAE	NEW ZEALAND	50	23	16.26 3.74
71	BARBADOS	SINGAPORE	17	31	6.25 13.75
72	ROMANIA	POLAND	22	38	5.82 14.18

### Round 17

		IMPs		VPs	
41	CANADA	COLOMBIA	72	34	17.85 2.15
42	SOUTH AFRICA	HONG KONG CHINA	20	56	2.41 17.59
43	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	40	28	13.28 6.72
44	NORWAY	GUADELOUPE	19	28	7.45 12.55
45	USA2	ITALY	57	36	15.19 4.81
46	BELGIUM	CHINA	43	55	6.72 13.28
47	CHINESE TAIPEI	MOROCCO	30	30	10.00 10.00
48	ARGENTINA	INDIA	42	10	17.03 2.97
49	USA1	POLAND	29	34	8.52 11.48
50	AUSTRALIA	REUNION	63	14	19.07 0.93
51	FRANCE	ISRAEL	37	38	9.69 10.31
52	PAKISTAN	SWEDEN	37	18	12.80 5.20

### Round 17

		IMPs		VPs	
61	CHINESE TAIPEI	COLOMBIA	31	44	6.48 13.52
62	INDIA	FRANCE	34	44	7.20 12.80
63	DENMARK	AUSTRALIA	66	60	11.76 8.24
64	CHINA	MOROCCO	84	40	18.55 1.45
65	EGYPT	ITALY	27	65	2.15 17.85
66	BELGIUM	GERMANY	26	29	9.09 10.91
67	USA1	TUNISIA	38	18	15.00 5.00
68	CANADA	SINGAPORE	60	16	18.55 1.45
69	BARBADOS	ARGENTINA	7	48	1.79 18.21
70	ROMANIA	UAE	77	11	20.00 0.00
71	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	55	49	11.76 8.24
72	POLAND	USA2	23	47	4.26 15.74

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		IMPs		VPs	
41	COLOMBIA	SOUTH AFRICA	16	36	5.00 15.00
42	DENMARK	ITALY	28	14	13.75 6.25
43	USA2	CHINA	17	24	7.97 12.03
44	GUADELOUPE	ARGENTINA	29	52	4.44 15.56
45	BELGIUM	CANADA	13	23	5.20 12.80
46	NORWAY	INDIA	46	14	17.03 2.97
47	MOROCCO	NETHERLANDS	46	18	16.42 3.58
48	USA1	ISRAEL	22	18	11.20 8.80
49	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI	11	40	3.42 16.58
50	REUNION	PAKISTAN	7	37	3.27 16.73
51	POLAND	AUSTRALIA	40	8	17.03 2.97
52	SWEDEN	HONG KONG CHINA	53	8	18.66 1.34

### Round 18

		IMPs		VPs	
61	COLOMBIA	INDIA	34	32	10.61 9.39
62	DENMARK	ITALY	15	17	9.39 10.61
63	EGYPT	GERMANY	31	58	3.74 16.26
64	MOROCCO	CANADA	10	32	4.62 15.38
65	BELGIUM	CHINESE TAIPEI	22	7	13.97 6.03
66	CHINA	SINGAPORE	17	17	10.00 10.00
67	TUNISIA	AUSTRALIA	3	63	0.00 20.00
68	BARBADOS	NEW ZEALAND	22	37	6.03 13.97
69	ISRAEL	USA1	35	35	10.00 10.00
70	UAE	POLAND	7	8	9.69 10.31
71	ARGENTINA	ROMANIA	9	34	4.08 15.92
72	USA2	FRANCE	10	31	4.81 15.19

# Rankings after Round 18

## Bermuda Bowl

1	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>247.24</b>
2	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>245.14</b>
3	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>241.04</b>
4	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>231.20</b>
5	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>224.39</b>
6	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>223.47</b>
7	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>220.31</b>
8	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>220.25</b>
9	CHINA	210.00
10	USA2	203.64
11	USA1	202.69
12	BELGIUM	198.21
13	IRELAND	196.27
14	SOUTH AFRICA	177.12
15	AUSTRALIA	171.95
16	BRAZIL	151.34
17	CANADA	149.38
18	SINGAPORE	144.79
19	EGYPT	134.75
20	UAE	132.50
21	HONG KONG CHINA	125.26
22	MOROCCO	112.31
23	CHILE	79.72
24	PANAMA	59.03

## Venice Cup

1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>283.37</b>
2	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>275.81</b>
3	<b>TURKIYE</b>	<b>244.79</b>
4	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>227.43</b>
5	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>227.30</b>
6	<b>USA2</b>	<b>221.97</b>
7	<b>CANADA</b>	<b>219.24</b>
8	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>213.19</b>
9	CHINA	210.08
10	BRAZIL	199.95
11	DENMARK	198.36
12	INDIA	180.52
13	GERMANY	179.24
14	USA1	175.74
15	NEW ZEALAND	167.07
16	EGYPT	147.30
17	AUSTRALIA	142.90
18	ARGENTINA	141.16
19	CHINESE TAIPEI	134.04
20	MOROCCO	122.59
21	SOUTH AFRICA	119.13
22	HONG KONG CHINA	114.78
23	UAE	109.63
24	BARBADOS	55.12

## d'Orsi Trophy

1	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>252.07</b>
2	<b>USA1</b>	<b>228.86</b>
3	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>228.39</b>
4	<b>USA2</b>	<b>217.53</b>
5	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>217.35</b>
6	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>214.89</b>
7	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>210.30</b>
8	<b>ARGENTINA</b>	<b>205.40</b>
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	200.13
10	BELGIUM	198.69
11	ISRAEL	198.64
12	CANADA	198.10
13	FRANCE	195.95
14	NETHERLANDS	192.51
15	AUSTRALIA	191.75
16	CHINA	180.80
17	PAKISTAN	172.98
18	INDIA	168.96
19	HONG KONG CHINA	136.00
20	REUNION	108.37
21	MOROCCO	105.58
22	SOUTH AFRICA	101.47
23	GUADELOUPE	91.33
24	COLOMBIA	68.39

## Wuhan Cup

1	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>240.57</b>
2	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>233.48</b>
3	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>232.28</b>
4	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>221.14</b>
5	<b>USA1</b>	<b>219.53</b>
6	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	<b>217.57</b>
7	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>217.30</b>
8	<b>USA2</b>	<b>212.98</b>
9	AUSTRALIA	212.05
10	ARGENTINA	197.81
11	BELGIUM	194.13
12	COLOMBIA	188.50
13	DENMARK	179.81
14	INDIA	179.71
15	POLAND	176.51
16	ISRAEL	168.48
17	CANADA	159.56
18	SINGAPORE	152.13
19	NEW ZEALAND	147.44
20	EGYPT	143.82
21	UAE	135.13
22	TUNISIA	102.11
23	BARBADOS	85.54
24	MOROCCO	81.92